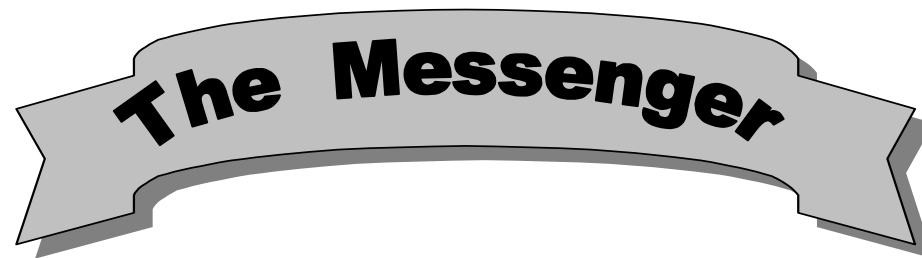


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Associational Prayer Requests

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

**Brecon FBC, Chandler Springs,
Dry Valley, Mt. Ida,
Patton Chapel, Plainview, and
Union Springs**

Churches with Interim Pastors:
Bemiston: Rev. Jerry Colquett
Cartersville: Rev. Harold Bannister
Central: Rev. Ricky Clark
Oldfield: Rev. Danny Cotton
Rocky Mount: Rev. John Vogel

Rev. David Turner, pastor of Village Street, as he continues to battle an ongoing medical condition.

Churches who've gone to virtual services because of COVID-19 cases in the congregation.

Mike McBurnett and his family in the death of his adult son, Cory, on September 27, 2021. Brother Mike is the Minister of Music at Blue Eye Baptist Church in Lincoln.

Music Leader Needed

Odena Baptist Church is seeking a bivocational Music and Worship Leader. This person will provide leadership for the church choir at all rehearsals and weekly services. Interested persons should contact Pastor Wesley Johnson at 256-493-9575.

Sound System Available

Jerry Ford has a older sound system which he would like to give to a church who could use it. The system consists of a mixing board, speakers, microphones, and stands. Previously used by a singing group.

Call Jerry at 256-245-2624 for more information.



To the following Coosa River pastors, ministers, staff members and spouses:
Oct 16-Ruth Roberts, Refuge; Roy Strickland, Winterboro
Oct 18-Jan Heaslett, Eastaboga
Oct 21-Anita Corbin, Hepzibah
Oct 22-Jay Jenkins, Dry Valley
Oct 25-Julie Hibbs, Mignon; Ralph Haywood, New Hope

Pastor/Minister Appreciation Month

This October is a very special month for the church. It is a time when the people of Christ are asked to give special recognition to those who serve them as Ministers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. October is Pastor / Minister Appreciation Month!! If there ever was a time that the church ought to show their appreciation for those who lead them and minister to them, it is this year.

With everything we have all been through, and continue to go through, . . . knowing the

sacrifices that have been made and the extra hours that have been committed to serving others . . . this is a wonderful time to say "thank you" for the labor of love shown by those who serve you and the Lord. Don't miss this opportunity to let your ministers know how much you

love them!

Joanie and I will be saying "thank you" and showing our appreciation to our Ministers and their Spouses on **Sunday afternoon, November 7, from**

2pm to 4pm. We are inviting these special guests to our home for refreshments and fellowship. Unfortunately, there are some of you (Ministers and Spouses) that we have not had the privilege of meeting as of yet. Please mark this day on your calendar and come and be our honored guests. We look forward to having you in our home!

P.S. We live in the Missionary House next to the Associational Office.

Blessings,
Stan

Appreciation

188th Annual Meeting

The 188th Annual Meeting of the Coosa River Association will take place at Eastaboga Baptist Church on Sunday, October 17 beginning at 4 PM.

The business session will begin at 4 PM. A Missions Fair featuring the ministries of the association and other ministries, will begin at the conclusion of the business session (approximately 5:15 PM). The host church will serve refreshments during the Missions Fair.

The Worship Session will begin at 6:30 PM. Rev. Rick Barnhart from the State Board of Missions will be the featured speaker. A mission offering will be divided between the Alabama Baptist Children's Home and ALCAP.

All Coosa River churches are invited to attend and see how the Lord is moving in Talladega County!

Church Profiles

Thank you to the following churches who returned their profiles on time: Bemiston; Bon Air; Brecon FBC; Browns Chapel; Calvary; Cartersville; Central; Chandler Springs; Cragdale; Eastaboga; Fayetteville; Five Points; Hepzibah; Immanuel; Marble City; Mignon; Mt. Sharon; Mt. Vernon; Munford; New Hope; Oak Grove FBC; Oldfield; Patton Chapel; Pleasant Grove; Providence; Ridgeview; Shelvin Rock; Southside; Stemley; Sycamore; Sylacauga FBC; Sylavon; Talladega Creek; Tallasahatchie FBC; Trinity; Village Street; Westside; Winterboro

Profiles are still being accepted. Please return your profile as soon as you can.

Position Available

Sandy Locke has recently submitted her resignation as the Financial Ministry Assistant for Coosa River Baptist Association. Sandy's resignation will be effective as of November 1, 2021. Therefore, anyone interested in applying for this position should send their resume to Stan Albright, Coosa River Baptist Association, P.O. Box 516, Talladega, Alabama 35161. This is a part-time position necessitating approximately 6 hours of work per week.

The candidate will need to be familiar with QuickBooks accounting software. Also, the candidate must be someone who has professed Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord, and is an active member of a Southern Baptist church. Resumes must be received in the Coosa River office no later than Tuesday, October 19.

Christmas Backpacks

Christmas Backpacks is a project sponsored by the State Board of Missions and Alabama WMU. Filled backpacks are collected and sent to low income areas along the Mississippi River.

Coosa River Association is a regional collection site for the backpacks. Collection week is October 25-29. Collection hours are Monday through Thursday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Friday hours are by appointment only.



Bulletin Board

October 17

188th Annual Meeting at Eastaboga Baptist Church

October 18

Association office closed

October 19

Last day to submit a resume for the Financial Ministry Assistant position

October 25-29

Collection week for Christmas Backpacks

November 7

Minister and Wives Appreciation Reception at the home of Stan and Joanie Albright, 2-4 PM

November 16-17

Alabama Baptist State Convention, Whitesburg Baptist Church in Huntsville

November 25-26

Office closed for Thanksgiving

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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