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The Messenger

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Associational Prayer Requests

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

Five Points, 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. John Whetstone, Minister of Senior Adults at Eastaboga, as he undergoes cancer treatment.

News from our Churches

Five Points: Five Points is currently without a pastor. Pray for them as they begin to search for the Lord's man to lead them.

VBS Update

Churches reporting: 17
Enrollment: 1469
Salvations: 47

Praise the Lord for the souls that were saved as a part of Vacation Bible School.

Please help us get these reports of VBS that happened in the Coosa River Association. We also need to know which churches **did not** have a VBS. Thanks for your assistance.



To the following Coosa River pastors, ministers, staff members and spouses:
Aug 22-Randy Arnold, Sylacauga FBC
Aug 23-Freddie Hughes, Union Springs; Leonard Johnson, Refuge
Aug 24-Joel Jones, Sylacauga FBC
Aug 25-Kaylon Bates, Shelvin Rock; Randy Howell, Lincoln
Aug 26-Connie Humphrey, Talladega Creek
Aug 27-Travis Mizzell, Browns Chapel
Aug 28-Freda Hammonds, Refuge
Aug 31-Betty Ricks, Shelvin Rock
Sept 1-Katheryn Butler, Mt. Sharon
Sept 2-Jonja Collier, Browns Chapel; Carol Green, Shelvin Rock
Sept 5-Barry Saffold, Shelvin Rock
Sept 6-Blake Matson, New Hope
Sept 7-Charlene Buttram, Oak Grove FBC; Beverly Brock, Dry Valley
Sept 9-Wanda Lawrence, Village Street
Sept 10-Max Buttram, Oak Grove FBC
Sept 11-Amber Jones, Stockdale

“He Leadeth Me” is a Christian hymn written by Joseph H. Gilmore in 1880 with music composed by William Bradbury. Gilmore was a pastor in New Hampshire and wanted to create a hymn for his congregation. He was inspired by the scripture of Psalm 23 and created his renowned, popular hymn.

Verse 1

He leadeth me! O blessed tho't
O words with heavnly comfort
fraught!
Whate'er I do, wher'er I be,
Still 'tis God's Hand that leadeth me!

Verse 2

Sometimes mid scenes of deepest
gloom,

Who is leading you?

Sometimes where Eden's bowers
bloom,
By waters still, o'er troubled sea,
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me!

Verse 3

Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in
mine,
Nor ever murmur nor repine,
Content, whatever lot I see,
Since 'tis Thy hand that leadeth me!

Verse 4

And when my task on earth is done,
When, by Thy grace, the vict'rys
won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not
flee,
Since God thro' Jordan leadeth me!

(My question: Can we say yes to following Jesus?)

Refrain

He leadeth me, He leadeth me,
By His own hand He leadeth me
His faithful foll'wer I would be,
For by His hand He leadeth me.

Blessings,
Brother Randy

*Reprinted from The Baptist Hymnal,
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Immanuel Homecoming

Immanuel Baptist Church will have homecoming on Sunday, September 8 beginning at 10:30 AM. Guest singers will be the Shadrix Trio. Lunch will be served at noon. All friends and former members are invited to attend. Rev. Stephen Collins is the pastor.

Prayerwalk Report

Coosa River Association in conjunction with the Coosa River WMU organized the annual Prayerwalk on Saturday, August 3, 2019. Our churches were asked to pray for the teachers, students and administrators as the new school year began.

Some churches took their Wednesday night prayer meeting to the school, some went on Sunday afternoon, and most went on Saturday. We received word at the association office that **325** people from **23** Coosa River churches and **2** other churches prayed for our schools this year. This is an increase over last years total of 178 people who participated. Praise the Lord!

Office closed

Coosa River Association office will be closed for the Labor Day holiday on Monday, September 2, 2019. We will open on Tuesday morning at 8:30 AM.

The Pastor Conference will not meet on Monday, September 2. The next meeting will be on September 9, 2019 at 10:30 AM.

Annual Church Profiles

Attention all church clerks! If you were not able to attend the Clerk Conference on August 8, you need to come by the office and pick up your profiles. Please pick them up before 4 PM on August 29.

They should be completed after the first Sunday of September and returned to the office by September 26. Thank you for your assistance in getting the information back to the office.

Women on Mission Meeting

Coosa River WMU will hold its quarterly meeting on Monday, September 9, 2019 at 6:30 PM at Lincoln Baptist Church. Our speaker for the evening will be Rosalie Hunt, retired missionary and author.

Rosalie will discuss her new book, *Out of Exile: Fannie Heck & the Rest of the Story*. She is a gifted storyteller who knows how to bring historical figures to life!

Make your plans to come on September 9, 2019 and receive a blessing.

Ministry Training Institute

The fall semester for Samford University's Ministry Training Institute has just begun. The first session began on August 20 with Dr. Bill Pruitt teaching *Exploring the Psalms*. The second session will begin on October 22 and Rev. Robert Klotz will teach *John's Epistles*.

There is still time to enroll in either class. Visit www.samford.edu/go/mti to register.

Bulletin Board

August 29

Last day to pick up the ACP from the Coosa River office

September 2

Labor Day, Coosa River offices will be closed

September 8

Homecoming at Immanuel Baptist Church

September 8-15

Week of Prayer for Myers-Mallory State Mission Offering

September 9

Associational Women on Mission meeting at Lincoln, 6:30 PM

September 26

Due date for Annual Church Profiles

October 20

Coosa River Annual Meeting at Childersburg FBC 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. Phone: (256) 362-7173 Fax: (256) 268-8803 E-mail: lcotton@crba.org