



COVINGTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION NEWS FOR OCTOBER 2024

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Corbitt's Comments

Dear Friends,

As I write this, I have completed the last of my 12 full years serving as your Director of Missions and I am looking forward to my 13th Annual Meeting. (*Note to self: Try to never again take a new ministry position in which the major meeting of the year is only a month away!* ☺) As I conclude my service among the Southern Baptists of Covington County, I have a few thoughts to share.

Soon after I arrived here in 2012, I characterized our Association as a “complex ministry enterprise.” If that was true then, and it was, it is even more true today. Arguably, no other association exists in Alabama that operates such a multi-faceted ministry that affects so many people in their county. It has been my privilege and responsibility to be the steward of that ministry, and I pray that I have not been found wanting. In any case, my record has been written, and my time here is growing shorter day-by-day.

Although I call myself the steward of our collective ministry, many, many others have played vital roles over the past decade plus. Beside our many volunteers and other members of our staff, Byram Lambert, Leroy Cole, Katie Cooper, Pat Kelley, and Wayne Linton have been the employees who have reported directly to me, and they made my job much, much, much easier. Usually, when they approached me on a subject, it was just a matter of me saying, “Yes.” Then they would go forth and do great things for our Association and the Kingdom of God. I will miss them intensely. I also appreciate both Robin Smith and Martha Odom. They have not only been tireless and cheerful workers, but they are also wonderful ladies whom I consider to be my friends.

In the same way, it has been a blessing to work with our Board of Directors. I relied heavily on their advice and judgment, and, to a person, they have been mission-minded people of good will, good cheer, and unimpeachable integrity. Our current moderator, Barry Bonds, is only the latest in an uninterrupted line of excellent moderators upon whom I have leaned heavily during my service here. I regret that I will not have the opportunity to work for very long with our incoming moderator, Flint Harrelson, but I know that he is well suited to be our leader during the interim period.

As I leave, I pray for the churches of the Association. My only real regret is that I have not been able to bring our churches into a closer fellowship, and I will be praying for your new DOM to be especially gifted in that area. May God bless him! Let me close by asking you all to pray for your DOM search team, who will be elected at our October 17th Annual Meeting.

Every blessing,

Otis Corbitt, Director of Missions and CEO of the Christian Service Center of Covington County

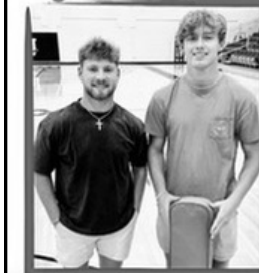
Help a Disabled Person in Need

It is one thing to endure life with a disability here in the United States, but it's quite another when one has a disability in a lesser resourced country with no hope of securing mobility equipment they desperately need. We need to reach out to the world's neediest population amid unimaginable hardship. We can be the hands and feet of Jesus by sending donated wheelchairs, which have been restored, through a *Joni and Friends/Wheels for the World* team to meet this need for a disabled person. Most of all, we can offer them lasting hope through knowing Jesus as their Savior. Our local Wheelchair Drive will be held during the month of October. Should you have a used or broken wheelchair you are no longer using, we hope you will consider donating it to *Wheels for the World* and bless a disabled person in need of mobility. Please call Duane or Brenda Mooney at 334-343-8825 to arrange for a pick-up or donations can be dropped off at the First Baptist Church in Andalusia. Donation receipts from *Joni and Friends* will also be provided.

YOUTH REVIVAL “Stand out”

Please RSVP to
Red Oak Youth Pastor
Jeremy Silcox
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Red Oak Baptist Church
Monday, Oct. 14
Dinner @ 5:30
Service @ 6



Worship Leader:
Daniel Bell
Specials by Students
across the County
Guest Speaker:
Josh Hawkins

CANDY WAR... Instead of a love offering, we will be having a Candy War between boys & girls. Bring your favorite bag of candy to donate.

October Food Donation List

Sanford, New Song, Babbie, Beulah, Cedar Grove, Rawls, Pleasant Home, Southside-Andy, Conecuh River, Victory, Mt Gilead, Mobley Creek

Praying For Each Other In 2024

Please join us in praying for a different member church each week:
October 6: Mt. Pisgah
October 13: FBC Sanford
October 20: Enon
October 27: Red Oak

Churches Without Pastors

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

CBA Annual Meeting October 17th

Please be sure that your church is represented at our Annual Meeting at 6pm on October 17th at Liberty Home Baptist Church when you will elect a search committee to find your next DOM!