

## Troup Baptist Association

### Our Actions Matter

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Our choices matter.  
What we do matters.  
And what we don't do  
matters as well.

In his book: "Mastering the Seven Decisions That Determine Personal Success," author Andy Andrews tells about one of the network news shows naming Norman Borlaug as its Person of the Week. Borlaug, had won a Nobel Prize for discovering how to hybridize corn and wheat so it would grow in arid climates such as Africa, Europe, etc., and was credited with saving the lives of two billion people – thus the Person of the Week honor.

Andrews thought to himself: Should Borlaug be credited with this or should it be Henry Wallace? Wallace served as Franklin Delano Roosevelt's Vice-President during his first term. In this

position he created a station in Mexico whose sole purpose was to hybridize corn and wheat for arid climates. He hired a young man named Norman Borlaug to run it.

But should Wallace receive the credit, or should it be George Washington Carver? Before his famous peanut discoveries, Carver was a student at Iowa State University. While there, Carver had a dairy sciences professor who allowed his six-year-old son to go on weekend botanical expeditions with Carver. That child's name was Henry Wallace.

Should it then be George Washington Carver who gets the credit, or should it be a farmer named Moses Carver and his wife Susan? George Washington Carver was born in a slave state to a woman named Mary Washington. Moses and Susan Carver didn't believe in slavery.

Mary Washington lived on their farm as a free woman. Regrettably, an extremists group named Quantrill's Raiders rolled through the farm one night shooting and grabbing people. One of those people was Mary Washington. Mary refused to let go of her infant child: George. Mary Washington was Susan Carver's best friend. Because of this, Moses sent word through neighbors and was able to secure a meeting a few days later with the Raiders. Realizing that Mary Washington was probably already dead, Moses Carver gave the Raiders the only horse he had left on his farm and they threw him a burlap bag. He took the half dead child out of the bag and put him inside his coat next to him. He gave him his name, and promised to educate him and raise him as his own.

So, there you have it. The actions of Moses Carver influenced the

life of George Washington Carver, who influenced the life of Henry Wallace, who influenced the life of Norman Borlaug, who saved the lives of over two billion people!

I close this column today with a reminder to us all: Our actions matter. Our choices matter. What we do matters. And what we don't do matters as well. We must choose our actions well. We don't know the impact our unselfish act, our kind word, our encouragement, our prayer, our touch, our compassion, our smile, or our nod of approval may have. It just may change the world! Conversely, what we don't do may also change the world! Therefore, we should choose to do the right things. Then we should do them as if they matter – because they do!

Brother Aaron

# News

## Association - Senior Adult Rally @ Rosemont

The Senior Adult Rally was held on Tuesday, September 1 at Rosemont Baptist Church. About 225 seniors enjoyed a good meal prepared by Rosemont's staff. Christian magician, Arthur Atsma wowed everyone with his magic. There were gift cards at each table and many nice door prizes were given away. Thanks to Rev. Steve Vickery and his team for planning the rally. A special thanks to Striffler-Hamby Mortuary for their financial support for our Senior Adult Rally each year.



A large crowd at the Senior Adult Rally singing hymns and enjoying their time together.

**Association** - The Bi-Vocational Pastors & Wives met at Roger's Bar-B-Que in Hogansville on Saturday, September 19. They all had a great time.



Clockwise from left:

Frank & Patti Abrahamsen (Praise & Prayer Ministry), Carol & Lamar Truitt (Lakeview), Bryan Geter (Creekside), Terry & Jo Ellen Prestridge (Mt. Pleasant), Richard & Judy King (Lakeview), Janet Geter, Elaine & Kenneth Whitlock (New Hope of Greenville)

## 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.

**Prayer on the Square in LaGrange** - was held on the morning of September 11. Many members & leaders of the community came together to pray over different aspects of our community. It included a moment of silence at 9:11 a.m. in memory of those killed during the September 11 attacks.



Shown above speaking to the crowd is Kendall Butler, event coordinator.



Some of our government leaders praying on 9-11 on the Square in LaGrange

# News (continued)

**Baptist Tabernacle** - The Food Closet served 817 individuals with 316 boxes of food, 490 meals and 150 snacks. The Clothes Closet served 159 individuals. Coats are needed in all sizes. If you have any to donate, please drop them off anytime at the church drop-off box or bring them by the office Monday through Thursday between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. • Awanas began September 9 and is off to a great start. There are 70 participating clubbers and 31 volunteers to help. "God is Great." The Awanas have a lot of exciting things scheduled for this year: Duct Tape Night, Camp Night, Paper Airplane Night, Sparks to Hospice, and Happy Birthday Jesus Party are just a few. • A Ride for Gammy (Aliska Baker) was held on September 19. There was a tremendous turn-out for a great cause. Aliska has been diagnosed with a rare cancer of the bile duct and liver. Also, a prayer night was held on September 23 with people surrounding her house and praying. "Please pray for Aliska." • God's Helping Hands had a yard sale on September 19 and proceeds will go to missions. Thanks to all the ladies who participated.

**Bethel** - held an Ordination Service for their Associate Pastor, Jeff Vaughn. Associational Missionary, Aaron McCollough preached as a part of the Ordination Service as did their pastor, Rev. Steve Sexton.



Above left to right are Bethel's Pastor Steve Sexton, Newly Ordained Associate Pastor, Jeff Vaughn and his wife, Monica.

**Davidson** - "Glory to God!" Davidson had two salvations and two baptisms in September. • A Lock-In for their youth was a great blessing. The Birth, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ as well as the Salvation plan was presented to them during Bible Study time. There were games, crafts, food including roasted marshmallows, a water slide and a ball pit. "We pray that the seeds that were planted continue to grow stronger as the children grow up. We thank God for the workers involved in the Lock In."

**Highland** - had a wonderful Homecoming service. Pastor Terry English gave an inspirational message and shared many fond memories of Highland in past years. Teen Trio performed beautifully. The food was delicious and fellowship was awesome. Definitely a great time! • Highland sponsored a clothing give-away at God's Bread Basket each week in September.

**Lakeview** - Everyone really enjoyed having Rev. S. T. Janney to provide special music and to preach at morning services on September 6 & 13 while Pastor Lamar Truitt was on vacation. • Men met on September 26 for a breakfast prepared by talented cooks Jim Davis, Richard King, and Bill Cobb; the men also discussed ongoing and future projects. • WMU met September 28 with hostess Nancy Davis in charge of planning a meal and a devotion. • Music and devotions continued for residents of Poplar Creek Assisted Living.

**Mountville** - welcomed 2 new members by statement!

**Roper Heights** - had a great month. They welcomed little Colton Duncan born September 24. His parents are Mr. & Mrs. John Duncan. • "The Gospelairees" sang during the worship hour on September 13. "They blessed us with their music." • They got a blessing from attending the Tent Revival at Davidson Baptist Church in September. Pastors from different churches brought the messages and there were special singers each night. Several were saved! • They had a fellowship breakfast for everyone on Sept. 27.

**Wehadkee** - observed The Lord's Supper during the morning worship on August 30. Afterward, they enjoyed food and fellowship. After the meal they returned to the church where they held hands and prayed for our nation, federal, state, city and county leaders. Seventeen people prayed; a number we were very proud to say participated. • On Saturday, September 12, a group of ladies went shopping in Newman for fall & Christmas decorations. They enjoyed a meal together while there. • On September 15, they had a ladies meeting and enjoyed the fellowship. Happy Birthday to Rev. Olin McClain on September 24 as he celebrates his 90th birthday. "God Bless you, Bro. Olin - We love you!"

**Brother Aaron's Suggested Reading**

**Mastering the Seven Decisions**  
**That Determine Personal Success**

By Andy Andrews



## Ministry Spotlight

In my personal opinion, the greatest opportunities for evangelism occur when we as Christians get the church outside of the four walls of the church building. Sometimes, as is the case with Pastor Terry Rainwater of Highland Baptist Church in Hogansville, Georgia, this simply means allowing God to develop something you are already passionate about into a ministry opportunity. Since the early 80's, Brother Terry has loved wrestling. (Or as we say in the Deep South: "Rasslin!") In 2014 he began attending the wrestling events being held at the National Guard Amory in LaGrange, Georgia. He quickly developed a friendship with Patrick Arrington, the CEO of LaGrange Championship Wrestling (LCW). Subsequently, Arrington invited Brother Terry to become the Chaplain of LCW. In this role, Brother Terry opens the evening's festivities with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. When Arrington introduced Brother Terry for the first time, he told the audience he would be available to any of them for prayer and to talk with them about how to receive Christ as their Savior! He also has full access to the wrestlers before, during, and after their matches. His goal is to build relationships with them, pray with them, and meet their Spiritual needs—as it may be appropriate to do so. Thank you Patrick Arrington for running a Christian oriented, family friendly entertainment business. And thank you Pastor Terry Rainwater for presenting Jesus Christ in this most unique venue! On a personal note, Marianne and I attended last month's event. We took three of our grandbabies with us. Best money I've spent on entertainment in quite a while! It was a hoot! If you would like to know more, call LaGrange Championship Wrestling at (706) 594-4614 or Pastor Terry Rainwater at (706) 575-4573 ~ Brother Aaron



Brother Terry Rainwater leading in prayer before the wrestling event



LaGrange Championship Wrestling Action



LaGrange Championship Wrestler



Brother Terry leading the Pledge of Allegiance

### Association - Church Prayer List

#### 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

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

Week of November 1, 2015 - Creekside Baptist Church  
 Week of November 8, 2015 - Davidson Baptist Church  
 Week of November 15, 2015 - Dunson Baptist Church  
 Week of November 22, 2015 - East LaGrange Baptist Church  
 Week of November 29, 2015 - East Vernon Baptist Church

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

# Announcements

## October is Pastor Appreciation Month

### Annual Meeting Voting Members

Each church in the association is entitled to voting members at the annual meeting per the following formula:

1. The pastor is automatically a messenger.
2. Four duly elected messengers for total church membership up to 100 people.
3. One additional messenger for every 50 members over the first 100.
4. No church can have more than 10 messengers.

Examples:

Church Membership	# Messengers including Pastor
1 - 149	5
150 - 199	6
200 - 249	7
250 - 299	8
300 - 349	9
350 or more	10

## Church Financial Workshops

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.

Reservations required, (706) 884-1975

### 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.



## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Max New Choir Sing

When: October 25, 2015

Time: 5pm-7pm EST

Where: Troup Baptist Association

1301 Washington St.

LaGrange GA, 30241

\*\*\*Featuring the Troup County

Community Choir\*\*\*

Also featuring...

### THE JONATHANS

From Bremen, GA

Admission is free!!!

Please come join us in  
praising the One Who is  
Worthy of All Praise.  
JESUS, is His name!!!



## Troup County Community Choir

Choir Director: Bro. Mike Phillips

Pianist: Renee Gantt

Practices held at Association Office (1301 Washington St.)

- Saturday, October 17 11 a.m. until noon
- Saturday, October 24 11 a.m. until noon

Choir will perform at the 5th Annual Max New Choir Sing. Anyone interested in singing is encouraged to participate.

For more information contact Stephanie Walker at (706) 523-2994.

**Reminder!** Annual Church Reports  
are due Monday, October 5th.



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

## Announcements (continued)

**Baptist Tabernacle** - will have Homecoming on October 4. Come and enjoy a great message, singing, food & fellowship.

- Set your calendars for October 10 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. God's Helping Hands will sponsor their second annual Arts & Craft Bazaar. It will be held at Baptist Tabernacle Church, 849 S. Davis Road, LaGrange, Ga. Lots of arts, crafts, and food will be available. "Come on out and let's have a great time together."
- On October 17, 2015, there will be a "Ride for Wayne". Wayne McNair has been diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer. The benefit ride will start at Baptist Tabernacle Church, 849 S. Davis Road, LaGrange, Ga. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Cycles and jeeps; Kick-stands up and jeep tops down at 10:30 a.m. Cost is \$20 per bike/jeep and includes a BBQ lunch. Shirts will be available for \$15. There will be BBQ plates (\$7), door prizes, raffles, cake walks and games. Proceeds will go to help with medical bills and living expenses.
- HUB Student Ministry will be cooking and feeding the Troup High School Football Team on October 30.
- TRUNK OR TREAT will be held on Saturday, October 31 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Baptist Tabernacle Church. "Everyone is invited to come and have a safe and fun time."

**Davidson** - The Book of Revelation is being studied on Wednesday nights. Please join them as they study God's Word. They have a good time studying and also have lots of hugs, smiles and most times they have some "goodies" to share. "God bless us all!"

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.

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.

**Grace** - Nov. 6 & 7 will be the Annual Boston Butt sale. Contact Brotherhood members or the church office for tickets. Profits will benefit mission work.

**Highland** - WMU will begin packing boxes for Project Joy to be given to participants of God's Bread Basket in December.

- On Sunday, October 25, they will celebrate Pastor Appreciation Day with a lunch following Morning Worship Service. "We appreciate Pastor Terry and Cookie for all they do at Highland."
- They will have "Trunk and Treats" in the church parking lot on Saturday, October 31 from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Treats and Bible tracts will be given to young trick-or-treaters from trunks of cars lining the parking lot.

**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** - Homecoming will be Sunday, October 11 at 10:30 a.m. with Evangelist Greg Morris bringing the morning message. Revival will be October 12, 13, and 14 at 7 p.m. nightly. There will be special music for homecoming and revival services. A welcome is extended to all former members, friends, and family members. A covered dish luncheon will follow the morning services.

- Quarterly business meeting will be October 21 after evening services.
- Everyone is reminded to continue bringing food to stock the Food Closet.

**Mountville** - MBC AWANA is up and running! "Come join us on Sunday evenings from 5 - 7 p.m. as we learn about Jesus and His love for us!"

- Mountville will host a FALL FESTIVAL on Saturday, October 31 at 5 p.m. at Preacher Dwayne's house - 3785 Greenville Road. Food, Fun, and Fellowship for all! There will be a Hayride, Cake Walk, and Trunk or Treat! "Come join the fun!"
- A benefit will be held at MBC on Saturday, October 17 at 6 p.m. for Peggy Upchurch. Peggy received a liver transplant recently and the proceeds will go toward her medical bills. Ellen Hester, Christian Comedian/Entertainer, will be the guest speaker! Also, several singing groups and individuals will be performing. "Please join us for this special night of worship!"

**Mt. Pleasant** - in Franklin, Ga. will be having a Fall Festival on October 17 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. There will be free games for the kids, a Country Store with crafts and yard sale items, a Cake Walk and food. They will be serving hotdogs, chili and chips (donations). The money raised will go to help children at Christmas. "Everyone is invited; Come join the fun!"



### Sister to Sister featuring The Ruppe Sisters

Thursday, November 12, at 7:00 p.m.

### First Baptist on the Square Sanctuary

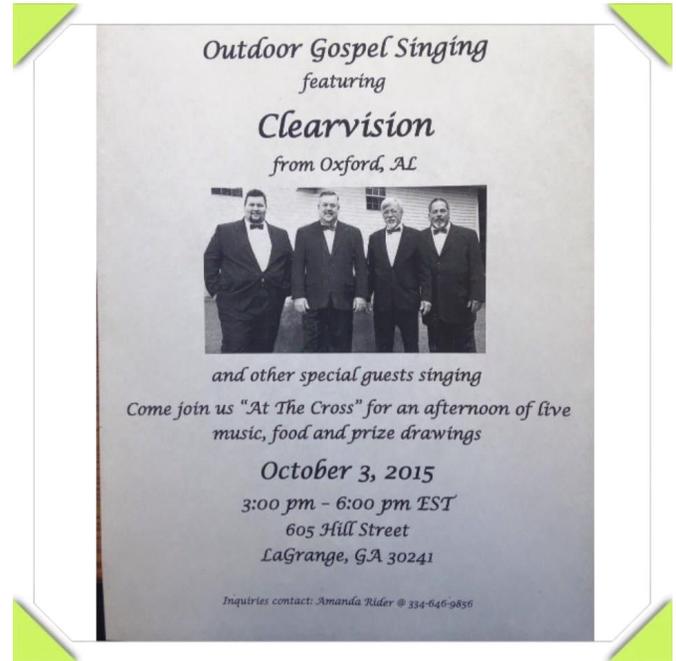
The SISTERS - Heather, Kim, and Valerie, have been nominated and have won awards from the Fan Awards, Dove Awards, and The Grammys. Sister to Sister tickets (\$10 each) will be available for purchase beginning September 8 from the FBC Church and Music offices or online at [www.fbclagrange.org](http://www.fbclagrange.org).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

# Announcements (continued)

**Roper Heights** - started their new year with several new classes and are hoping for a great year. • On Sunday, November 1 from 4 to 6 p.m., they will have Trunk or Treat and a Hot Dog Supper. "Hope to see you there...."

**Rosemont** - asks for prayer for their Mission Teams of Guatemala and South Asia. The Guatemala Team returned on September 26 and the South Asia Team will leave on October 8. Please pray for safe travel and the endurance to run the race God has laid upon their hearts!

**Wehadkee** - The next fifth Sunday will be November 29. We plan to invite our sister churches to join us in prayer at Wehadkee and look forward to good participation. • Our church is collecting money for the Gideons. For each \$5 contribution, The Gideon's will be able to give a Bible away. These Bibles are for a Happy Birthday, Jesus!




**DARKNESS to LIGHT**  
END CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

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

**Life Chain 2015**  
Sunday, October 4  
2:30 until 3:30 p.m.  
St. Peter's Catholic Church parking lot

All are invited to join LIFECHAIN 2015, one hour of silent prayer to end abortion. Join with others, all silently holding uniform, pro-life signs, which will be provided. Refreshments will be provided following event.

For further information, contact Kay Nacey (706) 812-1556

**Bi-Vocational Music Minister**

First Baptist Church in Lanett is in search of a bi-vocational music minister. Interested persons should contact Paula Moncrief @ (334) 644-3490 or Pastor Ronnie Jordan @ (334) 644-2124

A description of duties is available upon request. Resumes can be mailed or delivered to Lanett First Baptist Church, 701 S. 6th St., Lanett, AL 36863

**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.

**Happy Birthday**  
**November**




2<sup>nd</sup> Rev. Jerome Hicks  
16<sup>th</sup> Rev. Steve Sexton, Bethel

**NOVEMBER CALENDAR**

- 1 Daylight Saving Time ends - Turn clock back 1 hour
- 2 Pastors' Prayer Fellowship New Macedonia
- 9 Pastors' Prayer Fellowship New Macedonia
- 16 Pastors' Prayer Fellowship New Macedonia
- 18 Church Planters' Network Association Office 9am-12 noon
- 23 Pastors' Prayer Fellowship New Macedonia
- 25 - 27 GBC & Troup Baptist Assoc. closed for Thanksgiving
- 30 Pastors' Prayer Fellowship New Macedonia

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



## 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
- 11<sup>th</sup> Pastor Appreciation Day
- 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 Association Office 5 - 7 p.m.
- 26<sup>th</sup> Pastors' Prayer Fellowship New Macedonia
- 27<sup>th</sup> Keith Hamilton Financial Seminars @ Association Office  
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

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## Happy Fall Y'all!

### *On The Lighter Side*

Q: What did one autumn leaf say to another?  
A: I'm falling for you.

Q: What did the tree say to autumn?  
A: leaf me alone.

Q: How do you fix a broken pumpkin?  
A: With a pumpkin patch

Q: What's the ratio of a pumpkin's circumference to its diameter?  
A: Pumpkin Pi

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