



## ASSOCIATION NEWS

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## **ASSOCIATION NEWS**

**YOU ARE INVITED TO THE**  
**COVINGTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION WMU**  
**ANNUAL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 6:00 PM**  
**RED OAK BAPTIST CHURCH FELLOWSHIP**  
**HALL**

(SUPPER FURNISHED BY RED OAK CHURCH)

PROGRAM BEGINS AT 7:00 P.M.

SPECIAL MUSIC BY KACI PERRY

SPEAKERS- "OPPORTUNITIES FOR HANDS ON  
MINISTRIES"

WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM:

CROSSOVER, SAV-A-LIFE,, CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER,  
TALKING BIBLES, JAIL MINISTRY, CANCER CENTER

(SPEAKERS LIMITED TO 5 MINUTES EACH.)

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## CORBITT'S COMMENTS:

Corbitt's Comments for April:

Anyone who knows the history of our Association knows that we have lived by the *Core Value* of *Compassion* for many decades. *Compassion* is the foundation for the work of our Christian Service Centers. Each month our food distribution ministry provides vital supplemental food items to nearly 1,000 families in Covington County. In addition, our counseling ministry, in partnership with Pathways Professional Counseling and the Alabama Baptist Children's home touches a hundred more families (and we just added a third, afternoon counselor to our ministry) each year. We also provide gifts of household goods to families who have suffered fires and other disasters to their homes. Because we operate three Christian Service Centers, our *Compassion* touches all parts of our county.

The truth is it is not our *Compassion* we are showing but God's! In Matthew 9:36 we read that when Jesus "saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd." We also read in Romans 5:7-8, "For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Therefore, in showing *Compassion* through our Christian Service Centers, we are following in the footsteps of Jesus, which is a good thing!

Our *Compassion* comes from the very nature of God and it should permeate all aspects of our lives. There are times, however, when we, in our personal and church lives, fail at showing *Compassion*. As humans, we are frail and limited, and we often fall in to sin. Sometimes that sin develops into interpersonal conflict, and that conflict can harm our relationships and the reputations of our ministries. In those times we would be wise to remember Paul's instructions to the Colossian church: "Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering . . . (Colossians 3:12)."

Finally, we should also remember that the greatest act of *Compassion* comes not from giving people food or being kind to one another, but in helping people find the *Bread of Life* and the *Living Water* which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. The best way we can show love to people is to help them find God's love in Christ. This is a task that we all need to do better, and it is a task that is increasingly more difficult as our society becomes more and more secular, even in Alabama, the buckle of the Bible belt!

Let us purpose to show true *Compassion* by helping those we meet become disciples of Christ that they may come to enjoy the abundant life that He promises to them and us!

Every blessing,

Otis Corbitt, Director of Missions

## ASSOCIATION NEWS (Cont.)

### ASSOCIATION TRAINING CLASSES

1. **Disaster Relief Team Training:** We need more trained volunteers for our new Clean-up and Recovery/Chainsaw Team! Hurricane season is coming and we need to get ready! **Training for Disaster Relief Chaplains** will be at the Escambia Baptist Association **April 23-25**. **Clean-up and Recovery/Chainsaw Team** training will be held at the same location **April 24-25**. New Volunteers can register at:

<http://www.alsbom-gm.org>.

A video that tells more about Alabama's Disaster Relief Ministry is found at this site: <https://vimeo.com/79298251>.

2. **Faith-Focused Safe Travel Training for Volunteers:** We need to help our volunteer stay safe as they travel overseas and to big cities in the US. Experience continues to demonstrate that preparation and training can increase safety for individuals traveling with your organization, and can help guarantee the continuation of your ministry and outreach into the future. **Faith-Focused Safe Travel Training for Volunteers** will be conducted on May 14<sup>th</sup> at the CBA from 9am-4pm. Topics to be covered: include travel safety, code of conduct, crime survival and basic crisis policy all from a faith-based perspective. Cost is \$45 per attendee (includes lunch and breaks). Reservations are non-refundable. To register, go to: <http://a18c.org/ffsta/>

### APRIL FOOD BANK DONORS

**Conecuh River, Pleasant Grove, Victory, Mt. Gilead, Mobley Creek Damascus, Southside- Opp, Westside, Sanford, New Song, Philadelphia**

### **Covington Baptist Association VBS Training Clinic**

Date; Thursday, March 26, 2015

Time: 6-8 p.m.

Place: Harmony Baptist Church

Schedule for the Training –

6:00 – 6:15 p.m. Worship Rally music

6:15- 7:15 p.m. Bible Study Rotation

7:15- 7:45 p.m. Missions/Crafts

## SAMFORD NEWS

*Samford Ministry Training Institute is now enrolling for the second spring semester Class, "Christian Ethics," taught by Rev. Otis Corbitt; beginning March 26, 6-9 PM and Continuing for 8 weeks on Thursday nights at the Covington Baptist Association office. The cost is \$10.00 registration and \$50.00 tuition. Scholarships are available for Alabama Baptists with family income less than \$40,000.00. For more information*

*Call: Ed Ganus at 222-4870*

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## NEWS FROM CHURCHES

### BUCK CREEK

Buck Creek will join other churches in the area for a Sunrise Service on Easter at the football stadium in Red Level. Pastor Tyler Ingram will be the speaker. Breakfast will be served at the church following the The Buck Creek Baptist Church's youth group recently completed the THRIVE Bible Study Challenge. In reward for their hard work, the youth attended The Roadshow concert in Mobile on February 21.

Revival was held February 22-25, with Bro. Derwood Cleland speaking. Music was provided by Buck Creek's choir, Charlene Griffin, Jonathan Griggs, and Lindsey Bridge Baptist Church's choir.

The youth also attended United DNow March 6-7, which focused on equipping them to be UNashamed of their faith, UNashamed in sharing their faith, and UNashamed in living their faith.

The ladies of Buck Creek, "Sisters in Christ", enjoyed a meal together on March 5, followed by testimony presented by Lorrie Stacks.

The men of Buck Creek will host a Turkey Shoot at the church on March 28 from 11:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. Prizes will be given away, and a shotgun will be raffled. Please contact Pastor Tyler Ingram at 488-1761 for more information.

March 29th will be Youth Sunday/Compassion Sunday. The youth will be presenting on the organization Compassion International and will be giving opportunities for sponsorships. For more information on Compassion International, you can visit [www.compassion.com](http://www.compassion.com)

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### NEW HOPE

New Hope Baptist Church will celebrate its 156th Homecoming on April 26, 2015.

Bro James Parker will be our guest speaker. Dinner on the grounds after the services, weather permitting.

### HARMONY

#### Press Release

#### "Christ in the Passover"

**Sunday, March 22, 2015 @ 10:30 AM**

Jews for Jesus has presented "Christ in the Passover" at over 38,000 churches. It has been enthusiastically received by Christians who appreciate learning more about the Jewish backgrounds of their faith. Moishe Rosen, who founded Jews for Jesus in 1973, has also co-written the Jesus' Last Supper was actually a Jewish Passover. Sergio Danon of Jews for Jesus will re-create the traditional Passover service and explain how it foreshadowed Jesus' death and resurrection in a presentation called "Christ in the Passover" at Harmony Baptist Church on Sunday, March 22nd at 10:30 AM.

Sergio Danon will set a table with items traditionally used at the Passover meal and detail their spiritual significance. He will also explain the connection between the events of the first Passover in Egypt and the redemption that Jesus accomplished, as well as the deep bond between the ancient Passover feast and the Christian communion celebration today.

book, *Christ in the Passover*, with his wife, Ceil. This seminal work includes a look at Passover in ancient times and how it is practiced today. It will be available after the presentation. Also available will be a DVD of the Christ in the Passover presentation with David Brickner, the executive director of Jews for Jesus, officiating.

Brickner, a fifth-generation Jewish believer in Jesus, succeeded Rosen as Executive Director in 1996. Brickner has kept Jews for Jesus on the cutting edge as the ministry has expanded and established branches in eleven countries, including the United States, Brazil, Israel, Russia, France, and South Africa. "We exist to make the Messiahship of Jesus an unavoidable issue to our Jewish people worldwide," Brickner states. "There are still a few that haven't heard of us!"

Sergio Danon will be happy to answer questions after the presentation. Call (334) 222-8117 for more information. **There is no admission charge.**