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# The Messenger

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## Associational Prayer Requests

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

**Brecon FBC, Chandler Springs,  
Dry Valley, Mt. Ida, Plainview, and  
Union Springs**

**Churches with Interim Pastors:**  
**Bemiston:** Rev. Jerry Colquett  
**Cartersville:** Rev. Harold Bannister  
**Central:** Rev. Ricky Clark  
**Oldfield:** Rev. Danny Cotton  
**Rocky Mount:** Rev. John Vogel

**Rev. David Turner**, pastor of Village Street, as he continues to battle an ongoing medical condition.

Pray for **churches** who have recently been affected by Covid-19.

Pray for those traveling to the **Alabama Baptist State Convention** in Huntsville on November 16-17.

## News from our Churches

**Patton Chapel:** Patton Chapel Baptist Church has called Rev. Terry Smith to be their pastor. He began his ministry on October 24, 2021. We welcome Brother Terry and his wife, Gail, to the Coosa River Association family.



To the following Coosa River pastors, ministers, staff members and spouses:  
Nov 12-Steve Lewis, Sycamore; Kaye Howell, Lincoln

Nov 13-Bryan Taunton, ChristPoint

Nov 14-Sandra Haynes, Sycamore

Nov 15-Barron Dulaney, Refuge;

Amy Boddie, Shelvin Rock

Nov 17-Barbara Jones, Union Springs;

Sandy Green, Marble City;

Mandy Henderson, Southside;

Chris Varnado, Odena

Nov 18-Malcom Bates, Shelvin Rock;

Courtney Newsome, Marble City

Nov 19-Mickey Green, Marble City

Nov 20-Zach Newsome, Marble City

Nov 22-Mike Morrow, Oak Grove

I am pleased to announce that Danny Cotton will be assuming the responsibility of Associational Financial Secretary. Sandy Locke recently announced her intent to step down from this position so that she might spend more time with her family, and to enjoy the beauty of the mountains of east Tennessee. Sandy has done an outstanding job and will be greatly missed. Our heart-felt blessings go with Sandy and John as they enter a new chapter of their lives.

Danny is no stranger to the folks of Coosa River Baptist Association. He is married to our own Linda Cotton who has served Coosa River Baptists for over 20 years as our Office Administrator. Danny served as pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church for 29 years, and now serves as the

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interim pastor of Oldfield Baptist Church. Please welcome Danny to the Coosa River Association family.

On a different note, I believe one of the greatest needs in Christianity today is the presence of godly men. Let us pray that the Lord will raise up godly men in our churches, in our homes, and in our communities. The absence of godly men in today's culture has become the fertile ground for rebellion against godly Truth, confusion in the nurturing of godly families, and the abdication to ungodly lifestyles.

In closing, I want to share a poem entitled "One Man," written by George Liddell that I believe is an appropriate plea in this time of desperate need.

Give me a man of God -- one man,

Whose faith is master of his mind,  
And I will right all wrongs  
And bless the name of all mankind.

Give me a man of God -- one man,  
Whose tongue is touched with  
heaven's fire,  
And I will flame the darkest hearts  
With high resolve and clean desire.

Give me a man of God -- one man,  
One mighty prophet of the Lord,  
And I will give you peace on earth,  
Bought with a prayer and not a  
sword.

Give me a man of God -- one man,  
True to the vision that he sees,  
And I will build your broken shrines  
And bring the nations to their knees.

Blessings!  
Stan

## Operation Christmas Child

Hepzibah Baptist Church and Sylacauga First Baptist Church will once again serve as collection sites for Operation Christmas Child in 2021. Collection dates are November 15-22.

**Hepzibah Baptist Church** is a regional collection point for the shoeboxes. Collection hours are Monday, Nov 15: 5-7 PM; Tuesday, Nov 16, Wed, Nov 17, Thurs, Nov 18, Fri, Nov 19, and Sat, Nov 20: 10 AM-12 NOON; Sunday, Nov 21: 1-3 PM; and Monday, Nov 22: 7-9 AM.

**Sylacauga First Baptist Church** is a local collection point. Their collection hours are: Monday, Nov 15: 10 AM-1 PM; Tuesday, Nov 16: 4-6 PM; Wed, Nov 17: 9-11 AM; Thurs, Nov 18: 4-6 PM; Fri, Nov 19: 11 AM-1 PM; Sat, Nov 20: 10 AM-12 PM; Sun, Nov 21: 2-4 PM; Mon, Nov 21: 8-10 AM.

## Holiday Office Hours

The Coosa River office will be closed on **November 25-26** so that our staff may spend the Thanksgiving holiday with their families.

We will also be closed from **December 23 through January 2, 2022** so that our staff may celebrate the Christmas holiday with their families. We look forward to serving you in 2022!

## Christmas Banquet

Plans have been made for the 2021 Christmas Banquet. It will be held on Thursday, December 2 at Shocco Springs. All church staff, whether paid or volunteer, are invited to attend with their families.

Laney Bowman of Gallant, Alabama will bring our entertainment for the evening. Letters have been mailed with a reservation card. Cards should be returned to the association office no later than **November 22**. A \$5 registration fee has been requested for each adult attending. Please send your fee with the registration.

## Christmas Backpacks

Our association served as a collection point for Christmas Backpacks. We received **213** backpacks from the following Coosa River churches: ChristPoint, Dry Valley, Hepzibah, Mountain View, Mt. Sharon, Oak Grove FBC, Ridgeview, Sylavon, Talladega FBC, and Tallasahatchie FBC.

We also received **257** backpacks from the following associations: Calhoun, Carey, Central, Cleburne. The total was **470 backpacks!** This is the largest number we have ever received. Thank you for your generous contributions!

## Bulletin Board

**November 15-22**  
Collection Week for Operation  
Christmas Child

**November 16-17**  
Alabama Baptist State Convention,  
Whitesburg Baptist Church in Huntsville

**November 22**  
No Pastor Conference

**November 25-26**  
Office closed for Thanksgiving

**November 28-December 5**  
Week of Prayer for International  
Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas  
Offering

**December 2**  
Christmas Banquet at Shocco Springs

**December 23-January 2**  
Coosa River offices will be closed for  
the Christmas holiday

## 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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## Worship Leader Needed

Odena Baptist Church is seeking a bivocational Music and Worship Leader. This person will provide the leadership to ensure the Choir and other Church resources enhance the quality of our worship and create a loving, enthusiastic and vibrant experience of praise to our Lord. The Music and Worship Leader will lead rehearsals for weekly services including Sunday morning, possibly Sunday and Wednesday evenings and special events. Interested persons should contact Pastor Wesley Johnson (256 493-9575) or Guy Tetreau (Chair, Personnel Committee) at 985-707-4805.