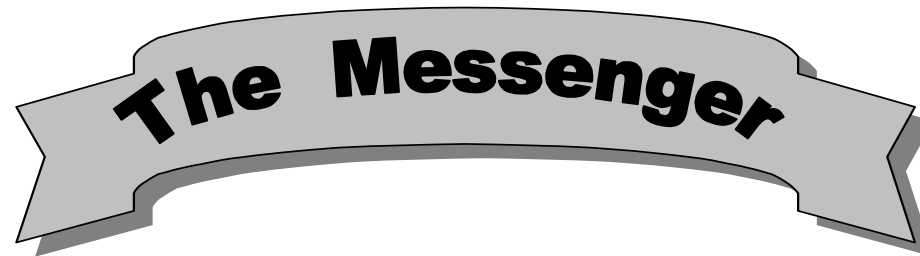


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Associational Prayer Requests

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

Cartersville, Jenifer, Mountain View, Munford, Odena, Providence, Russell Chapel, Shelvin Rock, Southside, Sycamore and Union Springs

Churches with Interim Pastors:
Rocky Mount: Rev. John Vogel

Lee Ann Ward, retired Financial Secretary, as she continues to battle cancer.

Rev. David Turner, pastor of Village Street Baptist Church, is facing surgery in early July.

Vacation Bible Schools (VBS) taking place this summer. Pray that the Lord will touch the tender hearts of children who attend and that many will be saved.

News from our Churches

Providence: Rev. Craig Spurling has resigned as pastor of Providence Baptist Church. Pray for this church as they begin to search for another shepherd.

VBS Reports

VBS Directors please remember to send your reports to the association office when your school is completed. We will put it into the online system where it can be seen by the state office and Lifeway.

We have received reports for 1 church at press time. This church reports an **enrollment of 170** and **10 salvations!** Praise the Lord!



To the following Coosa River pastors, ministers, staff members and spouses:
June 27-Robyn Ousley, Marble City
June 28-Cindy Currie, Dry Valley
June 29-L D Thompson, Brecon FBC
July 1-David Gaither, New Hope
July 2-Anneliese Varnado, Odena
July 4-Tom Haywood, Providence;
Rob Russell, Calvary; Colton Spates, Mt. Sharon
July 5-Harold Catchings, Odena
July 7-Sammuel Culver, Brecon FBC
July 8-Bethany Paris, Hepzibah
July 10-Melany Hanrahan, Five Points

Summer is in full swing and churches across the country are either preparing for Vacation Bible School (VBS) or following up from their recently completed VBS. I have been seeing and hearing great things from churches across our state concerning this years VBS. Many from

within our Association have seen professions of faith and baptisms as a direct result of VBS.

The question I often hear is this "Is it really worth the time, effort, and money expended each

Vacation Bible School

year for one week of Bible study?" My answer is always a resounding **YES!** VBS is worth every minute, every drop of sweat, and every penny...after



all, you can't put a price tag on the value of a soul.

If you have already

finished your school, please complete the report form found in your Administration Book and submit it to the Coosa River Association office as soon as possible. Records are vital for

many reasons, and your help is needed to ensure we have accurate records. Even if you are not having a school this year, fill out a report so we can have that in our records.

Your Association Team is always ready, willing, and able to assist your church in any way we can to ensure you have a successful school. This year we are "In the Wild" and in 2020 we will celebrate "Concrete and Cranes – Building on the Love of Jesus" from Philippians 1:6.

Tommy Strickland,
Coosa River VBS Director

Worship Leader Needed

Odena Baptist Church is currently seeking a part-time music and worship leader for all services. Applicants must have experience in leading a worship service, leading special music and be familiar with traditional hymns as well as contemporary worship music. Ability to lead and work with the choir is a plus but not required. Those interested should send a resume to office@odenabaptist.org or call the church office at 256-249-3850.

Prayerwalk for Public Schools

Many years ago our associational WMU felt led to prayerwalk our public schools before school starts each year. The prayerwalk for this year has been scheduled for Saturday, August 3.

Materials will be mailed to each pastor and WMU Director in the next few weeks. Materials will include school assignments and suggested prayer concerns.

Church Clerk Conference

All church clerks are invited to the 2019 Church Clerk Conference on Thursday, August 8 at the Coosa River Association office. Two identical sessions will be held, one at 12 NOON and the other at 6 PM. We will fellowship, eat, give out church profiles and learn about ADX, the online reporting system.

Call the office at 256-362-7173 and make reservations for the conference. Reservations are needed by July 29, 2019.

School Supplies for Children's Home

Each summer during July the Coosa River WMU collects school supplies for the Children's Home in Oxford. These supplies will be used by the children of the Friendship House and foster children, when school starts in August. The supplies should be brought to the Coosa River office the week of July 8-11 from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Call Linda at 256-362-7173 if you need a copy of the supply list.

Children's Literature Available

Southside Baptist Church in Talladega has some outdated children's Sunday School literature (books, kits, cd's) that they would like to donate to a church or ministry that could use them. Please contact the church office at 256-362-7390 for more information.

Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee will meet for their quarterly meeting on Thursday, July 18 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 hear reports from all ministry teams, discuss financial reports for the 2nd quarter of 2019 and view the proposed 2020 budget.

Please add this important meeting to your calendar.



July 4

Coosa River Association office will be closed for Independence Day

July 8-11

Collection week for school supplies for the Children's Home in Oxford

July 11

Financial Team meeting at 9 AM

July 18

Executive Committee Meeting at the Coosa River office at 6 PM

July 26-27

Equip at Shocco Springs

August 3

Prayerwalk for Public Schools

August 8

Church Clerk Conference at the association office, 12 and 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.
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