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CORBITT'S COMMENTS:

Corbitt's Comments for July:

As I write this article I am also watching the Annual Meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention by streaming video on-line. Scheduling conflicts kept me from traveling to Baltimore where the Convention is being conducted but as an ordained Southern Baptist minister I think it is important to be involved in the Denomination, so I am grateful, therefore, that our SBC leaders have invested in the ability to broadcast the Convention on-line. If I can't be present, at least I can keep informed via the internet.

As grateful as I am for the on-line broadcast of the Convention, I can't help but also recognize some of the limitations of this mode of "virtual" attendance. Yes, I can watch the reports of the various entity heads, and I can hear them answer messengers' questions, but I cannot ask a question myself. Yes, I can watch the nomination speeches for officers of the SBC, and I can even watch as the results of the votes are reported to the Convention, but I can't vote myself. Yes, I can watch as motions are made and resolutions presented to the Convention. I can hear the debates on these actions and hear the chair announce the results of the votes on them, but I can't speak to them or vote on them myself. In short, I can be an informed observer, but I cannot be a participant. You can only do that in person.

Another shortcoming, one that in no way can be compensated for by the convenience of watching on-line, is the fact that I cannot fellowship with any of my friends and colleagues who actually are attending the SBC. Nor can I view the many displays and booths or receive any of the promotional materials about our work together as Southern Baptists that flow like water through halls of the Convention venue. Neither can I meet missionaries and church planters with whom the Lord might want us to partner to advance the Gospel. No, virtual reality, though better than nothing, just . . . isn't . . . real.

Our God knows this and that's why he instructed us in Hebrews 10:24 & 25, "And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is*; but exhorting *one another*: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." Not only is this true for our local church, but also for our Association and our State Convention.

If we are going to become "A fellowship of churches that help each other obey the Great Commandments and fulfill the Great Commission," we need to assemble together, so we too can exhort and encourage one another.

Every blessing, Otis Corbitt, Director of Missions

(In Observance of Independence Day July 4)

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE (Partial)

When, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bonds which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and of nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That whenever any form of government becomes destructive to these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shown that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for their future security. --

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Mark Your Calendar for:

Leader Summit – Covington, Sunday

School & Discipleship Training

First Baptist Church of Andalusia

Saturday, August 9, 2014

8:00 a.m. – 12:00

Registration deadline is August 6th

Looking For *Select Group* to Study Through & Critique “Divorce Care” materials this fall for 13 weeks at CBA facility. Criteria is that you’ve been through divorce. If interested contact: 222-3009 or mholley@covingtonbaptist.org

SAVE THE DATE: Tuesday, September 30, 2014

“Journey to Freedom” – After Abortion Recovery Workshop

For Pastors, Counselors & Lay Ministry Leaders

At Covington Baptist Associational Facility

8:30 – 12 noon, followed by lunch

**SAVE THE DATE: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH
**CBA PASTORS, STAFF, DEACONS & SPOUSES
DINNER EVENT****

BABBIE BAPTIST CHURCH

6:30 P.M.

**GUEST SPEAKER: DR. JAY WOLFF, Pastor –
First Baptist Church of Montgomery**

VBS REPORTS

All church VBS Directors should have received their VBS Report Form in the mail last week.

Please complete the form as soon as your VBS is completed and mail to the Association Office at:

P. O. Box 416, Andalusia, AL 36420

Our office will input the data to all required sources for you.

ASSOCIATION NEWS

Covington Sportsman Expo meeting at Larry's BBQ on Sunday night, June 22, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

For All Men!!!! This will be about tickets, sign up for working booth, prayer, etc.

If you need more information contact Neal Dansby 334-804-7480.(FBC-Andalusia)

SAMFORD EXTENSION CLASSES

Samford Ministry Institute, formerly Samford extension, will begin classes for the fall semester on Thursday, August 21, 6:00-9:00 pm, and will continue on Thursday nights for 8 weeks. The study will be “Spiritual Disciplines,” taught by Rev. Marty Holley.

The text book is “Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life” by Donald S. Whitney. The second class will begin on October 16, 6-9 pm, and will continue on Thursday nights for 8 weeks. The study will be “Introduction to the Old Testament,” taught by Rev. Otis Corbit. The text book is “A Popular Survey of the Old Testament,” by Norman Geisler.

Classes will meet at the Covington Baptist Association Office. The cost is \$10.00 registration for the semester and \$50.00 tuition for each class. Scholarships are available for Alabama Baptist with family income less than \$40,000. Registration, tuition, or scholarship application must be received by August 5; after then there is a \$10.00 late charge. For more information call Ed Ganus at 222-4970.

NEWS FROM CHURCHES

HARMONY

Harmony will have V.B.S. July 7TH-11TH
V.B.S. Kickoff will be Sunday July 6th at 5:00pm
Grades 1-6 and a separate class for grades 7-12
Family/Commencement, Sunday July 13th,
ALL are invited.

MOBLEY CREEK

The “Redeemed” quartet of Opp, AL will be praising God in songs at Mobley Creek Baptist Church, Brooklyn Road, on Sunday, June 22, at 6:00 p.m. There will be a fellowship supper following the service.

Everyone is invited to attend. For further information please contact Randy Kelley at [334-222-7822](tel:334-222-7822).

Mobley Creek Baptist Church, Brooklyn Road, Andalusia, Alabama will have SBS: Summer Bible Sensation, on Tuesday, June 24, from 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. There will be Bible study, activities, crafts, and refreshments

for preschoolers thru teens. The church would like to extend a special invitation to anyone interested in attending. For more information, please contact Randy Kelley at [334-222-7822](tel:334-222-7822).