



The C B A

Monthly Newsletter of the Carey Baptist Association



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Volunteers For The Thrift Store

Tues. 9-1	Laraine, Diane
Wed. 9-2	Teresa, Velma
Thurs. 9-3	Laraine, Alana
Fri. 9-4	Laraine
Fri. 9-5	Shelby, Cheryl, Diane
Mon. 9-7	CLOSED Labor Day
Tues. 9-8	Laraine, Alana, Wendy
Wed. 9-9	Teresa, Ralph
Thurs. 9-10	Laraine, Alana, Diane
Fri. 9-11	Laraine
Mon. 9-14	Laraine, Alana, Nancy F
Tues. 9-15	Laraine, Roger, Peggy & Diane
Wed. 9-16	Teresa, Velma, Clara
Thurs. 9-17	Laraine, Alana, Diane
Fri. 9-18	Laraine
Mon. 9-21	Laraine, Alana, Cindy
Tues. 9-22	Laraine, Diane
Wed. 9-23	Teresa, Evon
Thurs. 9-24	Laraine, Alana, Diane
Fri. 9-25	Teresa, Diane
Mon. 9-28	Laraine, Alana
Tues. 9-29	Laraine, Diane
Wed. 9-30	Evon, Diane

Thrift Store

****Bag Sale****

\$5 per Bag

Clothing Only

Wed. - Fri. 9am-4pm

Sept. 16th-18th



Executive Committee

Meetings 2026

Sunday September 20, 2026

At the

Carey Baptist Association office
2:30pm

Church Happenings

Barfield

9-2 JOY Club 10:30am lunch 12pm
Christmas Cantata
December 6 at 6:00pm

Big Springs

Bible Study- Each Thursday night at
6pm- Study of Revelation
starts Oct. 1

Clairmont Springs

Men's Bible Study-Starts
September 17 @ 6pm

What Every Man Should Stive to Be

Women's Bible Study- Starts

September 17 @ Old School Antiques
6pm- *I am Names of Jesus*

County Line

Brotherhood- 3rd Sunday each
month@7am

Revival- Sept. 20th-22nd

Sept 20th 10am & 6:30pm

21st & 22nd 6:30pm with

Rev. Derek Farr

Special Music nightly

Macedonia

5th Sunday Singing- Aug. 30th
@ 5pm with The Carter Family

Mt. Pisgah

Homecoming- Sept. 6th at 10:30am
Singers New Reason Quartet
Lunch following services

Mt. Zion

Homecoming- Sun. Sept. 13th
Guest Singers- The Pylant Family
(from Eva, AL) 10am- lunch @noon
Revival- Sunday -Tues. Sept. 27-29
27th- Rev. Jason Reaves 6pm
28th- Rev. Clay Lovelady 6:30pm
29th- Rev. T.C. Brown 6:30pm

Olive Branch

Women's Conference- Sept. 12th @
9am Joy in the Journey
Speakers: Beth Well, Katie Hamilton
& Terri Anaya/ Worship Music-
Shelby & Olivia Holmes
See Insert

Union/Motley

5th Sunday Singing- August 30 @5pm
Crystal River guest singers
Food will be provided afterwards

ATTENTION Ministers

"An Hour of Power"

Sept. 19 @ 9am Carey Office

Oct. 17 @ 9am

Food & Fellowship for all Ministers

Jail Ministry

Every Other Sunday at 2:00pm
@ the Clay County Jail

September 13 Jeff Odom

September 27 T J Griffin

October 11 Brian Newman

October 25 Donald Peterson

Mission Spotlight Opportunity for September



The Myers-Mallory State Missions Offering, Sept. 13-20, 2026, Myers-Mallory supports the work of Alabama WMU, as well as Alabama Baptist Disaster Relief, Church Planting, Church Revitalization and Global Partnership Missions. Just like with KMMO, gifts can be given all year, with a special emphasis for giving in September. The offering coincides with the Week of Prayer for State Missions, a concentrated time of prayer when Southern Baptist churches all over the state are praying together, in Jesus' name, for a powerful movement of God in Alabama and around the world. The Myers-Mallory State Missions Offering is named after two spiritual giants who dedicated their lives to missions. Your faithful financial support through KMMO has been vital to the work of Alabama WMU, and your continued support through the Myers-Mallory State Missions Offering will be critical to continue our work and ministries as Alabama WMU is set to receive gifts equal to or greater than historically received through KMMO. The offering is meant to complement vital Cooperative Program giving.

2026 Annual Meeting

Monday October 19

Starting at 4:30pm

Corinth Baptist Church
2785 Corinth Road
Cragford, AL 36255

Corinth Provides Meal

Messenger's Bring Desserts

Mark your calendar!

From Your Associational Missionary

Diversity is a word we have all heard most of our lives. But what about diversity in the church? For 32 years, I served as pastor of 3 different churches, with only a two-month break between my 1st and 2nd pastorates. Because of that, I did not experience a great deal of diversity in music, worship styles, or preaching styles. However, since resigning as pastor of Olive Branch and becoming your DOM, I have had the privilege of visiting our 30 Baptist churches. What I have experienced is diversity!

Some of our churches sing contemporary music. Some sing from the Baptist Hymnal. Many sing from the old Heavenly Highways. Some do not have a piano player and worship with recorded music. Yet, in every one of these settings, I have been able to see and feel the Holy Spirit working. The same is true with preaching. No two preachers preach exactly alike. One preacher may be loud and expressive, while another may be calm and methodical. One may preach a carefully structured message, while another may seem to simply open his heart and let the Word flow. Yet I see God using them all. My point is this: we serve a VERY DIVERSE GOD.

Sometimes we are tempted to think that if another church does things differently than we do, it must be wrong. But God did not create us all alike, nor does He call us to serve Him in the same way. Some churches are built of brick, while others are painted white. Some have red carpet, some green, some blue, and some brown. People value variety, and God has given us different preferences, personalities, gifts, and abilities.

As I thought about this, I was reminded of what Paul wrote in I Corinthians 3:4-6: "For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal? Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man? I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase." Paul's message was clear. Some preferred Paul. Some preferred Apollos. But the point was never about which preacher people liked best. God is the One who gives the increase. All the credit belongs to Him.

Think about the writers of the Bible. These men came from different backgrounds. They had different personalities, different gifts, occupations, experiences, and levels of education. Yet the Holy Spirit used each of them in the writing of the Holy Scriptures. God did not remove their individuality; He used it. In the same way, God has a purpose for the different gifts and callings within His church.

Paul later wrote in I Corinthians 12:4-6: "Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all."

He continues by describing the various spiritual gifts given to believers and then concludes in verse 11: "But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will." What a beautiful picture of the church! There are different gifts, different ministries, different personalities, and different ways in which God works through His people. But there is still one Spirit, one Lord, and one God.

The Lord has revealed to me that He truly is a DIVERSE GOD. He has challenged me to be slower in my criticism of how someone else preaches, sings, worships, or serves Him. This does not mean that anything goes. God's Word must always be our standard. We should never compromise biblical truth for the sake of preference or popularity. But when a church or believer is faithful to the Word of God, we should be careful not to criticize simply because they do things differently than we do. God can use the preacher who thunders from the pulpit and another who quietly teaches verse by verse. If it is biblical, and Jesus is being honored, rejoice in what God is doing.

After all, Paul planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. May we learn to appreciate the diversity within the body of Christ while remaining firmly grounded in the truth of God's Word. We may not all worship in the same style, sing the same songs, or preach the same way, but if we are serving the same Lord and proclaiming the same Gospel, then we can celebrate the work of God together. We serve a diverse God.

Richie, 256-283-7076

The Cheaha Ministry

Worship on the Mountain
Cheaha State Park 9am
Dogwood Pavillion

Sept. 6 Clairmont Springs
Sept. 13 County Line
Sept. 20 Mellow Valley
Sept. 27 Corinth
Oct. 4 Concord
Oct. 11 Delta
Oct. 18 Bowden Grove
Oct. 25 Race Weekend No Service

Mission Opportunity for October

**Christmas Backpacks
for Children & Teens**
***Remember Toys & Gifts**

Christmas Backpacks has become a thriving ministry effort. Backpacks filled with gifts and the Gospel message were distributed through compassion ministry sites across the Southeast. More than 1,000 of those backpacks were distributed through nine Alabama Baptist Church plants in poverty-stricken areas of our state.

Age Guide:

Ages 2-3 Ages 4-7
Ages 8-10 Ages 11-14
Ages 15-17

**Items to include: New Backpack
Art Supplies**-Pencils, Crayola Crayons, Crayola washable markers, Crayola colored pencils, Scissors, stamps and ink pads, craft paper, construction paper, coloring books.

Hygiene items: toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in plastic bag), hairbrush, comb, washcloth, ponytail holders, etc.

Toys: small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, small music instruments, yo-yos, jump ropes, sidewalk chalk, card games, books. Hand held games w/batteries, Headphones

Other: Children or Teen Bible, hard candy (no Chocolate) & double bag, Socks, T-shirts, hats, gloves, small blanket, jewelry, watches, pop-top cans of food, snacks etc.

Please do not include: items that can be easily crushed or broken, perishable food, food containing nuts, or knives.

*Backpacks will be distributed through compassion ministry sites and church plants in at least 4 states.

More information go to
AlabamaWMU.org/backpacks.

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Ramp Ministry

1st ramp-8-5-26 in Ashland; Built Steps- David Rush, Leader, County Line; Richie Farrow, DOM.

2nd Ramp- 8-6-26 in Ashland, Jim Gasser Leader, Mannings Chapel; Junior Wade, Mt. Zion; Bob Allen, Ashland First; Jim Studdard, Macedonia; Bryan Amason, Olive Branch; David Rush, County Line; Richie Farrow, DOM.

3rd Ramp- 8-17-26 in Lineville, Richie Farrow, Leader, DOM: Jim Studdard, Randy Harrelson, Dusty & Michelle Harrelson, Macedonia; Jim Gasser, Mannings Chapel; Bryan Amason, Olive Branch; Larry Upchurch, Lineville.



Drop off location
Ashland First Baptist
Christian Life
Center

November 14th- 22nd
9am-1pm

More Information next month
Local Leader Becky Robertson 256-618-1756

Monthly Mission opportunities for the coming year

Oct.- Backpacks & Pastor/staff Appreciation

Nov.- Carey Baptist Food closet & Shoeboxes

December-Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Jan.- Baby Shower Women & Children's Center

February-State Hunger Fund 50/50

March-Mental Health Liaison—Sarah

April- Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

May-Alabama Baptist Children's Home-Oxford

June- ARK of Clay County

July-School Supplies for Teachers

August- none

September-Myers-Mallory state offering

Information about each mission will be in the newsletter or call me at the office.

Churches Seeking A Pastor

* Ashland First Baptist

We currently have 1 church searching for a pastor. Please be in prayer for our Sister Church.

Due Date for information in our newsletter: 15th of each month !

We would love to add information about your church in our newsletter. You can call, mail or email us 256-354-4441.
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