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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:

**Mountain View, Oldfield, Plainview, Providence, Shelvin Rock, and Union Springs**

**Churches with Interim Pastors:**  
**Five Points:** Rev. Joshua Bell  
**Odena:** Rev. Trull Hill  
**Rocky Mount:** Rev. John Vogel  
**Southside:** Rev. Josh Henderson

**Rev. Mark Stokes**, co-leader of Alabama Raceway Ministry, has been diagnosed with cancer. AS he continues to battle cancer.

Please be in prayer for the **Director of Missions Search Team** as they begin to search for the next Director of Missions: Robert Klotz, Kevin Jones, Mike Snyder, Max Buttrum, Skip Parvin, Mac McCaleb, Lisa Compher, Tommy Strickland

Our **State Convention** as it meets this week in Daphne, Alabama.

**Baptist Campus Ministries (BCM)** at Jacksonville State University as they seek to reach students for Christ and to disciple students. Rev. Gary Brittain is the BCM director.

## News from our Churches

**Russell Chapel:** Russell Chapel Baptist Church has called their interim pastor, Rev. Dwayne Shurum, to be their pastor. Brother Dwayne began his pastorate on October 13, 2019. We welcome Brother Dwayne to the Coosa River Association family.

**Southside:** Southside Baptist Church has called Rev. Josh Henderson to be their interim pastor. We welcome Brother Josh to the Coosa River family.



To the following Coosa River pastors, ministers, staff members and spouses:  
**Nov 15-**Barron Dulaney, Refuge; Amy Boddie, Shelvin Rock  
**Nov 16-**Amanda Snyder, Eastaboga  
**Nov 17-**Sandy Green, Marble City  
**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; Phillip Hart, New Hope  
**Nov 23-**Hilda Haywood, New Hope  
**Nov 27-**Jacque Lovett, Sylacauga FBC

## Announcement from Brother Randy

Eleven years and three months ago, I was called to be your Associational Missionary. With a very positive call, and dependence on the Lord, I walked into this ministry. Having served as a pastor for 34 years, the work of the association was new to me but God has accomplished much in these 11 plus years.

I have preached in all but two of our churches and have visited every church in this association. I have attended funerals, VBS, revivals,

ordinations, and other special occasions. Most of the time, I try to show up when you eat! I have made many friends over the years and all of you are dear to Mary

Alice and me. I have cried with you and laughed with you. You have been gracious and loving to us and I hope you know how much we love you.

With all this said, I am now coming to the end of my ministry here at the Coosa River Baptist



Association and I am announcing my retirement as Associational Missionary to be effective January 31, 2020. When you call a new Director of Missions, I will be available to offer assistance so to make his transition to the Coosa River Baptist Association as smooth as possible. I love you and pray for God's blessing on this association and every one of you.

Thank you for the best years of my life!

Sincerely,  
Randy Hagan

## Operation Christmas Child

Collection week for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes is almost here! Two locations will be receiving shoeboxes the week of November 18 through November 25.

**Hepzibah Baptist Church** is located at 5329 Renfro Road in the Talladega area. Collection hours are:  
Mon, Nov 18: 5-8 PM  
Tue-Sat, Nov 19-23: 9 AM -12 PM  
Sun, Nov 24: 2-4 PM  
Mon, Nov 25: 7-10 AM

**Sylacauga FBC** is located at 10 Broadway Avenue South in Sylacauga. Collection hours are:  
Mon, Nov 18: 11 AM -1 PM  
Tues, Nov 19: 4-6 PM  
Wed, Nov 20: 9-11 AM  
Thurs, Nov 21: 4-6 PM  
Fri, Nov 22: 11 AM -1 PM  
Sat, Nov 23: 10 AM-12 PM  
Sun, Nov 24: 2-4 PM  
Mon, Nov 25: 8-10 AM

## Office Hours

The Coosa River Association office will be **closed November 27-28** for Thanksgiving as we celebrate with our families.

## Christmas Backpacks

Coosa River Association was blessed to serve as an area collection point for Christmas Backpacks again this year. We received a total of **416** backpacks! Of this number, **211** backpacks came from 12 Coosa River churches.

Thank you to the following Coosa River churches who supplied backpacks: ChristPoint; Dry Valley; Hepzibah; Mignon; Mountain View; Mt. Sharon; Oak Grove FBC; Ridgeview; Sylavon; Talladega FBC; Tallasahatchie FBC; Village Street

## Faith & Fellowship Day

Auburn Football is hosting its annual Faith & Fellowship Day on Saturday, November 23 at the football game vs. Samford University. This year they will have an exclusive pre-game speaker to provide their testimony at a facility on campus. Afterward, you can participate in the Tiger Walk among other pre-game activities.

For more information, or to obtain tickets at a reduced rate, contact Daniel Kline, Assistant Director of Ticket Sales, at 334-844-8662. Tickets may be purchased online by visiting [aub.ie/faithday](http://aub.ie/faithday).

## Christmas Banquet

All church staff and their families are invited to attend the Coosa River Christmas Banquet on December 5, 2019. The banquet will take place at Shocco Springs in the Bagley Dinning Hall at 6:30 PM.

Letters have been mailed to all churches with the details. We will have good food, entertainment, and door prizes! Come help us celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior.

**PS:** Reservations must be received by November 18!

## Quarterly Jail Ministry Training

The quarterly Jail Ministry Training will take place on Sunday, December 15 at the Coosa River Association office at 2 PM. Anyone interested in participating in the weekly ministry at the Talladega County Jail must take this training. It is required by the Sheriff. For more information contact Angela Minor, ministry leader, at 256-404-4871.

## Bulletin Board

### November 11-15

Coosa River Association office will be closed for the State Convention

### November 18-25

Collection week for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Hepzibah and Sylacauga FBC are serving as collection sites. Watch for collection hours in a future edition.

### November 27-28

Coosa River office closed for the Thanksgiving holiday

### December 5

Coosa River Christmas Banquet at Shocco Springs at 6:30 PM

### December 15

Quarterly Jail Ministry training class at Coosa River office, 2 PM

### December 23-January 1

Coosa River Association office will be closed for the Christmas holidays

## 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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