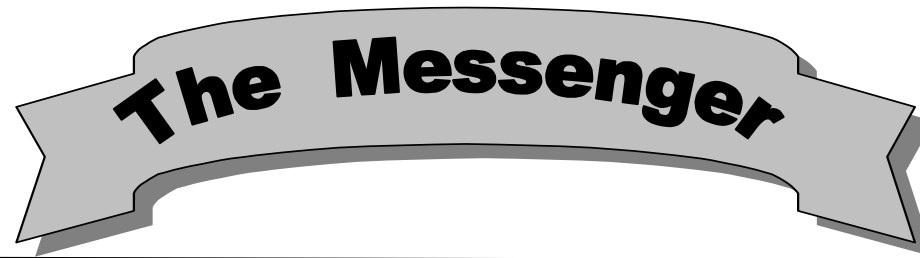


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Associational Prayer Requests

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

Cragdale, Jenifer, Mountain View, Russell Chapel, Talladega Springs, and Southside

Rev. Tommy Strickland's dad, Rev. Buddy Strickland, as he recovers from a heart attack on February 11. Brother Tommy is the pastor of Ridgeview Baptist Church.

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

News from our Churches

CrossPointe: CrossPointe Church of Talladega will soon have a new home! They recently received the deed to the former Shiloh property. They have begun renovations to that property and will move in when they are completed. Rev. Bobby Freeman is the pastor.

Dry Valley: Dry Valley Baptist Church has begun renovations to their sanctuary. Dr. Bill Pruitt is the pastor.

Lincoln: Lincoln Baptist Church has begun renovations to their youth room. It is being enlarged to accommodate the larger number of youth attending. Praise the Lord! Rev. Randy Howell is the pastor of Lincoln.

Sylavon: Sylavon Baptist Church will hold Revival Services on March 18-20. Rev. Danny Cotton will be the guest evangelist. Rev. Billy Williams is the pastor of Sylavon.

2018 Annuals are ready

2018 Coosa River Annuals are ready to be picked up by the churches who ordered them.



To the following Coosa River pastors, ministers, staff members and spouses:
Feb 28-Cindy Deerman, Mignon
Mar 2-Barbara Johnson, Mt. Sharon
Mar 3-Jessica Strickland, Ridgeview
Mar 4-Donald Jenkins, Oak Grove
Mar 5-Wren Heath, Brecon FBC; Steve Hullett, Mt. Olive; Cooper Thomas, Mountain View
Mar 6-Katie Chappell, Fayetteville
Mar 8-Jeanette Curtis, Bon Air
Mar 13-Lee Ann Ward, Five Points; Tim Pearce, Sylacauga FBC

I am happy to say the Coosa River Baptist Association has men who will preach the Word of God. These preachers will preach their message with love seasoned with grace. They will seek to please God and be His servants while shepherding the flock. As ministers we would like everyone to be pleased with us. In dealing with reality we know this is not going to happen. I want to encourage every minister, even when things are not going the way we think they should. We are all imperfect and sometimes we cause our own



Pray for your ministers!

grief by making bad decisions. I would say to all our churches as we minister with God's anointed, to pray for your ministers and stand by them. Yes, there are times when you need to offer constructive criticism but give it in a way you would want someone to approach you. Along with good, Godly ministers, we are blessed with 67 churches that want to reach people for Christ. We are called to be light in a dark world. I pray that your church is main business is to be a soul-winning station

and a body who wants to disciple and help our flock walk in the steps of our Lord and Savior.

We live in a time where it is more and more difficult to stand up for Jesus and His Word. Its better to be spiritually correct than politically correct. Examine yourself and make sure of your purpose as a believer and as His church we are in line with the Word. Ezekiel 20:19 states, "I am the Lord your God; walk in my statutes, and keep my judgements, and do them."

Be blessed,
Brother Randy

Alabama Association of Baptist Secretaries Conference

Conference time is almost here! Allison Wilks is the general conference leader. Jeremiah and Kirsten Ross will be our worship leaders. Our theme is "Do Everything in Love." The conference will be held on March 10-13 at Shocco Springs Conference Center.

Church secretaries should make their reservations now to get the best price on the registration fee, it increases on March 1.

Make your reservations online at www.shoccosprings.org. You may call Shocco at 256-761-1100 to register.

Vacation Bible School Clinics

The time has come to start planning for your 2019 Vacation Bible School! Our association will host **two** clinics to



help train your leaders for the 2019 theme "In the Wild". On Tuesday, April 2 the clinic will be held at Sylacauga FBC. On Thursday, April 4 the clinic will be held at Talladega FBC. At each location, dinner will be served at 6 PM and classes will be held from 6:30 – 8:30 PM.

So enlist your leaders, choose the location which best suits your needs, and come and learn all about VBS! Our associational team is busy preparing for these clinics. We hope to see you at one of them!

Mother's Day Out Teachers Needed

Now taking applications for Pre-K teachers and substitutes for a Mother's Day Out/Pre-K program at Lincoln Baptist in Lincoln, AL. Hours of operation are 8:15 AM-2:00 PM, Monday through Thursday, with teachers needing to be there a little before and after the children for prep and clean up. Teaching experience or certificate preferred, though not required. Church affiliation of some sort is important, as we are a biblically based program. Resumes & references may be emailed to jennie@drawing-girl.com or faxed to 205-413-8651. Questions? Feel free to call Jennie at 205-296-4357.

Senior Pastor Wanted

Southside Baptist Church in Talladega is looking for a Senior Pastor. Please mail resume to Pastor Search Team, 1101 Cherry Street, Talladega, AL 35160. Or, email resume to sbctalladega@gmail.com.

Block Party Trailer

We are taking reservations for the association's Block Party Trailer. So check your church calendars and call the association office at 256-362-7173 to schedule your use of the Block Party Trailer. Remember that reservations are scheduled on a first come, first served basis.

Several dates around Easter have already been taken. Summer dates are beginning to fill up also!

Bulletin Board

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

April 2

VBS Clinic at Sylacauga FBC at 6 PM

April 4

VBS Clinic at Talladega FBC at 6 PM

April 11

Association WMU Annual Meeting at Trinity Baptist Church

April 18

Executive Committee Meeting at the Coosa River office at 6 PM

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