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CORBITT'S COMMENTS

Corbitt' Comments for November 2019

We have all heard the saying that there are only two certainties in life: death and taxes! I would like to add a third certainty as well: change.

As much as it makes us uncomfortable, and as much as we'd like to resist it, frustrate it, and outright stop it, change happens. Just as soon as we get acclimatized to the cool of winter, the heat of summer thrusts itself upon us. Our children grow and mature, and as they do their habits and their preferences change. Often, we find ourselves facing changes in health, employment status, and personal finances.

Our churches also experience change. Pastors and other ministers are called to a church where they do God's work for a particular season. Then, in God's timing, they are called away to other fields where God has work for them to do. Lay leaders and other church members come and go as God leads and our churches are led by God to try new ministries and organizations, sometimes alongside the existing programs, and sometimes in place of long-standing and beloved ministries of a church.

Like our homes and our churches, our society changes also. Pastimes and fads are popular one minute, and then they are old hat the next. Ethics and mores change, especially as our society becomes increasingly secular and people are less inclined to become involved in a church or other organized expression of spirituality and faith. Although we live in rural, small town Alabama, our society can no longer be compared to that reflected in the "Andy Griffith Show." Even our protected, southern Alabama society has been affected by modernity and progressive thought. As I have often said to people, "We don't live in Mayberry anymore."

Not all these changes are bad; some are neutral, and others are even welcomed, but all change can be unsettling. It is easy for us to feel uncomfortable, and even disturbed, at the seemingly endless changes we experience. In the face of this unremitting change, I would like to encourage us with a few unchanging truths.

First, God hasn't changed. He is the same today as He was yesterday, and as He will be tomorrow. And we can trust Him! As the old hymn quotes the Apostle Paul, "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able, to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day!"

Second, God's Great Commission for us and our churches hasn't changed. He still, to this day, expects us to go and make disciples. He calls us out and quips us for that purpose and He gives us Spiritual Gifts and Godly leaders to help us fulfill that task.

Finally, the commitment of our Association to assist our churches hasn't changed:

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, and Mission Support, in order to become a fellowship of churches that help each other obey the Great Commandments and fulfill the Great Commission.

Thank you for your support and participation together in our Association! Our churches have never needed each other more than we do now, and your Association is committed to helping each church obey their calling from God and fulfill His will in their ministries!

Every blessing, Dr. Otis H. Corbitt, III, 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, . . ." 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

November 2019

November 3: Sweet Home Baptist Church and Pastor James Kilpatrick

November 10: Sweetwater Baptist Church and their Pastor Search

November 17: Victory Baptist Church and their Pastor Search

November 24: West County Line Baptist Church and Pastor Derwood Cleland

NOVEMBER FOOD BANK DONORS

West County Line, Adellum, Harmony, Mill Creek, Salem, Hopewell, Oak Grove, Sweet Home, Westview Opp, FBC Gantt, Liberty Home, Lockhart, Sweet Water, River Falls.

Ministers and Wives Christmas Banquet. December 10th:

Our annual Ministers and Wives Christmas Banquet will be hosted by Southside Baptist Church, Andalusia, beginning at 6pm on December 10th. Our worship music will be led by Flint and Christine Harrelson from Blue Springs Baptist Church and our guest speaker will be Dr. Rob Jackson of Mobile Baptist University.

RSVP by Tuesday, December 3rd.

The Baptist Faith and Message

In the year 2000, the SBC adopted a revised statement of faith. The entire Baptist Faith and Message can be downloaded from:
<http://www.sbc.net/bfm2000/bfm2000.asp>.
This is what the BF&M 2000 says about God:

God

There is one and only one living and true God. He is an intelligent, spiritual, and personal Being, the Creator, Redeemer, Preserver, and Ruler of the universe. God is infinite in holiness and all other perfections. God is all powerful and all knowing; and His perfect knowledge extends to all things, past, present, and future, including the future decisions of His free creatures. To Him we owe the highest love, reverence, and obedience. The eternal triune God reveals Himself to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, with distinct personal attributes, but without division of nature, essence, or being.

ASSOCIATION NEWS

World Day of Prayer

November 4, 2019
Southside Baptist Church Andalusia
Meal (Soup, Salad, Sandwiches) at 6:00 pm
Program to follow

The CBA WMU Team would like to invite you and your family to join us for the annual World Day of Prayer event. In addition to prayer time, we will have a special missionary speaker. He is currently serving with Life TV Pakistan, a ministry that uses media to share the Gospel with Pakistanis worldwide. He and his wife have served with IMB in South Asia and also partner with Alabama WMU in its prayer emphasis for Pakistan. They have 4 children and currently live in Louisiana. This is a great opportunity for GA's, RA's and students to meet and hear from a missionary so we are expanding this event for families. For more information and to let us know how many will be coming from your church, please contact Shirley Smith. Text or call 334-488-4715.

ASSOCIATE MINISTER OF YOUTH/CHILDREN

Mexia Baptist Church, Mexia, Alabama is seeking a full-time Minister of Children and Youth with experience (leadership preferred). The person selected for this position will lead children and youth ministry as well as assist with the total ministry of the church.

Please send resumes to:

**Mexia Baptist Church
ATTN: Search Committee
P. O. Box 218
Mexia, Alabama 36458
Or.....e-mail to:**

**office@mexiabaptistchurch.com
by October 31, 2019
Phone Number is: 251-575-4398**

CHURCH NEWS

MOUNT PISGAH BAPTIST CHURCH

Mount Pisgah BC, 25211 Antioch Road, Andalusia, Al will observe Homecoming Sunday, October 27th. Special music by New Vision 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