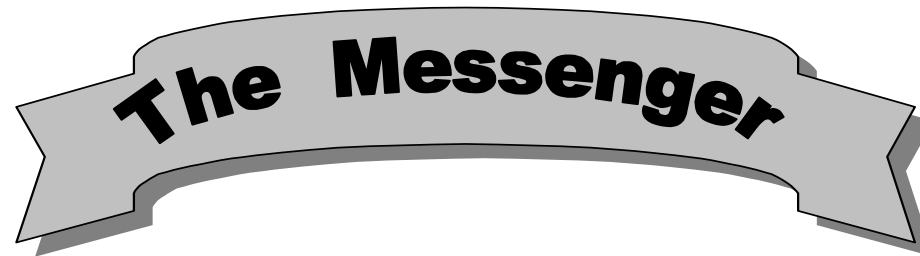


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April 12, 2018



Associational Prayer Requests

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

Chandler Springs, Family Fellowship, Hepzibah, and Jenifer

Churches with Interim Pastors:

Brecon FBC: Rev. Garry Wyatt
Central-Rev. Trull Hill
Lincoln-Dr. Ben Chandler
Rocky Mount-Rev. John Vogel
Trinity-Rev. John Woodall
Winterboro-Rev. Milton Smith

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

Rev. Craig Spurlin, pastor of Providence Baptist Church, as he recovers from surgery on April 2.

Linda Cotton, Coosa River Ministry Assistant, will have cataract surgery on April 16, 2018.

News from our Churches

Brecon FBC: Brecon First Baptist Church has called Rev. Garry Wyatt to be their interim pastor. He began his ministry on March 18, 2018.

Talladega Springs: Talladega Springs has called their interim pastor, Rev. Richard Bonds, to be their pastor. He began his ministry on March 25, 2018.

Trinity: Trinity Baptist Church has called Rev. John Woodall to be their interim pastor.

Westside: Rev. Joel Davis began his ministry at Westside on Sunday, March 18, 2018. We welcome Brother Joel and his family back into the Coosa River Association family!

Winterboro: Winterboro Baptist Church has called Rev. Milton Smith to be their interim pastor.



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

Apr 14-Allison Little, Southside
Apr 15-Mike Currie, Dry Valley
Apr 16-Wesley Higginbotham, retired
Apr 17-Patty McIntire, Mt. Olive
Apr 18-Tony Brannen, Sylacauga FBC
Apr 22-Vicki Milford, CRBA
Apr 23-Amanda Bradshaw, Plainview
Apr 24-Jane Bowden, Tallasahatchie FBC
Apr 25-Joan Cordle, Refuge; Deena Williams, Fayetteville

Construction Continuing at Coosa River Association

We have completed the painting, the TV's have been hung, and the wires have been run. Things are beginning to look good. The flooring was laid this week. We can see the light at the end of the tunnel. There is still more work to be done but I think you will be proud to see how things look at **your** Coosa River Baptist Association office.

Our Raceway Ministry team is gearing up for the race on April 29. We will put up our ministry tent on Wednesday, April 25 at 2 PM. The Pinewood derby for the children will take place on Saturday, April 28, at a time to be announced. The Sunday

worship service will be held on April 29 at 9 AM. Volunteers are needed for all events. Call Brother Randy if you are interested in helping.

Coosa River Day is the next big event planned here at the office. It will take place on Saturday, May 5th from 2 PM until 5 PM. We hope that you will come by and see the fresh new look around the facilities. We will have all our ministries on display for you and others who many not know what we offer through the association of Baptist believers. By the way, for it to be an official Baptist meeting, we will be serving you some great

snacks. Help invite your sister churches to come and fellowship with us on Coosa River Day.

On Saturday, May 19 at 6 PM we will have an evangelistic event with country recording artist Shellum Cline sharing song, comedy, and testimony with us. This will be held at the Ritz Theatre on the square in Talladega. This is a free event that you can invite anyone, so please get the word out!

I hope that you are still celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord!

Blessings,
Brother Randy

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 learn to 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 finalized for our lunch and door prizes. Please make your reservations by April 19, 2018.

Help Needed: Minister of Music

Two churches have notified us that they are looking for a Minister of Music.

Munford Baptist Church is looking for a bivocational (part-time) Minister of Music. They desire someone who will lead the church in worshipping God through music. He will be the upfront worship leader and the behind the scenes shepherd for the worship ministry.

For more information, contact the church at 256-358-4536.

Lakeview Baptist Church in Oxford is also looking for a bivocational Minister of Music. He is expected to lead a blended style of worship that appeals to multiple generations on Sunday morning and evening, including directing the choir. A music education background with the ability to read music is strongly preferred. Interested, qualified individuals should submit their resume to lbcpersonnel@bellsouth.net.

Coosa River Day

Once every two years the ministry teams of the association host a day of fun and information. We want to make sure that the churches know how the association can help them do ministry.

Saturday, May 5 is the date for you to come to the association office and learn more about what we do. We will be here from 2-5 PM.

Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee will meet on Thursday, April 19, 2018 at 6 P.M. for its regularly scheduled meeting. This committee is composed of the pastors of the churches, the elected officers of the association, and an elected lay representative from each church.

Each ministry team of the association will present reports from their team. The finances for the first quarter will be discussed.

Each member of the committee should mark their calendars and plan to be present for this important meeting.

Gospel Music at the Ritz

Saturday, May 19 is the date for a gospel music night at the Ritz Theatre on the square in Talladega. Country music recording artist Shellum Cline will share song, comedy and testimony with us. The event will begin at 6 PM.

Come and bring your friends and neighbors with us as we enjoy this time of music, fellowship and fun together.

Graduate Edition

Look for out graduate edition on May 24, 2018.

Bulletin Board

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

April 29

Race Day at the Talladega Superspeedway

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 13

Mother's Day. Alabama Baptist Children's Home offering day

May 19

Come to the Ritz Theatre in Talladega for an evening with Shellem Cline at 6 PM

May 28

Memorial Day, CRBA office closed

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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