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# ✠ COVINGTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION NEWS ✠

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## CORBITT'S COMMENTS

Corbitt's Comments for April 2020

My father worked for nearly 40 years as a heavy truck and automobile mechanic. He soon discovered that having the right tool could make all the difference in how hard or how easy a repair might be. He had an entire shop room full of specialty tools that he used for all kinds of different repairs on vehicles.

In a different, but equally satisfying way, I discovered that, in the kitchen, having the right knife could make all the difference also. For years I tried to cut bread with a steak knife, or a butcher knife, and even with a butter knife, to indifferent results. When I finally bought a proper bread knife, it made my cutting of bread much easier and more effective. Having the right tool can make all the difference.

God, of course because he knows all things, also knows that equipping someone properly makes all the difference in ministry too. Therefore, I'm glad that He has given us gifts for ministry. If you want to find out where the Bible talks about spiritual gifts you only really need to go to four different chapters: Romans 12, First Corinthians 12, Ephesians 4 and First Peter 4. What we find in these passages is something very clear; God equips the called, He doesn't call the equipped. The Bible makes it obvious that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. We really bring nothing good to the table when God calls us to a ministry. We know this because the Bible says that all our righteousness is as filthy rags. The good news, of course, is that God imputes the righteousness of Christ on our lives and He gives us spiritual gifts through which He empowers us for ministry.

The Bible clearly teaches that God gives every Christian at least one spiritual gift which that believer is supposed to use to build up the Kingdom of God and the Church of God. The Bible also teaches that each of these gifts are important, and that no gift is more important than another and that no person is more important than another. What the Bible teaches is that the most important thing is to use the spiritual gifts that God has given us.

1 Peter 4:10-11 says: "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen."

Are you gifted to speak or to serve? Or to do both? Then, let us use those gifts the glory of the God who gifted you!

Every blessing,  
Otis Corbitt, Director of Missions

## 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

### April 2020

April 5 – Enon

April 12- Fairmount

April 19 – First Baptist Andalusia

April 26 – First Baptist Florala

### April FOOD BANK DONORS

Conecuh River, Pleasant Grove, Victory,  
Mt. Gilead, Mobley Creek, Damascus,  
Southside- Opp, Westside, Sanford, New  
Song

### 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

## The Baptist Faith and Message

**In the year 2000, the SBC adopted a revised statement of faith. This is what the BF&M 2000 says about Humanity:**

Man is the special creation of God, made in His own image. He created them male and female as the crowning work of His creation. The gift of gender is thus part of the goodness of God's creation. In the beginning man was innocent of sin and was endowed by his Creator with freedom of choice. By his free choice man sinned against God and brought sin into the human race. Through the temptation of Satan man

transgressed the command of God, and fell from his original innocence whereby his posterity inherit a nature and an environment inclined toward sin. Therefore, as soon as they are capable of moral action, they become transgressors and are under condemnation. Only the grace of God can bring man into His holy fellowship and enable man to fulfill the creative purpose of God. The sacredness of human personality is evident in that God created man in His own image, and in that Christ died for man; therefore, every person of every race possesses full dignity and is worthy of respect and Christian love.

**The entire Baptist Faith and Message can be downloaded from:**  
<http://www.sbc.net/bfm2000/bfm2000.asp>.

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### RED OAK BAPTIST CHURCH

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