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# ✠ COVINGTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION NEWS ✠

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## CORBITT'S COMMENTS

### *Corbitt's Comments for May 2022*

One of our greatest needs, coming out of two years of dealing with an unpredictable epidemic, is to revive our outreach and evangelism ministries. I am aware that finding the best ways to do this is a challenge in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century but sharing the Gospel must be a central aspect of our ministry for both spiritual and practical reasons.

Spiritually, if we are to love Jesus, and He certainly deserves our love, we must obey His commandments. The last commandments Jesus gave us before He ascended into Heaven were to make disciples of all peoples, and to be a witness for Him wherever we go. These are not optional; they are commandments that God expects us to obey.

Practically, we need to remember that the church in general, and our local church we love so much in particular, is only one generation away from extinction. If we don't do outreach, and if we don't do evangelism, we will soon have no congregation with which to attend our church!

One type of outreach our churches can do immediately is to contact the visitors that we had attend our Easter worship services. So many more people will attend church on Easter Sunday than on a normal Lord's Day, and a large percentage of them either need to be saved, or to revive their walk with Christ. Just greeting them warmly and welcoming them to church on Easter is not enough. We need to follow-up with them, invite them back to church, and yes, even share the Gospel with them. Since they came to our church, we should take that as an expression of interest and as an invitation to engage them with the love of Christ. As the saying goes, we need to make hay while the sun shines!

A second type of outreach we need to be planning and praying about is Vacation Bible School. Historically, 25% of all baptisms each year in the Southern Baptist Convention stem from VBS. If your church has not had a VBS over the past couple of years (and there were valid reasons not to at the time), 2022 is probably the right time to relaunch this ministry and now is the time to begin planning, praying, and preparing for a good school. Pat Kelley at our Christian Book and Gift Shop will be glad to help you acquire the right curriculum for your church. Curricula are available for all sizes of churches and all types of communities, so don't let that stop you from holding a VBS this summer. And don't forget to follow-up with the families of the children who will attend VBS at your church! They have expressed an interest in your church, which, again, we should take as an invitation to reach out to them.

Outreach and evangelism can be hard, but if we take advantage of the natural opportunities afforded to us by such instances as Easter Sunday and VBS we can grow our churches, we can grow God's Kingdom, and ultimately, we can grow the population of Heaven!

Every blessing, Director of Missions Otis Corbitt

## ASSOCIATIONAL NEWS

### Praying for Each Other in 2022

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 2022, join us in praying for a different member church each week.

#### May 22

May 1: Blue Springs  
May 8: New Hope  
May 15: Smyrna  
May 22: FBC Florala  
May 29: Westside



## MAY FOOD BANK DONORS

FBC Gantt, Liberty Home, Lockhart,  
Sweetwater, River Fall Bethany, Red Oak,  
Buck Creek, Judson, West County Line,  
Adellum, Harmony, Mill Creek, Salem



## SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the following churches who are without pastors:

Brooks	Oakey Ridge
Victory	Florala
Southside Andy	Adellum
Lockhart	Enon
Sweethome	Pigeon Creek
Smyrna	Mobley Creek (In Process)

## Gift Bibles for Graduates

The month of May is upon us, and graduation season is here, and God's Word is the best commencement present. The Christian Book and Gift shop in Sanford has a large stock of Bibles ready to go in multiple translations and colors. We offer free personalization with each purchase and gift wrapping is available. Come see Pat or Robin at 18350 US Highway 84 or call us at 222-3711. We're happy to help you with all your Bible and gift needs.

## Super Summer Youth Camp

Super Summer-Alabama is a leadership and discipleship camp for Alabama students who have completed the 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade where they will be challenged to be the leader God has called them to be. Not only are they challenged to dig deeper in their faith, but challenged to go out and make disciples.

DATE: July 11-15, 2022

WHERE: Jacksonville State University

REGISTER ONLINE:

SUPERSUMMER.YMLINK.ORG

Rev. Jamie Dew will be camp pastor and Worship will be led by the Marc Lewis Band. Sponsored by the Alabama State Board of Missions

## Alaska Missions Partnership

Are you ready to be involved in volunteer missions again? If so, our Alabama Baptist Convention has developed a new partnership with Alaska Baptists. It's like an international mission trip, but you don't need a passport and people speak English! To find a project you're interested in download the project list here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rCbLoTJM3p0TDcR2xuLkda9gMA0Ed4Vw/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=100799102664529190118&rt=pof=true&sd=true>

For more information, go to this website:  
[North American Missions - Acts 1:8 Connections \(a18c.org\)](#)

## LaVerne Griffin Camp

LaVerne Griffin Camp is nestled on 58 acres beside Kalmbach Lake in Wasilla, Alaska. This incredible beautiful 125-acre Kalmbach Lake is stocked with rainbow trout and silver salmon and our peaceful property is full of rolling terrain, along with large birch trees and an amazing view across the lake with sunsets that will take your breath away. We offer amazing camps and retreats for kids, youth, and adults and year-round mission trip opportunities. In summer of 2022, we will host, staff and program 6 full weeks of summer camp for children and teens, along with several other weeks of local church camps and retreats. **Meals:** \$25.00 per day per person. Meals locally: Average \$12-17.00 at restaurants. Full service commercial kitchen with kitchen manager onsite.

**Transportation:** Provide 11 passenger van by camp. Other vehicles available. Excursions: Rent your own.