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# ✠ COVINGTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION NEWS ✠

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## CORBITT'S COMMENTS

Corbitt's Comments for October 2021

These are busy days at the Covington Baptist Association! Not only are we preparing for our Annual Meeting, but we have also been in the process of purchasing the local Christian bookstore. Let me expand on this last issue first.

In recent weeks events have come together to allow us to purchase the Tabby D's Christian Book and Gift Shop. With the closure of all the Lifeway Christian Stores, the local shop was the only one within a 90-minute drive and the owner of the local bookstore Dewayne Scroggins, was retiring from his current business enterprises. He was planning to sell both the bookstore and the restaurant to which it was attached.

Dewayne and bookstore manager Patricia Kelley have been excellent stewards of that enterprise for many years, and they have been a blessing to the churches in nearby Alabama counties as well as several counties in Florida. He wanted to make sure that the new owners of the bookstore were going to be good stewards of that effort as well, and I think it was a mutually agreeable perspective that neither he nor we wanted to see that bookstore closed.

To that end, Dewayne offered us a very reasonable price and our July Executive Committee agreed to accept his offer. As of September 1st, the bookstore now is a part of the Christian Service Center ministries of Covington Baptist Association. We are looking forward to relocating the bookshop to our Sanford office on Highway 84, and we're currently renovating a space for that purpose. We hope to have that completed by the beginning of October but for now we are renting the existing location to continue to serve the churches of our region.

Let me mention that operating this bookshop fits in very well with our strategy, one pillar of which is to Encourage and Equip Churches and Ministers. We believe providing a source of Christian material locally will be a great blessing to our churches and many other churches in our area.

If you want to learn more about this new ministry enterprise, I encourage you to attend our Annual Meeting which is planned for October 21st at Buck Creek Baptist Church. We're looking forward to them serving us a good meal at 5:00 PM and then we will transition at 6:00 PM into doing our necessary business and providing reports of our ministry from the past year. We will cap the night with an inspiring message by brother Jim Kelly and we're looking forward to hearing from him. We appreciate Buck Creek being willing to host us and we appreciate their kind support!

Thank you for your support of the Covington Baptist Association and we look forward to serving your churches in the year to come.

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 2021, 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

## OCTOBER 2021

October 3: Salem  
October 10: Covington Baptist Association  
October 17: Sanford First Baptist Church  
October 24: Southside Andalusia  
October 31: : Southside Opp



## OCTOBER FOOD BANK DONORS

Sanford, New Song, Babbie, Beulah, Cedar Grove, Rawls, Pleasant Home, Southside-Andy, 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	Harmony
Millcreek	Mobley Creek
Victory	

## CHURCH PROFILES

. Churches are reminded the church year ends August 31, 2021 and reports **MUST BE** completed and returned to the Association no later than **October 1, 2021!** This will give us time to consolidate and publish the Book of Reports for the annual meeting on October 21, 2021 at Buck Creek Baptist Church at 5:00 p.m. Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Questions? Please call Byram Lambert at 222-3009.

## It's All About Jesus!

**"For this is what the Lord has commanded us... to bring salvation to the ends of the earth." Acts 13:47**

October is Alabama's designated month for collecting used and broken wheelchairs for *Joni and Friends-Wheels for the World*. Each wheelchair given and every Bible placed in the hands of a weary parent with special needs child provides the perfect chance to say, "Jesus loves you...and let me explain how you can know him as your Lord and Savior!" During every outreach people with disabilities and their family members are saved out of the kingdom of darkness and into the kingdom of Christ. In this broken, bruised world we must not forget the "least of these" and give them an opportunity to hear the salvation message. Should you have a wheelchair you would like to donate or would like more information, please contact Brenda Mooney at 334-343-8825. Tax receipts will be provided.

## Deacon, Pastor, Spouse

### Banquet, 09/21/2021

We're back in business post COVID-19!

The CBA invites our churches' Deacons and Pastors to bring their spouses to a banquet so we can encourage and equip them for service in our churches.

Location: Westview Baptist Church, Opp  
Date: September 21, 2021  
Time: 6:30pm



State Missionary

Ken Allen will be our speaker, and the menu is breakfast for supper!

There is no charge to attend, but reservations are required. Call the Association Office at 334-222-3009 or use this link to make reservations by September 16, 2021: <https://forms.gle/JmnE6pDfjB5PkW6W8>

## FIRST BAPTIST GANTT

First Baptist Church Gantt is seeking someone to serve as Worship Pastor to lead worship for our Sunday morning service. The primary serving time is Sunday morning and will require other serving times as needed for different church functions that involve worship. FBC Gantt is also seeking a Youth Pastor, and the position can be combined with Worship Pastor, and pay will be adjusted accordingly for both positions. Pay will also be adjusted for Worship Pastor that is an instrumentalist (specifically piano or guitar).

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