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CORBITT'S COMMENTS

Corbitt's Comments for December 2021

In recent years, stand-up comics and others who are addressing a crowd have indulged in what is called a "mic drop moment." This is when at the end of a performance or a speech, the speaker literally drops or tosses the microphone and stalks off the stage. This has come to signify someone who believes they have just uttered the last word on a subject.

In truth, a mic drop moment is just one symptom of the growing arrogance and rudeness which is becoming increasingly common in our society today. People not only want to prove their point, but they also want to dominate, and even destroy, any opposition to their way of thinking.

No doubt we humans are intelligent, inquisitive, and inventive people and we have produced some marvelous things such as modern factories, automobiles, airplanes, and computers. We have flown to the moon and back and we are now investigating Mars with robotic explorers. The creation of the COVID-19 vaccines is a marvel, and yet, as wonderful as that is, we have not yet created a vaccine for the common cold. After over a century of trying, only in recent months has a vaccine for malaria been approved, a disease which kills about 500,000 people a year, world-wide.

Truth be told, we humans are not as smart as we think we are. People still rob, kill, slander, and hurt each other in a myriad of ways. Inter-personal relationships are still fragile, and try as we might, we have yet to stamp out prejudice, discrimination, racism, or domestic violence.

Only one person has ever deserved to perform a mic drop moment and that is our Lord and Savior. When Jesus had completed His work of being our perfect and once-for-all sacrifice for our sins He said, "It is finished," and then He died, only to rise again on the third day.

Now, having performed the greatest mic drop of all times, Jesus is enjoying a Sabbath at the Father's right hand, waiting for the day when death and Hell will be thrown into the lake of fire and He will create a new Heaven and a New Earth to the glory of God the Father.

Of all the people who have ever lived, only one has lived a perfect, sinless life. Only one finished His work and sat down at the right Hand of God and only one is making intercession for us there today. Only one person has ever truly deserved a mic drop moment, and that one did it all for us!

This Christmas, remember who the baby Jesus really is. Jesus is King of Kings, Lord of Lord, and Our Savior! Only He deserves our praise, honor, and glory! Give Him the acclamation He deserves, for the greatest mic drop of all time!

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

DECEMBER 2021

December 5: West Highland
December 12: Westside
December 19: Westview
December 26: Zion Hill

DECEMBER FOOD BANK DONORS

FBC- Andalusia, Zion Hill FBC- Opp, Mt. Pisgah, West Highland, Oakley Ridge, Northern Heights, Brooks, East Highland, New Hope, Pigeon Creek, Fairmount, Boda

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the following churches who are without pastors:

Brooks Baptist Church	Harmony
Millcreek	Mobley Creek
Victory	Floral FBC
Southside Andy	Adellum

REVIVAL

COME AS YOU ARE

South Alabama Singing Hall,
Gantt, Al.

December 6th, 7th, 8th
6:00 p.m. each night

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

As church attendance numbers fade across the nation and online services become very convenient it's important to remember why church attendance for you and your family matters so much. You can't serve from your sofa. You can't have community of faith on your sofa. You can't experience the power of a room full of believers worshipping together on your sofa.

Christians aren't consumers. We are contributors. We don't watch. We engage. We give. We sacrifice. We encourage. We pray for the hurting. We do life together.

The church needs you.
AND...you need the church!
.....Bishop David Epps

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs. Shirley Smith, our Association WMU Leader who has just been elected as the State of Alabama WMU president. This is a two (2) year term and we know she will serve the Alabama WMU well. Mrs. Smith is a member of Southside Baptist Church in Andalusia and has served in numerous capacities in the areas of mission work. Please pray for her as she serves in this capacity to further the kingdom.



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND
COVINGTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION'S
Annual Christmas Dinner

FOR MINISTERS AND SPOUSES
TO BE HELD AT HARMONY BAPTIST CHURCH
20932 COUNTY ROAD 70, ANDALUSIA, AL 36421
ON

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2021 AT 6:30 P.M.

DRESS: CHRISTMAS/CASUAL
SPEAKER: DR. KEVIN BLACKWELL,
DIRECTOR OF THE SAMFORD MINISTRY TRAINING INSTITUTE
OF SAMFORD UNIVERSITY
MUSIC: KAELEN SMITH, HARMONY BAPTIST CHURCH

FOR CATERING PURPOSES, PLEASE CALL OUR OFFICE
AT 222-3009 TO CONFIRM YOUR RESERVATION
NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 1, 2020

COVINGTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, PO BOX 416, ANDALUSIA, AL 36420

This event is funded by the Associational Missions gifts of the churches of Covington Baptist Association.



Book and Gift Shop

Our Christian Service Centers recently purchased Tabby D's Christian Book and Gift Shop and we are now open for business at the CBA's offices in Sanford. We have new owners and a new location, but we will be providing the same support to the churches of our county and surrounding areas that we have been providing for decades. Our Christmas merchandise is now in stock and ready to fill your Christmas shopping needs. We hope to see you soon!