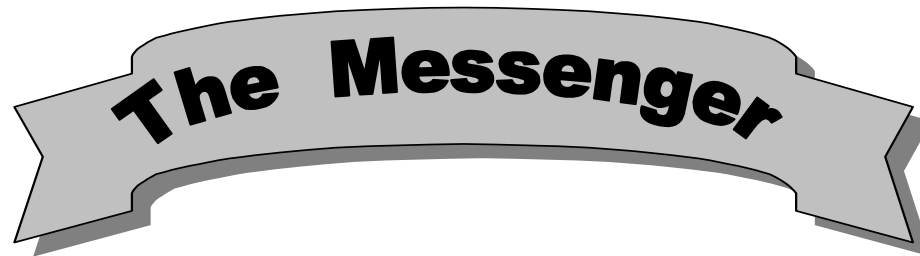


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September 28, 2017



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, Talladega Springs, and Winterboro

Churches with Interim Pastors:
Jennifer-Rev. Garry Wyatt
Tallasahatchie FBC-Rev. Darryl Wood

The **Truckers Chapel** ministry as it begins to hold services in Lincoln.

Rev. Danny Cotton, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, as he recovers from surgery.

Dr. Randy Hagan, Director of Missions, will undergo a surgical procedure on October 6, 2017.

Mr. Paul Churchwell, husband of WMU Director, **Anne Churchwell**, as he recovers from surgery.

Rev. Brian Clifton, pastor of Mountain View Baptist Church, as he recovers from recent injuries.

Coosa River Associational Annual Meeting on October 22.

News from our Churches

Shiloh: Shiloh Baptist Church will have Homecoming service on Sunday, October 1, 2017 beginning at 10:30 AM. All friends, family and former members are invited to attend. Rev. Danny Cotton is the pastor.



To the following Coosa River pastors, ministers, staff members and spouses:

- Sept 29-Megan Lytton, Calvary;
April Clifton, Mountain View
- Sept 30-Sharon Hardy, Sylacauga FBC
- Oct 1-Cecelia Dean, Oak Grove FBC;
Bobby Harville, Winterboro
- Oct 2-David Shafer, Union Springs
- Oct 4-Roger Barber, Refuge
- Oct 6-B. J. Wood, Fayetteville
- Oct 7-Donnie Thompson, Westside;
Terri Roesch, Eastaboga
- Oct 8-Marsha Smith, Providence;
W. T. Pruitt III, Dry Valley
- Oct 9-Patrick McDonald, Five Points
- Oct 10-Jean Mann, Shelvin Rock;
Kristel Walker, Village Street;
Mac McCaleb, Marble City

Thank God for the Coosa River Baptist Association. Thank you for hands-on mission work. We have those who have gone to Texas and others going to Florida. You have taken up supplies and sent truck loads to needed areas. (Please don't take up anything unless you know how and where it is going). NO CLOTHES are need at this time! Our Disaster Relief leaders have opened up some new training opportunities through the State Board of Missions and many have responded. Thank you!



Coosa River fall updates

Coosa River Association loves it pastors/ministers and as you know October is Pastor Appreciation month. I pray you love on your ministers in a special way. Bake them a cake, have a fellowship meal, send them on an overnight getaway. A love offering is always appreciated. A card that lets them know you love them and pray for them could be just what he needs in the moment. You will never go wrong for being a blessing to your ministers.

I hope you have heard by now that the Coosa River Association Annual Meeting will be on

Sunday, October 22 at Sylacauga First Baptist Church starting at 4 PM. We hope that you will bring your Sunday evening worship service and be a part of something new. We will conduct most of our business in the first session along with our moderator's sermon brought by Brother Kevin Jones. You are in for a treat. The evening session will have a mass choir with special music and Dr. Sid Nichols, retired DOM for the Calhoun Association, will be our speaker. You don't want to miss this. See you there!

God Bless,
Brother Randy

"The Gathering"

Calvary Baptist Church will be having an incredible youth worship service and message the first Wednesday of each month starting on September 6th at 7:30 PM. They invite all youth pastors and workers to bring their student to this event. Check it out on Facebook and Instagram at "The Gathering".

The next meeting of The Gathering will be on October 4th.

Calvary Baptist Church is located at 904 3rd Street NW in Childersburg. Rev. Paul Hickman is the pastor and Rev. Cody Lytton is the Minister of Youth.

Homecoming

Talladega Creek Baptist Church will celebrate their 75th Homecoming on Sunday, October 1, 2017. All friends, family and former members are invited to attend. Rev. Wes Johnson is the pastor.

Pumpkin Prayer Festival

ChristPoint Community Church is Sylacauga will host the 6th annual Pumpkin Prayer Festival on Saturday, October 14 at Noble Park from 10 AM until 1 PM. They will trade 250 FREE pumpkins for prayers with families.

They will also have free sno-cones, drinks, and snacks; a hay ride; inflatable bounce house and slide; free fall family portraits; vendors who will offer all kinds of FREE goodies. Special music will be provided by local performers. See you there!

Myers-Mallory State Missions Offering

We are now in the second collection of the Myers-Mallory State Missions Offering. In 2016 more than \$975,000 was raised. Thirty-three Coosa River churches gave to the offering in 2016. Was your church one of them?

The goal for 2017 is \$1,000,000. Please ask the Lord to lead in how much you and your church should give to this important Alabama mission offering.

The Myers-Mallory State Missions Offering helps provide funds for Alabama WMU, Disaster Relief, Church Planting, Alabama Partnership Missions and Church Revitalization.

Annual Church Profiles

Annual Church Profiles (ACP) are due back at the association office today. The association and the State Board of Missions use the information in these profiles to evaluate the health of our churches.

Thank you to the following churches who returned their profiles to the association office. As of press time, we have received the following: Bon Air; Browns Chapel; Calvary; Cartersville; Central; Five Points; Mignon; Mountain View; New Hope; Odena; Patton Chapel; Providence; Russell Chapel; Salt Creek; Shelvin Rock; Shiloh; Southside; Sylavon; Talladega Creek; Talladega FBC; Tallasahatchie FBC; Westside.

If you haven't yet returned your profile, there is still time.

Bulletin Board

September 28
Annual Church Profiles are due back to the association office.

October 22
Coosa River Association 184th Annual Meeting at Sylacauga FBC

November 3
Baptist Women World Day of Prayer at Hepzibah at 9 AM

November 14-15
Alabama Baptist State Convention at Whitesburg Baptist Church in Huntsville

November 13-16
Coosa River Association office will be closed while our staff attends the state convention

November 23
Thanksgiving Day

November 23-24
Coosa River Association office closed

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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