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CORBITT'S COMMENTS

Corbitt's Comments for March 2020

For those of us who don't like darkness falling so soon in the afternoon, the change to Daylight Saving Time is right around the corner. Of course, changing our alarm clocks doesn't change our body clocks in the least. Like many people, I find that, the older I get, the harder it is to adjust to the twice-yearly time change. Even though the difference in the time is only one hour, I have difficulty falling asleep an hour earlier and that I want to sleep an extra hour in the morning. One hour should not make that big a difference, but it does.

The change of time affects children and animals even more greatly. Babies don't know that clocks have changed and they get hungry when they get hungry. Roosters will crow at dawn regardless of what an alarm clock says. It can take a couple of weeks before everything settles down and all concerned get back to a normal routine. Then, six months later, we do it all over again!

Truth be told, I really should find it easier to adjust to Daylight Saving Time than most people in Alabama because I grew up on Eastern Time. Russell County has kept Eastern Time for decades. It is common to hear people talk about "fast time" and "slow time" in east Alabama because of that difference. Sometimes trying to add or subtract an hour as you plan a trip or an appointment is more tricky than one might think!

Our modern concept of time zones is not a natural phenomenon. For most of history people lived by the natural rhythms of dawn, noontime, and dusk. It was only the advent of train travel that resulted in the development of the modern system of time zones. I am still bemused, however, that I can fly from Atlanta to Montgomery and, according to my automatically adjusted cell phone clock, arrive before I departed Atlanta!

Spiritually, I'd like to compare our time change struggles with the way we deal with sin, ethics, and morality. Regardless of what we as humans may call something, it doesn't change its actual nature. We can change our clocks, but the Sun will be at its zenith when the astrophysics determine it should be. In the same way, when we call something that is wrong "right" and something that is right "wrong" it does not change the essential nature of those items. Instead, we are just deceiving ourselves. One definition of "wisdom" is "seeing things from God's point of view." What we call "right" and "wrong" doesn't really matter. What matters is what God calls "right" and "wrong."

So, on March 8th, when you "spring forward" not only should we change the batteries in our smoke detectors (which is excellent practice), we should also remember the futility of imposing our own views on the standards established by God.

Every blessing, Director of Mission Otis Corbitt

ASSOCIATIONAL NEWS

Praying for Each Other in 2020

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 2020, 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

March 2020

March 1: Carolina
March 8: Cedar Grove
March 15: Conecuh River
March 22: Damascus
March 29: East Highland

MARCH FOOD BANK DONORS

Blue Springs, Carolina, Northside, Enon, FBC
Floral, Mt. Pisgah, West Highland, Oakley
Ridge, Northern Heights, FBC- Andalusia,
Zion Hill, FBC- Opp

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the following churches who are without pastors:

Brooks Baptist Church
Enon Baptist Church
FBC, Opp
Lockhart
Mobley Creek
Southside – Opp
Victory

Important data

Our Senior Adult Revival is fast approaching! It will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at Harmony Baptist Church, 20932 County Road 70, Andalusia, AL 36421. Service will begin at 10:00 a.m. with lunch to follow. Please begin now to assist your Seniors in your church to prepare for this event. Our Meal will be catered and no-one has to bring anything. There will be special music and great preaching. Further information will be forwarded to all churches very soon to include posters etc.

ASSOCIATION NEWS

BABBIE BAPTIST CHURCH

19863 Babbie Road Andalusia, AL 36421
Will have **Deliverance 5** from Mobile College in concert on Sunday, March 29th at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to come hear Great gospel singing!

VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH

We will be celebrating 29 years of being Victory Baptist Church.
Date: Sunday, March 1, 2020
Where: Victory Baptist Church
210 Walker Avenue
Andalusia, AL 36420
No Sunday School. Rev. Eugene Meadows will bring the message at 11:00 a.m.
Judd Holderfield will provide the special music and lead the congregation in singing some old favorite hymns.
Music will start at 10:30 a.m.
12:00 noon - we will have a covered dish meal and fellowship after the service. The church will provide the meats and would appreciate any covered dish sides anyone would like to bring.

RED OAK BAPTIST CHURCH

Red Oak Baptist Church, 13667 AL Hwy 55, Floral, AL is looking for a part-time youth minister/pastor. If interested, please contact Jason or Jennifer Hammac at (850) 758-0174.