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✠ COVINGTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION NEWS ✠

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CORBITT'S COMMENTS

Corbitt's Comments for October 2018

October is approaching rapidly, and with it comes two things that I can get excited about!

The first thing that excites me about October is that it is the time of the year that we get our first hint of fall weather. I have always enjoyed the advent of fall because it brings us a blessed relief from the heat of our oppressive summers in the deep south. Fall is a wonderful time and I eagerly anticipate its arrival!

Another thing that excites me about October is our CBA Annual Meeting. Each year on the third Thursday in October we hold a family reunion which we call our Annual Meeting. This event serves a number of different functions which are very important to our family of churches.

First, it is an opportunity for accountability and to address some necessary business. When our church messengers gather in Annual Meeting it allows ministry leaders in the Association to report to them and to answer questions. This is very important because our authority to do ministry is granted to us by our member churches. The Annual Meeting also approves the Association's budget, elects its leadership, and gives us the guidance we need to operate on the behalf of our churches for another year.

The Annual Meeting is also a chance to hear reports about the work of our Alabama Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention. Again, these bodies do ministry on the behalf of our churches and we need to be aware of what they are doing so we can support them.

Third, the Annual Meeting is a chance to worship and fellowship together as sister churches. Our county is one of the largest in Alabama and our towns, communities, and churches all have strong local identities and traditions, yet we are one association of Southern Baptist churches. The Annual Meeting is a great reminder of our responsibilities to each other.

I am excited about fall and our Annual Meeting which this time of the year brings. I hope to see you at FBC Florala beginning at 5pm on Thursday October 18th for our fellowship meal followed by the 162nd Annual Meeting of the Covington Baptist Association!

Every blessing, Otis Corbitt, Director of Missions

ASSOCIATIONAL NEWS

Wheelchair Drive in October

"Jesus said, Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame." (Luke 14:21 NIV). What He didn't tell us is when we do, the blessings that await us will be overwhelming as was what I experienced on a Joni & Friends - Wheels for the World (WFTW) outreach in Mexico last year. In a culture where disability brings shame and rejection, we were able to offer joy, hope, and Jesus through the gospel. Should you have a broken/used wheelchair, a walker, or metal crutches/canes, that you are no longer need, please consider donating these items to WFTW. The gift of mobility through receiving a restored wheelchair to those in need is a miraculous gift for many who could never afford to purchase one. Please call Brenda Mooney, Chair Corps Representative for Joni & Friends, at 343-8825 for pick-up or drop-off your donation off at the First Baptist Church,

Andalusia. Wheelchair donations are tax deductible.

OCTOBER FOOD BANK DONORS

Sanford, New Song, Philadelphia, Babbie, Beulah, Cedar Grove, Rawls, Pleasant Home, Southside-Andy, Conecuh River, Pleasant Grove, Victory, Mt. Gilead, Mobley Creek

FOR GIVE AWAY

Upright Piano- Free
Further info Call:
Carol Moore at 488-0659

ASSOCIATION NEWS

Hi, my name is Tammy Hammett. I am the Prayer Coordinator for the Wiregrass Area Team of Operation Christmas Child. We have a prayer event coming up on September 29, 2018 and would appreciate you announcing it in your newsletter.

There will be a Prayer Mosaic at Ino Baptist Church on September 29, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. until 12 noon. Bro. Gary Winstead will be there to tell about his distribution trip to Ecuador this past January and then there will be a time of interactive prayer for the ministry. The prayer time will be a unique, focused, hands-on experience that you don't want to miss! For more information you may contact Tammy Hammett at 334-488-1542

NEWS FROM CHURCHES

MOBLEY CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

2367 Brooklyn Road Andalusia, Alabama

Will celebrate their Homecoming on Sunday October 21, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. with Reverend Eugene Meadows as guest speaker and special music by Ms. Hannah Cross.

A fellowship meal will follow the morning services in the church fellowship hall. Everyone is invited.

POC for further information is :
Mrs. Marie Armstrong at 334-222-5963.

FIRST BAPTIST FLORALA

Homecoming and Family and Friends Day
October 7th at 10AM
No Sunday School
Bring vegetables, salads, casseroles, and deserts

PHILIDELPHIA BAPTIST CHURCH

Will celebrate Homecoming Services October 7, 2018 at 10:00 with Dr. Otis Corbitt bringing the message and Special music by "New Vision". A covered dish lunch will follow. Everyone is invited. For further Information:
Rev. Ed Ganus at 222-4870.