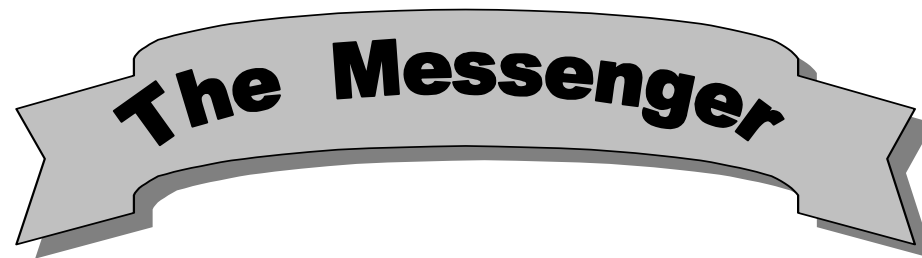


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Associational Prayer Requests

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

Brecon FBC, Chandler Springs, Family Fellowship, Jenifer, Lincoln, and Refuge

Churches with Interim Pastors:
Central-Rev. Trull Hill
Rocky Mount-Rev. John Vogel
Winterboro-Rev. Milton Smith

Rev. Jeff Thomas, pastor of Bon Air Baptist Church, as he recovers from recent surgery.

The family of **Rev. Leon Westerhouse**, who passed away on July 27, 2018. He served as a music evangelist in Alabama. He was the father of Wendy Westerhouse, who works at Shocco Springs.

The **Administrative Team** as they begin the process of planning for the 185th Annual Meeting. **Dr. Danny Lanier** as he seeks the Lord's guidance to prepare the message that he will bring to the messengers on October 21.

News from our Churches

Family Fellowship: It is with a sad heart that we announce that Family Fellowship Baptist Church is very close to closing its doors. We pray that those who worshipped here will find another church where they can worship and work.

Tallahatchie FBC: Tallahatchie FBC celebrated their Homecoming on Sunday, July 22. Dr. Randy Hagan was the speaker for this event. Rev. Jim Griffin is the pastor.



To the following Coosa River pastors, ministers, staff members and spouses:
Aug 9-Kim McCaleb, Marble City
Aug 10-Donnal Trammel, Sylacauga FBC; Sheryl Gaither, New Hope
Aug 12-Cal McIntire, Mt. Olive
Aug 14-Sonja Simmons, Tallahatchie FBC
Aug 15-Cotton Freeman, Dry Valley
Aug 16-Billy Freeman, Brecon FBC
Aug 18-Tim Crist, Russell Chapel
Aug 19-Rodney Trammell, Sylacauga FBC
Aug 20-Lynn Phillips, Eastaboga
Aug 22-Randy Arnold, Sylacauga FBC

Ministry Training Institute at Coosa River Association

The fall semester of Samford's Ministry Training Institute begins on Tuesday, August 21. The class "Life and Ministry of Jesus" will be taught by Rev. Robert Klotz, pastor of Talladega First Baptist Church. This class starts each Tuesday night at 6 PM and will continue for 8 weeks.

The second session of the fall semester will start on Tuesday, October 23 and will meet each Tuesday for 8 weeks. "Biblical Interpretation" will be taught by Dr. Bill Pruitt, pastor of Dry Valley Baptist Church. This semester will end on December 11, 2018.

Both of these men are very good instructors of the Word. They teach with passion and

compassion. If you are in the ministry and you need further instruction, this is a great opportunity that we are able to offer here at the Coosa River Baptist Association.

The Ministry Training Institute Biblical Studies Diploma program utilizes local leadership to offer classes implementing Samford's guidelines, syllabi and textbooks. Classes will be taught by professors who possess an advanced degree from an accredited seminary and have been approved by Samford University. For \$50 per class, you can finish this diploma in two years. Levell College will accept the credits towards a Bachelors' degree!

As a lay person, you might want to come and sharpen your knowledge communicating the Lord's Word. There is no better opportunity than the MTI program. Also, it's the best bargain going in education.

We offer a friendly and comfortable environment here at the Coosa River Baptist Association. Our professors will help you in your effort to accomplish this challenge in your life, so go ahead and sign up at www.samford.edu/go/mti. Or call us here at the Coosa River Association office for help at 256-362-7173.

God Bless,
Brother Randy

Homecoming

Village Street Baptist Church will have Homecoming on August 12, 2018 starting at ten thirty a.m. Special guest singers will be the Clearvision Quartet. Singing will be followed with lunch in the fellowship hall.

We are located on 20 Central Ave. in Sylacauga, next to Avondale Trucking. Pastor Sam Walker invites all family, friends and former members to come.

Church Clerk Conference

The Church Clerk Conference will take place **today** at the Coosa River Association office. Two conferences are offered, 12 NOON and 6 PM.

Church clerks who were unable to attend the conference should pick their Annual Church Profile (ACP) up at the association office during the month of August. Completed profiles are due to be returned by September 27, 2018.

NAMB Evangelism Workshop

The North American Mission Board will host an evangelism workshop at Trussville FBC on September 17-18. All pastors and pastoral staff are invited to the ENGAGE 24 EVANGELISM WORKSHOP. Speakers include: James Merritt, Johnny Hunt, Ted Traylor and others.

Cost for the workshop is \$29 but if you can't afford that, they will cover the registration cost by using the code **E24COMP**. Register now at <http://www.cvent.com/d/kgqqt8>. Three meals are included in the cost.

Dedication

Bon Air Baptist Church invites you the Dedication of their updated sanctuary. The event will take place on Sunday, August 12, 2018 at 3 P.M. Refreshments will be served following the program. Rev. Jeff Thomas is the pastor of Bon Air Baptist Church.

ENHANCE

Do your leadership skills need a little polishing? ENHANCE is designed to do just that for all WMU leaders in Coosa River churches.

The event will take place on Tuesday, August 14 at Mt. Olive Baptist Church beginning at 6:30 P.M. Classes will be held for all age-level leaders. The Coosa River WMU Leadership team will lead these classes. **Pat Ingram** from Alabama WMU will lead the class for all adult leaders.

Make your plans to join us for this exciting time of leadership training.

Jail Ministry Training

Has the Lord called you to work with the prisoners at the Talladega County Jail? The sheriff requires all volunteers to take a training class before working with prisoners.

The training class is offered at the Coosa River Association office. The next training class will be held on September 9 at 2 PM. Charles Rogers, our Jail Ministry Coordinator, will lead the class. Please call Linda at the association office, 256-362-7173, and let her know if you plan to participate.

Bulletin Board

August 9

Church Clerk Conference

August 12

Homecoming at Village Street Baptist Church

Sanctuary Dedication at Bon Air

August 14

ENHANCE, WMU Church leadership training at Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 6:30 P.M.

August 21

Samford Ministry Training Institute classes begin at 6 P.M.

September 9

Jail Ministry Training class at the Coosa River office at 2 P.M.

October 21

185th Coosa River Association Annual Meeting will take place at Talladega First Baptist Church beginning at 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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