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# RELENTLESS

## Watchword

“But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved.”

(Hebrews 10:39, NIV)

## COMING EVENTS

September 17, 2020

## REPORTS OF MEETINGS & EVENTS

### Focus on God

During this historic year, most “normal” activities have been cancelled, postponed or delayed due to Corona virus restrictions from federal, state and local authorities. It’s tough to wear a mask! This season has affected every aspect of life as we cope. I, for one, am continuing the learning process of being an Overcomer: content regardless of outward circumstances. Our challenge is to keep our focus on God and not look down at the waves pounding our boat! This is not over yet! But our great God is Sovereign and this is no surprise to Him! Keep the faith and trust our great God to supply all our needs! Should Christ delay His coming, may those who come behind us find us faithful!

### Oxford Children’s Home Pounding

In July, our pounding for the children’s home was less than last year. But, with all the virtual schooling, our contributions will help much. Robert & Pat McCutchen and Anne Churchwell from Mt. Sharon delivered a load of school supplies to Oxford. Thanks to these churches who contributed to our pounding:

Christ Point, Cragdale, Five Points, Lincoln, Mt. Sharon, New Hope, Oak Grove First, Russell Chapel, Stemley, Stockdale, Sylavon, Talladega First, and Trinity. This is such a tangible way to show our love for children and you are so faithful in responding to their needs. Oxford Friendship House will soon be transitioning to a



boys only home.

### School Prayerwalk

Attendance at our 2020 prayerwalk was far below what we’ve had in recent years. We have received reports of 107 who walked. This school year is just beginning with some doing virtual learning, some attending “live” classes, etc. Indeed, this is a challenge for all students, teachers and all other personnel. Please keep them in your prayers. God is able to meet every need.



### Myers-Mallory State Missions Offering

We are in the midst of our intense week of prayer for state missions. Gifts to this offering support these Great Commission Ministries: Alabama WMU, Disaster Relief, Church Planting, Partnership Missions and Church Revitalization. Goal this year is \$1,200,000. Many Alabama Baptist churches give to the Myers-Mallory State Missions Offering throughout the year, with special attention during the Week of Prayer for State Missions, September 13-20. Please continue to pray and give as the Lord leads you. If your church has not previously participated in this offering, please prayerfully consider doing so. Together, we can do so much more!

### Louisiana Disaster Relief

In lieu of the 2020 Annual Meeting, Coosa River Baptist Association’s Executive Committee will meet on October 18th. At this meeting, a special designated offering will be taken for Hurricane Laura Disaster Relief efforts through the Louisiana Baptist Convention. These funds will be used to assist the 60+ churches and 40+ pastors’ homes that were either greatly damaged or completely destroyed. Whether or not you are the representative for your church, you may give to this designated offering. Checks should be made payable to the Coosa River Baptist Association, designated for this offering.

### WMU Annual Meeting

Postponed from April, our Annual Meeting was held last Monday evening at Stockdale. Report from this meeting will be included in the December newsletter.

### Christmas Backpacks

Again this year, we’ll be sharing backpacks as our gift of LOVE and the GOSPEL with needy children. Our association office will serve as a collection site for District 3 the week of October 26-29. Collection hours will be normal business hours, Monday through Thursday, with other arrangements available by appointment. Contact Linda Cotton at 256-362-7173 if you would be available to help receiving incoming backpacks. Many decisions for Christ have been recorded as a direct result of this ministry. Again this year, Alabama WMU is providing Tyvek bands to indicate age group. Bands may be ordered



on-line at their website. By the way, our goal is 200 backpacks!

### Operation Christmas Child

Wow! This year is swiftly passing and it will be time to deliver our shoeboxes before we know it! Despite Covid-19, collection week for OCC shoeboxes is Nov. 16-23. Hepzibah and Sylacauga First will again serve as drop-off locations. Collection hours will be



published in the near future. Samaritans Purse staff are praying for 11 million shoeboxes! More than 10.5 million were collected worldwide in

2019, with more than 8.9 million of these from the United States. This is an annual tradition continuing to share the GOSPEL in the native language of each recipient!

### Baptist Women’s World Day of Prayer

Annually, on the first Monday in November, Baptist women all around the world gather to pray. Many walk for miles to participate! Although we will not have an association-wide meeting, it would be great for each church to pray.

### THANKS!

From the bottom of my heart, I would like to thank God and all of you for the privilege of serving as WMU Director for this great association. I have come to know and work with so many of you and my memories of these years will continue to bless! May God bless as we continue to serve together!

*Anne Churchwell*

## FUTURE EVENTS

- Nov. 1 Daylight Saving Time Ends
- Nov. 1 WMU Leadership Team meets at 2 pm.
- Oct. 25-31 Collection week for Backpacks
- Nov. 16-23 Collection Week for OCC Shoeboxes
- Nov. 29—Dec. 5 Week of Prayer for IMB Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
- Jan. 10 WMU Leadership Team meets at 2 pm.