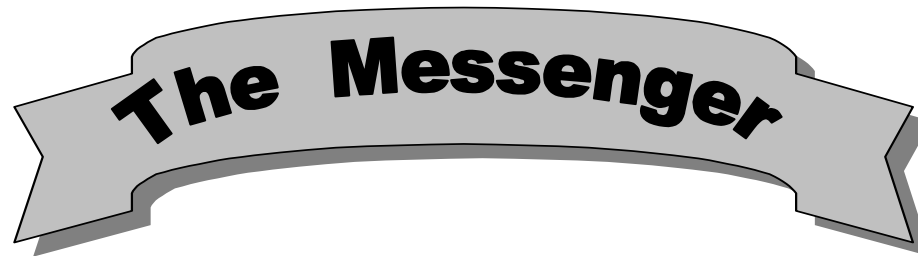


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Associational Prayer Requests

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

Central, Family Fellowship, Lincoln, Jenifer, New Hope, Patton Chapel, Rocky Mount, Southside, Talladega Springs, Tallasahatchie FBC and Winterboro

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

Rev. Chuck Kornegay, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, as he recovers from a recent setback.

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

Let's Check Our Faithfulness this Summer

Summer is moving fast. There are less than 40 days till college football starts and school is back in session. We are busy in our churches with VBS ongoing and vacations that we look forward to. Everybody needs a break. Your ministers need a break as well. Its good or us to take a few days of R&R and maybe get to visit another church and see how they minister to people. So please provide and encourage your minister to go on a vacation. But along with the subject of vacation, I hope we don't take a vacation from God. Our faithfulness is always important to our spiritual growth as well as what we contribute to our churches. While I am stepping out here, please

don't take a vacation on God's money. The tithe is our gift to give every Lord's Day even when we are gone.

I pray for our churches and their ministers to be protected from the world and to be provided for by the church. The Coosa River Baptist Association is a great association to be a partner with. I want to encourage each of you to stay faithful and to be a witness to our cities where we minister. People are looking for an answer and we need to show them Jesus. He is coming back and I pray that you will be ready.

God's Blessing
Brother Randy

Coosa River WMU Events

Prayerwalk for Public Schools

Each year on the first Saturday of August we encourage our churches to prayerwalk around their local schools. The date this year is August 5. Just get your people together and pray for our students, teachers, and administrators as they begin another year of learning.

Please let the office know how many people participated from your church after you conclude your walk.

ENHANCE

ENHANCE is the Associational WMU Leadership Training conference. It will be held on Tuesday, August 15 at ChristPoint Community Church in Sylacauga at 6:30 P.M. Gather your church leaders and bring them to this informative time of training and inspiration.

News from our Churches

Central: Rev. Marc Curlee has resigned as pastor of Central Baptist Church. Please pray for this church as they begin to seek another pastor.

Family Fellowship: Rev. Roger Young has resigned as pastor.

Marble City: Marble City Baptist Church has called Rev. Mac McCaleb to be their pastor. He began his ministry on July 2. We welcome Brother Mac, his wife, Kim, and their family to the Coosa River Association family.

Patton Chapel: Rev. John Alldredge has resigned as pastor of Patton Chapel. Pray for this church as they seek the Lord's shepherd for their congregation.



- To the following Coosa River pastors, ministers, staff members and spouses:
- July 27-Virginia Pettus, Pleasant Grove; Lori Owen, Sycamore; Jason Smith, Munford
 - July 29-Jason Grissom, Eureka
 - Aug 2-Michelle McGaha, Childersburg FBC
 - Aug 4-Kevin Jones, Stockdale; Sam Walker, Village Street
 - Aug 5-Faye Whetstone, Eastaboga; Ken Roberts, Refuge; Nita Strickland, Winterboro
 - Aug 6-Donna Garrett, Mignon; Wanda Adams, Mt. Olive; Dot Lewis, Plainview
 - Aug 7-Joshua Piper, Odena
 - Aug 8-Brandy Grissom, Eureka; Melissa Lewis, Sycamore
 - Aug 9-Kim McCaleb, Marble City

Clerk Conference

Mark your calendar for the 2017 Clerk Conference on August 10 at the Coosa River office. Two conferences will be held that day, 12 NOON and 6 PM, to accommodate your busy schedules.

Each conference will begin with a meal. We will have door prizes and the Annual Church Profiles will be distributed.

Mickey Crawford will be here from the State Board of Missions to guide us through ADX, the online reporting system. Call Linda at 256-362-7173 to reserve your place for the conference. You may also send an email to lcotton@crba.org.

Vacation Bible School

We have begun receiving VBS Reports from the churches. At press time, we had received reports from 7 churches reporting a total enrollment of 636! They have reported 23 salvations this summer! Praise the Lord! Thank you to those who worked and served in their churches. Your efforts were very fruitful this summer.

Bivocational Minister Fellowship

Mark your calendar for the next Bivocational Minister fellowship. One is currently being planned for Friday, August 18 at the Coosa River offices at 6:30 P.M. Preliminary plans are for a time of old fashioned singing and fellowship. Watch your mail for a letter with the details about this pot luck dinner.

Revival

Stemley Baptist Church will have Revival Services on August 6-9 at 7 P.M. nightly. Dr. John Lee Taylor from Birmingham will be the guest evangelist. There will be a special emphasis and music each night. You are invited to attend each evening. Rev. Carl Armstrong is the pastor at Stemley.

Homecoming and Revival

Sylavon Baptist Church will have their Homecoming on Sunday, August 6. Rev. Billy Williams, pastor of Sylavon, will lead the worship. The service will begin at 10 AM, lunch will take place at 12 PM and singing will continue after lunch. The Robinson Family and the Fellowship Singers are the featured singers.

Sylavon will continue the week with Revival Services each night through Wednesday 6 PM. Rev. Russell Gooden will be the guest evangelist. All friends, former members and family are invited to attend. Rev. Billy Williams is pastor.

Professional Ministry Assistant Training

This training, originally scheduled for late May, has been rescheduled for August 23-25. Jane Barrett, Church Administrator for Mt. Hebron West Baptist Church in Elmore, will be our instructor. Letters were sent out in late May. Call Linda at the association office, 256-362-7173, to make your reservations for this important training.

Bulletin Board

August 6

Homecoming at Sylavon Baptist Church

August 6-9

Revival at Stemley Baptist Church at 7 PM nightly.

August 7-9

Revival at Sylavon Baptist Church at 6 PM nightly.

August 10

Church Clerk Conference, 12 PM and 6 PM, at the Coosa River office

August 18

Bivocational Minister Fellowship at 6:30 P.M.

August 23-25

Professional Ministry Assistant Certification, call Linda for details

September 4

Coosa River offices will be closed for Labor Day.

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