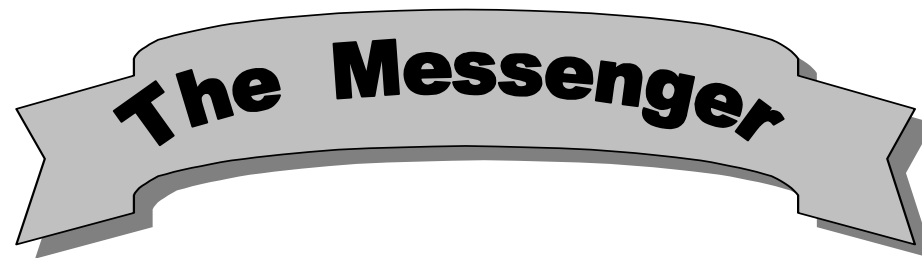


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## Associational Prayer Requests

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

**Brecon FBC, Chandler Springs,  
Family Fellowship, Hepzibah,  
and Jenifer**

**Churches with Interim Pastors:**  
**Central**-Rev. Trull Hill  
**Lincoln**-Dr. Ben Chandler  
**Rocky Mount**-Rev. John Vogel  
**Winterboro**-Rev. Milton Smith

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

The family of **Ed Dark**, member of Sylacauga FBC, who passed away on April 24, 2018. Brother Ed served as the Baptist Men's Director (formerly known as Brotherhood Director) for the association for more than 20 years.

Please pray for all who are travelling to and participating in the **Southern Baptist Convention** in Dallas, Texas June 12-13, 2018.

## News from our Churches

**Brecon FBC:** Rev. Garry Wyatt has resigned as interim pastor of Brecon FBC. Please pray as this church continues to search for the pastor that the Lord is preparing for them.  
**Trinity:** Trinity Baptist Church has called their interim pastor, Rev. John Woodall, to be their pastor. We welcome Brother John and his wife, Nancy, to the Coosa River family.



To the following Coosa River pastors, ministers, staff members and spouses:  
**May 10**-Jeff Thomas, Bon Air  
**May 12**-Jim Brock, Dry Valley; Miriam Griffin, Tallasahatchie FBC  
**May 13**-Melissa Matson, New Hope; Jim Griffin, Tallasahatchie FBC  
**May 14**-Jeff Harris, Browns Chapel  
**May 15**-Taylor Martin, New Hope  
**May 16**-Carol Russell, Calvary  
**May 20**-Mary Leigh Freeman, Dry Valley  
**May 21**-Carolyn Thomas, Bon Air  
**May 22**-Christy Mitchell, Oak Grove FBC  
**May 23**-Pam Posey, Friendship

## Evangelism Concert at the Ritz Theatre

Shellem Cline is a national award-winning artist with a desire to share the Love of Christ with the world. Born in North Carolina, Shellem grew up singing with his family, The Gilbert Family, traveling locally. When his grandfather was diagnosed with Crones disease, the family left the road but Shellem continued to pursue a solo ministry. Since then, Shellem has seen a major growth within his ministry and has become a household name within the Southern Gospel/Christian Country genre. Shellem has stated on several occasions that seeing souls saved is his number one priority and every time he stands to sing, winning souls is his ultimate goal. Since going full time in ministry, Shellem has seen over 100 souls come to know Jesus Christ!

Shellem has been singing since the age of 10 but began his full-time ministry in 2015. Shellem has sung around 150 dates a year nationwide in not only churches, but venues like auction houses, campgrounds, fairs and festivals and senior centers. While Shellem loves sharing his ministry with churches, it is his desire to reach an audience that may never step foot inside the church. Shellem stated in a radio interview that "My ministry is about reaching those that may not look like us, but still need Jesus, those that many times we as Christians overlook." One of the tunes from Shellem, "Why Can't Christians Share The Love Of Christ?" shares a story of an event that proves that those words are what he lives by. Shellem is not just another artist, he is a minister.

Not only will he sing, but Shellem will share testimonies and stories of the songs as well as a little comedy to make the congregation remember its ok to smile and be happy in the Lord. He uses all this to create a form or worship that solely reflects the love of Jesus Christ. He has stated several times before "I am not an entertainer, I come to minister and if you laugh while in the service, then that's just an extra bonus!"  
*reprinted from www.shellemcline.com*

Shellem Cline will be at the Ritz Theatre on the square in Talladega on Saturday, May 19 at 6 P.M. Come and bring your friends and family to this night of comedy, Worship and fellowship.

Brother Randy

### Oops!

It has recently come to our attention that the pastor of Fayetteville Baptist Church was omitted from the list of pastors in the current Coosa River Annual. Please add Rev. Billy Paul Williams to page 115 as pastor of Fayetteville Baptist Church. We regret the error and are happy to set the record straight.

### 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](mailto:lbcpersonnel@bellsouth.net).

### Annuals are available

Annuals from the 184th Annual Meeting are now available to be picked up. The following churches ordered annuals which have not yet been picked up: **Blue Eye; \*Brecon FBC; ChristPoint; Five Points; Jenifer; Mt. Olive; \*Odena; Providence; Ridgeview; Shelvin Rock; \*Sycamore; Trinity; Westside; \*Winterboro.** \*payment is needed

Come be the association office to pick up your annual. We are here from 8:30-4:30 Monday through Thursday of each week.

### 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 working with prisoners.

The training class is offered at the Coosa River Association office. The next training class will be held on June 10 at 2 PM. Charles Rogers, our Jail Ministry Coordinator, will lead the class. There is no charge for the class. Just come and complete the required paperwork. Once you have been approved by the jail administrator you can minister to the inmates.

### Graduate Edition Deadline

Please send the names of all graduating high school and college students in your church to the association office by **Monday, May 14**. The names will be published in the May 24 edition of *The Messenger*.

## Bulletin Board

### 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 24

Graduate Edition of *The Messenger*

### May 28

Memorial Day, CRBA office closed

### June 10

Jail Ministry Training Class at Coosa River office at 2 PM

### June 10-11

WMU (SBC) Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX

### June 12-13

Southern Baptist Convention, Dallas, TX

### 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](mailto:lcotton@crba.org)