



COVINGTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION NEWS



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CORBITT'S COMMENTS

Dear friends, one emphasis we are pursuing in 2024 is prayer. Prayer is an essential element in our spiritual lives and in our ministries, as Paul taught in Philippians 4:6-7, which reads:

Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

A.W. Tozer said that prayer is "an unailing technique for spiritual success." He acknowledged that God commanded us to pray and that really should be sufficient for anyone who obeys Him. Tozer believed in obedience, for sure, but he also said that our situation as humans gave us a reason to pray.

Tozer saw that two kingdoms exist in creation. The first is the kingdom of humanity which is frail and fallen and sinful. He went on to describe this kingdom as "of the flesh and it's from the flesh and it's for the flesh and it's dedicated to the flesh and to the passing world . . . That's the kingdom into which we're born, a fallen, hostile, alienated race." Blessedly for us, Tozer also saw another kingdom, that of God which is made up of, "Persons who know that they can do nothing in themselves and have no confidence in the flesh or in their own strength, persons who trust in God alone to do an immortal work in them and through them."

So, how do sinful but redeemed people access the power of God's Kingdom? Not by the world's methods but through prayer: "It is prayer that gives power to all these other things. Singing, giving, entertaining, teaching, sowing, working, serving, those are all good things if we set them aflame by prayer. But if we try to do them without praying, it is wood, hay and stubble in the day of Jesus Christ."

So, let's join together this year in a season of prayer for our churches, our ministries, our communities, our nation in an election year, and ourselves!

NEWS FROM CHURCHES

Rick and Sherri Burgess **Coming to Opp on April 20th**

Westview Baptist is hosting "An Evening with Rick and Sherri Burgess" at Opp High School at 6:30pm on April 20th. Admission to this one-night-only conference is free, but registration and tickets are required. For more information see:

<https://westviewbaptist.com/>

Praying For Our Churches

This month, please join us in praying for a different member church each week:

March 31: Northern Heights

April 7: FBC Opp

April 14: Southside Opp

April 21: Churches Seeking Pastors

April 28: Beluah

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April 2024 Food Bank Donors

Conecuh River, Pleasant Grove, Victory, Mt Gilead, Mobley Creek, Southside-Opp, Damascus, Westside, Sanford, New Song

Graduation Gift Bible Orders

Graduation season is fast approaching, and our Book and Gift Shop wants to have what you need, when you need it, and to save you money in the process. We're offering free gift wrapping and personalization on all Bibles purchased with us, as well as 20% off on orders of 24 or more Bibles. Call Pat or Robin today at 222-3711 Option 3.

Special Prayer Request

Pray for these churches who are searching for pastors: Beulah, Brooks, East Highland, Enon, Fairmount, Lockhart, Rawls, Salem, Smyrna, and Victory

Covington Baptist Association's
Senior Adult Revival
Is May 7th At First Baptist Church, Andalusia




Musical Guests:
The Heritage Trio

Speaker:
Dr. Terry Robertson
Executive Director of the Baptist Convention of NY

Worship Will Begin At 10AM With A Fellowship Meal To Follow
For More Information Call The CBA At 222-3009
Make Your Plans To Attend!

Watch This Space!



Coming Soon: News About A Spring Prayer Breakfast!

Our deadline for submission of church news is the 20th of each month. Email to:

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