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CORBITT'S COMMENTS

Corbitt's Comments for March 2019

One of the biggest challenges to deciding on a plan of action is that we often forget to evaluate that plan. Many of you may remember in 2014 we reviewed and revised our associational strategy. Through that process we developed a strategic plan that we agreed to follow for the next five years. Those five years have come and are almost gone, and it is time to look again at cooperative and collective ministry and evaluate where we should go from here.

To refresh your memory, our ministry strategy can be summarized this way:
Covington Baptist Association exists to assist member churches to work cooperatively to advance the Christian faith through the ministries of:

Church and Minister Equipping and Encouragement
Community Missions
Global Missions
Mission Support

In order to become a fellowship of churches that help each other obey the Great Commandments and fulfill the Great Commission.

Time does not stand still. Church life has changed in the past five years, and so have the needs of our churches. The patterns of cooperation among Southern Baptists have changed also. The need for sharing the Gospel at home and abroad has never been more acute. We need to review our strategy in light of all this and do our best also to meet the challenges of the next five years.

Not only do we need to review our ministry strategy, but we also need to examine some of our governing procedures as well. We will be considering what might the best format be for our Annual Meeting going forward. Some of the documents that currently guide our work may be out of date, and we need to address these also. Over the next year I will be asking our Board of Directors to work with me to review our strategy and our governing documents and bring any resulting recommendations to the Association for adoption or amendment. We will not do this in haste but during the entire process we will endeavor to consult our churches and church leaders. After all, the churches ARE the Association! We look forward to hearing from our churches as we undertake this review process.

As you pray with me for the churches of the CBA this year, please also pray for me and the Board of Directors as we seek God's direction for our ministry together.

Every blessing,
Otis Corbitt, Director of Missions

ASSOCIATIONAL NEWS

MARCH FOOD BANK DONORS

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Ridge, Northern Heights, FBC- Andalusia,
Zion Hill, FBC- Opp

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

For more information Contact Shirley Flowers
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ASSOCIATION NEWS

BABBIE BAPTIST CHURCH

Babbie Baptist Church would like to invite everyone to come hear Brother Lloyd Vanderburg of New Generation Ministry on Sunday morning, March 10, 2019. He, and his wife Cathy, will be leading in the praise and worship service as well as bringing the message. Our worship service will begin at 10:40 a.m. The church is located at 19863 Babbie Road Andalusia, Alabama 36421. Please come and join us.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, ANDALUSIA

First Baptist Church, 700 East Three Notch Street, will host The **KEMPSTER's Vintage Gospel Band** on Sunday night, February 24th at 6:00 p.m. They will also be leading in Worship at 10:30 a.m. that morning. You will not want to miss it! This event is free! Questions? Please call the church at 222-5152.

First Baptist, Andalusia will host a seminar on **How To Protect Yourself from Financial Fraud**, on February 28, 2019. Registration is 9 – 9:30 a.m. and the event is from 9:30 am – 12 noon. Lunch will be provided. This is a free event led by Representative Mike Jones and Senator Jimmy Holley, Sheriff Blake Turman, Police Chief Paul Hudson, and Director Borg of the Alabama Securities Commission. Special Agent Lawson of the FBI and Ms. Richardson of the Alabama Department Senior Services will also be present. A question and answer session will be conducted afterwards. Items such as Investment Scams, Telephone Scams, Internet Scams, Romance Scams, Lottery Scams, etc. will be discussed.

If you have questions, please call Jeanne Bozeman
at 334-222-5152 (First Baptist Church Andalusia)