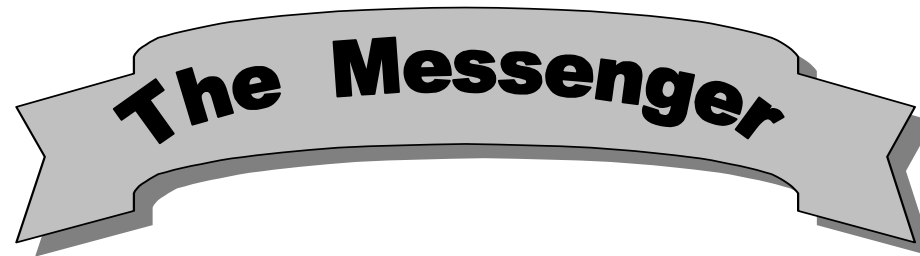


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Associational Prayer Requests

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

Five Points, Mountain View, Providence, Shelvin Rock, Southside, and Union Springs

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

Rev. John Whetstone, Minister of Senior Adults at Eastaboga, has completed cancer treatment. Pray for continued recovery and improvement.

Rev. Mark Stokes, co-leader of Alabama Raceway Ministry, has recently been diagnosed with cancer. Pray for him as he fights this disease.

186th Coosa River Annual Meeting

Dear Coosa River Baptists,

I wanted to take this time to encourage you and your church to come and participate in the 186th Coosa River Association Annual Meeting. It will be held on **Sunday, October 20 starting at 4 P.M.** I hope that you will encourage your church to move your evening worship service to **First Baptist Church of Childersburg** for this truly worshipful and exciting evening of music, praise, and preaching. I would also like to encourage you to join in the mass choir for the evening. This is our third year of



this format and this has proved to be a very genuine time of fellowship as we come together for worship.

In the first session Rev. Robert Klotz, our moderator, will bring the message and then we will break for refreshments where you can check out our ministry booths. Then the second session will start at 6:30 P.M. with the mass choir and plenty of worship through music. I haven't preached in our Annual Meeting in several years. I am blessed and humbled to be the speaker for our evening worship service. I promise to preach God's truth

and bring it with a heart of love and gratitude for allowing me to be your Director of Missions for these eleven years. I do look forward to our churches coming together for an exciting time of celebration and worship.

Please plan to be here and let's come together with our sister churches to lift up our Lord and Savior. Let this be a testimony that God is working in His church in Talladega County. I look forward to seeing you there. If you have any questions, please call our office at 256-362-7173.

Blessings,
Brother Randy

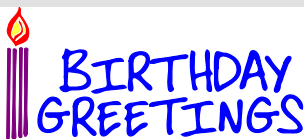
News from our Churches

Marble City: Marble City Baptist Church has called Rev. Zack Newsome to be their new Minister to Students. We welcome Brother Zack and his wife, Courtney, to the Coosa River Association family!
Odena: Odena Baptist Church has called Rev. Trull Hill to be their interim pastor.

VBS Update

Churches reporting:	35
Enrollment:	1837
Salvations:	61

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:
Sept 13-Tammy Hickman, Calvary; Karen Patrick, Sylacauga FBC
Sept 14-Cathy Harrison, Providence
Sept 17-Michael Snyder, Eastaboga; Terry Cardwell, Mountain View; Judy Morrow, Dry Valley; Travis Ousley, Marble City
Sept 18-Connie Taylor, Talladega Creek
Sept 20-Amy Wyatt, Dry Valley

186th Annual Meeting

The 186th Annual Meeting of the Coosa River Baptist Association will take place on Sunday, October 20 at Childersburg First Baptist Church. The business session will begin at 4 PM, followed by a Missions Fair at 5:30 PM. A worship service will take place at 6:30 PM.

Each church is encouraged to elect messengers to attend the business session. All church members may attend the missions fair and the worship service. The worship service will feature a mass choir from all Coosa River Association churches.

Bon Air Revival Services

Bon Air Baptist Church will hold revival services Sunday, September 22 through Wednesday, September 25, 2019.

Sunday services will be held at 11 AM and 5 PM. Monday through Wednesday services will be held at 6 PM nightly. Rev. Daniel Wilson from the Evangelism Department of the State Board of Missions will be the guest evangelist. There will be special music at each service. Everyone is invited to attend. Rev. Jeff Thomas is the pastor of Bon Air.

Finance Team Meeting

The Financial Accountability Team will meet on October 7 at 9 AM at the association office. This is a change from the previously scheduled time. Reports for the Annual Meeting will be discussed.

Christmas Backpacks

Coosa River Association will once again serve as a collection point for the Christmas Backpacks. Collection week will be October 28-November 2.

Now is the time to start thinking about the backpack that you want to fill. This year we will use a new system to mark the backpacks. We will use a preprinted Tyvek band (similar to a wristband that hospitals use) that is colored for the gender and age. These bands are available from Alabama WMU free of charge.

Collection hours will be Monday: 1-7 PM; Tuesday through Thursday: 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM; Friday: 10 AM to 2 PM; Saturday: 10 AM to 2 PM.

Myers-Mallory State Missions Offering

The week of prayer for the fourth annual Myers-Mallory State Missions Offering is here! Please pray for those mentioned in the prayer guide each day. You can contribute to the offering any time in 2019.

In 2018, \$1,264,169 was collected statewide for this offering. This amount exceeded the "Hallelujah" goal by more than \$14,000! Twenty six Coosa River churches gave \$24,780 to the Myers-Mallory State Missions Offering. Was your church one of them?

The offering will benefit Alabama WMU, Alabama Disaster Relief, mission partnerships, church planting, and church revitalization. Please be in prayer about how you can participate in this important state offering.

Bulletin Board

September 8-15

Week of Prayer for Myers-Mallory State Mission Offering

September 22-25

Revival Services at Bon Air Baptist Church

September 26

Due date for Annual Church Profiles

October 13

Race Day at the Talladega Superspeedway

October 20

Coosa River Annual Meeting at Childersburg FBC beginning at 4 PM

October 28-November 2

Collection week for the Christmas Backpacks at the association office

November 12-13

Alabama Baptist State Convention, Eastern Shore Baptist Church, Daphne

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