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Monthly Newsletter of the Carey Baptist Association  
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**We are asking Volunteers not To work your regular day at the Thrift Store until further notice. We want to keep you safe.**

### Children's Home Pounding

Due to the Covid-19 we will not be taking any donations for the Children's Home. If you would still like to help, please send Walmart or Target gift cards or a check to:  
 Alabama Baptist Children's Home  
 1210 Friendship Road  
 Oxford, AL 36203

### School Backpack Ministry

#### Items to include in each backpack :

Pencils, Crayola Crayons, Crayola washable markers, Crayola colored pencils, Scissors, Composition Notebooks for ages (5-8) Loose Leaf paper inside 1 inch white binder for ages (9-12), small school box, Clorox wipes, Germ X, Box of tissues. 1 special gift (toy, stuffed animal, etc.) Other items can be included. Backpacks will go to Clay County children in need. Foster children with DHR and the elementary schools will receive these backpacks.

**Backpacks are due by July 20**



**\*\*Office & Thrift Store\*\* will re-open on Monday 5-4-20**

**3 days a week Monday, Wednesday & Friday each week 9am-4pm for May.**

**Donations Will only be accepted during open hours!**

### **Jail Ministry Schedule**

**Jail Ministry Services are cancelled until further notice. We will keep you updated**

**Cheaha Ministry Schedule  
 No Cheaha Services Until further notice**



### **Thursday May 7**

#### **\*\*\*Pray For America\*\*\***

Our theme this year is- "Pray God's Glory Across the Earth" Taken from Habakkuk 2:14- "For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea." Scripture tells us again and again that our fervent prayer is effective. That our loving God responds to His children's earnest pleas in mighty ways that avail much, and ultimately determine the course of history. **Join Us in praying Thursday May 7, 2020 @ 11:55am where you are to pray for our nation.**

During COVID-19 much of our communication has been through Emails, Blog post, Webinars, Video Conferences, Facebook, Zoom Meetings and more. So there is a lot of helpful information on [www.alsbom.org](http://www.alsbom.org) website. When you go there, on the Home page at the top there is a Link to the NEWSROOM. Click on that and you will find some of the following Blog post, Video transcripts and Zoom discussions as follows:

**Blog post** entitled: Preparing for What's Next: A Guide for Alabama Baptist Churches by Mike Jackson State Missionary. This is a 10 page download your church can use which covers Facilities, Leadership, Worship, Ministries & Finances.

**A Video Transcript** of the Youth Ministry Roundtable from 4.27.20 You can watch this online there.

**Vacation Bible School** Zoom Discussion from 4.17.20 You can watch this as there are many questions about VBS for this year.

At the bottom of the Newsroom you will see a link **View All News**. Click on this and there will be much more helpful information.

All this and more from your State Board of Missions Missionaries!

**On Memorial Day Remember Those Who Served**





## From My Heart

COVID-19 has caused all of us to get out of our comfort zone in continuing to communicate and connect with each other. I have sought to keep the information flowing with our Pastors, Staff and Church Leaders through emails and telephone calls. If I can be of assistance do not hesitate to call me at 256-276-1213 or leave a message at the Office 256-354-4441.

Financial Assistance is available to your church through our State Board of Missions (SBOM) if COVID-19 has caused your church to fall on hard times. I have received an Application to fill out which I can submit for consideration if need be. For example, a Bi-Vocational Pastor has lost his secular job and church offerings are not sufficient to pay him. Before you have to terminate a Pastor let me see if our SBOM can help.

Our SBOM is also working on some recommendations for how to get ready to re-open our gatherings at our church buildings. Dr. Rick Lance has written a piece to introduce this idea entitled "Preparing for What's Next" which appeared first on RickLance.com and is also on the SBOM website, [www.alsbom.org](http://www.alsbom.org). I will pass the recommendations along to you as soon as possible.

COMMENDATION is to be given to each of our Carey Baptist Association churches. You have stepped up and improvised and gotten out of your comfort zone in order to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ and give HOPE to your communities and the world around you. I have visited you on Facebook and YouTube where you have Worshiped and gathered. As your Associational Missionary I commend you for the witness you have been and continue to be.

My prayer is, this will only be the beginning of getting out of the BOX to reach people with the LOVE of God and the good news of Jesus Christ, the forgiveness of sin and the HOPE of eternal life. Furthermore, our National Day of Prayer will be different this May 7, 2020. We ask you to stop wherever you are on Thursday May 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:55am and pray for the 7 areas of influence listed in the next column. The theme is: "Pray God's Glory Across the Earth." Habakkuk 2:14 says, "For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."

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