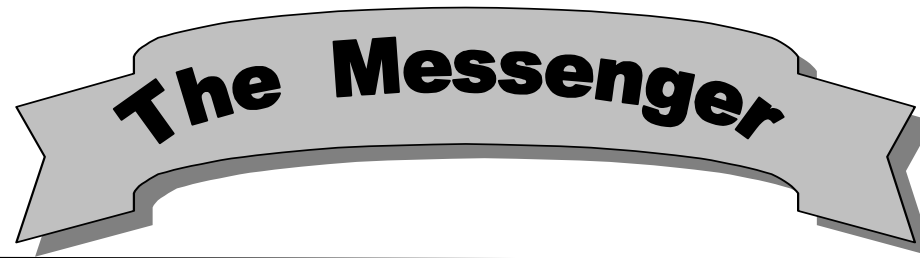


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Associational Prayer Requests

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

Jenifer, Mountain View, Odena, Providence, Shelvin Rock, Southside, and Union Springs

Churches with Interim Pastors:
Rocky Mount: Rev. John Vogel
Russell Chapel: Rev. Dwayne Shurum

The family of **Lee Ann Ward**, retired Financial Secretary, who went to be with the Lord on June 26, 2019.

Rev. David Turner, pastor of Village Street Baptist Church, as he recovers from surgery.

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

Cartersville: Cartersville has called Rev. Garry Wyatt to be their pastor. He began his ministry on July 7.

Munford: Munford Baptist Church has called Rev. John Harris to be their pastor. Welcome back to the Coosa River family!

Russell Chapel: Russell Chapel has called Rev. Dwayne Shurum to be their interim pastor. He began his ministry on June 16, 2019.

Sycamore: Sycamore Baptist Church has called Rev. Jeff Weathers to be their pastor. His ministry began on July 7, 2019.

VBS Update

Churches reporting: 3
Enrollment: 305
Salvations: 10



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

- July 12-**David Ferguson, Talladega Creek; Skip Parvin, Childersburg FBC
- July 13-**Duane Smith, County Line
- July 15-**Lisa Fornwalt, Russell Chapel
- July 17-**Jerry Murner, Brecon FBC
- July 19-**Kim Hazel, Southside; Valencia Jones, Sylacauga FBC
- July 23-**Sue Dobbs, Pleasant Grove; Alice Thomas, Mountain View
- July 24-**Ginny Johns, Central

“When the Roll is Called Up Yonder”

Most recently I visited a dear friend because I knew their time was short here on this earth. I have mixed feelings about this journey we are all on. God gave each one of us a desire to live and grow. But we all face a time when we will have to deal with death and bad health. In Hebrews 9:27 the Bible says, “And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgement.” In Psalms 116:15 we read, “Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful servants.”

Going to Heaven is a grand homecoming that we will certainly enjoy when we get

there. I know we should dwell on the heavenly experience that death gives us, but we always want a little more time here on this earth. My theory is that if we knew truly how beautiful and



glorious Heaven is, we would never be happy here on this world.

Philippians 1:22-23 states “for to me to live is Christ, and to die is

gain. But if I live in the flesh, this is the fruit of my labour: yet what I shall choose I wot not. For I am in a strait betwixt two,

having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better.” Until that time one of the joys we have as children of God is having church. Meeting with believers, worshipping God and encouraging one another. I want to be faithful to our Lord and pray that I finish well. See you in the Lord’s house!

Blessings,
Brother Randy

Homecoming

Village Street Baptist Church will have Homecoming on August 11, 2019 starting at 10:30 AM., break at noon, resume at 1 PM until 2:30 PM. The special guest gospel group will be Crystal River from Oxford, AL.

The church is located at 20 Central Avenue in Sylacauga, next to Avondale Trucking. Pastor David Turner invites all members, family members, friends and former members to come for this event.

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.

Worship Concert

Marble City Baptist Church will host The Kempter’s in a worship concert on Sunday, July 21 at 5:30 PM. This group is much loved by many in the Coosa River Association.

Food and fellowship will follow the concert. The concert is free but a love offering will be received. Come an worship with us on July 21!

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.

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 were mailed to each pastor and WMU Director last week. Materials included school assignments, prayer guidelines and a promotional poster.

Operation Christmas Child

This gathering is for shoebox donors, participating churches, and people who would like to learn more about how God is building His Kingdom through OCC. Get the latest updates, fresh ideas, and all of your questions answered!

The gathering will take place at Hepzibah Baptist Church on Sunday August 18 for 2 until 4 PM. For more info call Crystal at 256-268-2200.

Bulletin Board

July 11

Financial Team meeting at 9 AM

July 18

Executive Committee Meeting at the Coosa River office at 6 PM

July 21

The Kempter's in concert at Marble City

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

August 11

Homecoming at Village Street

August 18

Operation Christmas Child meeting at Hepzibah Baptist Church, 2-4 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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