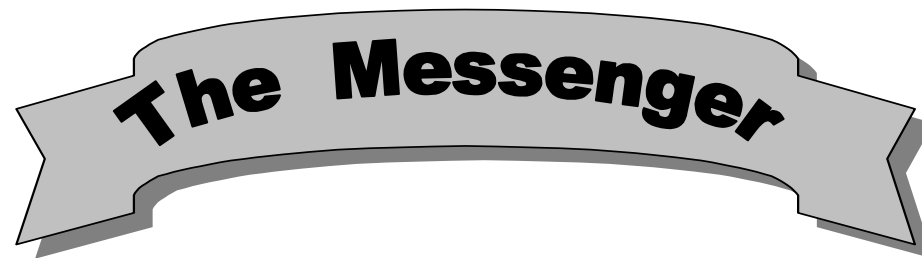


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## Associational Prayer Requests

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

**New Hope, Rocky Mount, Southside and Talladega Springs**

**Churches with Interim Pastors:**  
**Marble City**— Rev. Russell Gooden

**Rev. Jeff Duncan and his wife, Lori.** She has been diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer. Brother Jeff is the former pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church and currently pastors Calvary Baptist Church in Oxford.

**Rev. Donnie Thompson's wife, Debra,** as she fights cancer. Brother Donnie is the assistant pastor at Westside Baptist Church.

**Southern Baptist Convention** as it meets in Phoenix, Arizona June 13-14. Pray for those pastors from Coosa River who are travelling to Phoenix for the meetings.

The **Truckers Chapel Ministry.** Work is going on at the site and workers will be trained soon. Pray for the truckers that will be ministered to at the chapel.

## News from our Churches

**Sylavon:** Sylavon Baptist Church will have VBS on June 11-15, Sunday through Thursday, from 6-8 P.M. Everyone is invited to attend. Rev. Billy Williams is the pastor  
**Talladega FBC:** Talladega First Baptist Church has called Rev. Hunter Madden to be their Minister of Students. He comes from Meadowview Christian School in Selma, Alabama. He joined the staff on Talladega FBC on May 21, 2017. Welcome to the Coosa River Association family!



**To the following Coosa River pastors, ministers, staff members and spouses:**  
**June 9**-Delores Catchings, Odena  
**June 10**-Tim Roesch, Eastaboga; Jennifer Weathers, Munford  
**June 14**-David Mann, Shelvin Rock  
**June 16**-JoAnn Alldredge, Patton Chapel  
**June 21**-Pam Brewer, Friendship

I want to follow the Lord in all His ways. But sometimes I am not sure about His direction. I read in Psalms chapter 25 and verses 4-5, "Shew me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths. Lead me in thy truth, and teach me for thou are the God of my salvation; on Thee do I wait all the day." The only way I can be sure is to listen to the Lord, read His word and fellowship with His church. Too many of us are just waiting on the Lord with our eyes closed and sitting on our hands. We need to get out there with an attitude of expectancy and go give our best to be involved in His church. With summer comes the opportunity for a well-deserved vacation, please don't

## What Shall I Do?

take time off from your jobs at church. If you will be gone on the Lord's day, please get someone to fill in for you because someone is counting on you.

On the subject of getting involved, for those who know Jeff and Lorie Duncan, you know that Lorie has stage 4 cancer. As of my writing this article, they are in Mexico for a special treatment to stop the cancer. This is very costly and we have an opportunity to help them. Jeff served as the pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church in Talladega from 2005-2010. He was called to serve Calvary Baptist Church in Oxford a few years ago. We consider them to be members of

our family as does the Calhoun Baptist Association. The Calhoun Association has set up a fund to help the Duncan's with their expenses. If you wish to donate to the them, make your check payable to the **Coosa River Baptist Association** and place "Duncan Expenses" in the memo line. We will forward all monies to the fund in Calhoun Association. Or you can call the Coosa River Association office at 256-362-7173 with any questions on how to give.

Remember to pray for the Lord to show us His paths!

In His Service,  
Brother Randy.

## Graduates

Congratulations to the following graduates from Coosa River churches. We received their names after the Graduate Edition went to press. We are happy to include them here.

**Sylacauga High School**  
Sylacauga First Baptist Church  
Drew Dickson Lawson Smith  
Sara Hunnicutt Alyssa White  
Rylee Jones  
Anna Katherine Tankersly

**Virginia College**  
Lincoln Baptist Church  
Angie Kemp Lands

## Truckers Chapel Ministry Training

Do you feel called to minister to truck drivers? Coosa River Association will hold a training session for all who are interested in working at the Truckers Chapel on I-20 in Lincoln on Thursday, June 15.

The training session will take place at the Truckers Chapel located at 12089 Stemley Road in Lincoln at 6:30 P.M. Rev. Rick Barnhart, director of the Office of Associational Missions, will lead the session. He began the first truckers chapel in Baldwin County while he was Director of Missions.

Pray as work on the chapel continues to take place. Workers have already cleaned the chapel and we are waiting for the power to be turned on. Come see the work at the training!

## Jail Ministry Training

The next Jail Ministry Training class will be held on Sunday, June 25, 2017 at the Coosa River Association office at 2 P.M. There is no cost for this class. All you need to do is come and fill out the paperwork. Call Charles Rogers at 256-245-5812 for more information on this class.

## Camp of Champions Snacks

Thank you to the following 19 churches who contributed snacks for the Children's Home Camp of Champions: Bon Air; Brecon FBC; Cartersville; Childersburg FBC; ChristPoint; Cragdale; Jenifer; Lincoln; Mt. Sharon; New Hope; Odena; Pleasant Grove; Rocky Mount; Shiloh; Stockdale; Sylavon; Talladega FBC; Tallasahatchie FBC; Village Street.

We received 2,463 drinks and 8,032 snack items for a total of **10,495 snacks** this year. This is the largest number of snacks that we have ever received. Thank you again for your generosity to the children cared for by the Alabama Baptist Children's Home and Family Ministries.

**Danny and Linda Cotton**  
Children's Home Ambassadors



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## Bulletin Board

### June 13-14

Southern Baptist Convention, Phoenix, Arizona

### June 15

Truckers Chapel Ministry training at the Truckers Chapel in Lincoln at 6:30 PM

### June 18

Father's Day

### June 25

Jail Ministry training at 2 PM at the Coosa River Association office

### July 4

Coosa River office will be closed for Independence Day

### July 20

Executive Committee Meeting at 6 P.M.

### July 21-22

Equip— Alabama WMU Leadership training at Shocco Springs

## Publication Deadline

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