



# COVINGTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION NEWS For July 2024

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## CORBITT'S COMMENTS

Dear Friends,

July is the month of Independence Day, when we celebrate our nation's founding and express our love for her. It is a good thing to love the place where we were born and raised, or the place that adopted us when we were strangers in a strange land.

Yes, we can love a place despite its imperfections, and despite our political and social unrest, and despite the questionable morality of some of our leaders, our nation is worth loving and defending, if for no other reason than the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment to the US Constitution, which says,

**“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”**

We have grown so accustomed to our government recognizing these God-given liberties, that we have forgotten how earth-shattering this provision was when it was adopted 1789. No nation in the world at that time recognized the right to individual conscience, and even today some nations will persecute and prosecute people who express religious convictions deemed unacceptable to the society there. Thankfully, such travesties should never happen here because of the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment.

Enjoying our liberty is not enough, however. We need to use it for God's glory. In World War II, the US became the "Arsenal of Democracy." In the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, may she become the "Springboard for Faith in Christ!" She will only be so, however, if we in the church leverage our liberty by practicing and promoting our faith. Are we up to the challenge?

Every blessing,

Otis Corbitt  
Director of Missions

## July Food Donation List

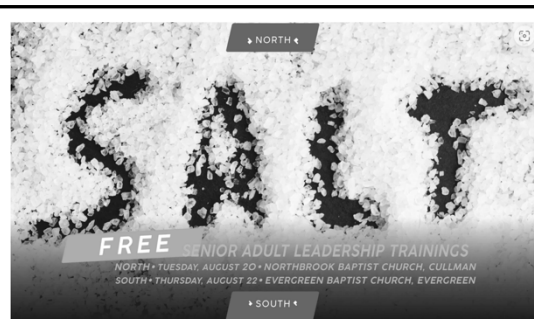
Brooks, East Highland, New Hope, Pigeon Creek, Fairmount, Beda, Blue Springs, Carolina, Northside, Enon, FBC Florala, FBC Andalusia, FBC Opp, Zion Hill

## 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



**Senior Adult Leadership Training by the AL Baptist Convention**  
SALT (Senior Adult Leadership Training) is for senior adult ministers and senior adult lay leaders along with any senior adult council or committee members of our Alabama Baptist churches. Registration is required for this event. This event is free, and a boxed lunch and breakfast snacks will be provided for each person who registers by name. Register at: <https://alsbom.org/event/salt-conference-evergreen/>



Join us at 5:30pm  
Spread the Word!

We'll have food, fun, and fireworks!



Live music with Phillip McClung, Scott Rogers, Caleb Spann, Richard Moore, David Pearce, and Jason Gunter!

Bring a lawn chair or blanket.

*Bethany Andalusia*  
Baptist Church

14632 Heath River Falls Rd. • Andalusia, AL

## Christmas in July Sale



**Christian Book and Gift Shop**

**July 8<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>**

**Items Discounted 40% And More**

## Quarterly Executive Committee Meeting

The next meeting of our Executive Committee is scheduled for July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7.00pm at our associational offices on Highway 84 in Sanford. Please be sure your church is represented!

## Praying For Each Other In 2024

Please join us in praying for a different member church each week. In July, pray for:  
July 7: Conecuh River, July 14: Mobley Creek, July 21: Salem, July 28: River Falls

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

**Notice: The CBA Offices and the Book and Gift Shop will be closed July 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> in honor Independence Day**