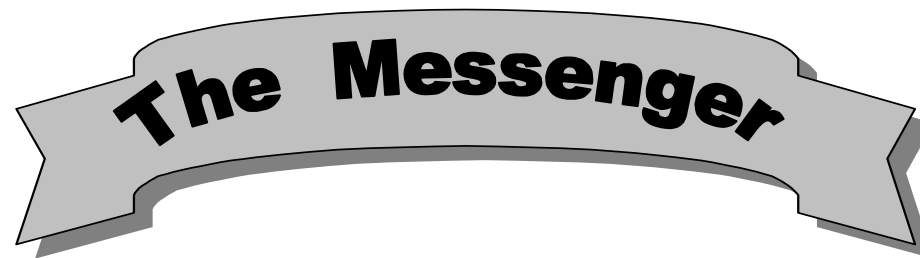


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## Associational Prayer Requests

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

**Alpine, Brecon FBC, Mignon, Mt. Ida, Oldfield, Shelvin Rock, Talladega Creek, Union Springs and Westside**

**Churches with Interim Pastors:**  
**Cartersville:** Rev. Harold Bannister  
**Five Points:** Rev. Joshua Bell  
**Mountain View:** Rev. Roger Singleton  
**Rocky Mount:** Rev. John Vogel  
**Southside:** Rev. Josh Henderson

**Local schools, teachers and students** as they return to school for the new school year. Pray for the Lord's protection from COVID-19 for the students, teachers, and administrators.

**Stemley Baptist Church** has been hit hard by COVID-19. Several members have had the virus. Pray that the Lord will send His healing to the community and the church.

## News from our Churches

**Mt. Ida:** Rev. Dale Dison resigned as pastor of Mt. Ida Baptist Church for health reasons. Pray for this church as they begin to search for another pastor.

### New Coosa River Logo!



To the following Coosa River pastors, ministers, staff members and spouses:  
**Sept 10-**Max Buttram, Oak Grove FBC  
**Sept 11-**Amber Jones, Stockdale  
**Sept 13-**Tammy Hickman, Calvary; Karen Patrick, Sylacauga FBC  
**Sept 14-**Cathy Harrison, Providence  
**Sept 17-**Mike Snyder, Eastaboga; Terry Cardwell, Mountain View; Travis Ousley, Marble City; Judy Morrow, Dry Valley  
**Sept 21-**Amy Wyatt, Dry Valley  
**Sept 23-**Wayne Sparks, Stemley

This year has been a difficult time for all of us. COVID-19 has disrupted our lives and our normal rhythms in so many ways. A significant disruption has been the scheduling of events, and our association is not an exception. Our associational leadership has made the decision to **postpone our Annual Associational Meeting** scheduled for October 18, until October 17, 2021. Eastaboga Church will still be our host church in 2021.

In lieu of this year's Annual Meeting, we **WILL HAVE** an **Executive Committee Meeting** at 3pm on **Sunday, October 18**, at Ridgeview Church in Talladega. This meeting will be for "business purposes" only (adoption of the 2021 budget and approval of the 2021 officers and Team / Committee Leaders). As usual, each congregation may send two individuals to represent their church. Social distancing and

## Looking Ahead

"masking" will be observed; therefore, we graciously ask that each church / individual honor these requests. If you have any questions, please contact us in the Associational Office.

On **Saturday evening, October 10**, at 5pm, CRBA in partnership with Eastaboga Church, will be hosting a **Bi-Vocational Pastors' and Wives' Banquet**. This will be a great time of fun, fellowship, and food! The event will be held in the Family Life Center so we will have ample room for social distancing. There is **NO** cost for this event. Please call the CRBA office to make your reservations by **Wednesday, September 30**.

**Hurricane Laura** has had a devastating blow to southern Louisiana. In a recent conversation with John Hebert, State DOM for Louisiana, John shared that over 60 churches had severe damage or were destroyed, as well as over 40

Pastors houses were severely damaged or were uninhabitable. There is a critical need to help these churches meet their insurance deductibles so that they can begin to rebuild. A special offering will be taken during the October 18 Executive Committee meeting to assist in this need. If your church wishes to help these churches and pastors beyond this special offering, you can send your donations to the CRBA office marked, "Louisiana Relief," and will forward your gift to the Louisiana Baptist Convention Mission Ministries Office.

### \*\*MARK IT DOWN:

- Myers-Mallory State Missions Offering - September 13-20, 2020  
- Ministers Wives' Fellowship - October 24 (details to follow)

By His Grace!

Stan

### WMU Annual Meeting

Our associational WMU will hold their Annual Meeting at Stockdale Baptist Church on **Monday, September 14** at **6:30 PM**. This meeting was rescheduled from the usual date in April.

Candace McIntosh, Executive Director of Alabama WMU, will be the featured speaker. She will bring words of encouragement during this difficult time. Anne Churchwell, associational WMU Director, will "retire" from her position at the conclusion of the meeting. New officers will be elected. Social distancing will be maintained. Masks are encouraged. However, no food will be served following the meeting.

Make your plans now to attend this important meeting.

### Ministry Celebration

Rev. Jeff and Carolyn Thomas are celebrating 50 years of ministry and service to the Lord this month.

Bon Air Baptist Church will host a celebration on Sunday, September 20 beginning with the worship service at 11 AM with refreshments following the service. Family and friends from sister churches are invited to attend and congratulate Brother Jeff on this anniversary.

### Annuals are ready

Coosa River Association annuals produced after the last Annual Meeting are ready to be picked up at the association office. Annuals for the following churches have not yet been picked up: Blue Eye; \*Stemley; \*Westside.

Annuals may be picked up during regular office hours, Monday through Thursday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.  
\* indicates payment is needed.

### Church Profiles

There are still some Annual Church Profiles at the association office. Please send someone to pick up this annual report for your church if the clerk hasn't gotten it yet. These reports are used by the association, the state convention, Southern Baptist Convention and LifeWay to make plans for future events.

The leadership section is used by the association to update their address files when mailing out letters and cards.

This report should be returned to the association office by September 24 so reports can be compiled for the Executive Committee meeting on October 18. They can also be entered online at <http://adx.alsbom.org>.

## Bulletin Board

**September 13-20**  
Week of Prayer for the Myers-Mallory State Missions Offering

**September 14**  
WMU Annual Meeting at Stockdale Baptist Church at 6:30 PM

**September 20**  
Celebration service for Rev. Jeff Thomas at Bon Air

**September 24**  
Church Profiles are due

**October 10**  
Bivocational Banquet at Eastaboga

**October 18**  
Executive Committee Meeting

### 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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