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CORBITT'S COMMENTS:

Corbitt's Comments for September:

One of my ministry goals from the time I was called to the CBA has been for us to update and revise our collective ministry strategy. This has been a major focus of mine this year, and it included much prayer and extensive research, as well as consultation with folks from within our Association and also input from experts from outside it as well. I worked closely with our Board of Directors to develop a revised ministry strategy and I am excited to say that it was approved at the July meeting of our Executive Committee. Here is our updated ministry strategy in a nutshell:

Our Mission: Covington Baptist Association exists to assist member churches to work cooperatively to advance the Christian faith through the ministries of:

- Church and Minister Equipping and Encouragement
- Community Missions
- Global Missions
- Mission Support

Our Vision: Covington Baptist Association will be a fellowship of churches that help each other obey the Great Commandments and fulfill the Great Commission.

Our Core Values: The collective ministry of the churches of the Association is guided and informed by the following Core Values:

Appreciation, Community, Compassion, Heritage,
Influence, Relationships,
Stewardship, and Truth

The members of our Associational staff are starting to make our ministry plans for 2015 based on this updated strategy, and I will unpack more about the different elements of this strategy in future newsletter articles. For now, however, let me express my deep appreciation for everyone who helped develop this updated strategy. We could not have done without your help!

Don't forget: Make your plans now to attend our 158th ANNUAL MEETING at 5:30pm on October 23rd at Carolina Baptist Church! I look forward to seeing you there!

Every blessing,
Otis Corbitt, Director of Missions

SERVICE CENTER NEWS

The Christian Service Centers are not thrift stores. They are ministry centers. The first center opened in 1986 in Andalusia, Alabama. Two other centers were opened in Opp and Florala. Each center receives donated items which are processed and sold to enable funding for different ministries. The main ministry is our food distribution. In the first six months of 2014 we have distributed 164,000 lbs of food. Every item that we can sell gives us funds needed to operate the centers and fund the many ministries of our Christian Service Centers. We can purchase food from the Bay Area Food Bank at 18 cents per pound. For every 20 cents we can collect from items sold at the centers, we can purchase a pound of food. Donations are one of the pillars of the centers. Without donations the centers would not be able to operate. We appreciate everyone who realizes the vital ministries of the centers and donate to us. Another pillar of the centers is our volunteers. Without people volunteering their time we could not operate the centers. We have a great group of volunteers but we need more; especially in the afternoon. We would certainly like to have more volunteers from our association churches or groups. The third pillar of our centers is shoppers. Without sales we would not be able to fund the ministries of the centers. Currently, we are funding or assisting in funding 8 ministries.

There is always a lot going on at our Service Centers. For information, or to volunteer, or for information, please visit our centers or contact Leroy Cole or Katie Cooper.

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SEPTEMBER FOOD BANK DONORS

Mt. Pisgah, West Highland, Oakey Ridge, Searight, Northern Heights, Brooks, East Highland, New Hope, Pigeon Creek, Fairmount, Beda, Blue Springs, Carolina, Northside, Enon, FBC-Floral

ASSOCIATION NEWS

The 23rd Annual Sav-A-Life Banquet with guest speaker Dr. Del Tackett, instructor on The Truth Project DVD series by Focus on the Family, will be held Monday, September 22, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Kiwanis Building in Andalusia. For more info, call Sav-A-Life at 222-0644. Don't miss this inspiring evening!

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Grief Recovery After A Child's LIFE Ends

GRACE GROUP

A JOURNEY FROM GRIEF TO GRACE

August 19, 2014

6:30-8:00pm

Southside Baptist Church

Fellowship Hall

604 Dorsey St.

Opp, AL 36467

A special support group dedicated to people who are working through grief associated with the death of a child.

The purpose is to support and encourage one another during our journey after the loss of a child. Not professional counseling; we will gather to share our experiences and emotions associated with the grieving process.

Meeting will be held the third Tuesday of the month beginning August 2014.

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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

NEWS FROM CHURCHES

BETH MOORE "LIVING PROOF" SIMULCAST

Southside Baptist Church in Andalusia will host the Beth Moore Simulcast on Saturday, September 13. The simulcast will begin at 8:30 a.m. and closing worship will be at 3:15 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00, this includes brunch.

Westview Baptist will also host the Beth Moore simulcast at 8:00 a.m. Tickets are \$20.00, this includes lunch.

JUDSON

Judson Baptist Church has two flags (American and Christian) which have been donated for a church's use. If your church needs flags, (VBS etc) (or patriotic display) these may be picked up at the Covington Baptist Association free of charge.

First come, first served.

FIRST BAPTIST GANTT

LADIES NIGHT OUT

PRESENTING; Ashley Smith

August 26th, @ 7:00pm

Salad Extravaganza, followed by Worship and Speaker.

WESTVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday, August 24th - showing "God's Not Dead" (the movie). there will be a time of food & fellowship at 5:00 p.m. and the movie will start at 6:00pm. It's open to the public and there is no admission or food charges.

BUCK CREEK

Buck Creek Baptist Church is in need of additional hymnals. If any church has The Baptist Hymnal, Convention Press 1971 (Maroon in Color) which they are not using please contact Buck Creek Baptist Church at [334-469-5183](tel:334-469-5183).

PLEASANT HOME BAPTIST CHURCH

Pleasant Home Baptist church will hold Revival Services September 7th through 10th. Guest Speaker will be Bro. Wayne Sharpe. Services will begin at 7: 00 p.m. each evening.

The Creation of the World

GENESIS 1

¹In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ²Now the earth was without shape and empty, and darkness was over the surface of the watery deep, but the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the water. ³God said, "Let there be ²light." And there was light! ⁴God saw ¹that the light was good, so God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called ¹the light "day" and the darkness ²"night." There was evening, and there was morning, marking the first day. ³