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CORBITT'S COMMENTS

Corbitt's Comments for September 2022

This month, September, is notable I think, because it contains a couple of anniversaries in our associational ministry together.

One anniversary involves the CSC Book and Gift Shop. On September 1, 2021, we wrote the check which purchased the Book and Gift Shop from Tabby D's, so this month we are celebrating our first anniversary of operating this ministry resource. It has been a busy year, but I am glad to say that things are going very well with the Shop.

Much of our initial success is due to the hard work of Byram Lambert, who found a great contractor to create a space for the Book and Gift Shop in our old library in the Association's office building. The alterations were so well done that it looks as if the store was always here. Byram has also done a great job in managing the finances of the store, seamlessly adding an additional budget to manage into his busy workflow.

The secret to our on-going success is Pat Kelley our manager and Robyn Smith, her part-time assistant. Pat brought 30 years of experience with her, and Robyn was a quick study. They are not only very efficient booksellers, but they also have a heart for ministry. It is a common thing for them to allow a customer to share their needs and concerns with them, and they are always ready with a word of encouragement or prayer. Like Leroy Cole has said for years about our three Christian Service Centers, the Book and Gift Shop is not just a business but a ministry center, too!

Speaking of ministry, that's why we acquired the Book and Gift Shop: to minister to the needs of the churches, church leaders, and church members in our county and the surrounding area. Our focus was not to make money, but to equip and encourage churches and ministers and to provide a needed local resource to them. I am glad to say that the Book and Gift Shop is doing well financially. In the short term any profits will be used to develop the shop, but in the future, we will also donate profits to missions and other ministries.

The other anniversary is my own. I began my ministry as your Director of Missions on September 16, 2012. It is hard to believe that I have now served the Covington Baptist Association for a decade; it seems like it was only yesterday that I was moving my books from the Baptist Building in Montgomery to our Association's offices in Sanford. Time has flown!

Overseeing the day-to-day operations of a complex ministry enterprise like the CBA and the CSC has been a rewarding challenge. Together, Byram, Leroy, Katie Cooper, and I, supported by our Board of Directors, have kept this ministry enterprise going forward by the grace of God. I trust that God's grace and guidance will keep us moving forward in the right direction as we continue to serve the churches of the Covington Baptist Association and the people of Covington County.

I look forward to seeing our pastors and the other messengers from our churches at our Annual Meeting on October 20th at West County Line Baptist Church!

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.

SEPTEMBER

September 4: Carolina
September 11: Hopewell
September 18: Bethany
September 25: New Song



SEPTEMBER FOOD BANK DONORS

Mt. Pisgah, West Highland, Oakey Ridge,
Northern Heights, Brooks, East Highland,
New Hope, Pigeon Creek, Fairmount, Beda,
Blue Springs, Carolina, Northside, Enon,
FBC-Floral



SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the following churches who are without pastors:

Brooks	Oakey Ridge
Victory	Floral FBC
Southside Andy	Adellum
Lockhart	Enon
Sweet Home	Sweetwater
Smyrna	

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

You're invited to attend Grief Support Group Classes at Covington Baptist Association Offices, 18350 U.S. Hwy 84, Andalusia, AL 36421 (Sanford, AL) every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 11:00 a.m. These grief support classes are brought to you by Comfort Care Hospice. There are no charges for these services. For further information, please call 334-427-4000 or 334-222-3009

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Annual Church Profiles (ACP's)
Were mailed to all Church Clerks around 28 July 22. There is one change in the report this Year.....IT IS DUE SEPTEMBER 15TH
This is 2 weeks earlier than usual. PLEASE begin work on them as soon as you receive them so they can be returned by the above due date. For questions: contact Byram Lambert, Ofc Mgr. at 222-3009. Thanks for your assistance in this very important matter.



SAVE-A-LIFE

The 30th Annual Sav-A-Life Banquet will be held Monday, September 26, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the Kiwanis Community Center in Andalusia. Tickets (\$25) are available in the Andalusia area at Christian Book & Gift and Sav-A-Life's Family Hope Center, in Opp at Larry's Prescriptions, and in Floral at First Baptist Church. For more info, call Sav-A-Life at 334-222-0644.

CHURCH NEWS

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH – ANDALUSIA

First Baptist Church, Andalusia invites you to attend services during **"Awesome August"**.

Sunday, August 28th at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. "Man Church"

Led by Scott Dawson. Evening service: 5-7 p.m. Steak Dinner reservations required 222-5152.

Monday & Tuesday, August 29th and 30th: "A Survey of the Scriptures" Led by Dr. Bartley Wooten at 6 p.m. each evening.

Wednesday, August 31, "A Night With Dr. Ted Traylor" in the Sanctuary at 6:00 p.m.

For further information you may contact: Mrs. Jeanne Bozeman at 334-222-5152.

BABBIE

BABBIE HOMECOMING September 11, 2022