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The Messenger

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Associational Prayer Requests

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

Jenifer, Mountain View, Russell Chapel, Talladega Springs, Southside and Village Street

Harold Griffitt, Truckers Chapel minister, is recovering well from his recent medical problems and hopes to return to ministry soon.

Mrs. Lorie Duncan, wife of former pastor Rev. Jeff Duncan, as she continues to fight cancer. Brother Jeff now serves Calvary Baptist Church in Oxford.

Mrs. Faye Wyatt, wife of former Coosa River pastor, Rev. Garry Wyatt, for a health concern.

Much thanks need to be expressed to those who volunteer to build wheelchair ramps. It is a joy to know that over the last several years that we have had teams from Sylacauga, Childersburg, and Talladega areas who unselfishly gave their time, and even contributed their own money, to build these ramps. With that said, these men are getting to the place that age and health has begun to limit their ability to do what they once could accomplish. So, we are putting out a HELP WANTED! sign. If you could help one day a month, or one day a week, your help would be greatly appreciated and

Thank You and Help!

needed. If you would call the office at 256-362-7173 and let us know we can put you in touch with our teams who need your help.

Our Disaster Relief teams need help and we need you to get your training through the State Board of Missions. We will list the training dates as soon as we have them.

I am so thankful for all who give time to these different ministries in the Coosa River Baptist Association. We can't serve these areas without your cooperation and gifts. Please allow me to say "Thank You" to each church who supports the Coosa River Baptist Association with your

monetary gifts. We are totally dependent on you, the local church, for your commitment in financially supporting the ministries of the Coosa River Association. We do try to give our best to the stewardship of every dollar given. I believe that your church is blessed as you support the Southern Baptist Convention through the local association. Please pray for us that we keep these ministries going and new ministries as God leads us to be involved.

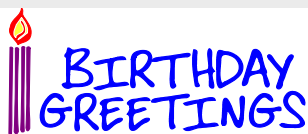
Love you,
Brother Randy

News from our Churches

Lincoln: Lincoln Baptist Church has called Rev. Randy Howell to be their pastor. He began his ministry on January 13, 2019. We welcome Brother Randy and his wife, Kaye, back into the Coosa River Association family.

Pioneer Missions Offering

The Pioneer Missions Offering will be collected on **February 24, 2019**. Materials will be mailed to the churches very soon. Thank you for your patience!



To the following Coosa River pastors, ministers, staff members and spouses:

- Jan 3**-Brian Blakely, Plainview
- Jan 24**-Tony Johns, Central
- Jan 25**-Peggy Mann, Hepzibah; Robert Klotz, Talladega FBC
- Jan 26**-Beverly Collins, Immanuel
- Jan 29**-Scott Corbin, Hepzibah; Xochitl Blakely, Plainview
- Jan 30**-Rhonda Roberts, Childersburg FBC
- Jan 31**-Pat Williams, Sylavon
- Feb 3**-Ricky Milford, CRBA
- Feb 4**-Zachary Zan Gieson, Chandler Springs
- Feb 5**-Roy Adams, Providence; Cobby Smith, County Line
- Feb 6**-Juan Bowden, Tallasahatchie FBC; Lori Owens, Ridgeview; Ken Robinson, Pleasant Grove; Courtney Mitchell, Talladega Creek

Missions Celebration

Plans are being made for the 2019 Missions Celebration. It will take place on Monday, February 18 at Hepzibah Baptist Church at 6:30 PM. We will hear from those who have taken missions trips in the previous year.

Joe Watts, our new Men's Ministry Director, will share about his mission trips to Uganda and Haiti. So mark your calendar for this informative meeting.

Jail Ministry Training

Has the Lord called you to work with the prisoners at the Talladega County Jail? The sheriff requires all volunteers to take a training class before they can work with the prisoners.

The training class is offered at the Coosa River Association office. The next class will take place on Sunday, January 27 at 2 PM. Angela Minor, our new Jail Ministry Coordinator, will lead the class.

Samford's Ministry Training Institute

The spring semester began on Tuesday, January 22 at 6 PM. Dr. Bill Pruitt is teaching Introduction to New Testament which began on January 22. Rev. Robert Klotz will teach Introduction to Old Testament beginning on March 26.

All students should register online at www.samford.edu/go/mti. Payment will also be received online. There is still time to register for either class.

VBS Early Bird Clinic

Our VBS Director, Tommy Strickland, has scheduled a early bird clinic for the new year. A early bird clinic will introduce the new VBS theme for 2019, In the Wild.

A conference for VBS Directors and pastors will be held on Monday, February 11, 2019 at 6 PM. This conference will include a meal and will be held at the Coosa River Association office.

2018 Associational Annuals

The staff has been hard at work on the annuals and we will have them ready to be picked up on **Monday, January 28, 2019**. Thank you for your patience. Annuals may be picked up during regular business hours, Monday through Thursday, from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. *(Please remember that the office is closed on Fridays.)*

If you have any question, please call Linda at 256-362-7173.

Alabama Association of Baptist Secretaries Conference

Conference time is approaching very quickly. The conference will be held on March 10-13 at Shocco Springs Conference Center. Church secretaries should make their reservations now to get the discount price on the registration fee. Make reservations at www.shoccosprings.org.

Bulletin Board

February 8-9

Bivocational Minister Spouse Retreat at Shocco Springs

February 11

Early Bird VBS Clinic for VBS Directors, Coosa River office, 6 P.M.

February 18

Missions Celebration at Hepzibah Baptist Church at 6:30 PM

February 25-26

State Evangelism Conference, Dawson Memorial, Birmingham

March 3-10

Week of Prayer for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

March 7

Week of Prayer observance at National WMU office, Birmingham, 10 A.M.

March 10-13

Alabama Association of Baptist Secretaries conference at Shocco Springs

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. Phone: (256) 362-7173 Fax: (256) 268-8803 E-mail: lcotton@crba.org