



# COVINGTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION NEWS



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### CORBITT'S COMMENTS

Dear Friends,

It's a New Year on the calendar, and the time has come for the transitions I have been discussing for months to actually take place. Byram Lambert and Leroy Cole have officially retired and on January 28<sup>th</sup>, we will honor them for their 43 combined years of serving our churches and the people of Covington County with a reception at Southside Baptist Church, Andalusia. You can find more details about this elsewhere in this edition. You are invited to attend and express your appreciation to them!

As Leroy and Bryam take their leave of us, others have answered the call to serve. I want all of us to welcome them to their new tasks and to commit to pray for them.

Katie Cooper is not a new name or face for us, but we need to welcome her all the same. She is well equipped to take over the role of leading our community ministry efforts. She will guide the work at our Christian Service Centers, and she'll be seeking God's guidance herself as she prayerfully plans to expand the reach of our three centers in Andalusia, Opp, and Floralla. She is taking on a great responsibility so pray for her, her husband Greg, and their children.

Also, please pray for Wayne Linton. Wayne will be assuming the huge task of managing the business affairs of our Association, the Christian Service Centers, and our Book and Gift Shop. Wayne is a long-time member and deacon at Southside Baptist Church, Opp, and he earned a BBA from Troy and an MBA from AUM. He is also a CPA. Wayne's wife Peggy retired from LBW Junior College. Wayne is coming to us from White, McClung and Barber, and he will start with us on January the 2<sup>nd</sup>. He is already very familiar with our finances, having served as our CPA for years, but please pray for him as he takes on managing the repairs to, and improvement of, our four campuses of buildings.

Thanks so much for praying for Katie and Wayne and our cooperative ministry in 2024!

Every blessing,

Director of Missions Otis Corbitt

### ASSOCIATIONAL NEWS

#### January 2024 Food Bank Donors

Damascus, Southside-Opp, Westside, Babbie, Beulah, Cedar Grove, Rawls, Pleasant Home, Southside-Andalusia, Sanford, New Song, Philadelphia

#### Praying For Each Other In 2024

This month, please join us in praying for a different member church each week:

*December 31: Brooks*

*January 7: Pigeon Creek*

*January 14: Oak Grove*

*January 28: Fairmount*

#### Prayer Rallies in 2024

As we follow the theme of Seasons in the Son for our ministry in 2024, one season we will experience will be a season of prayer. Not only will we continue to pray for a different church each week, but we will also pray around our county by holding prayer rallies in different communities. Save the date now for our first prayer rally which is scheduled for 6:30pm January 30, 2024, at Westview Baptist Church in Opp. We hope to see you there!

#### Retirement Reception

As you probably know, both Byram Lambert and Leroy Cole retired at the end of 2023. In honor of their combined 40-plus years of service to our churches and the people of Covington County, we will be hosting a retirement reception for them at Southside Baptist Church, Andalusia on January 28<sup>th</sup> from 2pm to 4pm. Refreshments will be served. Please come and express your appreciation to them!

#### United Youth Conference 2024

Save the date now for UYC on February 9-10, 2024 at Andalusia High School! Our 2024 theme is *Epicenter* and the focal passage is Colossians 3:17: "And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Our speaker will be Rechab Gray and our worship band will be Rush of Fools. Cost will be \$30 per person. Please register your youth group in advance at: [www.uycus.org](http://www.uycus.org)

### NEWS FROM CHURCHES

#### Deadline For Submission of Church News to The CBA Newsletter

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

[covingtonbaptistnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:covingtonbaptistnewsletter@gmail.com)

#### Special Prayer Request

Pray for these churches who are searching for pastors: Beulah, Bethany, Brooks, East Highland, Fairmount, Lockhart, Rawls, Salem, and Victory

#### Mt Gilead Youth Minister Search

Mt Gilead Baptist Church is seeking a youth minister to lead and guide their middle and high school students. The goal of this position is to help all students understand how Jesus can change their lives, what salvation means, and how to be disciples. To apply send your resume to: [mtgileadinfo@gmail.com](mailto:mtgileadinfo@gmail.com)

#### Rawls Baptist Pastor Search

Rawls Baptist Church is prayerfully searching for a pastor to lead their congregation. Those seeking to apply should contact Ronnie Taylor at 334-804-5426 or you can email him at: [ronniet36474@gmail.com](mailto:ronniet36474@gmail.com)

#### Brooks Baptist Pastor Search

Brooks Baptist Church, Red Level, AL, is prayerfully seeking a pastor to serve their congregation and community. The candidate must be called by God to minister, counsel, and lead His people forward in righteous living, dedicated service, and continued spiritual growth. Please direct resumes to: [dgorum8@gmail.com](mailto:dgorum8@gmail.com)

#### Oasis Senior Adult Event at Bay Minette January 25, 2024

Frank Jones Ministries will be hosting **Oasis: A Refreshing Event For Senior Adults And Their Friends** at FBC Bay Minette beginning at 1:30 pm on January 25, 2024. Featured artists will include Dennis Swanberg (America's Minister of Encouragement) and the Gospel trio Paid in Full. Tickets are \$22.50 each in advance (\$22.00 for groups pf 15+) and \$25.00 on the day of. To purchase tickets, call 205-393-7020 or you can buy them on the web at [www.frankjonesministries.org/oasis](http://www.frankjonesministries.org/oasis).