

✠ COVINGTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION NEWS ✠

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CORBITT'S COMMENTS

Corbitt's Comments for June 2021

Last month I wrote about how, although it may be difficult, we need to rebuild our ministries which were derailed by COVID-19. The truth is, we not only need to rebuild, but we also need to make them better than before. Vance Havner, the noted revival preacher, once criticized Southern Baptist churches saying, "We are many, but we're not much." How can a church "be much" for God?

The International Mission Board has discerned 12 Characteristics of a Healthy Church. IMB representatives teach these characteristics to the thousands of new churches which are planted each year on the international mission field. As churches here in the United States begin to rebuild their ministries after a year of COVID-19 restrictions, I think it would be good for our churches in North America to review these same characteristics and determine to incorporate them into their life and ministry in the months and years to come.

So, what are these 12 Characteristics of a Healthy Church? I am glad you asked! They include, in the order listed by the IMB, the following:

1. Biblical Evangelism
2. Biblical Discipleship
3. Biblical Membership
4. Biblical Leadership
5. Biblical Preaching and Teaching
6. Biblical Ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper
7. Biblical Worship
8. Biblical Fellowship
9. Biblical Prayer
10. Biblical Accountability and Discipline
11. Biblical Giving
12. Biblical Mission

Wow, what a comprehensive list! I would also add a number 13 as well: Biblical Benevolence, but the IMB list is a very good one.

Over the next weeks we will look more closely at each of these elements of a healthy church. While we are unpacking them, please pray for your church, your pastor, and your leaders as they all work to Biblically rebuild your church's ministry so it can fulfill Christ's vision for us.

Every blessing, Director of Missions Otis Corbitt

ASSOCIATIONAL NEWS

Praying for Each Other in 2021

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 6: Liberty Home
June 13: Lockhart
June 20: Mill Creek
June 27: Mobley Creek



MARCH 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
Harmony
Lockhart
Millcreek
Mobley Creek
Victory

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Congratulations to all graduating seniors in Covington County area. We wish you the best in your future endeavors and pray for your success in all your walks of life.

Covington Baptist Association

ASSOCIATIONAL NEWS

ATTENTION: ALL CHURCHES

Last call for "FREE" choral music for your choirs. We have some 28 boxes of music which includes anthems and other choral music for choirs. Please pick up as much as you would like NO LATER THAN MAY 28, 2021! Items will no longer be available after that date. For questions please call 222-3009.

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

BUCKCREEK

The Buck Creek Baptist Church will host Vacation Bible School June 13th through June 17th from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. The theme for this year's VBS is "Destination Dig", and kids will unearth more than just dirt. They'll discover real-life archaeological finds that have helped to uncover the truth about Jesus.

SOUTHSIDE

Southside Baptist Church, 1213 West By Pass, Andalusia, AL will conduct Vacation Bible School June 6 – 10, 2021.

Please call church office at 334-222-4300 to register

ENON

Enon Baptist Church has called Bro. Tommy Weems as its new pastor

HARMONY

Harmony Baptist Church, 20932 County Road 70, Andalusia, Alabama 36421 is searching for a full-time pastor. Resumes may be forwarded to the following e-mail address: md170640@outlook.com OR mailed to Pastor Search Committee, Harmony Baptist Church, 20932 County Road 70, Andalusia, Alabama 36421.