

The Messenger

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:
Jenifer-Rev. Garry Wyatt
Tallasahatchie FBC-Rev. Darryl Wood

The **Truckers Chapel** ministry as it holds services each week in Lincoln.

Dr. Randy Hagan, Director of Missions, as he recovers from 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.

Alabama Baptist Convention as it meets in Huntsville on November 14-15, 2017.

Block Party Trailer

The Block Party Trailer is very busy during the month of October as several churches are using it for fall festivals.

Reservations are now being accepted on a first come first served basis for 2018. So check your calendars and set a date for your spring/Easter events, summer/VBS events, and your fall events. Call Linda at the office at 256-362-7173 to reserve your dates for the Block Party Trailer.



To the following Coosa River pastors, ministers, staff members and spouses:
Oct 12-Carson Heath, Mountain View
Oct 13-Randie Heaslett, Eastaboga
Oct 16-Ruth Roberts, Refuge; Roy Strickland, Winterboro
Oct 18-Jan Heaslett, Eastaboga; Judith Pruitt, Dry Valley
Oct 21-Anita Corbin, Hepzibah
Oct 25-Julie Hibbs, Mignon; Ralph Haywood, New Hope

The Coosa River Baptist Association is again participating in the Christmas Backpack program for children who live in 8 states along the Mississippi River. There is extreme poverty



in this selected area. If you would like to be involved in this ministry strategy, start with a backpack and decide what age group/boy-girl you want to give it to and follow the suggestions at www.alabamawmu.com. These are due at the association office

Positions available

Hepzibah Baptist Church in Talladega is looking to fill two positions. They are now receiving resumes for the position of full time Student Pastor. If you are interested, please email your resume to hepbapchurch@bellsouth.net.

Hepzibah is also taking applications for a part-time cook for Wednesday night suppers. Please call the church office for more information at 256-268-2200.

Hepzibah Baptist Church is located at 5329 Renfroe Road in Talladega.

Baptist Women World Day of Prayer

Hepzibah Baptist Church will host the Baptist Women World Day of Prayer on **Friday, November 3, 2017** beginning at 9 A.M. Please note, the earlier than usual date.

Come and pray and fellowship with other women around our association.

Christmas Backpacks

Thirteen Coosa River churches collected 158 backpacks in 2016. The goal for 2017 is 175! These backpacks are give to underprivileged kids in 8 states along the Mississippi River.

Information on what to pack and other items that need to be added to the backpacks can be found at www.alabamawmu.com.

Filled backpacks should be brought to the Coosa River office the week of October 23-26th during regular business hours.

“Tis the season for giving”

during the week of October 23-26.

I can't leave out Operation Christmas Child. We have many who work on these shoe boxes and fill them with love and joy for precious children all over the world. These are due November 13-20. We will list places and times for to drop them off in a few weeks. We are blessed when Florentin Clipa, a pastor from Romania, showed us pictures of many children receiving these boxes from Operation Christmas Child. By the way, they were not



from the US, they were from Scotland.

Their spirit of giving is always great among the Coosa River Baptist Association. You rise to the occasion and put hands to the plow. Thank you for what you do here in Talladega County. We must be as mission minded at home as we are worldwide. I have always believed it is both, and we are given orders to reach people where we live and to the uttermost parts of the Earth.

God Bless,
Brother Randy

184th Annual Meeting

The 184th Annual Meeting will take place at Sylacauga First Baptist Church on **Sunday, October 22, 2017**. The schedule has been changed this year. A **business session** will begin at 4 PM. *(Please note that this is a change from the previously announced time of 4:30!)*

We will have a **Missions Fair** at 5:30 PM in the gym. The ministries that the association supports will be there with displays to help you understand their ministries. Snacks will be provided by the host church at this time.

We will conclude the day with an **worship service** which will begin at 6:30 PM. Dr. Sid Nichols, retired Director of Missions from Calhoun Association, will be our guest speaker. A mass choir from Coosa River churches will perform during the service.

All Coosa River churches are asked to move their evening worship service to Sylacauga FBC and participate in this time of worship. Please mark your calendar for this historic Annual Meeting. We look forward to seeing you there!

Operation Christmas Child

It is time to start collecting items to fill the shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Collection week is November 13-20, 2017.

Hepzibah Baptist Church and Sylacauga First Baptist Church will be our collection sites. Watch this newsletter for times that the centers will be open.

Bulletin Board

October 22

Coosa River Association 184th Annual Meeting at Sylacauga FBC

October 24

Samford Ministry Training Institute begins the second class of the fall term.

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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