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CORBITT'S COMMENTS:

Corbitt's Comments for February:

When we developed our ministry strategy last year, we agreed on a number of *Core Values* that would become an integral part of our ministry culture. *Core Values* are moral, ethical, and spiritual guidelines that help us make good decisions when our written procedures don't address a problem or an issue. In essence, *Core Values* help us to do the right thing when no one is looking! Over the next few months I will be reviewing our *Core Values* in these paragraphs.

One of our *Core Values* is *Appreciation*. We appreciate our churches, our pastors and ministers, our volunteers, our staff, and, course, our God. To *appreciate* something is to understand its worth or its importance and to admire and value something or someone. It also implies being grateful for something or to someone.

Like all the *Core Values* that we adopted, *Appreciation* is Biblical, and it is found being exercised in the lives of God's people throughout the Scriptures. For example, 1 Chronicles 16:8 teaches us to, "Give thanks unto the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the people."

Showing *Appreciation* to God might be seem obvious, but the Bible also teaches us to show *Appreciation* to His people as well, "And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves."

Why show *Appreciation*? Because, like Paul, we are debtors (Romans 1:14, 8:12, & 15:27). We have been blessed by God with salvation and a new life in Christ. We are blessed by God with a ministry to the sixth largest county in Alabama. We are blessed by the cooperation and support of our churches and our volunteers. We are blessed to stand on the shoulders of such outstanding former leaders as Jake Phillips, Neal and Kittye Wyatt, and Larry Cummings. We are blessed to work cooperatively with our broader Baptist family in the Southern Baptist Convention. We are blessed to have co-workers on the association staff that love God, love God's people, and love lost people.

We have a great deal to be grateful for! We pray that a spirit of *Appreciation* will be obvious to all as we serve the churches and people of Covington County.

Every blessing,

Otis Corbitt, Director of Missions

COMING FEBRUARY 20 -21

A COVINGTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATIONAL EVENT

One –A Marriage Event

"One weekend that could change your marriage forever!"

Bethany Baptist Church

14632 Heath/R Falls, Andalusia

Cost: \$10 per couple

A unique marriage conference to be led by Tim & Debbie Childers that focuses on the fact that Christian marriage is basically two Christians who happened to be married to each other. If each partner's relationship with Christ is the abundant victorious relationship that God wants it to be, the marriage will grow stronger and happier naturally. If instead it is approached as two married people who just happen to be Christians, then the focus will be on the practical steps to a happy marriage instead of on Jesus, who will build a happy marriage by His own life in each of the marriage partners. If Christ is your life and Christ is your spouse's life, then there is no way that you can live in anything but harmony and unity!

Friday Evening – 6:30p.m. – 9 p.m. - Desserts -
Creative and Eye-opening Teaching Sessions 1 & 2!

Saturday - 8:30 a.m. Breakfast; Sessions 3 & 4;
Followed by Lunch; then Closing Session 5.

The teaching approach Tim and Debbie use could best be described as tag team. If time permits there will be a candid question/answer session.

The conference ends with a commitment ceremony reinforcing "ONENESS" in marriage. Each couple will receive a memento of the ceremony. Couples will also receive a "ONE" MARRIAGE CONFERENCE workbook.

**To Register Contact CBA @ 334-222-3009
or mholley@covingtonbaptist.org
Registration Deadline & Money: February 16th**

Non-Profit Organization
U.S. Postage Paid
Permit No. 139
Andalusia, AL 36420

Covington Baptist Association
P.O. Box 416
Andalusia, AL 36420

ASSOCIATION NEWS (Cont.)

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

The Andalusia Cancer Clinic needs the following supplies for the patients who complete their treatment: small colas, small juices, potato chips, peanut butter & crackers, Little Debbie Cakes. Please drop your donations off at the Andalusia Cancer Clinic.

Thank you for your help!

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Old School Men's Meeting
Old Stanley School House
17784 AL Hwy. 55 South
Thursday, February 19th @ 7p.m.
Free Steak Dinner
Guest Speaker: Scott Veron
Full Draw Ministries
Saraland, AL

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"DIVORCE CARE" - Spring 2015

13 Week Support Group – Open To Anyone That is Separated or Has Been Through Divorce.

Monday Evenings 7p.m. – 9 p.m.

01/19/15 – 04/13/15

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SAMFORD UNIVERSITY NEWS

Samford Ministry Training Institute will begin the spring semester Thursday, January 29, 6:00 – 9:00 pm, and will continue on Thursday nights for 8 weeks for the first class. Introduction to the New Testament, taught by Rev. Marty Holley. The second class will begin March 26, 6:00 – 9:00 pm and continue on Thursday nights for 8 weeks. Rev. Otis Corbitt will teach, Christian Ethics. Classes will meet at the Covington Baptist Association office.

Registration for the semester is \$10.00, tuition is \$50.00 for each class. Scholarships are available for Alabama Baptist with family income less than \$40,000.00. For more information call Ed Ganus at 222-4870

FEBRUARY FOOD BANK DONORS

Bethany, Red Oak, Buck Creek, Judson, Hopewell, Oak Grove, Sweet Home, Westview-Opp, West County Line, Adellum, Harmony, Mill Creek, Salem

NEWS FROM CHURCHES

HOPEWELL

Hopewell Baptist Church is searching for God's person to serve as Youth Pastor. If you know someone that may be interested, the Personnel Committee is now receiving resumes and will continue to do so until January 31st. Resumes should be mailed to Hopewell Baptist Church, 6592 Brooklyn Road, Andalusia, AL, 36421; ATTN: Personnel Committee. For more information, please call the church at 222-2757.

BETHANY

An Invitation To Everyone
Bethany Baptist Church will host:
Life Action Revival Ministries
(25 Member Team)

February 1- 8

Eight Exciting, Spirit Filled,

Life Changing Days

For the entire family

For Times call 334-222-5551

WESTVIEW OPP

Simulcast of the Johnny Hunt Men's Conference

Jan 30 & 31 , 4:30 p.m. Friday, 6:00 a.m. Saturday.

Hosted by Men of Westview Baptist Church Men

Open to the Public

Admission - \$25 and includes a hamburger supper

For Details call 493-6467

Fantastic February Monday Nights (7 p.m.)

@ Westview Baptist Church – Opp

Feb. 2 -Paul Thompson, Senior Pastor,
Calvary Baptist Church, Dothan, AL

Feb. 9 Lawrence Phipps, It's Life Ministry
Montgomery, AL

Feb. 16 Daniel Wilson, Senior Pastor
West End Baptist Church
Clanton, AL

Feb. 23 Steven Davies, Senior Pastor
Village Baptist Church
Destin, FL