

# ✚ COVINGTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION NEWS ✚

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## CORBITT'S COMMENTS

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A few days ago, I was at a local restaurant and I came across a friend who was having lunch with a couple of colleagues. These three gentlemen all work for Covington Electric Cooperative. During our banter I happened to mention that I have been very pleased with the reliability of electrical service we receive at our home in Rose Hill. I mentioned that when I lived in other communities my previous rural electricity providers were not as good and that the service provided by Covington Electric Coop was among the best that I have enjoyed. At that point one of my friend's coworkers looked in the eye and said, "I'm glad to hear that. I hope you'll tell other people that too." Apparently, not everyone is as pleased with their service as I am! This made me pause and wonder who I, myself, might be taking for granted.

I think that we humans often don't appreciate it when things go well or as expected, but we are quick to complain when something goes wrong. We rarely post on Facebook or Twitter when our plane arrives on time or our waitress serves our meal quickly. On the other hand, we are quick to criticize on social media (or in the church parking lot) if the slightest thing goes wrong during our day.

We should take to heart Proverbs 15:30, which teaches us that, "The light of the eyes rejoices the heart, and a good report makes the bones healthy." Likewise, we should imitate Paul, who not only instructed the early church in 1 Thessalonians 5:11 to, "comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing," but also did the same himself according to Acts 20:2: "Now when he had gone over that region and encouraged them with many words, he came to Greece."

Don't get me wrong, I really like to see things done well. I believe there is a place and time to analyze events and to give constructive criticism. I also believe, however, that we need to give credit where credit is due. Not only does it encourage people, it's also the right thing to do!

Let me close by saying that I have no financial interest in Covington Electrical Cooperative, (well, technically I am a member), and in my opinion they do a very good job of providing electrical service to my home. Thanks, Covington Electric Coop team! And may I suggest we all be sensitive to those who need to hear a good report and an encouraging word and share the same with them?

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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### July / August 2019

July 7: Mt Gilad Baptist Church and Pastor Phillip Morgan

July 14: Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church and Pastor Ed Ganus

July 21: New Hope Baptist Church and Pastor Scotty Prescott

July 28: New Song Baptist Church and Pastor Robert Canant

August 4: Northern Heights Baptist Church and Pastor Jonathan Jones

August 11: Northside Baptist Church and Pastor Ray Miles

August 18: Oak Grove Baptist Church and Their Pastor Search Process

August 25: Oakey Ridge Community Church and Their Pastor Search Process

### JULY FOOD BANK DONORS

**Babbie, Beulah, Cedar Grove, Rawls, Pleasant Home, Southside-Andy, Damascus, Southside-Opp, Damascus, Conecuh River, Pleasant Grove, Victory, Mt. Gilead, Mobley Creek**

### URGENT REQUEST

VBS Report forms should be completed as soon as VBS ends and mailed to or faxed to the Association office, P.O. Box 416 Andalusia, AL 36420. (Fax 222-0447) These forms are being mailed to the churches. As of this date no reports have been received. Forms were mailed to pastors.

## ASSOCIATION NEWS

### VBS DATES

#### HARMONY BAPTIST CHURCH

Will hold their VBS July 14th – 19th.  
5:30 pm 8:45 pm each night. 4 yrs old – 8th grade.

**ADELLUM** Adellum Baptist Church will be conducting Vacation Bible School July 29th thru August 2nd from 5:30 to 8:00pm each night. Their theme will be "In the Wild." Adellum Baptist Church is located at 12514 Brooklyn Road, Andalusia; Billy Boles is their pastor.

#### Oakey Ridge Baptist Church

will hold their VBS June 23rd-27th from 5:15-8:15pm each night. Pre-k-5th grade. There will be a Adult class beginning on June 24th Monday and going through June 27th Thursday from 7-8pm. Our interim pastor Wayne Sharp will be teaching the Book of Ruth.

### OAKEY RIDGE BAPTIST

On June 8th, Saturday Oakey Ridge Baptist Church hosted it's 1st Annual Church and Community Picnic. Hamburgers, Hotdog and homemade ice cream with the fixings were served. There were games for the children and adults.

The picnic was very successful with the church and the community together. We are looking forward to the next year. May God Bless.

Oakey Ridge Baptist Church was blessed to ordain two young men as deacons of our church, Cal Norris and Jonathan Norris. Bobby Gunn was reinstated as a deacon. Please pray for these three men in their walk with the Lord.