

# <u>COVINGTON BAPTIST</u> ASSOCIATION NEWS For June 2024

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## **CORBITT'S COMMENTS**

Dear Friends,

One of the most basic levels of associating together is communication. The staff of your Association tries to stay in touch with our churches, and this newsletter is a part of those efforts. It seems, however, that often our church leaders don't pass on what they learn about the cooperative ministry of the Association to the members of their churches.

A case in point originates from our recent prayer luncheon. When we came to the point in our meeting when we began praying for Pat and Robin and the ministry of the Christian Book and Gift Shop, one person attending the prayer luncheon expressed surprise that we operate a Bible bookstore. The person in question was a long-time member of one of our churches, but she had never heard that we have operated the Christian Book and Gift Shop for three years, even though it has been the subject of numerous newsletter articles, social media posts, and reports at Associational meetings.

Friends, we need your help! We need our church leaders and Executive Committee members to keep their church members informed about the cooperative ministry done by YOUR Association. Everything that is done by the Association and by the Christian Service Centers and, yes, by the Christian Book and Gift Shop, is done by the authority of the churches of our Association and as ministry agents for them. The CBA, CSCs, and the Christian Book and Gift Shop are not parachurch ministries, but they are an extension of the ministries of each one of our 52 members churches.

I believe that our cooperative ministry is something that glorifies God. Help us tell that story to the members of our churches!

Every blessing,

Otis Corbitt Director of Missions



<u>Senior</u> <u>Adult Revival</u> <u>At First Baptist</u> <u>Andalusia</u> <u>May 7th</u>



Our 2024 Revival at First Baptist Church, Andalusia was a great success with over 275 in attendance! First Baptist's staff and senior adults were wonderful hosts. The Heritage Trio of DeFuniak Springs, FL presented our music and Dr. Terry Robertson, Executive Director of the Baptist Convention of NY was our speaker. He reminded us of how members of First Baptist Gantt started the first Southern Baptist Church in New York State. He also encouraged us to remember that us that as long as we breathe, it is never too late to allow Jesus to become our Savior and Lord!

#### June Food Donation List

Brooks, East Highland, New Hope, Pigeon Creek, Fairmount, Beda, Blue Springs, Carolina, Northside, Enon, FBC Florala, FBC Andalusia, FBC Opp, Zion Hill **Churches Without Pastors** 

Pray for these CBA churches are currently without permanently called pastors: Beulah, East Highland, Enon, Lockhart, Salem, Smyrna, Victory, and Westview.

## Food Bank Donation Suggestions

Here is a list of suggested items to donate to the Food Bank: Cereals, Oatmeal, Grits, Tuna, Puddings, Rice, Crackers, Dried Beans, Boxed Rice or Pasta Dishes, Condiments, Canned Corn, Green Beans or Mixed Vegetables, Peanut Butter, Instant Potatoes, Fruit Juices, Boxed Breakfast Pastries, Canned Soups, Apple Sauce, and Jell-O

### Praying For Each Other In 2024

Please join us in praying for a different member church each week. In June, pray for: June 2: Westside; June 9: Lockhart; June 16: Damascus; June 23: Beda; June 30: Pleasant Home

Also, remember to pray for all our Vacation Bible Schools this summer!



Prayer Luncheon <u>At Our CBA</u> <u>Offices</u>



We shared a "sweet hour of prayer" on May 23<sup>rd</sup> as a part of our Seasons in the Son emphasis for 2024!