

## Troup Baptist Association

### Passing Thoughts on Busyness and Relationships

As Christians and as human beings, busyness is something we all struggle with. I'm sure you're like me and have realized there just aren't enough hours in the day anymore. So, I would not be so foolish as to tell you not to be busy. Busyness is a part of life. However, my encouragement to you today is to make sure you're busy doing the right things and that you throttle your busyness as best you can.

Here are three truths regarding busyness:

- 1: If the devil cannot make you bad, he'll make you busy.
- 2: What we're busy about is what counts. Both the honeybee and the mosquito are busy. The bee is praised and the mosquito is swatted!
- 3: If you're always available - you're never available!

The Christian life is a life of relationships. God has called us into relationship with one another and together we grow in our relationship with God. In John 13:34-35(KJV) Jesus said, "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. 35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." You see, life is not about possessions; it's about people. And life is not about accomplishments; it's about relationships.

During his career, baseball great Babe Ruth hit 714 home runs. In the twilight of his career he was traded to the Boston Braves. The Braves were playing the Cincinnati Reds in what was one of his last games. The aging star was no longer as agile as he once was. In fact, in this particular game he had fumbled the ball and threw badly. In one inning alone his errors were responsible for

five Cincinnati runs. As the Babe walked off the field after the third out, the fans began to boo and hurl insults at him. Just then a young boy jumped over the railing onto the playing field. With tears streaming down his cheeks, the lad threw his arms around the legs of his hero. Ruth didn't hesitate. He reached down, picked the boy up, hugged him, and set him down on his feet again with a playful pat on the head. Suddenly the booing stopped. In fact, a hush fell over the stadium. In those brief moments the crowd saw a different kind of hero. They saw a man, who in spite of a dismal day on the field and a career that was in its twilight, could still care about a little boy. The crowd no longer judged him for his past success or present failures. They began to judge him by a completely different standard. Suddenly it was not his works that mattered - but a relationship with a little boy.

Life is busy. Life is demanding. And life isn't always fair. However, as Christians, we need to be reminded that one day the busyness will cease. One day the "Big S" on our chest will tarnish and fade. In that moment the only thing that will have any redeeming value will be the relationships we have made along the way that cause people, especially little children, to embrace us, on the worst day of our lives, and love us simply for who we are. I'm glad I have family and friends that do that for me. I'm glad Jesus does that for me!

What we're busy about is what counts. Both the honeybee and the mosquito are busy. The bee is praised and the mosquito is swatted! Let us be busy for the Lord - tending the relationships we cherish. Let us be the change we want to see in others.

Brother Aaron



## News (continued)

**Callaway** - had a great month! They were blessed with 5 new members that they are happy to welcome into their church family! On Sunday, May 17, Callaway honored their high school and college graduates. Special music was provided by the Callaway Band who also plays each week for "The Edge", their college & career age group. "Congratulations Graduates!"

On Thursday, May 14, the Callaway Men's group enjoyed their quarterly meeting, which included a night of fun & fellowship as well as lots of catfish and chicken at Donny Turner's Farm! There were over 40 in attendance. "Thank you, Mr. Donny!" Callaway hosted the Troup County School System Teacher Retirement Reception on May 19 in their Family Life Center with over 250 guests. Approximately 50 retirees were honored by the system. "Best Wishes to this group of people who have given many years of service to the children of Troup County!"



Callaway Men's Group enjoying a night on the Farm!

**Davidson** - The month of May was filled with prayer, songs of worship & praise, feasting & fellowship! Friday, May 8 was our prayer and karaoke night. Hymns of praise and thanksgiving were sung and people reached out to God; asking for the touch only He can give. Mothers were given a tribute on Mother's Day with a special message from God's Holy Bible. A fantastic meal followed with an extra helping of fellowship. The trip to the Animal Park was a huge success with approximately 62 people attending. The children were fascinated with the animals and had a very fun and God-filled day. "We are so very thankful for the number of church members who donated their time and effort to making this happen." The WMU has several outreach ministry programs which include Lakewood, Hospice & the Emmaus House. New Bible tracts were ordered and received. They are being distributed throughout the community.



A large group from Davidson Baptist made a recent trip to the Animal Park in Pine Mountain.

### East Vernon -



Rev. Bernie Pasley baptizing Jeremy Wells

Congratulations to Rev. Robert Burnett who came in 4<sup>th</sup> place in the Troup County Bus Driver Spring Road-e-o. He also won the 'Diminishing Clearance' event.

**Flat Shoals** - Kingdom Express was the featured singing group for the Homecoming service on May 17 at Flat Shoals Baptist Church in West Point, Georgia. Brother Aaron McCollough was the guest preacher. There was food galore and everybody had a good time.



Kingdom Express singing at Flat Shoals' Homecoming

## News (continued)

**Franklin Road** - is thankful for 8 new members in May and for what God is continuing to do in their church family. They recognized and celebrated with 6 graduates from high school, college and graduate school. Special congratulations goes to Billy Nestor who graduated from Liberty University with a Master of Divinity in Chaplaincy. FRBC kicked off Summer Sunday Nights on May 31 with a cook-out and ice cream fellowship.

**Highland** - honored all mothers who were present during morning worship service on Mother's Day. Each mother was given a gift from the WMU. In addition, the oldest mother, Loree Worley and the youngest mother, Jennifer Evers were each recognized and given a beautiful flower arrangement. On Sunday, May 17 Christopher Cole who graduated from Callaway High School was recognized and presented with a gift from the church with congratulations for this achievement. Highland will join other churches in their area for a 5th Sunday Sing and Praise service at Hogansville First Baptist Church on May 31.

**Lakeview** - had movie night for kids on May 2; children and adults enjoyed pizza, cookies, and the movie "Big Hero Six." They had a church-wide yard sale on May 16 to raise funds for paving of the parking lot. The Men's fellowship had breakfast and a meeting on May 23. WMU met May 26 with great food and a program by hostess Dottie Henson. The WMU made donations to Pure Water for Nigeria and Living with Dignity; received thank-you letters from both.

**Mountville** - honored their 2015 graduates on Sunday, May 31. Those students recognized were: Hunter McMillian, Blayton Scott and Walter Swanson.

**Teaver Road** - celebrated Resurrection Morning with an Easter Sunrise Service followed by breakfast. There were over 50 people in attendance.



Teaver Road Easter Sunrise Service

**Wehadkee** - recognized and honored all of their mothers on Mother's Day. At the Ladies Meeting, they voted to have Secret Sisters and planned a cook-out for next month. Food and fellowship was enjoyed. Communion was observed on the fifth Sunday. After the morning service, lunch was served. At 3pm several attended Prayer on the Square, praying for our nation, state and county.

## Announcements

**Association** - The Solid Rock Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Dewayne Majors will begin renting and meeting in the sanctuary of the association office on the first Sunday in June. We welcome Pastor Majors and the congregation of Solid Rock!



A Beth Moore Bible Study: Breath The Life of God in Us will be held on Tuesday evenings from 6 - 8pm beginning on June 23 and continuing through July 28 at the Troup Baptist Association office. Last day to register is June 15. Cost is \$10 per person. To register call Angela Maddux at Troup Baptist (706) 884-1975 or SaraJo Langley (706) 333-5241

### Brother Aaron's Suggested Reading

**From This Verse**  
**365 Inspiring Stories About the**  
**Power of God's Word**

By Robert J. Morgan

# Announcements (continued)

## Children's Camp Rockridge

(Sponsored by Troup Baptist Association)



**Date:** June 22 - 25, 2015

**Place:** Camp Rockridge, Franklin, Georgia

[www.camprockridge.com](http://www.camprockridge.com)

**For:** children age 8 through rising 6th graders

**Cost:** \$155 per child. Early registration \$145 for applications and fees turned in by June 15.

A free camp DVD will be given to those who register early. Limited scholarships available.

**Availability:** First come, first served.

**Registration:** Applications are available at Troup Baptist Association office or [www.troubaptist.org](http://www.troubaptist.org). An application and flyer was also mailed to each Pastor and Executive Committee member.

**For more information:**

contact Angela Maddux at the Association office: email [angela@troubaptist.com](mailto:angela@troubaptist.com) or (706) 884-1975

## Association - Ministers Wellness Retreats

Sept. 10-12, 2015– Conference Center Toccoa, GA

Oct. 8-10, 2015– Conference Center, Norman Park, GA

Call Mrs. Ruth Smith at (770) 936-5364 for both.



### Faith Bible Institute

The Troup Baptist Association serves as a satellite campus of **Faith Bible Institute**, a ministry of Rowland Road Baptist Church in Monroe, Louisiana.

**Early Registration for Fall Semester:  
(By June 30, 2015)**

- New Student: \$126
- FBI Graduate: \$53
- Returning Student: \$86
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Family Member; \$53

For more information go to [www.troubaptist.org](http://www.troubaptist.org)  
Contact Jane Gottshall - director at (706) 957-7443  
or by email: [jane.gottshall@gmail.com](mailto:jane.gottshall@gmail.com)



**Appalachian Regional Ministry** works with **compassion** ministry sites and church plants in **13** states.

Georgia Baptists are **challenged** to **provide 25,000 backpacks** for children in Kentucky, Tennessee, and New York as well as identified partnership areas with Georgia Baptist associations and churches.



Visit this site for information, resources and registration for this year's Christmas Backpacks for Appalachia:  
[www.missiongeorgia.org/backpacks-for-appalachia/](http://www.missiongeorgia.org/backpacks-for-appalachia/)

## Announcements (continued)

**Baptist Tabernacle** - The Puppet Ministry with Mrs. Carolyn Evans will continue thru June 10. Mrs. Carolyn does a remarkable job with the children. VBS will begin on June 17 and run each Wednesday for seven weeks from 6:30pm to 8pm. The HUB mission trip will be June 7 - 13. Please keep these young people in your prayers. Colby Scott, one of our outstanding HUB students will be fulfilling one of his life's dreams in spreading the Word of God in Africa in June. Please pray for Colby and all others who will be spreading God's Word and also for their safe journey. "Remember, there is power in prayer. Let's pray for one another!"

**Davidson** - Vacation Bible School starts June 22 at 6:30 and will end with a program on Friday, June 26. "Please pray that we continue to give glory and praise to God in everything we say and do. God is good and blesses us in a big way!!" Please join Davidson for any of their services:  
Sundays: Breakfast - 8:45am, Sunday School - 9:45am, Morning Worship - 11am, Evening Service - 6pm  
Wednesdays: Bible Study - 6:30pm  
1st & 3rd Wednesday: Food closet 9:30am - 12:00pm  
2nd Friday of the Month: Prayer Night & Karaoke "Sing-A-Long" - 6pm. Davidson Baptist Church is located on Highway 18, West Point, GA.

**East Vernon** - The gospel group Live Issue will be in concert at East Vernon Baptist Church on Tuesday, July 14, 2015 at 7:00pm. They are from Ireland and sing traditional style gospel music. They were the first Irish band to perform at the Grand Ole Opry. All are invited to come. There will be no admission charge.



Gospel Group Live Issue from Ireland will be performing at East Vernon Baptist Church Tuesday, July 14 @ 7:00pm

**Callaway** - VBS - Journey Off the Map, will be held June 7 through 11 from 6:15 - 8:30 pm. We are excited to kick off a new Bible study for the ladies entitled "The Nearness of King Jesus" which will begin Tuesday, June 16 at 6:30pm.

**First Baptist on the Square** - will be welcoming a new senior pastor this month. Please join with us in welcoming Rev. Cade Farris, his wife Jennifer and their children - not only to First Baptist on the Square, but into our Troup Baptist Association, our community and our hearts. "Welcome!"



Rev. Cade Farris, Jennifer and children  
 First Baptist on the Square

**Franklin Road** - SURVIVOR SUMMER is a children's ministry program going on at FRBC each Sunday evening from 6 - 7pm during the summer. It includes games, Bible study and lots of fun! Check their website for more info: [www.frbclagrange.org](http://www.frbclagrange.org). Their youth will be going to Lifeway's Centrifuge Summer Camp June 13 - 17 at Ridgecrest, NC. This year they will be hosting "Celebrate America" again on June 28 at 6:00pm. As in recent years, this will be a time not only to celebrate our Country's birthday, but a time to THANK GOD for His blessings, THANK our local public servants as well as those who are serving in the military, and a time to PRAY for God to stir our hearts for a REVIVAL in our land. FRBC invites all our churches to join us for this special time of celebration, worship and prayer.



# Announcements (continued)

## Part-time Worship Leader

Mountville Baptist is looking for a part-time worship leader - someone with a passion for Jesus Christ and a desire to serve Him through music & song! If interested, please contact Preacher Dwayne at (706) 881-4003.



## WMU School Prayer Walk

August 2015



The annual WMU School Prayer Walk for all schools in our community will be held in August. To get your school on the list or for more information, please contact Judy King by email at [lilose@att.net](mailto:lilose@att.net) or by phone (706) 882-0371.



**DARKNESS to LIGHT**  
END CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

## Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Education

This video based training program teaches adults how to prevent, recognize and react responsibly to child sexual abuse.

For more information on training for your church, contact McKenzie Jackson at [mjackson@twincedars.org](mailto:mjackson@twincedars.org) or call (706) 594-0290 [www.twincedars.org](http://www.twincedars.org)



**Twin Cedars**  
YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES, INC.

## JULY CALENDAR

- 3<sup>rd</sup> GBC & TBA closed for Independence Day Holiday
- 6<sup>th</sup> Pastors' Prayer Fellowship New Macedonia
- 13<sup>th</sup> Pastors' Prayer Fellowship New Macedonia
- 20<sup>th</sup> Pastors' Prayer Fellowship New Macedonia
- 21<sup>st</sup> Church Planters' Network Association Office 9am-12 noon
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Executive Committee Meeting Association Office 7pm
- 27<sup>th</sup> Pastors' Prayer Fellowship New Macedonia

**Note: Prayer Team meets at the association office at 6pm on Mondays.**

*"I don't have to worry about being cold, hungry or going without my medicine."*

**Mission: Dignity**  
Assisting Retired Ministers and Spouses

— Virginia Pangle, widow of Rev. Hazen Pangle ▼

Southern Baptist churches across Georgia, and the nation, will celebrate Mission:Dignity Sunday on June 28, 2015.

This is a day set aside to remember thousands of aged ministers and their widows who dedicated their lives to the Gospel ministry but are now facing their retirement years without the financial resources to meet their basic daily needs.

**Help us spread the word!** Your church can help to make life better for God's retired servants. Order free bulletin inserts and a short video to share with your congregation. Materials are undated and can be used on any date you choose.

*We need your help.*

*Coming Soon ...*  
**Prayer & Fasting Concerns**  
*will be a page on our website.*

This page will be a source of information for prayer concerns at the World-wide, National, State and local level. Victoria Paz & Linda Watkins, prayer warriors from Long Cane Baptist Church will be providing information for this. You can reach them by email:

Victoria Paz - [optimizeyourhealth@gmail.com](mailto:optimizeyourhealth@gmail.com)  
Linda Watkins - [lswatkinsfocus@gmail.com](mailto:lswatkinsfocus@gmail.com)

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. ~ II Chronicles 7:14



## Happy Birthday July



- 6<sup>th</sup> Rev. Michael Hornsby, New Hope (LaGrange)
- 13<sup>th</sup> Rev. Bobby Bozeman, Baptist Tabernacle
- 18<sup>th</sup> Rev. Jackie Taylor, Roper Heights
- 20<sup>th</sup> Rev. Billy McCollough
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Rev. Max McCord
- 24<sup>th</sup> Rev. Fred Buchanan
- 24<sup>th</sup> Rev. Chris King
- 27<sup>th</sup> Rev. Robert Bagley
- 27<sup>th</sup> Rev. Brad Thompson, Callaway
- 31<sup>st</sup> Rev. Paul Cruz



First Baptist Church on the Square held a special reception and celebration of worship for Dr. Paul Baxter and his family on the weekend of May 9 - 10. Dr. Baxter will be retiring in June after 32 years of faithful service as Senior Pastor of First Baptist on the Square in LaGrange, Georgia. Paul Baxter immigrated here during his childhood years with his family from England. He grew up in East Tennessee and, while attending the University of Georgia, met and married Joanna. He later earned degrees from Yale University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Paul and Joanna have two daughters and sons-in-law and five grandchildren.



Retirement Reception for Dr. Paul Baxter & Family  
 (Left to right) Dr. Paul Baxter, daughter Sarah Fletcher, children Daniel & William Fletcher, Joanna Baxter, daughter Paula Johnson, children Molly, Jane & Maggie, and Phillip Johnson.



Pictured left to right: Patrick Crews - Chairman of Troup County Commissioners, Dr. Paul Baxter, Joanna Baxter and Jim Thornton - Mayor of LaGrange

**Georgia Baptist Children's Homes & Family Ministries** is a Christian caring ministry of services designed to promote the spiritual, physical and emotional well-being of children, youth and families.

The truck loading ministry allows us to stock our pantry and feed our children, which helps us to stretch the budget for operating expenses. The churches of the Troup Baptist Association have been tremendous supporters of the Georgia Baptist Children's Homes through the truck loading projects. With your help, last year alone, we had fifty-nine children make professions of faith in our Lord and Savior while in our care. ~ Sandra Hammonds  
 Georgia Baptist Children's Homes

**Someday... begins today.**

  
**Georgia Baptist Children's Homes**  
**Commodities Drive**  
 June 22 - 24  
 Drop-off location: Troup Baptist Association  
 1301 Washington Street, LaGrange GA  
**Items Needed:**

- Cooking oil
- Toilet Tissue
- 100% fruit juices
- Gift cards (Visa, Kroger, Wal-Mart, etc.) will be used to purchase perishable food items
- Bottled water
- Paper towels

Once again, the Troup Baptist Association is sponsoring a commodities drive for the children of the Georgia Baptist Children's Homes. We will collect the requested items June 22 -24 at the Troup Baptist Association office located at 1301 Washington Street in LaGrange, GA. Around 1:00pm on June 24th, we will have all the items loaded into the trailer and will send it on its way. I am encouraging every church, Sunday school class, or other ministry in our area to start promoting this in your church and let's be "extravagant" in our giving to the Georgia Baptist Children's Homes. ~ Brother Aaron

## JUNE CALENDAR

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|-------|--|--------------------|---------------|
| 1     | Pastors' Prayer Fellowship                     | New Macedonia      | Wendell Brown |
| 8     | Pastors' Prayer Fellowship                     | New Macedonia      | Olin McClain  |
| 15    | Pastors' Prayer Fellowship                     | New Macedonia      | S.T. Janney   |
| 15    | Deadline for Camp Rockridge Early Registration |                    |               |
| 16    | Church Planters' Network                       | Association Office | 9am-12 noon   |
| 21    | Father's Day                                   |                    |               |
| 22    | No Pastors' Prayer Fellowship                  |                    |               |
| 22-25 | Children's Camp Rockridge                      |                    |               |
| 22-25 | Children's Home Truck loading events           |                    |               |
| 29    | Pastors' Prayer Fellowship                     | New Macedonia      | Steve Johnson |

**Note: Prayer Team meets at the association office at 6pm on Mondays.**



### Happy Birthday

### June



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| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Rev. Ronnie Puckett                          |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Rev. Wendell Brown, Flat Shoals              |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> | Dr. Paul Baxter, First Baptist on the Square |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | Rev. Robert Burnett                          |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> | Rev. Ellis Freeman                           |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> | Rev. Alan Meacham                            |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Rev. Bobby Patton                            |

# Happy Father's Day from your Association Staff!

### *On The Lighter Side*

A young boy had just gotten his driving permit. He asked his father, who was a minister, if they could discuss the use of the car. His father took him to his study and said to him, "I'll make a deal with you. You bring your grades up, study your bible a little and get your hair cut and we'll talk about it." After about a month the boy came back and again asked his father if they could discuss use of the car. They again went to the father's study where his father said, "Son, I've been real proud of you. You have brought your grades up, you've studied your bible diligently, but you didn't get your hair cut!" The young man waited a moment and replied, "You know Dad, I've been thinking about that. You know, Samson had long hair, Moses had long hair, Noah had long hair, and even Jesus had long hair...." To which his father replied...."Yes, and they WALKED everywhere they went!"

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