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Corbitt's Comments:

Dear Friends,

I am writing this article from Huntsville where I am attending the annual meeting of the Alabama Baptist Convention. One of the most important roles of state Baptist conventions is to promote the Cooperative Program and to collect the CP gifts from the Southern Baptist churches within their state. I am expecting to hear many good things about the Cooperative Program during this annual meeting.

The Cooperative Program is the way Southern Baptists fund the unified budget of the SBC and the way Alabama Baptists fund the unified budget of the Alabama Baptist State Convention. I believe in the Cooperative Program, and I want each member of a Covington Baptist Association church to believe in it too.

Every CBA church, no matter how large or how small, can help fulfill the Great Commission simply by giving voluntarily each month through the Cooperative Program to world missions (internationally, in North America, and in Alabama). In fact, the Cooperative Program has been called your "Missions Mutual Fund" because it pools the contributions of thousands of Southern Baptist churches to do missions in a way that few, if any, local churches could do on their own. This is one of the great benefits of being a cooperating Southern Baptist Church; anywhere our missionaries are in the world, the churches of the CBA can be, too, through the Cooperative Program.

As wonderful as it is that the CP is a "Missions Mutual Fund," the truth is that the CP is more than that. The Cooperative Program funds the six Southern Baptist Seminaries which provide training for our ministers as well as the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission which stands-up for Biblical truth on the national stage. Here in Alabama, the CP supports the State Board of Missions and a dozen other entities of the Alabama Baptist Convention, all of which serve to help local churches do their ministry better in some way or the other. In fact, the Cooperative Program could well be called the "Comprehensive Program" because it funds so many good things in Southern Baptist life and ministry.

Let me give a practical example of the CP at work. In August the State Board of Missions provided the faculty for our Sunday School and Discipleship Leader Summit. The Board spent about \$2,500 to help the CBA provide training for our teachers and other Bible study leaders. An independent ministry providing such an event would have charged those attending it from \$50 to \$75 per person. The State Board of Missions was able to provide this for the CBA at no charge to those who attended because of the Cooperative Program. So, you can see why I believe in the Cooperative Program . . . and I pray that you will believe in it and support it too!

Every blessing,

Otis Corbitt,
Director of Missions

PASTOR APPRECIATION

Tribute to Mobley Creek Pastor Terry Powell

Terry Powell came to Mobley Creek Baptist Church on May 29, 2005. He came to our church the first time to speak to our congregation while we were without a full-time pastor, and we invited him to come back several Sundays later. A few weeks passed and we asked him to fill in for the next four weeks. During this time he was not an ordained minister, but our church family became attached to him right away, and it became apparent to all of us that he'd found a new church home. However, he didn't know but continued to come every Sunday. From the beginning Terry seemed very comfortable among our small congregation, even sharing how the church and its people reminded him of the one back in Georgia where he had grown up. As he shared childhood memories of growing up on his family's farm in Georgia, it almost seemed to us he was describing our own memories of rural life in south Alabama.

It wasn't long before it became apparent that he would go into fulltime ministry and become ordained. When that occurred we were ready for him to accept the pastorate of our small church, and that's exactly what happened. Terry and his wife, Suzanne, natives of Hazelhurst, Georgia, came to Mobley Creek from First Baptist in Andalusia. Terry was drafted into the army shortly after high school, and in 1971 he was deployed to Vietnam, where he faithfully and dutifully served our country for the next twelve months. After completion of his military duty, he returned home and was able to attend college on his GI bill. He is a very patriotic American and never forgets to pay special recognition to our veterans.

Terry was licensed at First Baptist in 2006, and ordained there in 2007. Terry is a wonderful shepherd to his flock, never overlooking any church duties, while he is employed full time as the financial manager at Shaw Industries. Terry also serves on the Andalusia City Council, and the Andalusia Regional Hospital Board of Directors to name a few of his civic endeavors.

He wears many hats, and currently teaches the Adult Sunday School class at our church. Breakfast at church on Easter Sunday morning has become a tradition, and you'll find him in the kitchen cooking, washing dishes, or doing whatever job comes his way.

He and Suzanne have two children, son Kyle and Ashley (Krudop) Powell of Auburn, and daughter, Katelyn (Powell) and Corey Ellis of Opp. Since coming to Mobley Creek in 2005, Terry has become a very proud PaPa to six grandchildren.

One of his most touching sermons came just last year as he shared with the congregation the emotion he felt when he realized in his heart that he was truly our pastor, and he couldn't really give an exact date for when that happened. According to him he did not become our pastor on the day he began, but he shared that special feeling of emotion that he experienced when he realized he had really become our pastor in every thought and deed. All of us at Mobley Creek Church are proud to call Terry Powell our PASTOR.

With Love;
The Mobley Creek
Congregation

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Please Include These 2014 CBA Events on Your Church Calendars

- **CBA Disciple-Now Weekend (Feb. 14-16)**
Opp High School Auditorium
- **State VBS Training for Associational Leaders (Feb. 20)**
Hillcrest Baptist Church in Enterprise, Alabama
- **M-day -- University of Mobile Ministerial Students' Day (March 2)**
University of Mobile Ministerial Students are to preach in our churches in the a.m. services only
- **CBA VBS Training (March 20 – 6:30 p.m.)** at Harmony Baptist Church
- **Associational Bible Drills – (Early April)**
If your church plans to participate; please have your Church Bible Drills before April
Registration for the Regional Bible Drills need to be in by April 12.
- **Pastors Families' Picnic (April 12)** location to be determined.
- **Regional Bible Drills (April 24)**
Mt. Gilead Baptist Church in Dothan, Alabama
- **Student Ministers, Workers, and Spouses Retreat (April 25-26)**
- **Senior Adult Revival (May 6)**
Babbie Baptist Church.
Guest preacher: Jamie Pruett; & Music: Wayne Goodwin
- **CBA Leader Summit – S.S./Discipleship Training Conference (Aug 9 or 23)**
location to be determined.
- **Pastors, Staff, Deacons, and Spouses Dinner Evening (Tuesday, Sept. 9)**
Guest Speaker: Dr. Jay Wolff, Pastor of FBC Montgomery Also door prizes, music, brief drama (location to be determined)

GIVE THANKS UNTO THE LORD

Psalms 30:4 (KJV)

Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the

Psalms 69:30 (KJV)

I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving.

Psalms 95:2 (KJV)

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

Psalms 97:12 (KJV)

Rejoice in the LORD, ye righteous; and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

Psalms 105:1 (KJV)

O give thanks unto the LORD; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people.

Psalms 106:1 (KJV)

I Praise ye the LORD. O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Colossians 1:12 (KJV)

Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light.

DECEMBER FOOD BANK DONORS

FBC- Andalusia, FBC- Opp, Zion Hill, Mt. Pisgah, West Highland, Oakey Ridge, Searight, Northern Heights, Brooks, East Highland, New Hop Pigeon Creek, Fairmount, Beda

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

EXCITING NEWS! The Lifeway Bible School theme for 2014 is centered around D-3 Special Agents as they uncover and defend The truth about who Jesus really is. The scripture theme is from I Peter 3:15 and will involve *Discover/Decide/Defend* God's word. Mrs. Brenda Davis is seeking workers on the Association Team. If you would like to serve, please contact her at: brendadavis1951@gmail.com

Or

Marty Holley, Ch. Dev. Director at: mholley@covingtonbaptist.org

ALSO, KITS ARE AVAILABLE FOR ORDER **NOW** BY CALLING THE ASSOCIATION OFFICE AT 222-3009.

NEWS FROM CHURCHES

RIVERFALLS BAPTIST CHURCH

River Falls Baptist Church will host the Dixie Echo's Quartet on December 7, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited. Admission is free, but a love offering will be taken.

LIBERTY HOME

Liberty Home Baptist Church is searching for a pianist. We desire a musician who is, first and foremost, a Christian. The ability to read music and familiarity with all kinds of Christian music, especially hymns and Southern Gospel are the main requirements. This pianist would be expected to serve in the Sunday morning and evening worship services, in Choir Practice on Sunday afternoon and during the mid-week service on Wednesday nights. There is a small salary. Please contact pastor David Zorn at 334-465-9224 (Cell) or Mrs. Phyllis Zorn at 334-465-9220. If no answer, she will return your call as soon as she is in.