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Associational Prayer Requests

Please pray for these churches that are without a pastor. Also pray for their Pastor Search Committee:

Bon Air, Cragdale, Dry Valley, Five Points, Oldfield, Plainview, Southside, Sycamore, and Talladega FBC

Rev. Mark Wilson, Minister of Youth at Talladega First, has been diagnosed with acute leukemia. Pray for him as he undergoes treatment.

Rev. Max Briggs, Sr., interim pastor of Five Points Baptist Church, is recovering from pacemaker surgery.

Calhoun Association Director of Mission, Dr. Sid Nichols, whose wife, **Barbara Nichols**, has terminal cancer.

Mary Alice Hagan as she recovers from a carpal tunnel procedure on August 26.

News from our Churches

Cragdale: Rev. Bill Huffaker has resigned as pastor of Cragdale Baptist Church. Pray for them as they seek another pastor.

Talladega Springs: Talladega Springs Baptist Church has called Rev. Cary Brown to be their pastor. He began his ministry on August 15, 2010. We welcome Brother Cary and his family back to the Coosa River family.



Aug 27-Mark King, Hepzibah
Sept 2-Jonja Collier, Browns Chapel
Sept 7-Charlene Buttram, Oak Grove FBC
Sept 8-Marie Pearsall, Russell Chapel

Mini Retreat at Stockdale

The ladies of Stockdale will have a mini retreat on Saturday, October 16, 2010. Karon Goodman from Clay County is the speaker. She is a graduate of the University of Montevallo and the author on many books. Her latest book, *Unafraid: Living God's Plan on a Ladder and a Promise*, is based on the book of Haggi. Registration begins at 8 A.M. and the conference ends with lunch.

Missions and the Coosa River Association

Dear Coosa River Baptists,

I was thinking about my first two years as your associational missionary and remembering my first week here in August of 2008. Brother Luther Williams was here for two months as he was preparing for his retirement. I am grateful that you had the foresight to allow me two months of on-the-job training with him. Not only was I trying to keep up with Brother Luther, I preached a revival for Brother Billy Williams at Sylavon Baptist Church my first week. You can see that I came in at a fast pace. I am grateful to receive my training by a mission minded person as Brother Luther.

For many years, he and Loretta served and sacrificed in Brazil working with the people of the Amazon River. He brought to the Coosa River Association a challenge for us to become more involved in missions. Through our prayer life, our giving, and our going, each one of us has had opportunity to appreciate our International and North American missionaries. Thank you for your gifts to the Cooperative Program, to the State Board of Missions, and to the Coosa River Association that allows many ministries to keep on reaching others for Christ.

Brother Luther and Loretta's

family, that are themselves missionaries to West Africa, will be home on stateside assignment between December 2010 and July 2011. They will be staying at the missionary residence at Shades Mountain Baptist Church in Birmingham. You might want to book them in your church to challenge you to become more aware of our Southern Baptist missionaries. To contact them, send a email to them at jimandlwms@yahoo.com. I encourage you to continue to pray for Laura and Jim Williams and their six children. Over the years Coosa River Baptist Association has had a heart for missions.

God Bless,
Brother Randy

Mt. Vernon to honor pastor

Mt. Vernon Baptist Church will have a Homecoming and Retirement Celebration for Rev. William Gwathney on September 12, 2010 in the 11 AM . service. Guest speaker will be Rev. David Wilson of The Church of Brook Hills in Birmingham. The guest singer will be Rev. Wayne McClaskey. All families and friends are invited to attend.

Associational Women on Mission Meetings

The quarterly meeting of Coosa River Women on Mission will take place on September 13-14, 2010. The Monday meeting will take place at Mt. Sharon Baptist Church at 6:30 P.M . The Tuesday meeting will take place at Hepzibah Baptist Church at 10 A.M . Lucretia Mobbs of Alabama WMU will be the speaker for both of these meetings.

Sav-a-Life Banquets

We need Table Hostesses for our Banquet in Sylacauga on October 28th and for our Banquet in Talladega on November 4th. We will be having a Table Hostess meeting at the Coosa River Baptist Association office on Saturday, August 28th at 10:00 a.m. If you are interested, please call 256-208-8888 and plan to be at our meeting on August 28th. Sponsoring a table is fun, easy and it's a tremendous help to the support of our Center. You will be

RENEW speaker at Oak Grove FBC

Jan Whittle, conference leader at this years RENEW conference, will speak at Oak Grove First Baptist Church on September 14 at 6:30 P.M . Brenda Armstrong, WMU Director, invites all ladies to attend. Refreshments will be served following the meeting. If you or your group would like to attend please call Brenda at 256-245-3634 and let her know about how many she could expect. A love officering will be taken to help cover expenses.

Raceway Ministry Meeting

A meeting will be held on Monday, August 30 for those who are interested in working in the Coosa River Raceway Ministry. Rev. Mike Jackson, director of Alabama



Raceway Ministry in Montgomery, will be here to help us reorganize the Coosa River team. Please come to this informative meeting if you are interested in this ministry. The meeting will be held at the Coosa River offices at 6:30 P.M. on Monday, August 30, 2010.

Church Profiles

Church clerks please make arrangements to pick up your church profile during the month of August. Completed profiles are due back by September 30, 2010 so we can prepare for the Annual Meeting on Oct. 21.

Bulletin Board

August 28

Coosa Valley Resources for Women (Sav-a-Life) table hostess meeting at CRBA office at 10 A.M .

August 30

Alabama Raceway Ministry meeting at Coosa River assn office

September 6

Coosa River Association office closed for Labor Day

September 12

Homecoming at Mt. Vernon

September 13-14

Associational Women on Mission meetings. Lucretia Mobbs is the speaker.

September 14

Jan Whittle will speak at Oak Grove First Baptist Church at 6:30 P.M .

Publication Deadline

The Messenger is published on the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Do you have an announcement or event that you would like to have covered in an upcoming edition of *The Messenger*? Contact Linda at the CRBA office by the **first or third Monday** of each month.
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