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CORBITT'S COMMENTS:

Corbitt's Comments for August, 2014

In recent months I have been impressed (and at times depressed) by how much social change we are experiencing in America. The times we are living in today remind me a great deal of the 1970's with a tough economy coupled with tremendous changes in the ethical and moral viewpoints of the typical American. Since that time a struggle for the soul of America has taken place in the public arena, with Christian leaders investing their influence in groups ranging from the Moral Majority to the Tea Party movement. These efforts have had many successes, but recent events have shown that people who hold non-biblical views can also organize politically.

The advance of the so-called gay marriage agenda is proof of that.

I do not pretend to be a prophet, but I believe that it is very likely that, even in Alabama, marriage laws which uphold a traditional and Biblical view of marriage will eventually be over-ruled by some judge in some court, somewhere. I do not agree with this, and I believe it would be wrong, legally, morally, and spiritually. Sadly, however, I believe it probably will happen. If it does, what should our response be as Christians?

Obviously, I believe we all should take part in the political process; which means to vote in elections and even consider running for office. That being said, the truth is that the political fortunes of so-called "values candidates" wax and wane. I don't believe a political answer is the only one, or even the best one. I also believe we should do exactly what Jesus commanded us to do: be His witnesses.

We must always bear witness to the truth: nowhere does the Bible endorse "gay marriage," instead it plainly says that such activities are offensive to God. Paul, in his letter to the Romans, clearly expresses God's view point on the matter. We must, however, also be witnesses to the whole truth: there is none who is righteous, no, not one! In the same chapter in which Paul condemns homosexuality, he also condemns those who are "disobedient to parents." All sin breaks God's law equally; all sin condemns us to Hell without the saving sacrifice of Jesus Christ our Lord.

We must always bear witness to love: God loved us so much that He sent his only Son to die for us even while our lives were as filthy as dirty rags. God loves everyone, gay and straight, conservative and liberal. Jesus died for us all and we must also love people enough to tell them the truth. We must, however, also tell all people about God's judgment on our sin and how Jesus can save us from it and give us the power to live an abundant life as a disciple of Christ.

Sharing the whole truth in love is our best way forward. It is what we have been commanded to do and it is what we should persevere in doing.

Every blessing,

Otis Corbitt, Director of Missions

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

I hope you are all doing well and experiencing God. Summer has brought with it a busy schedule for all of us I am sure. We have struggled to keep the temperature in the 70s this summer. It has been a really strange year with the weather. I wanted to give an update on what is going on up here and to say thank you for the many different ways you support us.

It has been a good spring and summer so far with us baptizing 12 in May and starting a list for August. We are excited about the group of folks that make up the body of Fresh Start Fellowship. They are sharing Christ with co-workers and growing closer to God every day. In June I had the privilege to be the key note speaker at Metamorphosis (Michigan's sbc youth camp). It was an Awesome week with several coming to Christ for the first time and even more committing their lives to be true followers of Christ. Our youth came back serious about serving the Lord. Pray for them to stay strong in their walk and bold in their witness.

We have had two work teams working on the chapel come and go this month. The first team worked on landscaping and the removal of unwanted bushes and plants growing where they didn't belong. The second team came in and put in a men's shower and a women's shower in the chapel. It was a huge stress lifted to have a place for everyone to be able to shower. We have a team right now doing back yard bible club at the chapel and the beach with a block party tonight to share the gospel and promote vbs. Pray for some to get saved as they hear the word. We will be doing a lot of painting over the next couple of weeks and are super excited about VBS. We are praying for those coming and ask that it will be a smooth trip up and back with kingdom impact because of your faithful service.

Thank you all very much for your support. Prayer is our number one priority and what ever God leads you to do or give is also vital. We appreciate your love and generosity and your commitment to partnering with us to reach the lost in northern Michigan. God Bless you.

Serving Christ together,
Brother Jason Livvix
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ASSOCIATION NEWS

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 9TH

CBA PASTORS, STAFF, DEACONS & SPOUSES

DINNER EVENT

BABBIE BAPTIST CHURCH

6:30 P.M. – Dinner Served From 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Guest Speaker: State Missionary – DR. Dale Huff

Worship Leader : Jason Gunter

AVAILABLE FOR SPEAKING

My name is Hannah Johnson and I am a member of Mill Creek Baptist Church. I recently went on a mission trip to Togo, West Africa for the month of May. I wanted to make myself available to share with local churches about my experience. My email is hannah.aliece.johnson@gmail.com or you can reach me on my cell phone at [\(334\)804-9172](tel:3348049172). Thank you.

WORLD CRAFT PARTY WITH A PURPOSE

Women on Mission of First Baptist Church, Andalusia will sponsor the World Craft Fair for all Baptist women on **Sunday, August 24, 2014** from **2:00 – 3:30 p.m.** at Covington Baptist Association offices on US Highway 84. ALL women of all churches are invited to attend.

For further information please contact: Mrs. Jennifer Dansby, [334-427-6021](tel:3344276021).

Please check our website www.covingtonbaptist.org for a LIST OF VIDEO DRIVEN RESOURCE STUDIES AVAILABLE IN THE CBA LIBRARY FOR CHECK – OUT.

NEWS FROM CHURCHES

BABBIE

June 9-12 Student Pastor, Jason Farris took the Youth of Babbie Baptist Church and sponsors and they enjoyed camp sponsored by Global Ministries at Chatsworth, Georgia. They came back renewed, inspired and refreshed.

June 27th @ noon the Senior Adults of Babbie Baptist Church (Outside These Walls Ministry) enjoyed a time of fun, food and fellowship. Outside These Walls Ministry assisted with the purchase of Bibles that are given out by Mrs. Betty Kelley as she ministers at the Christian Service Center. This group meets the 3rd Friday of each month.

July 2nd, the Youth of Babbie Baptist Church enjoyed an evening of swimming, pizza and fellowship at the home of Scott and Lisha Weeks.

The Adult Choir of Babbie Baptist Church under the direction of Mrs. Sheena Buckelew presented a very moving Patriotic Tribute Sunday July 6th. We honored those who served in all branches of our military past and present and remembered from where true Freedom comes, from Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Wild Adventure, Valdosta, Georgia here they come! July 25th & 26th the youth, college and career along with sponsors will be going to Wild Adventures for a couple of days of fun before they head back to the school in August.

OAK GROVE

Oak Grove Baptist Church will celebrate their Homecoming, Sunday, August 3, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Dennis Knowles bringing the message.

Their revival will be held August 11th – 14th at 7:00 p.m. with Rev. Gary Miller as guest evangelist. All are invited.

BUCK CREEK

Buck Creek will be celebrating Homecoming on July 20th with Rev. Billy Boles bringing the message and worship in song will be by Larry Pittman. The service will begin at 10:30 a.m., and dinner on the grounds will be served following the message.

HARMONY

Harmony BC had a wonderful time in VBS July 7 – 11th with 156 enrolled and 3 decisions to accept Christ.

August 3, 2014 “Pilots for Christ” representative Mr. John Sales, will be speaking during morning worship at 10:30 a.m.

Harmony will observe Homecoming August 17, 2014 with Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. and Worship services at 10:30 a.m.. Guest Speaker will be Blake Cotter.

FIRST BAPTIST FLORALA

First Baptist Florala will observe HOMECOMING August 3rd. No Sunday School, Combined Services – 10:00-12:00 am Guest speaker will be Otis Corbitt DOM Covington Baptist Association,

SALEM

Salem Baptist Church will be having our homecoming celebration August 3rd starting at 10:30 AM.

Our guest speaker will be Larry Stewart, pastor of West Highland Baptist Church, Andalusia, AL.

We invite everyone to come to Salem and make our Homecoming this year the best ever. Following the service a potluck dinner and fine fellowship will be enjoyed by all who attend. There will be no evening Service.

Aug. 4th 5th & 6th at 7:00 PM Salem will have Revival Services with Pastor and Evangelist Keith Barron preaching.