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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,  
Providence, Shelvin Rock,  
and Union Springs**

### Churches with Interim Pastors:

**Five Points:** Rev. Joshua Bell  
**Mountain View:** Rev. Roger Singleton  
**Odena:** Rev. Trull Hill  
**Rocky Mount:** Rev. John Vogel  
**Southside:** Rev. Josh Henderson

**Rev. Mark Stokes**, co-leader of Alabama Raceway Ministry, passed away on November 9. Remember his family during this difficult season.

**Mary Alice Hagan** as she recovers from knee replacement surgery on November 27.

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

## News from our Churches

**Mountain View:** Mountain View Baptist Church has called Rev. Roger Singleton to be their interim pastor. We welcome him to the Coosa River Association family.

**Plainview:** Plainview Baptist Church has called Brother Stan Wheeler to be their pastor. He began his pastorate on November 10, 2019. We welcome Brother Stan and his wife, Wendy, to the Coosa River Association family.

### DOM Resumes Wanted

Resumes for the Director of Missions position are being accepted at DOMsearchteam@crba.org. Or, mail it to PO Box 516, Talladega, AL 35161.



**To the following Coosa River pastors, ministers, staff members and spouses:**  
**Nov 28-**Tommy Strickland, Ridgeview  
**Nov 30-**Judy Gaither, Talladega FBC  
**Dec 1-**Darren Anglin, Stemley  
**Dec 2-**Patricia Johnson, Talladega Creek; James Lovett, Sylacauga FBC; Randy Roberson, Mt. Vernon  
**Dec 3-**Bobbie Brantley, Mountain View

Turkey, Dressing, Pecan Pie, Family Gatherings, and Football all come to mind as the Thanksgiving holiday approaches. As followers of Jesus, we are thankful for so much more. I am thankful to know Christ and to be known by Him. I am thankful for my church family and for each of the gospel-preaching churches in our area. I am thankful for the strong relationships I enjoy with my fellow pastors and Director of Missions in our association. I am thankful for the ministry of the Coosa River Baptist Association. I really believe we can do more



## Being Thankful

together than we can apart; that the whole is greater than the sum of its parts.

As most of you know, Brother Randy Hagan announced his upcoming retirement at the Annual Meeting last month and will continue to serve through the end of January. I am thankful for Brother Randy's friendship and for his leadership for the past 11 years

as our associational missionary. He is a blessing to me and to so many others. I know you join me in giving thanks to God for Bro. Randy. Please also take the time to personally express thanks to

him as you have opportunity over the next two months.

Be in prayer for the Director of Missions Search Team and for the man God is preparing to serve as our next our next associational missionary. Happy Thanksgiving!

In His Service,  
Mac McCaleb  
Moderator

*I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. Philippians 1:3-5*

### Thank You!

**Thank you** to the 12 Coosa River churches who donated **211** backpacks! The total received was **416!** They will be distributed in eight states along the Mississippi River region to children in low income areas who might not have a Christmas gift this year.

**Thank you** to Robert Klotz and Hannah, Bo Hamilton, and Kevin Jones who helped load the truck when it arrived to take them to the distribution center.

Coosa River Baptists have a huge heart to help those in need.

### Christmas Open House

You are invited to attend the Christmas Open House at the Alabama Baptist Children's Home in Oxford on Sunday, Dec. 8 from 2 until 5 PM.

The Friendship House is located at 1931 Donna Drive in Oxford. Come, meet the house parents, children and the staff of the Children's Home. You will be blessed to see how the Lord is working in the lives of the children who live there.

### Coosa River Holiday Hours

The Coosa River Association office will be closed November 28-29 for the **Thanksgiving** holiday.

The office will also be closed for **Christmas** from December 23 through January 1, 2020 to allow our staff to spend time with their families.

We will open on Thursday, January 2 at 8:30 AM. Thank you for allowing us this time away from the office.

### 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.

### Christmas Banquet

The Coosa River Christmas Banquet will take place next week on December 5 at Shocco Springs Baptist Conference Center. Reservations are now closed.

We look forward to seeing everyone and having a wonderful time celebrating our Savior's birth. Shellum Kline will be the featured entertainment for the evening.



**Happy Thanksgiving!**

Brother Randy  
Linda & Sandy

## Bulletin Board

### December 5

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

### December 8

Open House at the Friendship House in Oxford from 2 until 5 PM

### December 9

Triumphant Quartet in concert at Childersburg FBC at 7 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.

### January 16

Executive Committee Meeting at the Coosa River office at 6 PM

### January 21

Samford's Ministry Training Institute begins its spring semester at 6 PM

### 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