



ASSOCIATION NEWS

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IMPORTANT DATA FOR CHURCH CLERKS

Church clerks will be receiving Church Profiles during the latter part of July. Forms are to be completed as of August 31, 2015 and received at the Association Office NO LATER THAN 1 Oct 15.

Please remind your church to elect Messengers to the Association Annual Meeting at a business meeting PRIOR to or during August 2015. Also, 2 individuals should be elected to serve on the Executive Committee at the same time. Please look for your letter which will be mailed approximately July 20, 2015.

ANNUAL MEETING DATE

Covington Baptist Association Annual Meeting date is

OCTOBER 22, 2015 AT BLUE SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH OPP, AL AT 5:00 P.M. WITH EVENING MEAL AND proceedings to follow. Rev. Randy Breedlove, FBC, Opp will bring the message.

Training for Church Leaders: The Summit

July 31- Aug. 1 (Shocco Springs)

(Conferences for leaders in: SS, Worship, Families, Missions, Discipleship, Deacons, Women's Ministry, Age-group, Technology & Senior Adults)

www.alsbom.org/summit

CORBITT'S COMMENTS

Corbitt's Comments for August:

In my last article I discussed the Core Value of *Heritage*. I wanted to remind us all that our faith stands on a solid foundation established by our forefathers in Southern Baptist life. One of those rocks upon which we stand is the Core Value of *Truth*.

Truth is extremely important because it is a fundamental quality in the character of God. As John MacArthur put it, "*Truth* is also *ontological*—which is a fancy way of saying it is the way things really are. Reality is what it is because God declared it so and made it so." So how does *Truth* impact our lives?

First, we can't change reality just because we want to do so, even though some have recently tried. A famous athlete cannot decide he is a female when he is, in reality, a male. That is simply not true. A white activist cannot declare herself to be African-American when both of her parents are Caucasian. Again, there is no *Truth* to that assertion. The United States Supreme Court cannot redefine marriage into something else, regardless of how popular that opinion might be to the dominant culture of our nation today. Reality is what it is; *Truth* cannot be changed at the whim of society and it is not subject to our personal interpretations.

Next, the reality is God does not change; neither does the *Truth* that He established; therefore, instead of avoiding *Truth*, we must learn to embrace it as Paul did in 2 Corinthians 4:2, "But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness nor handling the word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God." We must allow *Truth* to transform us instead of trying to alter that which is an immutable expression of God's own being.

Finally, we learn *Truth* through God's Word, and through the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Jesus taught us this in John 16:13, "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come." When we embrace *Truth* we will find that it makes us more like our Lord and Savior each and every day we live.

Every blessing,

Otis Corbitt, Director of Missions

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NOTICE

Beginning with the October issue of the Covington Baptist Newsletter, we will offer an E-Mail version of the newsletter. If you would like to receive this version please send you mailing address as it now appears on the newsletter along with your E-Mail address to:

covingtonbaptistnewsletter@gmail.com

SAMFORD CLASSES

Samford Ministry Training Institute is now enrolling for the fall semester which begins Thursday August 20, 6:00-9:00 PM and will continue on Thursday nights for two 8 week classes. The first class, "Baptist Doctrines," will be taught by Rev. Bill Pritchett. The second class will begin October 15, 6:00-9:00 PM, and continue on Thursday nights; Rev. Otis Corbitt will teach, "Biblical Interpretation." 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.

DIVORCE Care:

Find Help, Hope & Healing

from the hurt of separation & divorce

in a Caring Support Group for 13 Weekly Sessions
3 Component Design For Each Week:

- 40 minute video seminar portion
- the confidential small group discussion
- the workbook for personal study & reflection

Beginning Aug. 18th @ CBA Facility

www.divorcecare.org

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AUGUST FOOD BANK DONORS

**Hopewell, Oak Grove, Sweet Home, Westview-Opp,
Bethany, Red Oak, Buck Creek, Judson, FBC-Gantt,
Liberty Home, Lockhart, Sweet Water, River Falls**

CBA Pastors, Deacons & Spouses Banquet

Tuesday, September 15th @ 6 p.m.

Bethany Baptist Church

(*** MARK YOUR CALENDAR ***)

Guest Speaker: *Dr. Travis Coleman, Jr.*

President of Alabama Baptist Convention &

Pastor of First Baptist Church of Prattville

Worship Leader: *Jason Gunter*

REMINDER- VBS DIRECTORS

Please remember to send your VBS Reports
To the Association Office as soon as your
School is over. I will transmit them to all
3 places they should go.

NEWS FROM CHURCHES

COMMUNITY MISSIONS

A Men's Conference is scheduled for
August 14 – 15, 2015 at Covington
Arena with Steve Farrar, author of
The book *Point Man* as our main
Speaker and Master of Ceremonies
Will be Ed Litton, Pastor of FBC
North Mobile.

NEWS FROM CHURCHES (Cont.)

OAK GROVE

Oak Grove Baptist Church will celebrate their 125th Anniversary on August 2. Their theme is Celebrating the Gospel: 125 Years of Ministry! The Alabama Baptist Historical Society will be coming to present a certificate to the church during their Homecoming service. They will use Homecoming to launch into a revival with a different speaker each night,

REVIVAL

SUNDAY EVENING AUGUST 2, 2015 6:00 PM (LARRY CUMMINGS)

MONDAY EVENING AUGUST 3, 2015 7:00 PM (BARRY WILKINSON)

TUESDAY EVENING AUGUST 4, 2015 7:00 PM (GARY MILLER)

WEDNESDAY EVENING AUGUST 5, 2015 7:00 PM (TYLER INGRAM)

MUSIC

GUEST PIANIST EACH SERVICE (JULIE BAKER)

SPECIAL VOCALIST EACH NIGHT (JAMMIE LEE BALDERAMA)

NURSERY WILL BE PROVIDED EACH SERVICE
PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING OUR
"125TH ANNIVERSARY"

Oakey Ridge

Oakey Ridge Baptist Church
20680 Lindsey Bridge Road
Andalusia, AL 36420

85TH ANNUAL HOMECOMING
SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2015
10:30 A.M.

LUNCH TO FOLLOW

SPEAKER: BRO. CARL DOUGLASS

SPECIAL MUSIC SCHEDULED

WE INVITE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY TO
COME EXPERIENCE THE LOVE OF CHRIST!