

## CORBITT'S COMMENTS

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

Churches often send questionnaires to potential staff members. Along with questions about personal testimony and doctrine, some of the questions can seem a little strange. One pair of questions I saw once asked: "How would you describe yourself? How would your peers describe you?"

Now, the first question in that pair was very logical but I am not too sure about the second! The pastor who received that questionnaire answered it: "I hope my peers would agree with my description of myself, but I think you will have to ask them!"

It would be fascinating, though quite possibly embarrassing, for us to know what our peers think of us. We do know, however, from Mark 7:37, what the people who walked with Jesus thought of Him: "*He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.*" Wow, would to God that everyone who looked into our lives would say, "He has done everything well!"

The thing I have come to understand, however, is that the definition of "doing all things well," can differ, depending upon who you may be talking to. As one pastor who moved from a large city to a rural area once told me, "When I was in [the big city], if a church held a community outreach event it had to be absolutely excellent. If it wasn't done to a very high standard people had many other churches to choose from, and they would just go down the road to the next offering. Here, people are not as concerned about how well you do an event as much as they see that you care enough to do the event." This is like the idea that, "People don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care."

So, what about Jesus? Why did He tell His followers in Mark 7:36, *Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it.* Simply this, Jesus did not come just to heal people. He came to seek and save the lost souls of this world. He *came to the Jews first, and then to the Greeks* as Paul says in Romans 1.

He had a mission to accomplish, but that did not prevent Him from being kind and loving those who did not understand that mission. Jesus had to be patient with all kinds of people, Jews and Gentiles, His disciples, and His critics, those seeking salvation and those seeking miracles.

We should live our lives so that people will say that we do all things well as we serve God. It is a difficult balancing act to pursue a mission, while at the same time relating to people who don't understand your mission, but Jesus did it, and since He sent us to the Holy Spirit to empower our ministry we can, too. Seek the help of the Holy Spirit, and while it will probably never be easy, it can be done!

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.

#### JUNE

June 5: Lockhart  
June 12: Damacus  
June 19: Beda  
June 26: Pleasant Home



### JUNE 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:

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| Brooks         | Oakey Ridge  |
| Victory        | Floral FBC   |
| Southside Andy | Adellum      |
| Lockhart       | Enon         |
| Sweet Home     | Pigeon Creek |
| Smyrna         |              |

*The preparations of the heart in man,  
and the answer of the tongue, is from the LORD.  
All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes;  
But the LORD weigheth the spirits.  
Commit thy works unto the LORD,  
and thy thoughts shall be established.*

*Proverbs 16 1-3*

## COVINGTON CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S JOB CORPS IS UP AND RUNNING

The purpose of Christian Women's Job Corp (CWJC), a compassionate ministry of national Woman's Missionary Union, is to provide a Christian context in which women in need are equipped for life and employment in a missional context in which women help women. It is a hand up not a handout.

The CWJC's purpose is fulfilled when a woman has basic life skills necessary for sufficiency within her culture which may include substantial employment, adequate income, housing, transportation, childcare, and medical care.

### WHAT MAKES CWJC DIFFERENT?

There are many programs that seek to empower men and women and to equip them with job skills. However, CWJC is a unique ministry with two distinctive elements.

1. Bible study: We believe in the power of the Bible and God's Word to change our lives. Every student participates in regular Bible study.
2. Mentor Relationship: Just as God seeks a relationship with us, so we seek relationship with others. Having someone to walk through the journey with us empowers us and provides safety and we grow and develop.

### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Prayer – for Shirley and Judy and for the site.  
Mentors – One on one mentors. Instructors – Trainers – Teacher, potentially: lunch sponsors – this would be weekly. Help with graduation – we want this to be a BIG DEAL! Graduation day for this session is Friday, August 26, 2022. Help with fun activities purchase journals, books, etc. Referrals – if you know of a woman who you think would benefit from our services, please contact us. We need someone to design website and work with social media

Covington CWJC is blessed to be a compassionate ministry of Covington Baptist Association, Community Ministry, and its Christian Service Centers. Covington CWJC is included in the Covington Baptist Association annual budget.

Please contact us if you have questions, would like to volunteer, or invite us to come to your church

and share one on one with your group.  
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