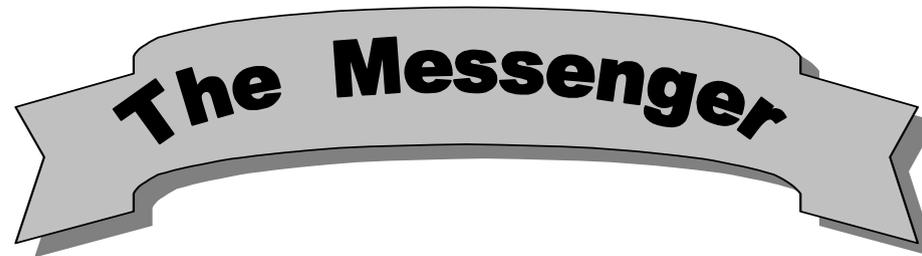


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Associational Prayer Requests

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

Alpine, Brecon FBC, Mignon, Oldfield, Shelvin Rock, Union Springs and Westside

Churches with Interim Pastors:
Cartersville: Rev. Harold Bannister
Five Points: Rev. Joshua Bell
Mountain View: Rev. Roger Singleton
Odena: Rev. Trull Hill
Rocky Mount: Rev. John Vogel
Southside: Rev. Josh Henderson

Mrs. Sheri Parvin, wife of Dr. Skip Parvin pastor of Childersburg First Baptist Church, in the death of her mother, Marianne Taylor, on June 17.

Rev. Tommy Strickland's granddaughter, Tobie Lynn, was born prematurely on January 10, 2020. She recently had a set back in her health journey. Pray for Tobie Lynn, her parents, Joseph and Jessica, and her big brother, Sammy. Brother Tommy is the pastor of Ridgeview Baptist Church.

Our **WMU Leadership Team** is in the process of restructuring. Ask the Lord to lead those involved to follow the Lord's direction for this ministry.

Church Clerk Conference

The Church Clerk Conference will take place on Thursday, August 6 at the association office. Two identical conferences will be held at 12 NOON and 6 PM. Each conference will begin with a meal.

Mickey Crawford from the State Board of Missions will be here to lead the training on how to complete the Annual Church Profile. We will have door prizes and a time of fun.

All church clerks and secretaries are encouraged to attend. Call Linda and let her know you plan to attend by Thursday, July 30 or send a email to lcotton@crba.org.



To the following Coosa River pastors, ministers, staff members and spouses:
July 10-Melany Hanrahan, Five Points
July 12-David Ferguson, Talladega Creek; Skip Parvin, Childersburg FBC
July 13-Duane Smith, County Line
July 17-Jerry Murner, Brecon FBC
July 19-Kim Hazel, Southside; Valencia Jones, Sylacauga FBC

Coosa River Baptist Association Family,

Joanie and I want to thank you for your warm reception and gracious acts of kindness during our brief time serving among you. It is so encouraging to be among an association of churches that has a genuine heart for one another and a desire to reach the lost for Christ.

In the coming weeks, I will be setting up meetings with the various committees and teams of our association. My purpose is



Review and Refocus

“three-fold” . . . First, to get to know each of you better and to understand and evaluate the purpose of each committee or team. Second, to spend time fine-tuning and refocusing our direction and goals for each committee or team. Third, to set a course of action for each committee and team that will lead to on-going effective ministry. And, there may be more. . . .

Coosa River Association has a great legacy of mission and ministry. It is a legacy that can and will be used to continue to

build effective, relevant, impactful, God-glorifying ministry in and through the churches of our association. Be watchful for scheduled meetings and planning sessions in the near future.

As always, I stand ready to serve you and your church. Contact the associational office, or call me personally (cell: 770-686-1578), if I may serve you in any way.

Blessings,
Stan

Director of Missions

School Supplies for Friendship House

Coosa River WMU coordinates the collection of school supplies each summer for the Alabama Baptist Children's Home in Oxford. This year collection week is **July 13-16**. Please bring your items to the association office during office hours, Monday through Thursday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

These supplies will be used by the children at the home and by foster parents being serviced through the Oxford center. The following supplies are needed:

1" & 1 1/2" binders with clear front plastic prong folders with pockets
Dividers
Pencils & mechanical pencils
Ear buds for computer lab
The above are the most needed items. A more complete list is available upon request.

Samford Ministry Training Institute Fall Classes

Samford University's Ministry Training Institute will begin its fall classes on Tuesday, August 25, 2020. Rev. Robert Klotz will teach the Book of Hebrews, beginning at 6 PM on August 25 and continuing for 8 weeks.

Rev. Heath Walton will teach The Gospels beginning on October 27 and continuing for 8 weeks. The cost of each class is \$50 plus \$10 registration fee assessed once each semester.

To register for these classes go to www.samford.edu/go/mti. You can register and pay for each class there.

Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee will meet for their quarterly meeting on Thursday, July 16 at Talladega First Baptist Church at 6:30 PM in the church sanctuary. The committee is composed of all association officers, the pastors of the churches, and an elected representative from each church. The committee conducts the business of the association during the year.

At this meeting the committee will look over the proposed budget for 2021. Please add this important meeting to your calendar.

“Success that Matters”

Biblical direction for today's man. Success that Matters provides a clear, biblical direction for men. It is designed to help men assess their priorities and find a deeper level of meaning and purpose. As men explore true significance they will be challenged to examine their role as spiritual leader of their family, love and honor their wife, and prioritize their time wisely. They'll be encouraged to pursue a deeper relationship with God.

The conference begins on Friday, August 7 at 6 PM and concludes on Saturday, August 8 at 12 PM. The cost is \$30. It will be held at Munford Baptist Church. Register at www.eventbrite.com/e/success-that-matters-tickets. You may call the church at 256-358-4536.

Bulletin Board

July 13-16

Collection week for school supplies for the Friendship House in Oxford

July 16

Executive Committee meeting at Talladega FBC at 6:30 PM

August 6

Church Clerk Conference at the association office

August 7-8

“Success that Matters” men's conference at Munford Baptist Church

August 20

Samford MTI fall classes begin

September 14

WMU Annual Meeting at Stockdale Baptist Church at 6:30 PM

September 20

Jail Ministry Training at the association office at 2 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