



COVINGTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION NEWS



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CORBITT'S COMMENTS

Dear Friends,

Now that we are a couple of months into 2024, it's time for a review of the past few weeks and a look forward into next quarter.

I am pleased to report that our prayer emphasis got off to a good start at the end of January, when we enjoyed a sweet time of prayer at Westview. We are planning a prayer breakfast at the Associational office in April, and we're also considering a Zoom meeting, maybe in May or June, so that people from all over the county can join together in prayer more easily. Prayer is foundational to all that we do as we associate together.

Before we leave the subject of prayer, I urge you to make Easter worship a special emphasis of prayer and preparation. We rightfully place much emphasis on Christmas in our churches, but it seems to me that Easter is less emphasized. Easter is at least as important as Christmas, if not more, so let's find ways to make it a very special celebration in our churches in 2024!

I am also pleased to report on the good ministry being done by our churches' youth ministers. Not only was our United Youth Conference a great success this year (with over 700 in attendance), but we have received multiple reports of salvations, baptisms, and other spiritual decisions made by youths in our Association since the turn of the New Year. Our youth pastors are committed to working together in UYC and other projects and I appreciate their spirit of cooperation and their dedication to the students and parents in their churches.

We are also looking forward to our Senior Adult Revival planned for May 7th. This will be the first time that FBC Andalusia has been able to host us, and we are excited about fellowshiping in their recently renovated and expanded facilities. Dr. Terry Robertson, an Alabama native and the Executive Director of the Baptist Convention of New York, will be our speaker, and the Heritage Trio of De Funiak Springs will be our musical guests. As always, the Association will provide a fellowship meal.

I hope your church will be represented at our Executive Committee on April 22nd but until then, every blessing, Otis Corbitt

NEWS FROM CHURCHES

McKamey Legacy in Concert @ Blue Springs on March 15th

McKamey Legacy from Clinton, TN will be in concert at Blue Springs Baptist on Friday March 15 at 7:00pm. With the promotion of Peg to Heaven and retirement of Reuben, the children will continue the legacy that The McKamey's have had on Southern Gospel music. There will be no admission charge, but a love offering will be received. Come be blessed! For more information contact Pastor Flint Harrelson at 334-222-2281.

Rick and Sherri Burgess Coming to Opp on April 20th

Westview Baptist is hosting "An Evening with Rick and Sherri Burgess" at Opp High School at 6:30pm on April 20th. Admission to this one-night-only conference is free, but registration and tickets are required. For more information see:

<https://westviewbaptist.com/>

Special Prayer Request

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

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March 2024 Food Bank Donors

Blue Springs, Carolina, Northside, Enon, FBC Florala, Mt Pisgah, West Highland, Oakley Ridge, Northern Heights, FBC Andalusia, FBC Opp

Graduation Gift Bible Orders

Graduation season is fast approaching, and our Book and Gift Shop wants to have what you need, when you need it, and to save you money in the process. What that means is that we need you to help us help you! Please let us know by April 1st if you want a specific Bible for the graduates in your churches. We're offering free gift wrapping and personalization on all Bibles purchased with us, as well as a 20% discount on orders of 24 or more bibles. A Bible order of 1 to 23 will receive a 10% discount. Call Pat or Robin today at 222-3711 Option 3.

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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

Easter Outreach Door Hanger Kits

The Covington Baptist Association has a supply of door hanger kits which are perfect for Easter outreach. These include the door hangers, a tract, and a DVD of the Jesus Film. These are free to member churches while supplies last. This material was donated by Harmony Baptist Church, for which we are grateful! Experience has shown that people are more likely to visit a church during the Easter and Christmas seasons. Put a flyer advertising your Easter services in the door hangers and canvass the neighbors around your church in the weeks before Easter . . . who knows how many visitors you might have! Call us at the office or come by for more information!

Disaster Relief Training

Hurricane Season is coming, and our Disaster Relief ministry needs volunteers, but DR is not a "pick-up game!" Alabama Baptist Disaster Relief is offering required training for volunteer at the DR Center in Prattville in March and April:

Administration Training, March 16th

Shower and Laundry Training, March 23rd

*Clean-up and Recovery and Chainsaw
Training, April 5th*

Chaplain Training, April 11th-13th

For more information see:

<https://sbdr.org/events/>

Praying For Each Other In 2024

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

March 3: Sweet Home

March 10: Sweet Water

March 17: West County Line

March 24: Westview

March 31: Northern Heights