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# ✠ COVINGTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION NEWS ✠

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## CORBITT'S COMMENTS

Corbitt's Comments for December 2019

Recently, a series of television ads had fun with the idea of people taking on the personality of their parents as they get older. I can't remember what product the advertisements were flogging (which may be a disappointment for the company's marketing director) but I found them both amusing and thought provoking.

As we all know, the past summer was a hot one. That caused the air conditioner in our home to work overtime which resulted in some high electricity bills. In response my wife instituted a rigorous – and in my mind an overzealous – campaign to switch off every possible light bulb in our house. Even though we have energy efficient bulbs in all our light fixtures and despite my firm assurances that our electric bill was still going to be affected by the abnormal heat, she still insisted on maintaining a virtual black out. I finally gave up and accused her of becoming her dad – who also had a life-long vendetta against superfluous lighting!

Of course, I am not immune from the process of becoming my father. When I was first learning to drive, I tended to steer close to the edge of the road because I was afraid to hit an on-coming car. My dad, conversely, steered towards the center line of the road. When I asked him why, he told me that, as a young man, he had allowed his tires to drift off the edge of a road and he had over corrected. The car he and his friends were in flipped. Blessedly, no one was hurt, but it obviously gave him pause. I noticed recently that, as I drive on the rural roads of Covington County, I have begun to hug the center line, just like my dad. No, I have not flipped a car, but I have let my tires slip off the pavement enough times to be a little gun-shy – just like my dad!

As Christmas approaches, I believe we all should be inspired to become like our Father, and our Lord Jesus. The story of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords being born among the barnyard animals and laid in a manger should remind us of the need to be humble, as does Paul in Philippians 2:5-8,

“Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”

When speaking about church leadership recently, Jay Wolf, pastor FBC Montgomery, said “Today's peacock is tomorrow's feather duster.” Well said.

Merry Christmas,  
Director of Missions Otis Corbitt

## **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

### **December 2019**

December 1: West Highland Baptist Church and Pastor Larry Stewart  
December 8: Westside Baptist Church and Pastor Phil McMillan  
December 15: Westview Baptist Church and Pastor Gary Miller  
December 22: Zion Hill Baptist Church and Pastor John McMath  
December 29: Covington Baptist Assn. and DOM Otis Corbit

### DECEMBER FOOD BANK DONORS

**FBC- Andalusia, Zion Hill FBC- Opp, Mt. Pisgah, West Highland, Oakley Ridge, Northern Heights, Brooks, , New Hope East Highland, Pigeon Creek, Fairmount, Beda**

### 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.**

## **ASSOCIATION NEWS**

### 2020 VBS THEME

Lifeway has published the VBS theme for next year. It is: “Concrete & Cranes” and centers on building on the love of Jesus (Philippians 1:6). Order of \$50 or more will ship free from Lifeway. The theme invites children to grab their hard hat and tool belt! As they explore a world of concrete and cranes, they will discover that skyscrapers aren't the only things that need a rock-solid foundation. To order:

Go To: [lifeway.com/vbsquickorder](http://lifeway.com/vbsquickorder) or  
Call: 1 800 458 2772.

Individual churches should receive catalogs in the next few weeks.



### Crossover Ministry

### **OPEN HOUSE**

Tuesday, December 10, 2019  
5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
508 Hwy 52 E. Opp, AL.

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### 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 as

#### Father:

God as Father reigns with providential care over His universe, His creatures, and the flow of the stream of human history according to the purposes of His grace. He is all powerful, all knowing, all loving, and all wise. God is Father in truth to those who become children of God through faith in Jesus Christ. He is fatherly in His attitude toward all men.

## **CHURCH NEWS**

### ADELLUM

Adellum Baptist Church is searching for a pianist. For further information, please contact Bro. Billy Boles at 334-343-1066.

### MILL CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

Will celebrate its Thanksgiving Homecoming on Sunday morning, November 24, 2019 at 11:00. Bro. Billy Boles, former pastor, will bring the message and lunch will follow. Everyone is invited.

For more information please contact  
Rev. Tommy Weems at 343-2701.