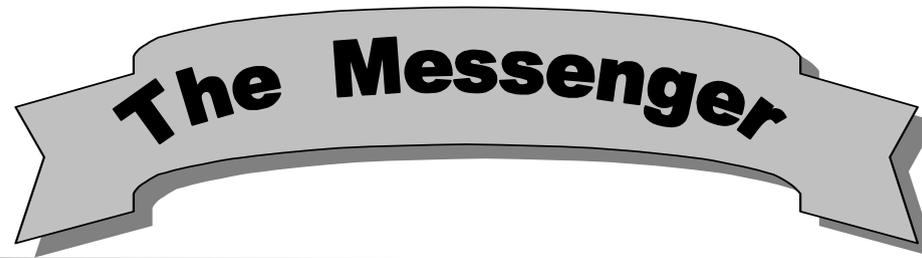


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September 13, 2018



Associational Prayer Requests

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

Chandler Springs, Jenifer, Lincoln, Mountain View, Patton Chapel and Refuge

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

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.

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

Rev. Randy Howell and his family in the death of his sister on September 1, 2018.

News from our Churches

Brecon FBC: Brecon FBC called Rev. Joe Tolbert to be their pastor on August 5. We welcome him to the Coosa River family.

Cartersville: Congratulations to Rev. and Mrs. William Casaday who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on August 23, 2018!

Mountain View: Rev. Brian Clifton resigned as pastor of Mountain View Baptist Church. Please pray for this church as they begin to seek their next pastor.

Bivocational Pastor Fellowship

Bivocational ministers will meet on Thursday, September 20 at the Coosa River office for a time of fellowship and fun. We begin at 6:30 PM with a meal. Watch your mail for the details.



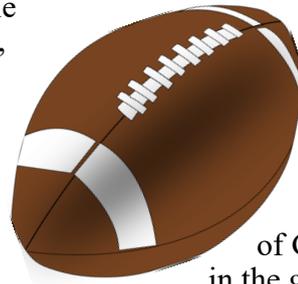
To the following Coosa River pastors, ministers, staff members and spouses:
Sept 13-Tammy Hickman, Calvary; Karen Patrick, Sylacauga FBC
Sept 14-Cathy Harrison, Providence
Sept 17-Michael Snyder, Eastaboga; Terry Cardwell, Mountain View; Travis Ousley, Marble City; Judy Morrow, Dry Valley
Sept 20-Amy Wyatt, Dry Valley

It's my favorite time of the year, fall and football! I am a competitive person who likes to win. 1 Corinthians 9:24 states "Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain." We understand that Paul is using a sports example to teach a spiritual truth. Here is where I have to preach to myself! It is more important to get in the game of life and know our priorities. We are to commit, surrender, pledge, and be ready to give our all, 100% for the glory of God.

We get excited for our team, but we need to put our selves into

Who do you cheer for?

the game of life. Hebrews 12:1-2 states "Let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the



joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." We get to get in the game of life,

everyone has a position and will play. God will use you at your speed and ability. By the way, its not your ability that matters, its your **availability** that the Lord requires. Another way we could

say it "its not your IQ but your I will" He wants.

So, cheer for your team but remember there is a more important game going on. We all need to play by God's rulebook- **the Bible**. Its our playbook and plan for life. Get in touch with God and be ready to run with patience and always look to Jesus who is always there for us. I believe the victory is in the Lord. You are on a winning team. Thank you, Coosa River Baptist Association, for allowing me to work with you in this great race of life.

Blessings,
Brother Randy

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.

Worship Concert

Marble City Baptist Church will host another worship at the end of this month. The worship concert will be with the **Shepherd Family** from Paris, TN on Sunday, September 30, 2018 at 5:30 P.M.

This concert is free and all friends and sister churches are invited to attend. Rev. Mac McCaleb is the pastor.

Daycare Position Available

Marble City Baptist Church Daycare is looking for some good people to work in their Daycare and Kindergarten.

Must be dependable and able to work Monday through Friday between the hours of 6:15 AM and 5:30 PM. Must have a high school diploma (or equivalent) and be at least age 19. Background check and fingerprints are required. For more information please call 256-245-6338 and ask for Judie or Kim.

Myers-Mallory State Missions Offering

The week of prayer for the third annual Myers-Mallory State Mission Offering is here! Last year \$1,140,000 was raised by the offering. Of that amount, 32 Coosa River churches contributed \$26,263. Was your church one of them?

Materials for the offering can be obtained by calling Alabama WMU at 800-264-1225, ext. 226. Some materials may be downloaded at www.myers-mallory.org.

Annual Church Profiles

The Annual Church Profiles (ACP) are due to be returned to the association office by September 27. Mail them to the Coosa River Association, Atten: Linda Cotton, PO Box 516, Talladega, AL 35161. They may also be entered on-line at <http://adx.alsbom.org>.

Thank you, clerks, for your help with the profiles.

Bivocational & Small Church Leadership Network Annual Conference

"Serving the Servants" is the theme for the 2018 annual conference of the Bivocational and Small Church Leadership Network (BSCLN). The conference will take place on September 21-22 at the WMU National Headquarters in Birmingham, AL. The Center for Congregational Resources at Samford University is supporting this conference. For registration info contact Dr. Joe Wright at 615-490-3107 or at bscln.center@bscln.net.



September 9-16

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ENGAGE 24 EVANGELISM WORKSHOP at Trussville FBC

September 20

Bivocational Minister Fellowship at the Coosa River office at 6:30 PM

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September 27

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September 30, 2018

Worship Concert with the Shepherd Family at Marble City at 5:30 P.M.

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