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# ✚ **COVINGTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION NEWS**

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## **CORBITT'S COMMENTS:**

Corbitt's Comments for November:

It is hard to believe that it's November already! Where has the year 2014 gone? Not only is the holiday season approaching, but so is the Week of Prayer for International Missions (November 30 – December 7). As we prepare to receive the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions I want to take this opportunity to remind us all how important cooperation is to Southern Baptist churches.

In an era of doctrinal controversy, one bedrock belief among Southern Baptists is the autonomy of the local church. We believe that the local church is self-governing under the Lordship of Christ, and that the Great Commission was given, not to mission boards or conventions, but to each local, autonomous Southern Baptist church.

Local church autonomy is a great privilege granted by God. No outside body in the Southern Baptist Convention can direct a church about what decision it should make. On the other hand, local church autonomy brings with it a great responsibility. Since the Great Commission was given to each local, autonomous Southern Baptist church, then each local church is responsible to fulfill it.

Let's do a little exercise to drive this home. Say out loud, "My church, (fill in the blank here) Baptist Church is responsible to make disciples of all peoples on the earth! My church (fill in the blank here) Baptist Church is responsible to teach all the peoples on the earth the commands of Jesus! My church, (fill in the blank here) Baptist Church will be witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the uttermost parts of the Earth!"

When you put it that way it's pretty awesome, isn't it? It is also pretty impossible. What individual church in the CBA could accomplish this by itself? For that matter, what megachurch, in any county in America, accomplish the Great Commission by itself? None, at least not any that I know about.

That's where cooperation comes in. Through giving to the Cooperative Program, Lottie Moon, and Annie Armstrong each and every church in the CBA can reach around the world to fulfill the Great Commission. Through giving to the CBA, each church can take part in reaching Covington County for Christ.

God does not mince words. When He said "all" He meant "all." He did not mean just a single church field, or a single county, or a single continent. We all are responsible for "all" the world. When Southern Baptists churches cooperate they can truly say that they are taking the Gospel to "all" the world . . . and without compromising our belief in the autonomy of the local church.

Cooperation: the Southern Baptist way of fulfilling the Great Commission.

Every blessing,

## **ASSOCIATION NEWS**

### **COVINGTON BAPTIST 158<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING**

The annual meeting will convene on  
Thursday, October 23, 2014  
with Carolina Baptist Church  
17895 Rockhole Bridge Road  
Andalusia, Alabama 36420.

Registration & Displays 4:30 – 6:00 P.M.

Evening Meal 5:30 – 6:00 P.M.

Organization of the Annual Meeting  
6:00 – 6:20 P.M.

Business Session & Worship Service  
Will Follow

All Messengers/Guests and Pastors are  
reminded to please make plans to attend

### **ANNUAL CHURCH PROFILES**

**WE STILL HAVE SEVERAL CHURCHES WHO  
HAVE NOT SUBMITTED ANNUAL CHURCH  
PROFILES WHICH WERE DUE OCTOBER 1.**

**THESE MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN  
OCTOBER 20, 2014 IN ORDER TO INCLUDE  
INFORMATION IN THE ASSOCIATION  
ASSOCIATION OFFICE AT 222-3009. ANNUAL.**

**IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CALL THE  
ASSOCIATION OFFICE AT 222-3009**

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## ASSOCIATION NEWS (Cont.)

**Video Based Resource Study Series**  
(some in DVD formats & some in VHS formats)  
Available in the CBA Library for check-out  
**SEE LIST AT [www.covingtonbaptist.org](http://www.covingtonbaptist.org)**

### THANK YOU TO ALL CHURCH CLERKS

Thanks so very much for your prompt response to The ACP Church Letters. We only lack 3 out of The 53 churches completing our Association reporting. Thans again for all your dediction in reporting.

*Byram Lambert, Office Manager*

Save the Date: September 30th 8:30 a.m.- 12 noon

**JOURNEY TO FREEDOM**

After Abortion Recovery (Ministry Training Workshop)

For: Pastors & Spouses, Counselors & Lay Ministers

Covington Baptist Associational Facility

Registration Date: September 26th for lunch count

**158<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Covington Baptist Association**

**at Carolina Baptist Church**

**October 23, 2014**

**Displays & Registration @ 4:30 p.m.**

**Meal & Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.**

**CBA Pastors, Staff & Spouses Christmas Banquet**

**Red Oak Baptist Church**

**Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 6:00 p.m.**

**SAVE THE DATES: February 20-21, 2015**

**God is Love: ONE - A Marriage Event**

**ONE Weekend That Will Change Your**

**Marriage Forever**

**With Tim & Debbie Childers**

**[www.THEREALITYGROUP.ORG](http://www.THEREALITYGROUP.ORG)**

**Location: TBA**

**Old School Men's Meeting**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of Each Month – 7p.m.**

**(A County Wide Outreach to non-churched Men)**

**Old Stanley School House**

**17784 Alabama Hwy 55**

### SAMFORD UNIVERSITY TRAINING

SAMFORD'S MINISTRY TRAINING INSTITUTE IS NOW ENROLLING FOR THE SECOND FALL SEMESTER CLASS, FOR STUDY ON THURSDAYS, OCTOBER 16 - DECEMBER 18, 2014, 6 - 9 P. M. REV. OTIS CORBITT WILL TEACH "INTRODUCTION TO THE OLD TESTAMENT" AT THE COVINGTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OFFICE. REGISTRATION FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT ALREADY REGISTERED IS \$10.00 AND TUITION IS \$50.00. ALABAMA BAPTIST'S WITH HOUSEHOLD INCOMES LESS THAN \$40,000.00 QUALIFY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP TO PAY THE TUITION. FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR TO ENROLL, PLEASE CALL BRO. ED GANUS AT 222-4870.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD COLLECTION WEEK

**November 17 – 23, 2014**

Hopewell Baptist Church, 6592 Brooklyn Rd., Andalusia will once again serve as the Relay Center. Shoeboxes may be dropped off beginning on November 17<sup>th</sup>. The Relay Center hours are as follow: Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup> – 4:00 to 8:00 P.M. Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> – 9:00 to 3:00 P.M. and Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> – 12:30 to 2:30 P.M. If you have questions or need directions, please call Relay Center Coordinators, Joyce and Marcus G odwin @ 334-208-3716.

### NOVEMBER FOOD BANK DONORS

West County Line, Adellum, Harmony, Mill Creek, Salem, Hopewell, Oak Grove, Sweet Home, Westview Opp, FBC Gantt, Liberty Home, Lockhart, Sweet Water, River Falls

## NEWS FROM CHURCHES

### OAK GROVE

**"Who is This Jesus?"**

Oak Grove Baptist Church will be hosting a five night study on the person of Jesus Christ. This will be a five night study beginning November 2, 2014 and ending on November 6, 2014. The study will begin promptly at 6:30 PM each night. The study will be conducted by Robert F. Littlefield Currently of New Orleans

### BUCK CREEK

The Buck Creek Baptist Church held a Color Run & Fun event in Red Level on October 11 to raise money for community outreach, missions, and the church's building fund. There were also vendors, food, gospel singing, and lots of fun had by all who attended the event.

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Revelation 2:10 (NET)

Do not be afraid of the things you are about to suffer. The devil is about to have some of you thrown into prison so you may be tested, and you will experience suffering for ten days. Remain faithful even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown that is life itself.

Revelation 12:12 (NET)

Therefore you heavens rejoice, and all who reside in them! But woe to the earth and the sea because the devil has come down to you! He is filled with terrible anger, for he knows that he only has a little time!"

Revelation 20:10 (NET)

And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet are too, and they will be tormented there day and night forever and ever.