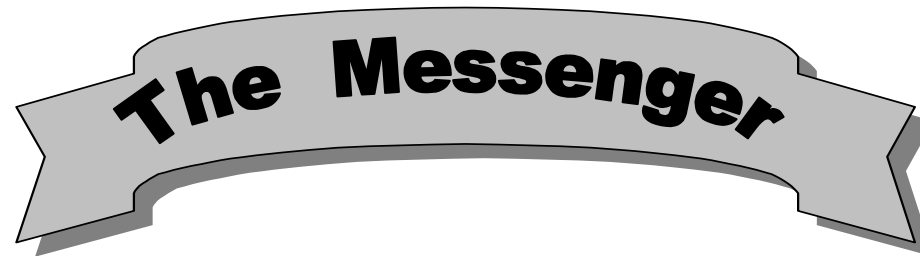


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Associational Prayer Requests

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

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

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

Rev. Johnny Mac Brown, evangelist, went to be with the Lord on July 24, 2019.

News from our Churches

Lincoln: Lincoln Baptist Church called Rev. Terry Davis to be their Minister of Music on July 28, 2019. We welcome Brother Terry and his wife, Jaime to the Coosa River Association family!

Munford: Munford has called Rev. John Harris to be their pastor. He began his ministry on July 21. We welcome Brother John and his family back into the Coosa River family!

ENHANCE

Coosa River Association WMU will host training classes for all ages on Tuesday, August 13 at ChristPoint Community Church at 6:30 PM. All preschool, children and youth leaders are encouraged to attend. Also learn about changes to the Christmas Backpack project.

VBS Update

Churches reporting:	13
Enrollment:	1179
Salvations:	26



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

- Aug 8-Brandy Grissom, Eureka; Melissa Lewis, Sycamore
- Aug 9-Kim McCaleb, Marble City
- Aug 10-Donna Trammell, Sylacauga FBC; Sheryl Gaither, New Hope
- Aug 12-Cal McIntire, Mt. Olive
- Aug 14-Dianne Burke, Patton Chapel
- Aug 15-Ronnie Collier, Browns Chapel; Cotton Freeman, Dry Valley
- Aug 16-Billy Freeman, Brecon FBC
- Aug 18-Harold Bannister, Bon Air
- Aug 19-Rodney Trammell, Sylacauga FBC
- Aug 20-Lynn Phillips, Eastaboga

Samford's Ministry Training Institute

Location: Coosa River Baptist Association office
First session of the fall semester: August 20 to October 8.
Professor: Dr. Bill Pruitt
Class: Exploring the Psalms
Textbook: Interpreting the Psalms by Mark D. Futato

Second session of fall semester: October 22 to December 10.
Professor: Rev. Robert Klotz
Class: John's Epistles
Textbook: The Epistles of John by John Phillips

Registration is open now for both classes. All classes begin at 6 PM and dismiss at 9 PM.
Cost: \$50 per class plus the cost of the textbook.

I want to encourage anyone who wants to sharpen their Bible knowledge to sign up for the classes taught right here in the Coosa River Association. These classes are taught by two of our pastors, Dr. Bill Pruitt, pastor of Dry Valley Baptist Church, and Rev. Robert Klotz, pastor of Talladega First Baptist Church.

In a short time, you will accumulate enough credit hours for a Biblical Studies Diploma. Help spread the word about these

classes. If you are a Sunday School teacher, deacon or a faithful serving member of the church, then these classes are for you. Register for these classes at: www.samford.edu/go/mti. If you don't register online a \$10 registration fee per semester will be charged. Call our office at 256-362-7173 if you have any questions.

In His Service,
Brother Randy



Samford University
Ministry Training Institute

Happy 100th Birthday

Ed Harrison, deacon at Dry Valley Baptist Church, celebrated his 100th birthday at a celebration hosted by his children on Saturday, July 20, 2019.

Brother Ed served the association for 15 years as the Associational Treasurer in the 1980's and 90's. We thank the Lord for his faithfulness to his family, his church and his Lord.

School Supplies

Thank you to the 15 churches who brought school supplies for the Children's Home in Oxford. The outpouring of love for these children was demonstrated by the volume of items we received. We collected 124 reams of notebook paper, 24 backpacks, 15 lunch boxes, 18 water bottles, 17 freezer packs, 130 boxes of crayons, 100 spiral notebooks, 68 composition notebooks and 114 packages of pencils. This is just a sample of what was received.

Thank you to Anne Churchwell and Pat McCutchen from Mt. Sharon Baptist Church who delivered the items to Oxford.

Blue Eye Homecoming

Blue Eye Baptist Church will celebrate 100 years at their homecoming on Sunday, August 18, 2019. They will celebrate with an All Day Singing. The service begins at 11 AM, covered dish lunch will be served at 12 PM, and singing resumes at 1 PM. Guest singers will be the trio "Uplifted" from Hayden, AL. Call 256-525-8454 for more information.

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.

Prayer Walk

Did your church participate in the Prayer Walk for Public Schools on August 3? If so, please call the association office at 256-362-7173 and let us know how many participated. Look for a report in the next edition of *The Messenger*.

Afternoon of Praise

This yearly worship service is performed by a 60-voice choir from several local churches and a 12-piece orchestra. Concerts will be held on August 18 at 2:30 PM and 4:30 PM at the Ritz Theatre in Talladega. Tickets are \$20 each and 100% of the proceeds will support the Red Door Kitchen, Samaritan House and Fresh Start Ministries. In prior years, more than \$76,000 has been raised for these local charities.

For tickets, please call Talladega First United Methodist Church at 256-362-2891.

Bulletin Board

August 8

Church Clerk Conference at the association office, 12 and 6 PM

August 11

Homecoming at Village Street

August 13

ENHANCE, Coosa River WMU training for church leaders, at ChristPoint Community Church at 6:30 PM

August 18

Homecoming at Blue Eye

August 18

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

August 18

Afternoon of Praise at the Ritz Theatre in Talladega, 2:30 and 4:30 PM

August 20

Samford's Ministry Training Institute fall semester begins at 6 PM. The second class begins on October 22.

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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