

✠ COVINGTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION NEWS ✠

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CORBITT'S COMMENTS

Corbitt's Comments for January 2019

In our culture, the end of a year and the beginning of another is a time for celebration. Beginning with Thanksgiving and then on through Christmas and New Year's Day, we find many different reasons to celebrate. We express our thanks for the blessings we enjoyed in the past year and our hopes and aspirations for the new one to come. In many ways this is my mindset and my attitude as I write these words.

First, several our churches have recently celebrated some significant events. Some churches have celebrated events relating to their facilities. For example, Buck Creek Baptist Church just held their first service in their new sanctuary in their new location. About the same time, Southside Baptist Church, Andalusia celebrated retiring their debt on their family life building with a note-burning service. We rejoice with these churches as they celebrate these milestones!

Another church celebrated a different milestone. Hopewell Baptist Church recently honored Pastor Barry Wilkinson for his twenty years of service as their pastor. What a wonderful testimony of faithfulness and dedication! We rejoice with Hopewell and look forward to many more years of pastoral leadership for Barry!

While Barry has been with Hopewell for two decades, other churches in our association have filled pastoral and other staff vacancies this year. We are grateful for those God calls to be shepherd for our churches and we want to pray for them as they launch into a spiritual journey with their congregations.

We also want to celebrate another church staff move, this one involving a couple who have been called away from our county. We rejoice with Bethany that Lee and Laura Ashley Harper have answered God's call to service overseas with the International Mission Board. We know that Lee did a great job as youth pastor at Bethany and that they are sacrificing his ministry there for the cause of missions, but it is a great thing that God allowed Bethany to be the launching pad for their ministry in Europe. The greatest asset of any church is not its seating capacity but its sending capacity! Therefore, we celebrate with Bethany!

Last, but certainly not least, we celebrate the 186 baptisms recorded by our churches during 2018. Because baptism is testimony of salvation, we rejoice with our churches over the new souls added to God's Kingdom in our county!

Let's pray for one another so that at the end of 2019 we can look back and rejoice in how God has worked among us and how we have yielded to Him and His sovereign will in our lives, our families, and our churches!

Every blessing in 2019!
Otis Corbitt, Director of Missions

ASSOCIATIONAL NEWS

Praying for Each Other in 2019

In Paul's teaching about the gifts of the Holy Spirit in Ephesians 6, he told us we should be "praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints, . . ." While there are many ways to do this I think it is useful to note that we have 52 churches in our Association and there are 52 weeks in a calendar year. Therefore in 2019, I'd like you to join me in praying for a different one of our churches each week. What I'll be doing is taking our list of churches and praying for one each week. So, I'll start by praying for Adellum Baptist Church during the week beginning Sunday, January 6, and then for Babbie Baptist Church for the week beginning Sunday, January 13, and so on. We'll publish the list of churches we are praying for each month in this newsletter.

Will you join me in praying for our churches in 2019?

Every blessing,
Otis Corbitt, Director of Missions

January and February 2019

January 6: Adellum Baptist Church and Pastor Billy Boles
January 13: Babbie Baptist Church and Pastor Dwayne Seay
January 20: Beda Baptist Church and Pastor David Roy
January 27: Bethany Baptist Church and Pastor Nathan Daniels
February 3: Beulah Baptist Church and Pastor Ben Praytor
February 10: Blue Springs Baptist Church and Pastor Jim Kelley
February 17: Brooks Baptist Church and Pastor Adam Gomillion
February 24: Buck Creek Baptist Church and Pastor Tyler Ingram

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JANUARY FOOD BANK DONORS

Damascus, Southside-Opp, Westside, Babbie, Beulah, Cedar Grove, Rawls, Pleasant Home, Southside-Andy, Sanford, New Song, Philadelphia

Executive Committee Meeting Dates

January 28th at CBA Offices
April 15th at CBA Offices
July 15th at CBA Offices
October 17th at FBC Opp in conjunction with the Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting 2019

October 17th at First Baptist Church, Opp (Larry Jackson will preach the annual sermon)

Dates of Special Gatherings in the Association

February 13th: United Youth
Conference Worship Rally
(Southside Baptist Church Andalusia)
February 15th-16th: United Youth
Conference (Opp HS)
March 22nd-23rd: Ministers' Wives
Retreat (Blue Lake Methodist Camp)
May 7th: Senior Adult Revival (Bethany Baptist Church)
September 24th: Deacons-Pastors-Wives
Banquet (TBA)
December 10th: Christmas Banquet
(Southside Baptist Church Andalusia)