

COVINGTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION NEWS

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CORBITT'S COMMENTS

Dear Friends,

I am writing this column during one of the hottest weeks of the year, so it is hard to believe that September is the beginning of Fall, but it is. Despite the temperature, Fall is here and that means that the time for an important meeting in the life of our Association is approaching.

The important meeting that I am referring to is the Annual Meeting of the Covington Baptist Association, which is scheduled for Thursday, October 19th at Babbie Baptist Church, beginning at 6pm. Please note that beginning this year we will no longer have a fellowship meal before the Annual Meeting. Although our Annual Meeting only occurs once each year, the feedback we have received is that it is too long, so we have decided to eliminate the meal going forward.

So why is the Annual Meeting so important? First, it is an opportunity for our churches to associate with one another. Southern Baptist churches are self-governing, but not independent of one another, and in 1856, the Southern Baptist churches of Covington County decided to associate (relate) to one another by forming the CBA. Our churches associate in other ways, but from the beginning a primary way, has been through the Annual Meeting. In times past, this meeting took place over two days, but now we meet for about two hours. Still, it is an important time to associate.

The Annual Meeting is also a time for accountability to our member churches and a time for the churches to authorize the Association to conduct ministry on their behalf. Without the Annual Meeting, we would have no authority going forward to expend funds or conduct future ministry events. The churches of the Association are the Association, and the Annual Meeting is the primary way that they guide our collective work going forward. That's why we need every church to send messengers to our Annual Meeting.

I am also looking forward to our speaker this year. Barry Wilkinson has been pastor of Hopewell for a quarter century, and I know he will challenge us with God's Word. I hope to see you at Babbie on October 19th!

Every blessing,

Otis Corbitt
Director of Missions

ASSOCIATIONAL NEWS

Position Available

Byram Lambert, our long-time Office Manager has announced his retirement effective at the end of this year, and so the Covington Baptist Association will begin searching for a new receptionist/financial secretary. The job description and other details are still being developed, but that information will be available soon. If you are interested in this position, contact our Director of Missions, Otis Corbitt at 222-3009, or you can send him an email at:

ocorbitt@covingtonbaptist.org

Praying For Each Other In 2023

In Ephesians 6 Paul taught that 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 September, join us in praying for a different member church each week:

September 3: Carolina

September 10: Hopewell

September 17: Bethany

September 24: 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, and FBC Florala

Food Bank Donation Suggestions

Here is a list of suggested items to donate to the Food Bank: Cereals, Oatmeal, Grits, Tuna, Puddings, Rice, Crackers, Dried Beans, Boxed Rice or Pasta Dishes, Condiments, Canned Corn, Green Beans or Mixed Vegetables, Peanut Butter, Instant Potatoes, Fruit Juices, Boxed Breakfast Pastries, Canned Soups, Apple Sauce, and Jell-O

Annual Church Profiles

It's that time again! Pastors and church clerks, please note that the Annual Church Profiles have been mailed to each church clerk. Profiles will be due in the Association Office no later than September 15, 2023. Help us celebrate what God is doing in our midst by completing an ACP!

NEWS FROM CHURCHES

Deadline For Submission of Church News To The CBA Newsletter

Our deadline for submission of church news is the 20th of each month. Email to:

covingtonbaptistnewsletter@gmail.com

Liberty Home Baptist In Revival

Liberty Home Baptist Church will hold revival meetings October 8-11 with Dr. Lewis Miller of the Florida Baptist Convention as the featured speaker. Their theme will be the "Greatness of God."

Mt Gilead Pastor Search

Mount Gilead Baptist Church in Dozier, Alabama is prayerfully searching for a pastor to lead our congregation. Those seeking to apply should send a resume, along with links to recorded sermons, to our Pastor Search Committee at: Pastor Search Committee, 29860 5-Points Road, Dozier, Alabama 36028, or by email to:

mtgileadinfo@gmail.com

Special Prayer Request

Pray for these churches who are searching for pastors: Adellum, Bethany, Brooks, Lockhart, Mt. Gilead, Sweet Home, and Victory.

Alabama Baptist Convention

Myers Mallory State Missions Offering

The Myers Mallory State Missions Offering and Week of Prayer for State Missions will be observed the week of September 10-17, 2023:

www.Myers-Mallory.org

Church Revitalization With Sam Rainer, Monday, September 25

If your church needs revitalization or would like to receive the latest research on having a healthy church, this event is a must! Sam Rainer, author of The Church Revitalization Checklist, will be the speaker for this event at the State Board of Missions Facility, Prattville. Sam is the president of Church Answers as well as the lead pastor at West Bradenton Baptist Church. There is a cost of \$10.00 which includes lunch and materials. You can register at:

<https://churchhealthal.org/event/church-revitalization-with-sam-rainer/>