



COVINGTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION NEWS FOR NOVEMBER 2024

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Corbitt's Comments

Dear Friends,

As I write this, my wife and I just returned from Wood River, IL, which is on the east bank of the Mississippi River opposite St. Louis, where our son lives. I am humbled to announce that Whitelaw Avenue Baptist Church, there, has called me to become their next pastor, with a starting date of December 1st. This means that I will be leaving the CBA a month earlier than my announced "Not Later Than" retirement date of December 31st, but December is a quiet month for associational missions, and I am confident that your elected leadership and staff can more than handle any issue that arises during those 31 days and going forward until you call your next DOM.

I have every confidence that your newly elected moderator, Flint Harrelson, is a safe pair of hands in which to place the affairs of the CBA. As I said last month, He, like Barry Bonds before him, is the next in an unbroken line of excellent moderators of the CBA. He also has an outstanding Board of Directors to help him make any tough decisions. I can't speak more highly of our elected leadership. They are people of character and integrity, and they are the kind of people I would entrust my life to (or even more, the lives of my wife and children).

I have every confidence in your associational staff members as well. Wayne Linton has the finances and logistics of the CBA, CSC, and Book and Gift Shop well in hand and I can think of no one better suited for, or more dedicated to, running the Christian Service Center ministry than Katie Cooper. Pat Kelley has been the rock upon which the Book and Gift Shop has stood for three decades now, and she is going from strength to strength. I will not lose a single minute's sleep after leaving these wonderful servant leaders in charge of the major ministries of the CBA. In fact, they will probably do better without me!

I, of course, will be praying for the work of the CBA, the CSC, and the Book and Gift Shop. I will especially pray for the Director of Missions Search team. It, too, has been staffed with great people, and I, frankly, expect great things of them and the candidate they will present to you to be your next DOM. The "complex ministry enterprise" that is the CBA will always have a special place in my heart!

Now, after 20 years of being a denominational worker and living in south Alabama while keeping an eagle eye on storms in the Gulf of Mexico, I am glad to have the opportunity to return to the pastorate and to live 30 minutes from our son. We covet your prayers for our transition, but we know God is good and that He will be with us. In fact, He's already there, waiting on us.

Every blessing,

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

November Food Donation List

West County Line, Adellum, Harmony, Mill Creek, Salem, Hopewell, Oak Grove, Sweet Home, Westview, FBC Gantt, Liberty Home, Lockhart, Sweet Water, River Falls

Praying For Each Other In 2024

Please join us in praying for a different member church each week:

- November 3: Judson
- November 19: Liberty Home
- November 17: Southside, Andalusia
- November 24: FBC Andalusia

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

DOM Search Committee

Pray for your DOM Search Committee:

- Flint Harrelson* – Blue Springs
- Natalie Penson – Westview
- William Worley – First Baptist - Andalusia
- Mike Flowers* – Lockhart
- John McMath* – Zion Hill
- Jason Gunter – Bethany
- Donna Gorum – Brooks
- Alternate: Shawn Bentley* -Oakey Ridge

*Indicates a pastor

Disaster Relief Training

A Disaster Relief training event is scheduled for March 28-February 1 in Monroe County. Training is also provided at the DR Center in Prattville. Go to <https://sbdr.org/events/> for more information or speak with Barry Bonds (Southside, Andalusia) or Jamey Wismer (Westview, Opp).



201st Annual Meeting of the Alabama Baptist Convention

- November 12 and 13, 2024 at Eastern Shore Baptist Church, Daphne, AL
- Worship with the Alabama Singing Men and Women
- Convention Sermon by Ben Bowden