

✠ COVINGTON BAPTIST ✠ ASSOCIATION NEWS

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CORBITT'S COMMENTS

Corbitt's Comments for June 2020

We all know that ministry can be challenging. If we didn't understand that before the impact of COVID-19 on our churches we certainly should understand it after the recent storm which had an impact on large portions of our County. Just when it seemed like ministry could not get more difficult, our County was hit by a tornado and strong straight-line winds which damaged property and uprooted or broke many dozens of trees.

Of course, what might look like a difficult situation, if seen in another light, might turn out to be an opportunity for ministry. This was true for our Disaster Relief Team:

The very morning after the storm had passed, our Disaster Relief volunteers launched into action, cutting trees and tarping roofs, and helping people to clean up in the aftermath of the wind and rain. Our Disaster Relief volunteers worked hard for six days, helping widows and people with disabilities, while assisting church members and members of the community alike. They put tarps on two roofs, and they removed (some very large) trees from fifteen homes. Their Christian witness during this time was impeccable!

Our Association has maintained a Disaster Relief ministry for nearly fifteen years, starting with our Disaster Laundry Unit and then adding our Clean-up/Recovery and Chainsaw Unit. We also have a number of trained chaplains in our ranks as well. Our volunteers have responded to disasters in states like Louisiana, Florida, and South Carolina as well as places in our own state such as Elba, but this was the first time we have responded to help the people of our own County, and we were glad to be able to do it!

Because of funding from our churches and the Christian Service Centers, our team is well equipped with the necessary chainsaws and safety equipment. Our most recently purchased item of equipment, a tractor with a grapple lift, was worth its weight in gold, allowing our team to complete more assignments in the same day, and allowing them to remove some very large trees from houses and driveways!

The one resource we need more of is volunteers. Because they are volunteers, only a percentage of our trained DR personnel can respond at any given moment. All training for new DR volunteers has been suspended for a time due to the COVID-19 situation, but when training does resume, we will be issuing an invitation so that we can increase our number of volunteers. We would ask that you pray about becoming involved in this dynamic ministry!

If you have questions about Disaster Relief or if you want to volunteer, please contact us at the Association office (222-3009), or email me at ocorbitt@covingtonbaptist.org

Every blessing, Director of Missions 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

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June 7: Liberty Home
June 14: Lockhart
June 21: Mill Creek
June 28: Mobley Creek

MAY FOOD BANK DONORS

Brooks, East Highland, New Hope,
Pigeon Creek, Fairmount, Beda, Blue
Springs, Carolina, Northside, Enon,
FBC-Floral. 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

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 Grace:

Election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, justifies, sanctifies, and glorifies sinners. It is consistent with the free agency of man, and comprehends all the means in connection with the end. It is the glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, and is infinitely wise, holy, and unchangeable. It excludes boasting and promotes humility.

All true believers endure to the end. Those whom God has accepted in Christ, and sanctified by His Spirit, will never fall away from the state of grace, but shall persevere to the end. Believers may fall into sin through neglect and temptation, whereby they grieve the Spirit, impair their graces and comforts, and bring reproach on the cause of Christ and temporal judgments on themselves; yet they shall be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

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

CHURCH NEWS

HARMONY

Harmony Baptist Church 20932 County Road 70 Andalusia AL, is seeking a Children's director. If interested please call Andrea Smith 334-208-2044 or email your resume to CDS_ALS2003@msn.com

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.