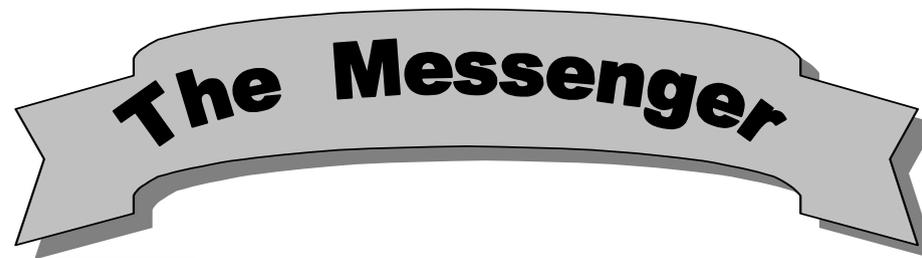


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## Associational Prayer Requests

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

### Rev. Tommy Strickland's

granddaughter, Tobie Lynn, was born prematurely on January 10, 2020. 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 His direction for this ministry.

**Rev. Justin Milliken** and his family in the recent death of his wife's father, James David Williams, in Statesboro, Georgia on July 13, 2020. Brother Justin is the pastor of Hepzibah Baptist Church.

**Our state and nation** during this time of upheaval and distress. May the Lord give us strength and boldness to lead others to a saving faith in Christ.

### NOTE

We regret that we cannot add every one's birthday to the list. The following are for church staff and their spouses.



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

**July 23-**Sue Dobbs, Pleasant Grove;  
Alice Thomas, Mountain View

**July 24-**Ginny Johns, Central

**July 25-**Sallie Morrison, Sylacauga FBC

**July 26-**Rob Hanrahan, Five Points

**July 27-**Virginia Pettus, Pleasant Grove; Jason Smith, Munford

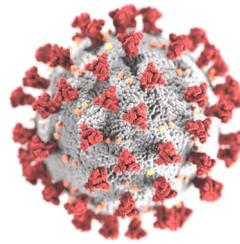
**July 29-**Jason Grissom, Eureka

**July 30-**Gerald Boddie, Jr, Shelvin Rock

**Aug 4-**Kevin Jones, Stockdale

**Aug 5-**Faye Whetstone, Eastaboga; Ken Roberts, Refuge; Nita Strickland, Winterboro

It is truly a joy getting to know the wonderful churches and people of Coosa River Baptist Association! Each week I look forward to meeting new people and worshipping with our churches. I am encouraged to hear the stories of the enduring ministry taking place during this very difficult time of COVID-19. So many of our churches have continued to find ways to make a difference among their members and in their communities for Christ's sake.



Although our lives are disrupted with so many challenges, let us not forget that it is in the difficult

## Making a Difference

times that the church of Jesus Christ can make major impacts in our communities at large, and in the lives of individuals as well. Whether we are preparing meals for those who are unemployed, building ramps for the disadvantaged, providing virtual opportunities for worship, Bible study and children's ministries, gathering school supplies for our children's home, making encouraging phone calls to those who are shut-in due to the virus, or the myriad of other ministries avenues that have been discovered . . . these are days the Lord has given us to make a

difference in our communities and in the lives of those in need.

Please take time and call us at the Coosa River Association office at (256) 362-7173 to let us know what ways your church has ministered to others during the COVID-19 virus pandemic. We want to hear (and share) how the Lord is using our churches to make a difference for the good of others and the glory of His Kingdom!

God Bless!  
Stan Albright

## 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 that you plan to attend by Thursday, July 30 or send an email to [lcotton@crba.org](mailto:lcotton@crba.org).

## 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](http://www.samford.edu/go/mti). You can register and pay for each class there.

## Myers -Mallory State Missions Offering

The Myers-Mallory State Missions Offering will be received in September. To order materials visit [www.alabmawmu.org](http://www.alabmawmu.org).

## 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 1.



Materials have been mailed to each pastor and WMU Director. Materials included school assignments, prayer guidelines and a promotional poster.

Please call the office and let Linda know how many people from your church participated in the prayer walk. You may also send an email to [lcotton@crba.org](mailto:lcotton@crba.org).

## "Success that Matters"

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](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/success-that-matters-tickets). You may call the church at 256-358-4536 for more information.

## Bulletin Board

### August 1

Prayerwalk for Public Schools

### 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 13-20

Week of Prayer for the Myers-Mallory State Missions Offering

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