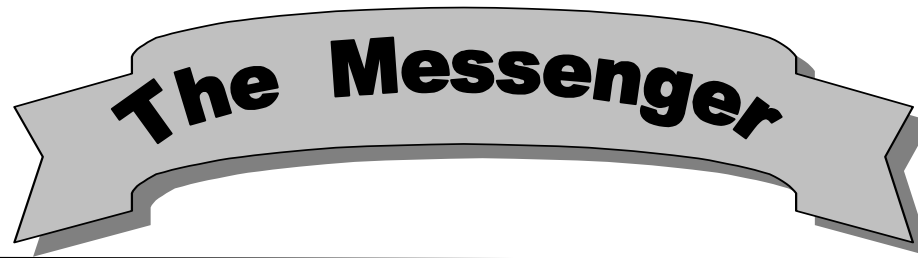


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March 8, 2018



## Associational Prayer Requests

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

**Brecon FBC, Chandler Springs, Family Fellowship, Hepzibah, Jenifer, Trinity, Westside and Winterboro**

**Churches with Interim Pastors:**  
Central-Rev. Trull Hill  
Lincoln-Dr. Ben Chandler  
Rocky Mount-Rev. John Vogel  
Talladega Springs-Rev. Richard Bonds

**Lee Ann Ward**, retired association financial secretary, as she battles cancer.

**Rev. Billy Paul Williams**, pastor of Fayetteville Baptist Church, as he recovers from a broken leg.

The family of **Rev. Billy Graham**, who went home to be with the Lord on February 21, 2018.

Brother Randy's wife, **Mary Alice Hagan**, as she recovers from surgery on March 1, 2018.

**Rev. Bill Jones**, former pastor of Fayetteville and Rocky Mount, had open heart surgery on March 1, 2018. Pray for his recovery.

### Called Executive Committee Meeting

Brother Randy has called a special Executive Committee Meeting to discuss the finances of the current renovations to the association office. The meeting will take place on **Thursday, March 15 at 6 PM.**

All church pastors, association officers, and elected representative from the churches are urged to attend this important meeting.



To the following Coosa River pastors, ministers, staff members and spouses:  
**March 12**-Justin Lathem, Munford  
**March 13**-Lee Ann Ward, Five Points; Tim Pearce, Sylacauga FBC  
**March 18**-Kathy Haywood, Providence; Craig Little, Southside  
**March 19**-Jesse Wyatt, Dry Valley  
**March 21**-Cindy Arnold, Sylacauga FBC

## Meet us at the Ritz

be no charge, but we will receive a love offering to cover expenses.

Shellem is kind of a cross between Mark Lowery and Tim Hawkins. Look him up on the internet. He is a wonderful song writer and has several hits that have reached number 1 on the charts. His heart is in spreading the Word and singing for Jesus. He is in a church most Sundays sharing his gifts with those who need to hear about Jesus.

You can bring your family and not be embarrassed. He will

bless you and make you laugh. You will feel like you know him. We want this to be a place for a Gospel conversation and maybe a Gospel conversion.

We are also working on our associational building, new doors, flooring and paint. Come and help us if you can! The work will go on for several weeks.

God Bless,  
Brother Randy

### Brecon Pastor becomes Director of Missions

Rev. David Crowe, former pastor of Brecon First Baptist Church, became Director of Missions for Central Association in Coosa County on March 5, 2018. We congratulate Brother David on this next step in his ministry.

Please pray for Brecon First as they begin to search for the next pastor that the Lord is preparing for their church.

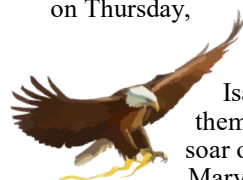
### Coosa River Office Renovations

The Executive Committee approved some much need renovations to the association office at its January meeting. Work to be done includes: reframing all exterior doors; removing wallpaper and refinishing the walls, painting all walls; installing new carpet and vinyl flooring; and adding signage to the building.

Work began on Monday, March 5. If you are interested in helping with the work, call the association office at 256-362-7173.

### Secretary Luncheon

All church secretaries are invited to attend the annual Secretary Luncheon on Thursday, April 26 beginning at 11:30 AM.



We will be using Isaiah 40:31 as our theme this year as we soar on wings like eagles. Mary Alice Hagan,

Brother Randy's wife, will be here to give our devotional on our scripture theme.

Plans are being made for our lunch and door prizes. Letters will be mailed soon with all the details.

### Children's Day Camp CANCELLED

Coosa River WMU has announced that the Children's Day Camp scheduled for Saturday, March 10 has been **cancelled**. The decision to cancel the event was regretfully made when not enough kids signed up to attend.

### Good Friday Worship Service at the Ritz

Southside Baptist Church is sponsoring a Good Friday Worship Service at the Ritz Theatre in Talladega on Friday, March 30 at 6:30 P.M.

Everyone is invited to attend and worship together. They will also have a combined choir singing at the event. Any one who is interested in the choir or the service should call Southside Baptist Church for more information at 256-362-7390. Rev. Craig Little is the pastor of Southside.

### Help Need: Church Secretary

Lincoln Baptist Church is seeking a part/full time secretary. The position will start at 16 to 20 hours per week transitioning up to full-time as budget/needs allow.



Applicants must agree with the Baptist Faith and Message, 2000 edition.

For more information, or to apply, please contact Jennie Jones at jennie@drawing-girl.com or by phone at 205-296-4357.

Dr. Ben Chandler is the interim pastor at Lincoln.

## Bulletin Board

### March 10

Children's Day Camp at Hepzibah has been cancelled

### March 11-14

Alabama Association of Baptist Secretaries conference at Shocco Springs

### March 23

Bivocational meeting at the Coosa River Association office. Watch your mail for the details.

### April 19

Executive Committee meeting at the association office at 6 PM

### April 26

Secretary Luncheon at the Coosa River office at 11:30 AM

### May 5

Coosa River Day from 2-5 P.M. at the association office. Come and see what the association can do for your church.

### May 19

Come to the Ritz Theatre in Talladega for an evening with Shellem Cline 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