

✠ COVINGTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION NEWS ✠

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CORBITT'S COMMENTS

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As our churches begin to regather slowly and carefully after the relaxation of the Governor's Safe at Home Orders, we all need to begin thinking about relaunching all our ministries we have had to place on hold this year. This certainly includes Global Missions.

One of the tasks of the Covington Baptist Association is to help our churches become stronger supporters of our Southern Baptist mission efforts. Therefore, we are planning a mission's celebration for Sunday, January 24, 2021. We would like for every one of our churches to participate; here are some details to help you commit this event:

We are asking our churches to host a missionary speaker both Sunday morning and Sunday evening on that day.

Participating churches would transport their morning speaker from their hotel to church and then feed them lunch afterwards. After lunch, the missionaries' morning host church would bring them to the location of a mission's fair (TBA) for the afternoon.

In the evening, host churches would transport a different missionary from the mission's conference to their church to speak in the evening. Afterwards, the host churches would feed the missionaries before returning them to their hotel.

We also would ask each church to collect a love offering for all the missionaries and forward it to the Association where it will be divided equally among all the missionary speakers. The Association will recruit the missionaries and pay for their travel here and their lodging.

It is strictly up to each church whether or not they would like to participate, but we need every church to return the self-addresses stamped postcard we sent to them to the Association no later than July 15th. We need to have sufficient time to enlist our missionary speakers. If you have any questions, please call our office at 222-3009.

Southern Baptists are a missionary people. The primary reason the Southern Baptist Convention was founded was to send missionaries. Our churches are missionary churches. After a necessary time of protecting our members we want to help our churches reengage with the missions imperative we received from Jesus during His last days before His Ascension.

I for one am already looking forward to 2020 being in our rear-view mirrors and I think it will be great to start 2021 celebrating our renewed commitment to missions. Please pray about your church's involvement in our January 24, 2021 Mission Celebration!

Every blessing, Director of Missions Otis Corbitt

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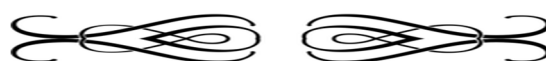
Praying for Each Other in 2020

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

JULY 2020

July 5: Mt. Gilead
July 12: Mt. Psigah
July 19: New Hope
July 26: New Song



JULY FOOD BANK DONORS

Babbie, Beulah, Cedar Grove, Rawls, Pleasant Home, Southside-Andy, Damascus, Southside-Opp, Damascus, Conecuh River, Pleasant Grove, Victory, Mt. Gilead, Mobley Creek



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

ATTENTION: CHURCH CLERKS ANNUAL CHURCH PROFILES

It is almost that time of year again for Annual Church Profiles (Annual Church Letters). Please remember to elect 2 Executive Committee Members from your church to attend the Executive Committee Meetings each quarter at the Association Office to represent your church. The cutoff date for the church year is August 31, 2020. I will be mailing your copy of the profile on August 3, 2020. This will give each church the time needed for selection of new teachers, etc. for the coming year of 2020/2021. Please complete your church profile as soon as possible and if you have the capability, load it into the computer data base. Instructions will be in your packet on how to do this. Please remember, HOWEVER, the Association Office STILL NEEDS A HARD COPY OF YOUR PROFILE NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 1, 2020. This will allow us time to compile your data for the Annual Meeting on October 15, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. at Red Oak Baptist Church. If there are any questions, or help needed, PLEASE call me at 222-3009. Thanks for your help!

Conversations with Covington Baptist Association

We want to invite you to take advantage of a new social media initiative of the CBA that we are calling Conversations with Covington Baptist Association. The CBA has a four-fold mission:

To encourage and equip churches and ministers

To conduct a ministry of community missions

To facilitate global missions involvement on the part of our churches

To do these things decently and in order through what we call Mission Support

Traditionally, we have done a lot of ministry through meetings, and

this still has a place in our work. Just like our churches, however, we have had to cancel some meetings because of the social distancing measures we have needed to observe recently.

Also, county-wide meetings can be somewhat problematic for us because our county is quite large. We are the 6th largest land-mass county in Alabama. It is a long way from where I live in Rose Hill to Wing, and it is a long way from Red Level to Florala. It can be hard to get people together.

So, what we want to do is use social media to provide useful information to our churches about ministry. A couple of times each month we will go live on Facebook with a conversation with a resource person who will have information that will help our churches to do ministry more effectively.

While we go live, we will also be recording the conversation so that it will be available later to those who were not able to watch the live broadcast.

Here are details of our first two conversations, again, which are linked on our website (<https://www.covingtonbaptist.org/conversationswiththecba>).

At 7pm on June 2nd, we conversed with State Missionaries Jamie Baldwin and Patty Burns about Vacation Bible School. VBS is hugely important to our churches and we conversed with them about how we can do VBS well this summer, despite the challenges we are currently facing.

Then, at 7pm on June 15th, I conversed with Dr. Kevin Blackwell of Samford University about the Samford Ministry Training Institute. For over 40 years, in partnership with Samford, we have been conducting Bible College classes right here in our county.

In the Fall Semester, not only will we be offering our classes in person at our offices, but also on-line using WebEx. We are excited about this expansion of our classes and we also spoke with Bill Pritchett who already taught one of our spring classes using WebEx.

Again, we invite you to log on and take advantage of social media for the Kingdom! If you have a topic you'd like to see featured in a future conversation, or if you know someone that you would like us to converse with, please leave a comment on Facebook or call our associational office at 334-222-3009.

Look on our Facebook page for our next Conve