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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:

**Cartersville, Jenifer, Mountain View, Russell Chapel, Southside, Sycamore, and Talladega Springs**

**Churches with Interim Pastors:**  
**Central:** Rev. Trull Hill  
**Rocky Mount:** Rev. John Vogel

**Alabama Raceway Ministry** as they begin to prepare for the coming race on April 28. Pray that many souls will be saved at this event.

**Lee Ann Ward**, retired Financial Secretary, has had a recurrence of her cancer.

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

## News from our Churches

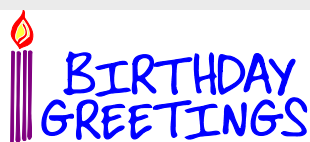
**Mt. Sharon:** Mt. Sharon Baptist Church has called their associate pastor, Rev. Colton Spates, to be their new pastor. He began his pastorate on April 7, 2019.

Also, a reception was held on April 7 honoring retiring pastor, Rev. Mike Johnson for his 20+ years of service.

### Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are still needed for **Sunshine Saturday** on April 20 to help operate the games booths and other tasks. This would be a good project for a Sunday School class or a youth group.

If you are interested, call Janie Gable Curtis at 256-589-6784.



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

**Apr 11-**Don Harville, Winterboro;  
Michael Forbus, Browns Chapel

**Apr 14-**Rachel Pickering, Talladega FBC

**Apr 15-**Mike Currie, Dry Valley

**Apr 16-**Wesley Higginbotham, retired

**Apr 17-**Patty McIntire, Mt. Olive

**Apr 18-**Tony Brannen, Sylacauga FBC

**Apr 20-**Pam Turner, Village Street

**Apr 24-**Jane Bowden, Tallasahatchie FBC

## Racing and Resurrection

If you could have thousands come to your church and you had the opportunity to share Christ with them, I know you would be thrilled to be involved.

Here in Talladega County we have that opportunity twice a year. It is the Talladega Race. I understand they will not attend your church, but we are able to share with them in and around the track.

The Coosa River Baptist Association has a ministry site at the C&C Campgrounds where we hold services on Sunday morning. On Saturday we involve the children by allowing them to paint a



pinewood derby care, which we provide, and then they race them. During this process we share the gospel of Jesus Christ with the children and their family. The opportunity is here in our backyard, the harvest is white, and we need laborers. The date is Saturday, April 27th and Sunday, April 28th. Call the association office if you want to be a part of this ministry.

Easter is later this year, April 21<sup>st</sup>. I pray that our churches will be filled, and the gospel will be preached. The Holy Spirit will reveal the Son, Jesus Christ, and

we pray that a harvest of souls will come to Jesus in a genuine relationship with Him. Our churches would be a light house to a dark world. We have a message of hope where no hope exists.

Have a happy, holy and healthy Easter. As a born-again child of God, we should celebrate life in Christ. We have a song to sing, a Savior to worship. Get ready to give praise with His church to our head, Jesus Christ. Find someone to invite to worship with you and your church. Come expecting God to bless His church and His people.

Revive us, oh Lord,  
Brother Randy

### Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee will meet for their quarterly meeting on Thursday, April 25 at the Coosa River office at 6 P.M. The committee is composed of all association officers, the pastors of the churches, and an elected lay representative of each church. The committee will discuss financial reports for the 1st quarter of 2019. Please add this important meeting to your calendar.

### Good Friday Musical

The music ministry of Marble City Baptist Church will present "My Easter Story" on Good Friday, April 19 at 6 PM. You can enjoy the choir, drama and the Lord's Supper that evening.

Marble City Baptist Church is located at 1512 Quarry Road in Sylacauga. Mickey Green is the Music Minister and Rev. Mac McCaleb is the pastor of Marble City.

### Cookies and Prayer Day

Ridgeview Baptist Church will be having a Cookies and Prayer Day in their parking lot on Saturday, April 27 from 9 AM until 12 PM. Everyone is invited to stop by for a bag of cookies and a prayer for any need. You don't have to exit your vehicle, just pull in and they will have a prayer, give you homemade cookies and water. They just want to show God's love to everyone. Rev. Tommy Strickland is the pastor of Ridgeview.

### Dementia Support Group

Tallasahatchie First Baptist Church is hosting a Dementia Support Group of the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. This group will meet at 3 PM in the Christian Life Center of the church. Dementia patients and caregivers are encouraged to attend. Rev. Jim Griffin is the pastor.

### Secretary Luncheon

The 2019 Secretary Luncheon is next Thursday, April 18 at 11:30 AM. Our theme is on friendship. Come and enjoy lunch and make some new friends! Enjoy a time of fellowship. Door prizes will be given out as well. Remember to make your reservations by **4 PM today!**

### Revival Services

Mt. Vernon Baptist Church will host Revival Services on April 17, 18, and 19 at 6:30 P.M. Rev. George Hayden, pastor of New Jerusalem Baptist Church in Graysville, will be the guest speaker.

Everyone is invited to attend. Rev. Randy Roberson is the pastor of Mt. Vernon.

### Annuals are ready

2018 annuals for the following churches are ready to be picked up at the association office: Alpine, \*Blue Eye, Central, Cragdale, \*Fayetteville, Mignon, Mountain View, Odena, Russell Chapel, Shelvin Rock, \*Talladega Creek, Trinity, \*Village Street, Westside, Winterboro \*payment needed

## Bulletin Board

### April 11

Association WMU Annual Meeting at Trinity Baptist Church

### April 17-19

Revival services at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church

### April 18

Secretary Luncheon at 11:30 AM

### April 19

"My Easter Story" at Marble City Baptist Church at 6 PM.

### April 20

Sunshine Saturday in Talladega

### April 25

Executive Committee Meeting at the Coosa River office at 6 PM

### April 27

Cookie and Prayer Day at Ridgeview from 9 AM to 12 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