

✚ COVINGTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION NEWS ✚

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CORBITT'S COMMENTS

Corbitt Comments for February 2019

As I am sure you are aware, each week in 2019 we'll be praying for a different one of our 52 members churches. You can find the schedule for February and March elsewhere in this edition of the newsletter. We are also aware of the fact that prayer is an essential part of our Christian walk. We know the Bible has many passages about prayer, including directions on for whom we are to pray, how we are to pray, and when we are to pray. One thing that we don't find so clearly stated in the Bible is why we need to pray.

When you think about it, the fact that God wants us to pray might be confusing. After all, God already knows everything doesn't He? God is omnipresent and sees all, and He's also omniscient and knows all, even our deepest thoughts. Why is it then that He is pleased when we pray to Him? Why is it that He even wants us to bring our cares and concerns to Him when He already knows them? Why does He even bother?

I am certainly not the theological expert on prayer, but could it be that God simply enjoys spending time with His children? Genesis indicates that God walked with Adam and Eve in the cool of the day before the fall and that Enoch walked closely with God as well. The Bible is pretty clear that God desires fellowship with His people.

This makes sense to me. We are made in the image and likeness of God (even if our sin has marred God's perfect creation) and we know how important it is for us as human parents to hear from our children. We often know what our children need or want before they tell us, yet we still want them to come to us and share their hearts. We love to speak with our children; how much more does God love to speak and fellowship with us!

As we pray for each other in 2019, we will soon realize we don't really know how to pray for another church, but that doesn't matter. God wants us to pray for each other and the Holy Spirit and God's omniscience will fill any gaps. Let's just spend some time with our Heavenly Father and enjoy the blessing of sharing our hearts with him!

Every blessing,
Otis Corbitt, Director of Missions

ASSOCIATIONAL NEWS

Praying for Each Other in 2019

In Paul's teaching about the gifts of the Holy Spirit 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, . . ." In 2019, I'd like you to join me in praying for a different one of our churches each week.

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February and March 2019

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

March 3: Carolina Baptist Church and Interim Pastor Bill Pritchett

March 10: Cedar Grove Baptist Church and Pastor Monroe Sasser

March 17: Conecuh River Baptist Church and Pastor Randall Jackson

March 31: Damascus Baptist Church and Pastor Lee Crowder

FEBRUARY FOOD BANK DONORS

Bethany, Red Oak, Buck Creek, Judson, Hopewell, Oak Grove, Sweet Home, Westview-Opp, West County Line, Adellum, Harmony, Mill Creek, Salem

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)

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LIBERTY HOME BAPTIST CHURCH

REVIVAL

22595 AL HWY 55 Andalusia, AL 36420

Sunday, February 3rd :

Sunday School 9:30am

Worship 10:30am

Covered dish lunch following morning worship

Evening Worship 6:00pm

Monday, February 4th 6:00pm

Tuesday, February 5th 6:00pm

Wednesday, February 6th 6:00pm

REVIVAL PREACHER: Dr. Lewis Miller
Worship Leader: Mrs. Lea Scott
Pastor: Gary Martin

ADELLUM

Adellum Baptist Church is having an Ordination Service on Sunday February 24th at 2:30 in the afternoon. Jimmy Williamson will be ordained into the Gospel Ministry and Mike Brown will be ordained as Deacon. There will be a reception to follow. All are welcome

REFRESH

A Retreat for wives of Pastors and Church staff

MARCH 22-23, 2019

Blue Lake Methodist Camp

8500 Oakwood Lane, Andalusia Alabama

Early Registration: \$10 (non-refundable) by

February 12th

After February 12th \$15 (non-refundable)

Room Fee: Single Room \$68.50 or Double Room \$35.50

Contact Shirley Flowers if financial assistance is needed

Balance due by March 8th (Registration fee counts towards your Lodging Cost)

Theme: FRESH ENCOUNTER

Guest Speaker: Shirley Flowers & Marybeth Culbreth

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