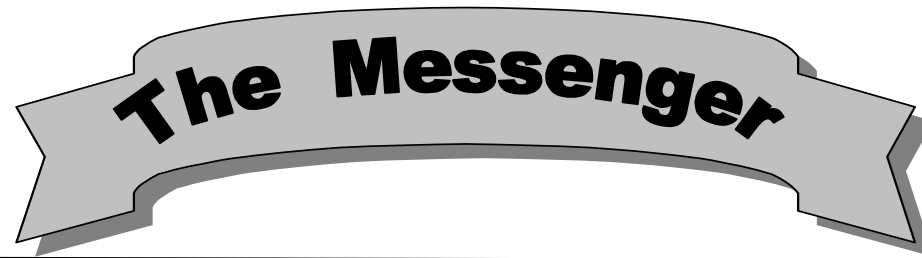


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August 10, 2017



Associational Prayer Requests

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

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

Churches with Interim Pastors:
Jennifer-Rev. Garry Wyatt

Rev. Jeff Adams, former pastor of Cartersville, fell and dislocated both knees which required surgery. Pray for him as he recovers at home.

Teachers and students across the association as they return to school for a new year. Pray for their safety and that God would be glorified as they live for Him in a worldly environment.

News from our Churches

New Hope: New Hope Baptist Church has called Rev. David Gaither to be their pastor. We welcome Brother David and his wife, Sheryl, to the Coosa River Association family!

Missing Items

The following items are missing from the Block Party Trailer:
A 3-ball hitch and several heavy-duty extension cords. Please check and see if these items were forgotten when you last used the trailer. Thanks.



To the following Coosa River pastors, ministers, staff members and spouses:
Aug 10-Donna Trammell, Sylacauga FBC
Aug 12-Cal McIntire, Mt. Olive
Aug 13-Keith Wrenn, Hepzibah
Aug 14-Sonia Simmons, Tallasahatchie FBC
Aug 15-Cotton Freeman, Dry Valley
Aug 17-Anthony Ricks, Russell Chapel
Aug 18-Tim Crist, Russell Chapel
Aug 19-Rodney Trammell, Sylacauga FBC
Aug 20-Lynn Phillips, Eastaboga; Dawn Robertson, Dry Valley
Aug 22-Randy Arnold, Sylacauga FBC;
Aug 23-Leonard Johnson, Refuge; Jared Bussie, Munford.

Samford's Ministry Training Institute

Dear Christian Brothers and Sisters,

We have a wonderful opportunity for you to improve your knowledge of God's word and how it came to us today. Ministry Training Institute (MTI) is offered here at the Coosa River Baptist Association two semesters a year. Each semester offers two 8-week courses.

Starting August 22, 2017, the first course will be "The Origins of the Bible" taught by Dr. Bill Pruitt. Then starting October 24, 2017, Rev. Rick

Cato will teach "The Writings of Moses". Both these courses will be interesting and helpful in our everyday knowledge of the Bible and how to share it with others. You do not have to be a pastor or have a position in a church to take these classes. Any lay person can take these classes at their choosing. The cost is \$60 plus whatever the book costs. If you stay with their courses for two years you can earn a diploma.

The spirit is good in the classes as you will develop

lifelong friends and study in a positive atmosphere. I think we have two of the best teachers in the whole MTI program. They will help you be successful and if you come and try to do what is asked of you, your grade will not be a problem. Help us get the word out in your churches. We need a room full to hear these men fill our cups and help us to face the world with Jesus.

God Bless,
Brother Randy

Homecoming

Village Street Baptist Church will have Homecoming on Sunday, August 13, 2017 beginning at 10:30 A.M. Guest singers will be the Clear Vision Gospel Group. Everyone is invited to enjoy lunch beginning at 12 NOON. Pastor Sam Walker invites all to come join us. Village Street Baptist Church is located on Central Avenue next to Avondale Trucking in Sylacauga.

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. Call Linda at the Coosa River office, 256-362-7173, to make your reservations for this important training

Annual Church Profiles

Annual Church Profiles (ACP) will be distributed at the Clerk Conference today. Any clerks unable to attend the conference should come and pick up their ACP by the end of August. They are due to be returned by September 26.

Ministry Training Institute

Fall semester classes begin on Tuesday, August 22. Dr. Bill Pruitt will teach "The Origins of the Bible." Rev. Rick Cato will teach "The Writings of Moses" beginning on October 24. Classes start at 6 PM each night. Register at www.samford.edu/go/mti.

ENHANCE

Coosa River WMU Leadership Training will take place on Tuesday, August 15 at ChristPoint Community Church at 6:30 PM. Training is offered for all WMU age level leaders from preschoolers to adults. Come be inspired for the new church year.

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. Plans are for a time of old fashioned singing and fellowship. Letters have been mailed with reservation cards included. Please return your cards to the association office so we know how many to plan for.

Vacation Bible School

We are receiving VBS Reports from the churches. At press time, we had received reports from **8 churches** reporting a total enrollment of **677!** 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

We also need to know if your church did not have a VBS.

Lincoln Election

The city of Lincoln will hold a special election on Tuesday, August 22 on whether to approve the sale of alcohol on Sundays. Please, make your voices heard at the polls.

Bulletin Board

August 10

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

August 15

ENHANCE, Coosa River WMU Leadership Training, ChristPoint, 6:30 PM

August 18

Bivocational Minister Fellowship at 6:30 P.M.

August 22

Samford's Ministry Training Institute fall semester begins at 6 PM

August 23-25

Professional Ministry Assistant Certification, call Linda for details

September 4

Coosa River offices will be closed for Labor Day.

September 10-17

Week of Prayer for the Myers-Mallory State Missions Offering

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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