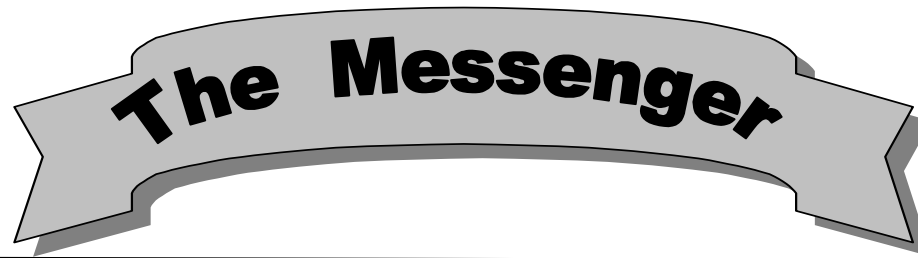


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## Associational Prayer Requests

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

**Chandler Springs, Jenifer, Lincoln, Mountain View, Patton Chapel and Refuge**

**Churches with Interim Pastors:**  
Central-Rev. Trull Hill  
Rocky Mount-Rev. John Vogel  
Winterboro-Rev. Milton Smith

The **Administrative Team** as they make plans for the 185th Annual Meeting. **Dr. Danny Lanier** as he seeks the Lord's guidance to prepare the message that he will bring to the messengers on October 21.

**Dr. W. T. Pruitt III (Bill)**, pastor of Dry Valley Baptist Church, as he recovers from a recent health problem.

**Rev. Billy Williams' wife, Pat**, as she recovers from knee replacement surgery on September 17. They serve at Sylavon Baptist Church.

**Rev. Jeff Thomas**, pastor of Bon Air Baptist Church, as he recovers from recent surgery.

## News from our Churches

**Shiloh:** It is with a heavy heart that the membership of Shiloh announces that it will close on November 18, 2018. Please pray for the church as they prepare for their final service.



To the following Coosa River pastors, ministers, staff members and spouses:  
**Sept 27-**Anita Brannen, Sylacauga FBC; Ben Curlee, Eastaboga; James Simmons, Tallasahatchie FBC  
**Sept 29-**Megan Lytton, Calvary  
**Sept 30-**Sharon Hardy, Sylacauga FBC  
**Oct 1-**Cecelia Dean, Oak Grove FBC; Bobby Harville, Winterboro  
**Oct 2-**David Shafer, Union Springs; B J Wood, Fayetteville  
**Oct 4-**Roger Barber, Refuge; Dennis Jackson, Marble City  
**Oct 6-**Doris Williams, Brecon FBC  
**Oct 7-**Donnie Thompson, Westside; Terri Roesch, Eastaboga  
**Oct 8-**Marsha Smith, Providence; W. T. Pruitt III, Dry Valley  
**Oct 9-**Patrick McDonald, Five Points  
**Oct 10-**Jean Mann, Shelvin Rock; Kristel Walker, Village Street; Mac McCaleb, Marble City

Dear Coosa River Baptists,  
This is our busy time of the year here at the Coosa River Baptist Association. Our Block Party Trailer is out most every weekend and many dates during the week. We are glad that you use this ministry tool to help you reach people for Christ. We see that many of our churches are having revival events and this is always exciting. Fall festivals and homecoming are also a part of your calendar. I pray that is every service and event you have in your church that you see the hand of God move and minister to your people.

October is Pastor/Minister Appreciation Month and I want to encourage you to not forget your minister in a special way. This month also includes the Talladega Race where you Coosa River Baptist

Association has the privilege to have a ministry site at C&C Campgrounds on the south end of the track. We need more people to come out and help us share Jesus with these campers. Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. This is our Pinewood Derby race for the children. Also, on Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> we will have a worship service at 9 AM and we always see the Lord move in this service.

Our 185<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at Talladega First Baptist Church starting at 4 PM. Please come and be a part of this wonderful worship experience.

Lastly, I would like to remind you that the Ministry Training Institute (formerly Samford Extension) will start its second session of the fall

semester on Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. The class will be taught by Dr. Bill Pruitt and the subject is Biblical Interpretation. You will learn how to use various tools available today for interpreting the Scriptures and the critical role of the Holy Spirit. This class will be held for 8 weeks and concludes on December 11<sup>th</sup>. You can register online at [www.samford.edu/go/mti](http://www.samford.edu/go/mti). The cost is \$50 if you register online plus the cost of your textbook.

You have a lot of opportunities to think on and participate in. The best opportunity you have is to be in the Lord's church every Sunday. I will be looking for you in church.

In His Service,  
Brother Randy

### Daycare Position Available

Marble City Baptist Church Daycare is looking for some good people to work in their Daycare and Kindergarten.

Must be dependable and able to work Monday through Friday between the hours of 6:15 AM and 5:30 PM. Must have a high school diploma (or equivalent) and be at least age 19. Background check and fingerprints are required. For more information please call 256-245-6338 and ask for Judie or Kim.

### Revival Services

Marble City Baptist Church will hold Revival Services from Oct 14-17. Pastor Bruce Aubrey from Northside Church in New York will be the guest evangelist. Kevin Derryberry from Alabaster, Alabama will be the worship leader.

Services will be held at 10 AM and 6 PM on Sunday. Monday through Wednesday services will be held at 7 PM nightly.

Pastor Mac McCaleb invites all friends and family to attend these services.

### Worship Concert

Marble City Baptist Church will host a worship concert this month. The worship concert will be with the **Shepherd Family** from Paris, Tennessee on Sunday, September 30, 2018 at 5:30 P.M.

This concert is free and all friends and sister churches are invited to attend. Rev. Mac McCaleb is the pastor.

### Christmas Backpacks

The Coosa River Association has partnered with Alabama State Board of Missions and Alabama WMU to send backpacks to ministry sites and church plants in 6 states. We need all churches to help with this project.

Filled backpacks should be brought to the Coosa River office during the week of October 29 to November 3. Collection hours are:

- Monday: 1-7 PM
- Tuesday to Thursday: 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
- Thursday evening: 5-7 PM
- Friday & Saturday: 10 AM to 2 PM

For more information about the backpacks visit [AlabamaWMU.org/backpacks](http://AlabamaWMU.org/backpacks). You can print a flyer with the suggestions of things to put into the backpacks. Also, order your copies of *The Christmas Story* at the same site.



## Bulletin Board

### September 27

Annual Church Profiles are due to be returned to the association office

### September 30

Worship Concert with the Shepherd Family at Marble City at 5:30 P.M.

### October 14

Race Day at the Talladega Superspeedway

### October 14-17

Revival Services at Marble City Baptist Church

### October 21

185th Coosa River Association Annual Meeting at Talladega FBC beginning at 4 PM

### October 22

Coosa River office closed

### October 29-November 3

Collection week for Christmas Backpacks

### 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 Coosa River office by the **first or third Monday** of each month.  
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**185th Annual Meeting**

Coosa River Baptist Association

October 21, 2018

First Baptist Church Talladega, Alabama

Come for a time of worship with sister churches!

Business 4 PM  
Missions Fair 5:30 PM  
Worship 6:30 PM  
See you there!