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CORBITT'S COMMENTS

The Baptist Faith and Message

Covington Baptist Association, as well as all our member churches, is affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention. In the year 2000, the SBC adopted a revised statement of faith. Over the next months we will be sharing the articles of this faith statement in these pages. The entire Baptist Faith and Message can be downloaded from:
<http://www.sbc.net/bfm2000/bfm2000.asp>.

The Scriptures:

The Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is God's revelation of Himself to man. It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter. Therefore, all Scripture is totally true and trustworthy. It reveals the principles by which God judges us, and therefore is, and will remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried. All Scripture is a testimony to Christ, who is Himself the focus of divine revelation.

Lunch and Learn for Church Ministers

Covington County Probate Judge Stacy Brooks and the CBA staff invite you to join us for "Lunch and Learn" on Tuesday, October 1st beginning at 11:30am at the associational offices in Sanford. We'll begin with lunch provided by the CBA. After we lunch, we'll learn. Judge Brooks will review the recent changes in state law concerning marriages and the new procedures and forms for recording marriages in Alabama. She'll also be glad to answer questions about these changes and about other issues her office addresses concerning the families of our congregations. RSVP by calling the office (222-3009) by Thursday, September 26th, or you can email me at: ocorbitt@covingtonbaptist.org. See you on October 1st as we Lunch and Learn together!

Every blessing,

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Dr. Otis Corbitt
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Chief Admin Officer, Christian Service Centers

ASSOCIATIONAL NEWS

Regional Religious Leader's Symposium

Representative Mike Jones invites you to lunch to discuss the current movement to legalize marijuana in Alabama. The Faith-Based Community is essential in promoting a healthy and drug-free lifestyle for our communities. Thursday, October 3, 2019 11:30-1:00 p.m. Power South Board Room 2027 East 3 Notch Street Andalusia, AL 36421 Speaker: Dr. Shannon Murphy, MD FAAP R.S.V .P. by October 1st Call Susan Short at 334-881-2319 or Email jenniferbmcmath@gmail.com

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, . . ." In 2019, I'd like you to join me in praying for a different one of our churches each week. Every blessing, Otis Corbitt, Director of Missions

October 2019

October 6: Salem Baptist Church and Pastor Terry Campbell
October 13: Sanford Baptist Church and Pastor Ed Russell
October 20: Southside Baptist, Andalusia and Pastor Mike Flowers
October 27: Southside Baptist, Opp and Pastor Stewart Young

OCTOBER FOOD BANK DONORS

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

ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

The 163rd Annual Meeting for Covington Baptist Association will be held **Thursday, October 17, 2019** with First Baptist Church, Opp, AL at 5:00 p.m. An evening meal will be served at 5:00 with the meeting to follow. All pastors and church messengers are reminded and encouraged to attend.

ASSOCIATION NEWS

Wheelbarrows are Made for Dirt, Not People!

On a **Joni and Friends-Wheels for the World** outreach in Haiti last year, Josleen's mother brought her to the site in a wheelbarrow. One could see that Josleen's family had done their best to make the wheelbarrow comfortable for this 16 year-old disabled young lady, who was wearing her Sunday best to receive her first wheelchair. When her wheelchair was ready, Josleen was placed, for the first time, in a seat of dignity. The Haitian pastor came over to Josleen and her family and gave her a Bible in her language. He also shared the Gospel with them, and they learned about the love of our amazing Savior.

This is just one example of the many disabled people around the world in need of a wheelchair, but cannot afford to buy one. Our area wheelchair drive begins in October. Should you have a broken/used wheelchair, metal crutches, or a cane 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 around the world is a dream come true. Please call Brenda Mooney, Chair Corps Representative for Joni and Friends, at 343-8825 to arrange pick-up of this equipment. Wheelchair donations are tax deductible.

REMINDER TO CHURCH CLERKS

PLEASE REMEMBER TO COMPLETE AND FORWARD YOUR CHURCH PROFILE (ACP) TO COVINGTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, P. O. BOX 416, ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA 36420 NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 1st. IF WE DON'T RECEIVE IT, YOUR CHURCH'S INFORMATION WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE BOOK OF REPORTS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING ON OCTOBER 17, 2019 AT FBC, OPP AT 5:00P.M. THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE IN COMPLETING THIS VERY IMPORTANT DOCUMENT. POC: BYRAM L. LAMBERT – 334-222-3009.

CHURCH NEWS

MOBLEY CREEK

MOBLEY CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

2367 Brooklyn Road Andalusia, Alabama
Will celebrate their 142nd Homecoming Service Sunday, October 20, 2019 At 10:30 a.m. Speaker will be: Judge Ashley McKathan Fellowship meal will follow and Pastor, Terry Powell invites everyone to attend. Moble Creek Baptist Church was organized in 1876.

MOUNT PISGAH BAPTIST CHURCH

Mount Pisgah BC, 25211 Antioch Road, Andalusia, AL will observe Homecoming Sunday, October 27th. Special music by New Vison At 10:30 a.m. with service to follow with Rev. Rodney Anderson of Mississippi preaching. Covered dish luncheon will follow. Everyone is invited. POC: Rev. Ed Ganus, 222-4870