

## Troup Baptist Association

### Giving Advil the Glory

As you have read these columns, you have often heard me mention a beloved pastor friend of mine, Pastor Olin McClain. I think Brother Olin is in his early nineties now. However, he is still in reasonably good health and still drives himself wherever he wants to go. He attends the Troup Baptist Association's Monday Pastor's Prayer Fellowship. While at the meeting this past Monday he told me, "Well, I need to tell you something." I said, "What's that, Brother Olin?" He said, "God whipped me good last week!" "For what?" I asked rather emphatically. (I certainly couldn't imagine this prince of a man and dear saint of God doing anything indecent, illegal, or immoral!) He said, "Last week when I was at this meeting, I had a pretty bad headache. So, I turned to Brother Bobby Bozeman, a true

prayer warrior, and asked him to pray for me. After Bobby prayed, I remembered I had some Advil in my car. So, I went and took a couple of them. By the time I got home my headache had eased. And I thought to myself, 'I sure am glad I took those Advil. They did a good job relieving me of my headache!'" He continued, "Then God convicted me of that. You see, I had asked the man of God to pray for me, and when the answer came, I gave all the glory for my headache relief - to Advil! And God just whipped me real good for that!"

Ouch! I think we all can relate to brother Olin!

Somebody once asked me if I believed in Divine healing. I told them that there was no other kind. When they looked at me rather perplexed, I explained to them that doctors can only do the

"doctoring." They can stitch or staple a cut together, or do whatever else needs doing, but they cannot make healing occur. Only God gives healing. Now, don't misunderstand me. I believe that God expects us to do all we humanly can to alleviate and remedy a situation. I believe He expects us to do the possible and leave the impossible to Him. Unlike Brother Olin, I would have taken the Advil first. When that didn't help, then I would have involved God! But hey, that's just me!

How many times have we prayed and prayed for something, whether it is physical healing or something else, only to give the credit and glory to everything other than God when the answer came?

You'll find a story in the Bible where Jesus healed ten lepers. He told them to go and show themselves to the

priests so they could be declared clean. As they were on their way one of them stopped and returned to Jesus to give Him thanks and glory for his healing. Jesus asked a most haunting question when he asked him where the other nine were.

We've been blessed beyond measure in this life. We need to make a practice of both being grateful and showing our gratitude for our blessings. However, let's be careful not to give the praise for our blessings to the new doctor, the new medication, Wall Street, our boss at work, our pastor, or some other person or circumstance. Let's remember to be careful to give God the glory – not Advil! God may choose to use the Advil (or whatever name may be appropriate) to facilitate the healing – but rest assured, the healing came from Him!

Brother Aaron

# News



## Faith Bible Institute Graduation Ceremony

August 9, 2015

Faith Bible Institute for Troup Baptist Association held its fourth graduation service on August 9 at Lakeview Baptist Church. Dr. Paul Baxter delivered an inspiring charge to the graduates. The three graduates receiving Bible Diplomas were J. R. Elliott, Brandon Swanson and Rev. Lamar Truitt, pastor of Lakeview Baptist Church. Rev. Dwayne Perdue, pastor of Mountville Baptist Church and a former graduate, gave a wonderful testimony of what the teaching he received has meant to his life and ministry. Inspirational music specials were given by Frankie Hadden, pianist; Sarajo Langley accompanied by Chase Williams; Rev. Truitt and Judy King, duet; and Jane Gottshall, a cappella solos. Associational Missionary Aaron McCollough presented the diplomas. The ladies of Lakeview provided delicious refreshments at the reception following the service.



### Faith Bible Institute Graduates:

J. R. Elliot - Mountville Baptist (on left)  
Rev. Lamar Truitt - Lakeview Baptist (on right)  
Brandon Swanson (not shown)



Dr. Paul Baxter gave the commencement address to the graduates of Faith Bible Institute.

## Troup Baptist Association

### Mission Statement:

The Troup Baptist Association is a Spiritual, educational, and community resource that, through cooperative fellowship, equips pastors, staff, and churches as they seek to fulfill The Great Commission of Jesus Christ.



Jane Gottshall,  
Faith Bible Institute Director  
ministered in song.

Rev. Dwayne Perdue,  
Pastor of Mountville Baptist  
and former graduate of  
Faith Bible Institute  
spoke to the graduates.



## Association - Church Prayer List

### For September 2015, please pray for following churches:

Week of Sept. 6, 2015 - Antioch Baptist Church/Hogansville  
Week of Sept. 13, 2015 - Antioch Baptist Church/LaGrange  
Week of Sept. 20, 2015 - Baptist Tabernacle  
Week of Sept. 27, 2015 - Bethel Baptist Church

### For October 2015, please pray for following churches:

Week of October 4, 2015 - Bethlehem Baptist Church  
Week of October 11, 2015 - Callaway Baptist Church  
Week of October 18, 2015 - Concord Baptist Church  
Week of October 25, 2015 - Confidence Missionary Baptist Church

**Please pray for God to bless these churches  
and meet their needs.**

## News (continued)

**Baptist Tabernacle** - received two new members and two were saved in August. "God continues to bless our church. Praise God." • The Food Closet served 789 individuals by disbursing 351 boxes of food and 389 meals. The Clothes Closet served 217 people. Both of these ministries are operated by volunteers. "We are blessed to have so many caring people willing to devote their time to help others."

- Family Night on August 7, was a big hit! Some of their members attended the Braves baseball game in Atlanta. It was also a big hit for the Braves since they won the game.
- The Georgia Vietnam Veterans Honor Ceremony honoring 26 Vietnam veterans was very inspirational. The veterans were so appreciative that they were finally honored for their service. Pastor Jimmy McMillian read the name, branch of service and tenure of each veteran. Steve Horton, from the LaGrange Veteran Field Service Office represented the Georgia Department of Veteran Services and presented the Certificate of Honor to each one. Sheriff James Woodruff did the pinning of the Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin from the US Dept. of Defense. There were approximately 900 to 1000 in attendance for the service. About 200 of those were family members of the honored veterans. Baptist Tabernacle Church is proud to give these veterans the recognition and honor they deserve. The audience gave a standing ovation to the veterans. "May God bless each one of them." • Baptist Tabernacle Church held a blood drive on August 17. Several members of the church family are battling cancer and that's what sparked interest in the blood drive. Pastor Jimmy McMillian wanted to do something to show our love and support for these people. There were 101 donors and 93 units of blood were received. Steve Tenant of the American Red Cross said the blood drive was the largest, most successful drive in LaGrange and Columbus in more than a year. Every day, more than 41,000 blood donations are needed. Someone in the U.S. needs a donation every two seconds, according to the American Red Cross.



Kenneth & Deb Binion

Deb, who is a member of Baptist Tabernacle Church is battling cancer. Please keep her & her family in your prayers.

**Callaway** - Awana is back! Wednesday, August 12 was the Back to School Awana Kick-off for the upcoming year and it was a super success with great food, fellowship and lots and lots of kids! Over 200 people attended the kick-off. They are looking forward to another great year. Thank you to all the wonderful Awana leaders for their time and love for teaching God's Word to our children. • Callaway is very blessed to be Partners in Education this year with Franklin Forest Elementary School and Rosemont Elementary School. The church collected and shared book bags filled with school supplies for the two schools. "It is a joy to participate in this service which benefits the children of Troup County."

- Sunday, August 16, church members and visitors enjoyed the annual Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social. It was a great evening of fellowship with church family, homemade ice cream and cookies!
- Pastor Brad has begun preaching a series of sermons entitled "eMotions that Control Us". Part one focused on jealousy and part two focused on greed. They are looking forward to hearing what God has in store for them through Pastor Brad's messages. Recently, Callaway has been blessed with nine Baptisms and 22 new members.

**Davidson** - Their Tent Revival was blessed with God, His Holy Spirit, His Holy Word and God-loving ministers to deliver His messages! "Praises and Glory to our Heavenly Father!" They had three lost sheep to receive salvation and one Baptism this month. One of their church members, Rod Pinkard has been under the care of Hospice and unable to attend services for a long time; however, the Great Physician had other plans. God blessed him with enough strength and determination to make it to the revival. Pastor Howard, visiting ministers and others attending the revival gathered around his truck to join together in prayer. "Such an inspiration for us all, God is good! All the time!"



Davidson's Pastor Howard Longshore, guest speakers and some of Davidson's deacons.



Prayer for Rod Pinkard around his truck

## News (continued)

**Grace** - had five new members to join their fellowship and four additional souls were baptized during July and August. They welcome their new members and praise the Lord for all of these. • On August 15, the men had a work day getting the BBQ pit cleaned and ready for the annual Boston Butt Benefit which will be held November 6 and 7. • The youth have been busy! They made a trip to the Georgia Baptist Children's Home in Meansville, Ga. They worked on the buildings and grounds area and met with some of the children. On August 7, the youth had Duck Dynasty Night. It was a spiritual and fun time for those who attended. • Giving Grace Meals was August 15. Fifty-five meals were delivered to homes of shut-ins and those with health issues. This is more of a blessing for those who participate in preparing and delivering the meals than for those who receive the meals. • Sunday School is expanding and new classrooms have been added. • Tic Dollar's Sunday School class had a fishing trip and fish fry outing on July 17 at the home of Doyle & Shirley Young. "Great fellowship!" The Brotherhood sponsored a collection of book bags for CASA. Thanks to all who made it a success. The church also collected school supplies for children in need. • Grace participated in the Community Prayer Walk. The walk included Long Cane, Troup High, and Lafayette Christian Academy. • On July 26, the youth program held their quarterly family night. • On August 23, Chuck Day gave a mini concert during the Sunday evening service. This was a great blessing. Chuck co-authored "The Midnight Cry". • Grace will be participating in the food closet during the month of September. "We are busy for the Lord of Grace!"

**Highland** - joined other churches in their community for a 5th Sunday Singing at Hogansville Church of God on August 30 at 6:00 p.m.

**Lakeview** - Several Lakeview members prayer-walked a number of Troup County school campuses on Saturday, August 1. The prayer walk was coordinated by Judy King, chairman of the Troup Baptist Association's WMU Leadership Team. Judy coordinates the WMU Prayer Walk each year. • Lakeview hosted a Faith Bible Institute graduation on August 9 and the Lakeview ladies provided bountiful refreshments at the reception which followed. Graduates were J. R. Elliot, Brandon Swanson, and Lakeview's Pastor Lamar Truitt. "Congratulations to our pastor and to the other graduates." • The men had a meeting on August 22 to have fellowship and to discuss projects they are involved in or planning. • The youth had a swimming party at the home of Sally Pike on August 22 and, according to their reports, really enjoyed it. "Thank you, Sally." WMU members met on August 24 with hostess Judy King, who planned a refreshing summer meal and provided a devotion on Hagar.

**Hilyer** - had their Fall Revival on August 7 - 9, with Ricky Burnette from Lebanon, Tn. bringing the message. • They held Back to School Sunday on August 9. There were goody bags which included school supplies for all children in attendance. The bags were also made available for children in need who were not present at the service. The morning service was followed by a pizza luncheon at the Family Life Center. • One of their youngsters came to know Jesus this month and was saved! • The Awana program started back on August 19. There are classes for ages 2 to 18. "Everyone is invited to join us." Five Awana leaders were able to attend the Awana training day at Faith Baptist Church on August 22. They learned a lot and look forward to applying that knowledge to the Awana program this year.

**Mountville** - had one baby dedication in August! Brandon & Lindsay Smith had their precious baby, Ellie, dedicated to the Lord on Sunday, August 16. "What a blessing!" Congratulations to J. R. Elliott who recently graduated from the Faith Bible Institute. "We are very proud of J. R.!" MBC held two prayer walks during August. They visited Callaway Elementary on August 2 and Callaway High School on August 9. It is their prayer that the halls and classrooms of these schools will be filled with love, respect, and learning! "Please keep all our Troup County schools in your prayers!"



Callaway Elementary School Prayer Walk



Callaway High School Prayer Walk

**Roper Heights** - had a great month. They welcomed Amanda Harb into their church family. She was saved and baptized. The youth attended a youth conference at City Light Church in LaGrange. Their topic was "2015 Things". They enjoyed this very much. • Roper Heights has a new organization in their church - Men's Christian Integrity. They meet every Monday night at 6:30. All men are welcome. • The New Hope Revival singers sang during the morning worship hour on August 16. "They blessed our hearts." • The monthly Fellowship Breakfast was enjoyed along with the great speakers.

## News (continued)

**Wehadkee** - Homecoming & Revival services were very good. They had lots of folks for Homecoming and the revival sermons were very inspiring. Thanks to Rev. Woody Woodard and Rev. Terry Prestridge for the good messages. Their pastor, Rev. Nick Pilgrim conducted Revival services at Union Baptist Church on August 10-12. On Wednesday, August 12, the Bible Study group attended the services at Union Baptist. The ladies met on Tuesday, August 18 and enjoyed the fellowship. On the fifth Sunday, August 30, they observed the Lord's Supper and lunch was served after the morning worship. Due to other activities on the Square, it was voted to have prayer at the church for the leaders of our country, state, city and county. "Please continue to pray for our nation as a whole."

**Bethel** - had a baptismal service on Sunday night, August 30. "Praise to the Lord for eight precious souls that were saved!" After the baptismal service, everyone enjoyed finger foods in the fellowship hall. There was a great crowd with many guests coming to support family and friends.



Shown left to right are: Taylor Vallia, Keith Lowery, Sable Sexton, Meagan Umberger, Michaela Craven, Dalton Sexton, & Pastor Steve Sexton. In front are Eva Vaughn & Jeremiah Vaughn.

## Announcements

### Bi-vocational Pastors' & Wives' Dinner

All Bi-vocational pastors and their wives are invited to attend an evening meal at Rogers Barbecue, 1863 Main Street in Hogansville, Ga. September 19, 2015, at 6 p.m.

We will fellowship and enjoy at good meal.  
(Dutch treat)

Please RSVP by September 16 to [lilose@outlook.com](mailto:lilose@outlook.com)

Mark your calendars for...

The Annual Max New Singing  
Sunday, October 25, 2015  
5:00 - 7:00 pm



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/)  
or call (800) 746-4422

### Praise & Worship Leader

Mountville Baptist is looking for a part-time praise & worship leader - someone with a passion for Jesus Christ and a desire to serve Him through music & song!

If interested, contact Preacher Dwayne at (706) 881-4003.

### 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 to register.  
(Registration is required!)

These retreats are for Georgia Baptist ministers & spouses who do not have insurance or have high deductible insurance. Medicare, Medicaid & Social Security are considered insurance. The retreats include a physician's exam, resting EKG, lung function study, hearing exam, extensive blood testing and dental care provided through Georgia Baptist Mobile Health Ministry.

### Save the date - October 27, 2015!

The Troup Baptist Association & GBC will sponsor two workshops led by Dr. Keith Hamilton of GBC Church Financial Services.

#### Session One

##### Church Retirement Plan

Tuesday, October 27  
11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

This workshop is for pastors, ministers, other church employees and spouses to learn about retirement plan opportunities and better ways to invest.

Lunch will be provided.

#### Session Two

##### Handling the Church's Income Correctly

Tuesday, October 27  
7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

This workshop will focus on government requirements for correctly handling contributions, expenditures, designated funds, and love offerings.

Practical assistance will be provided.

# Announcements (continued)

**Baptist Tabernacle** - Awana's begins September 9. Mark your calendar and bring the children. • The Motorcycle Ride for Aliska Baker will be September 19. • On Saturday, October 10, God's Helping Hands will be sponsoring an Arts & Craft Bazaar at Baptist Tabernacle Church, 849 South Davis Road, LaGrange, Ga. from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Booths must be set up by 9 a.m. Booths are \$10 if you bring your own table and \$25 if they furnish the table. All food and beverages are reserved for sale by Baptist Tabernacle Church. Contact Velma at (706) 402-4108 if you would like to participate.

**Callaway** - On August 19, they will begin Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace classes. The classes will be each Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. • Coming events at Callaway include a Dove Shoot and lunch on September 12 at 12 noon, a trip to Toccoa for the Leisure Timers in October and a winter trip, which will include a tour of historic Charleston and a visit to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina to enjoy the Christmas shows. Also, Callaway's Homecoming Celebration will be on September 13.

**Davidson** - invites you to join them for any of their services:  
 Sunday: Breakfast - 8:45 a.m.  
 Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
 Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m.  
 Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday: Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.  
 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday: Food Closet 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday: Prayer Night & Karaoke "Sing-A-Long" 6 p.m.  
 Davidson Baptist is located on Hwy 18, in West Point, Ga.

**East LaGrange** - will be having their 94th Homecoming in October.

**First Baptist on the Square** -



## Sister to Sister featuring The Ruppe Sisters

Thursday, November 12, at 7:00 p.m.  
 First Baptist on the Square Sanctuary

The SISTERS - Heather, Kim, and Valerie, have been nominated and have won awards from the Fan Awards, Dove Awards, and The Grammys. Sister to Sister tickets (\$10 each) will be available for purchase beginning September 8 from the FBC Church and Music offices or online at [www.fbclagrange.org](http://www.fbclagrange.org). Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Call (706) 884-5631 for more information.

**Grace** - A group of ladies have begun a Beth Moore Bible Study in the book of James, led by Billie Davis. The group meets at 6:00 p.m. each Thursday. All who are interested in attending are welcome. • Grace will be participating in the food closet during the month of September.

**Highland** - will have Homecoming on September 13 at 10:30 a.m. Former Highland member, Pastor Terry English, will deliver the message. Teen Trio from Faith Baptist Church in LaGrange will provide the special music. Lunch will be served following the service. They are expecting a wonderful service of praise and worship. "Everyone is invited to join us."

**Hilyer** - will have Trunk-or-Treat on Wednesday, October 28 following evening services. The Awana Club will have a pizza party on that night as well.

**Lakeview** - Members are asked to continue bringing food for the food closet. • WMU ladies are asking all church members to once again participate in the backpack project to provide Christmas gifts for needy children. • An exercise class is provided for ladies on Mondays and Fridays at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall. • Members continue to provide music and devotions at Poplar Creek about two times per month.

**Long Cane** - will have Homecoming on September 27 at 10:30 a.m. with the singers, Nothing But Grace. "Come join us for some good fellowship & good food from the great cooks from Long Cane."

**Mountville** - MBC Awana will kick off on Sunday, September 13. The club will meet on Sundays from 5:30 - 7:30pm. "Please bring your kids and join us!" • The Men's Fellowship will have a Dove Shoot Saturday, September 5.

**Mt. Pleasant** - will have the Heard County Conventional Singing on September 27 at 10:30 a.m. Everyone who loves 4-part harmony is welcome to join.

**Roper Heights** - has a new organization in their church - Men's Christian Integrity. They meet every Monday night at 6:30. All men are welcome. • Roper Heights welcomes everyone to come worship with them.

### Brother Aaron's Suggested Reading

**I Will!**  
**Nine Traits of the**  
**Outwardly Focused Christian**

By Thom S. Rainer

# Announcements (continued)

**Grace** - (continued) The Annual Sister to Sister Banquet will be held in the George Harris building on Sept. 12 at 6 p.m. Tables will be decorated in a western theme. The meal will be catered by Sloppy Pig. Tickets are \$12. The speaker will be Katie Wilson from Point University who will be telling about her missionary work in Africa. • The Harvest Moon Festival at Grace will be Sept. 26. There will be games, a hayride, country store, cake walk, silent auction and much more. Come hungry as there will be a buttermilk and cornbread eating contest! Vegetable plates will be sold for \$5 each. All profits will go towards the newly purchased land. • Nov. 6 & 7 will be the Annual Boston Butt sale. Contact Brotherhood members or the church office for tickets. Profits will benefit mission work.

## Open Range Cowboy Church -

Rawhide Ministries Presents  
2nd Annual Georgia Western Festival & Cowboy Gathering

**COWBOYS vs. ZOMBIES**  
Stars from the *Walking Dead*

CELEBRITIES: DODIE ROGERS (Daughter of Roy Rogers), RUSS McCUBBIN (TV & Movie Star), BOB MARSHALL, DON TEEMS, MICHELLE HELMECKY, JEREMY AMBLER, GREG CREWS, MIKE V. (LUCY MARSHALL)

**Saturday, Sept. 12, 2015**  
10 am to Dusk

@ **Carrollton VFW Fairgrounds**  
Bankhead Highway, Carrollton, GA

ADMISSION - \$10  
KIDS UNDER 12 - FREE  
MILITARY VETERANS - FREE

Food ★ Gunfights ★ Cowboy Action Shooting  
Horse Clinics ★ Mechanical Bull ★ Pony Rides  
Vendors and Much More!

### Community-Wide Intercessory Prayer on the Square

September 11, 2015 8 a.m. until 10 a.m.

There will be 2 minutes of silent prayer at 9:11 a.m.

If you are unable to attend, please join us in prayer at 9:11 a.m. on 9/11.



### Darkness to Light

Saturday, November 7  
9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

hosted by

Western Heights Baptist Church

Darkness to Light offers an evidence-informed, two-hour training curriculum called Stewards of Children, providing adults with the training to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse.

For more information:

[www.twincedar.org/program/darkness-to-light/](http://www.twincedar.org/program/darkness-to-light/)  
or call Western Heights Baptist Church (706) 882-2545.

### Rosemont - Beth Moore Simulcast, Saturday, September 12.

Living proof live  
**SIMULCAST**  
with *Beth Moore*

Saturday Sept. 12th  
10:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Cost: FREE

Register at [rosemontchurch.org](http://rosemontchurch.org)  
or call the church office at:  
(706) 882-6234

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### Happy Birthday October

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Rev. S. T. Janney
- 11<sup>th</sup> Rev. Larry Prestridge
- 14<sup>th</sup> Rev. Anthony Criswell, First Baptist on the Square
- 17<sup>th</sup> Dr. Mike Brandenburg
- 20<sup>th</sup> Rev. Kenneth Cole, Unity
- 26<sup>th</sup> Rev. Marion Hammond
- 31<sup>st</sup> Rev. Clifford Anderson

### OCTOBER CALENDAR

- 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Church Reports due
- 5<sup>th</sup> Pastors' Prayer Fellowship New Macedonia 5 Preachers/5 Minutes
- 12<sup>th</sup> Pastors' Prayer Fellowship New Macedonia Sheriff James Woodruff
- 19<sup>th</sup> Pastors' Prayer Fellowship New Macedonia Michael Stiggers
- 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Association Office Meal: 5:30 / Meeting: 6:30
- 20<sup>th</sup> Church Planters' Network Association Office 9am-12 noon
- 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Max New Singing 5 - 7 p.m.
- 26<sup>th</sup> Pastors' Prayer Fellowship New Macedonia
- 27<sup>th</sup> Keith Hamilton Financial Seminars @ Association Office 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

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

## SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

- 1<sup>st</sup> Senior Adult Rally Rosemont Baptist Church 11am - 1:30pm  
 7<sup>th</sup> GBC & TBA closed for Labor Day Holiday  
     No Pastors' Prayer Fellowship / No Prayer Team Meeting  
 14<sup>th</sup> Pastors' Prayer Fellowship New Macedonia Lamar Womack  
 21<sup>st</sup> Pastors' Prayer Fellowship New Macedonia Lincoln Anderson  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Church Planters' Network Association Office 9am-12 noon  
 24<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting Association Office 7pm  
 28<sup>th</sup> Pastors' Prayer Fellowship New Macedonia Jeff Duran

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



## Happy Birthday September



- 2<sup>nd</sup> Rev. Michael Reeves, Open Range Cowboy Church  
 4<sup>th</sup> Rev. Tom Farr, First Baptist on the Square  
 16<sup>th</sup> Rev. Randy Presley, Rosemont  
 24<sup>th</sup> Rev. Olin McClain, Pastor Emeritus, Wehadkee  
 30<sup>th</sup> Rev. Lamar Truitt, Lakeview

# Happy Grandparents' Day on September 13!

## *On The Lighter Side*

A grandmother was telling her little granddaughter what her own childhood was like. "We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods."  
 The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this all in. At last she said, "I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"

When my grandson Billy and I entered our vacation cabin, we kept the lights off until we were inside to keep from attracting pesky insects. Still, a few fireflies followed us in. Noticing them before I did, Billy whispered, "It's no use Grandpa. Now the mosquitoes are coming after us with flashlights."

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