

The Messenger

Troup Baptist Association

Moving Forward

In addition to writing for The Messenger, I also write for several newspapers in the area. This particular Pastor's Column, which was written for my newspaper column, represents a personal milestone for me. This is the 200th column I have written since I started back writing for newspapers. I used to write them in the 1980's but I took a hiatus and have only been writing them again for about four years. It is hard for me to believe that 200 times now I have sat down at my computer to write about something that was on my mind. What is harder for me to believe is that people actually read my ramblings! Sometimes you readers agree wholeheartedly with me and sometimes you disagree vehemently. But it's okay if you disagree with me. After all, this is still America and you have the right to be wrong! (Just kidding!) Sometimes these columns are Spiritual in nature, sometimes they are personal, and sometimes they are political in

nature. But they are always from my heart. And you can rest assured that they are what I believe to be truth. I always have an opinion – and just because I'm not asked what it is – does not stop me from giving it! So, whether you agree with me or not on a particular subject, I do sincerely ask that you please pray for me as I endeavor to continue moving forward with these ramblings.

Speaking of moving forward - did you know that the Red Kangaroo and the Emu are on the Australian Coat of Arms? I didn't either! It is often claimed these animals were chosen because neither animal can move backward, only forward – i.e. symbolizing progress. In reality both animals can move backwards, although only infrequently. In reality, as human beings we are like the Red Kangaroo and Emu. We possess absolutely no ability to move backward. Oh, yea, we can walk backward, but that's not what I'm talking about. We cannot live backward. We cannot change anything in

our past. The only thing we can change is our future. I heard it said somewhere along the way that life can only be understood looking backward, but must be lived looking forward. How true!

I wonder just how many hours a year people spend obsessing over three phrases: "Coulda" "shoulda" and "woulda." These are nothing more than distractions in our lives that satan uses to focus our attention on our past and rob us of the joy God intends for us to have today. So, regardless of what may have happened in the past, don't get stuck there. Keep moving forward!

I was teaching a leadership class last week and told my students that regardless of whatever obstacles they may be facing, life can be summed up in three words: "It" "Goes" "On." Therefore, so what if you make a mistake? Keep moving forward. I then related to my students the story of how the disciples failed Jesus during the night of agony in the Garden of Gethsemane.

They failed to watch and pray with Him for one hour. The last time Jesus came and found them asleep, in essence, He told them: Boys, you blew this one. You failed this test big time! But don't get stuck here. Keep on moving forward. Your next test is going to happen momentarily. You can't do a thing about this failure, but you can do something regarding what is about to happen!

Paul nailed it in Philippians 3:13-14(KJV) when he said, "*Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.*"

Remember, just like the Red Kangaroo and the Emu, we do not possess the power to backup. We cannot live life backward. We must keep moving forward!

Brother Aaron

News

Association - The Acts 1:8 Team and Troup Baptist Association sponsored two training sessions on June 14 to prepare local churches and pastors for the Troup County Community Mission Day to be held on Saturday, August 20. Acts 1:8 Team Chairman, Adam Camp spoke to the group as well as Evangelist Tom Owensby. Additional speakers were Randy Presley, Pam Murphy & Lindsay McCurry of Rosemont Baptist Church. A lunch was enjoyed by all following the morning session.



Acts 1:8 Training Session and Lunch on June 14

Association - The annual Pastors' & Wives' Rib Day was held at New Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church on June 6. Dr. J. Robert White, Executive Director of the Georgia Baptist Mission Board was the guest speaker. He brought an outstanding message to the pastors and their wives.

Afterwards the group enjoyed a feast of ribs with all the trimmings prepared by Rev. Jerome Shipman.

Right: Pastor Jerome & Peggy Shipman, Janice & Dr. J. Robert White.



Front L-R: Dr. White and Rev. Olin McClain.

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.

Association - Children's Camp Rockridge was held June 20 - 23 at Rockridge Baptist Assembly in Franklin, Georgia. There were a record number of campers this year with 135 campers and junior counselors registered plus about 35 counselors. Thirteen children accepted Jesus as their personal Savior!



News (continued)

Association - Messenger volunteer Clyde Moore has published a book of poetry entitled *Reminiscing is to Remember; Remember is to Recall*. Congratulations Mrs. Clyde!

Antioch - Sunday, June 12, Antioch Baptist Church held their first service in their new church home located at 210 Handley Street. Antioch Baptist Church is the oldest continuous meeting African-American congregation in Troup County, Georgia. This year they will celebrate their Bicentennial Anniversary. Pastor W.T. Edmonson led in worship and preached about Nehemiah.



(L-R) Rev. Neal, Pastor W.T. Edmondson, Associational Missionary, Aaron McCollough, Associate Pastor, Rev. Tommy Gilbert, Rev. L.W. Booker and Rev. Michael Jackson

Anointed by Faith Ministries - has a new church location at 129 Sunset Street, LaGrange, Georgia. They celebrated Family & Friends Day on Sunday, June 26 with guest speaker Pastor Gary Fanning and New Bethlehem Church Family.

Dunson - is rejoicing over 11 new members! They had a covered-dish luncheon after the morning service on June 12 to welcome all the new members. They are still having visitors each week and are praising the Lord for this. • The Royal Rangers grilled hot dogs one Wednesday night and invited the prayer meeting group to come eat with them afterwards.

- Some of the ladies met at Longhorn for lunch to celebrate the birthday of one of the ladies. • Dunson enjoyed hosting the “Teen Trio” from Faith Baptist Church who presented a mini-concert one Sunday morning. “They were a blessing to everyone.” • Dunson had a special service for Father’s Day honoring all fathers especially those present in the worship service.



Dunson Baptist Church welcomed 11 new members last month!

Davidson - Early last month they were having a meal when two travelers, Richard and Kathy Russell from Wetumpka had a flat tire on Highway 18 in front of the church. They pulled into the parking lot. They were traveling from Pine Mountain where they had been singing. Two of the Davidson men assisted with the tire. After the tire was repaired, they came in to share the meal and brought two keyboards and microphones in with them. The travelers sang for them; good, old fashion gospel songs! “We had church! It was such a blessing and they returned for a repeat on Father’s Day! Thank you Lord for sending them our way!” • VBS was filled with Bible lessons on love, faith, hope, wisdom, and forgiveness. All of which were experienced by Joseph as he traveled through Egypt to the palace. The Bible lesson, based on Genesis 40, 41, 42, 45, and 47 was presented by Billy Roberts and James Clark. They had an Egyptian themed Bazaar with four shops where children painted a sarcophagus, made a toy, wove a basket and made an Egyptian collar studded with gems and artwork. All VBS workers wore Egyptian clothing and shops were decorated with bold colors. The children learned a lot, they all had fun, good food, and many blessings to praise God for! “A big thanks to God for all things and for sending us such awesome workers!”



(Above left) VBS Storytellers James Clark & Billy Roberts

(Above right) Children working on their Egyptian collar with VBS workers Ginger Strong & Anna Sheppard



Baptist Tabernacle - was blessed with a new member! During the month of June the Food Closet gave away 339 boxes of food and 392 meals. Sixty backpacks were given to children for weekend food. The Clothes Closet served 107 people.

Glenn - held revival services May 29 through June 1, with Associational Missionary Aaron McCollough.

“God moved!” Shown at right is Rev. Steve Sexton, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, who provided special singing one night of the revival.



News (continued)

Fountain - "It is a joy to share all that God is doing through Fountain Church abroad and locally." They have an ongoing mission with Agape Total Childcare in Uganda and a team has just returned from their visit. This visit, they partnered with a group from Fairhope, Alabama. "It is amazing how God always orchestrates each member for each trip." The group from Fairhope were originally planning to go to Zambia but that did not work out and they were able to join the group from Fountain. During each trip they spend time with the students there. This year they were able to discuss personal attributes like self-worth and confidence from a Biblical/gospel perspective. While some were in the classroom others were working on a roof for the dining pavilion and painting in the farm house that will become teacher quarters. They also had the opportunity to have two church services where team members gave testimonies, sermons and gospel presentations. One of the blessings of having an ongoing relationship with Agape is being a part of the lives of the children and adults which creates more opportunity for discipleship and mentoring. This year a number of students will age out of Agape but due to their sponsorship they are able to continue on to a technical school or university. They had the privilege to pray over them and have a send off for them during one of the services. There is also an opportunity for Agape to expand through the purchase of a foreclosed piece of land across from their current location. They are very near to raising the amount of money needed, due in part to a \$10,000 matching donation. If you would like more information about Agape or the funds being raised for the expansion please contact them at admin@fountainchurch.us or visit them on Facebook- Fountain Church LaGrange "May we all Exalt Christ Together in LaGrange and around the world."



Scenes from Fountain Baptist Church Mission Trip to Agape Total Childcare in Uganda

Grace - Grace's Youth have held two car washes to support the upcoming trip on July 28-30 to Motion 2016 Discipleship training in Birmingham, Alabama. A total of 26 will go on the trip including seven adults. The group continues to provide dinner to the Reformers Program on the first Friday of each month at Oakside Baptist Church. Sunday nights and movie nights are opportunity for fellowship and programs. • Grace's adult mission team returned from Kentucky at the end of May. A week of service at the Bible Camp in the rural area proved once again to be a blessing for all who attended. • Several ladies traveled to Newnan last month to see Christian comedian Chonda Pierce.



Grace Baptist Youth Group



Grace Baptist Women at the Chonda Pierce Event in Newnan

Highland - Vacation Bible School was held June 13 - 17. They had a great group of children each day, along with a great group of volunteers who helped with story time, recreation, music and refreshments. The theme was "Cow a-bunga Farm - Growin' with Our Faithful God". "It was a very good week!"

- All fathers were honored during Morning Worship Service on Father's Day. Special recognition was given to the oldest father, Ezra Whitmore, and the youngest father, Mikey Chapman.

Baptist Tabernacle (continued) The HUB Student Ministry left on June 19 for their mission trip to Copperhill, Tennessee and will be there for a week helping and witnessing to others.

- Baptist Tabernacle partnered with First Baptist, Western Heights and New Community churches for the Winshape Camp that was held June 13 - 17. • BTC helped with the Georgia Baptist Children's Home Truck Loading Event June 20 - 22. This is an annual event for the children of our Georgia Baptist Children's Homes. • On Tuesday, June 14 at 7pm members of BTC met and formed a prayer circle around Hospice for one of our members, patients and staff. Prayer is powerful and our God can handle any and all things. • VBS began on June 15 and will run for seven weeks on Wednesday night. The theme this year is "Submerged."

Ministry Spotlight - Acts 1:8 Team

Troup County Community Mission Day August 20, 2016

- How well are you reaching the people that live near your church?
- How well are you ministering to the needs of your community?
- Do you wish you could develop a simple strategy to motivate the people of your church to reach those who have not yet heard?

The Acts 1:8 Team is excited to announce an association-wide Troup County Community Mission Day on Saturday, August 20. We are challenging every church in the Troup Baptist Association to intentionally reach out to the people of your area on that one day. If every local church in our area accepted this challenge, we would make a tremendous impact on the people of Troup County.

Please prayerfully consider being part of our Troup County Community Mission Day on August 20, 2016.

Ministry Spotlight - Georgia Baptist Children's Homes

Troup Baptist Association sponsored a truck loading event for the Georgia Baptist Children's Homes. Donations of paper products, laundry detergent, Clorox wipes, granulated sugar and fruit cups were collected from Monday, June 20 through Wednesday, June 22 at noon. There was a huge outpouring of supplies from many of our churches as well as civic organizations and individuals. Over \$775 dollars in checks and gift cards were donated as well as the trailer load of supplies & food. "A great big thanks to all of you who participated and were so generous!"



(L-R) Carolyn Woods, Braxton & Jo Kirby and George Andrews

At right, Members of Glenn Baptist in Franklin, Georgia making a donation to the Georgia Baptist Children's Homes

Below right, Loading a pallet of applesauce and a pallet of fruit cups at Feeding the Valley Food Bank.



(L-R) Laci Kelley, Cheryle Feazell & Elaine Kelley



At Left,
Associational
Missionary
Aaron McCollough
presenting the gift
cards and checks
totaling over \$775
to workers from the
Georgia Baptist
Children's Homes



News (continued)

Lakeview - held Vacation Bible School on Saturday, June 18. The theme was "Pets Unleashed." Thanks to VBS Director Carol Truitt for a great job of planning and organizing! Thanks to all the adults who volunteered to help so that there were plenty of people to ensure the success of VBS. • Ministry to Poplar Creek Assisted Living residents continued with devotions and music being presented to them during June.



Lakeview Vacation Bible School

Mountville - had a wonderful VBS in June. There were 5 salvations and 2 re-dedications! They had an average of 75 kids each night! "God is truly at work in Mountville!" • The Mountville Mission Team which consisted of 18 members had a great week in Blue Ridge, Georgia serving a precious family! The team built two porches and painted an entire house. The team enjoyed a great week of fellowship and worship!



New Hope - Many exciting things are happening at New Hope! God is blessing with new members and with encouraging worship services each Sunday. The Wednesday evening services are very uplifting, so they encourage everyone to join them in testimony and prayer. They were truly blessed by the testimony of Ginny Stewart on Wednesday evening, June 1.

- Several of their children attended Camp Rockridge and had a great time of fun and fellowship. • On Father's Day the children's department enjoyed "Donuts with Dad" before Sunday School. They appreciate all the workers on Sunday morning who work with Children's Church and the nursery during worship service.

New Macedonia - The members of New Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church celebrated the Twentieth Pastoral Anniversary of Pastor Jerome Shipman and First Lady Peggy Shipman on June 12, 2016 at 10:30am. Minister Michael Winston was the guest speaker.

At right: Pastor Jerome and Mrs. Peggy Shipman on their 20th Anniversary at New Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church.



Roper Heights - Thanks to all who prayed for Ella Taylor, wife of Pastor Jackie Taylor. She had a heart valve replacement in June and God was with her through it all. She is recuperating at home. "Please pray for a speedy recovery." • Church member Dorothy Butler went home to be with Jesus. "We will miss her but we know she is with Jesus. Please pray for her family & church family." • Roper Heights welcomes Eddie and Glenda Striblin, who have come back to worship with them. • They have had a good month with lots of good preaching and worshiping the Lord.

Shoal Creek - On June 5, 2016, Shoal Creek Baptist Church celebrated its 75th Anniversary & Homecoming. Associational Missionary, Aaron McCollough presented Pastor Anthony Hovey with a certificate of recognition from the Troup Baptist Association, plus a plaque and letter of recognition from Dr. J. Robert White, Executive Director of the Georgia Baptist Mission Board. Alice Worley is the only surviving charter member of the church and has played the piano & organ there for as long as she can remember! "It was a great day of celebration!"



(Left) Pastor Anthony Hovey and Associational Missionary Aaron McCollough (Right) Alice Worley, Charter Member and Organist of Shoal Creek Baptist Church

News (continued)

Teaver Road - There was a great turnout for Vacation Bible School! They had 140 in attendance and five salvations!

- Ground Zero Student Ministries went on a week-long missions trip to South Carolina to assist in Vacation Bible School at Tall Pines Baptist Church. The youth were able to minister to 50 amazing children! They also were able to serve some of the church members by doing yard work and planting flowers at a local daycare.



Unity - held Vacation Bible School June 4 - 10. The theme was "Submerged." Unity Baptist will also be helping with VBS at Gray Hill Baptist July 20 - 23, with pre-registration on Saturday, July 16 from 10 am until noon.



Unity Vacation Bible School "Submerged"

Wehadkee - welcomed Mr. & Mrs. James Barnett into their fellowship on Sunday, June 5. "We are so glad to have them join us!" • Rev. Nick and Janet enjoyed a few days vacation during the week of June 12. They both well deserved their time away. Wehadkee was honored to have Rev. S.T. Janney and his lovely wife to preach for them on Sunday, June 12. They always enjoy his singing and preaching. • All fathers were recognized on Father's Day. They had very good attendance that day as many of the fathers had family visiting with them. "Have a happy and safe Fourth of July! God Bless America!"

Announcements

Callaway - The 2nd Annual Fireworks display will be held Sunday, July 3 and is open to the community beginning at 8pm.

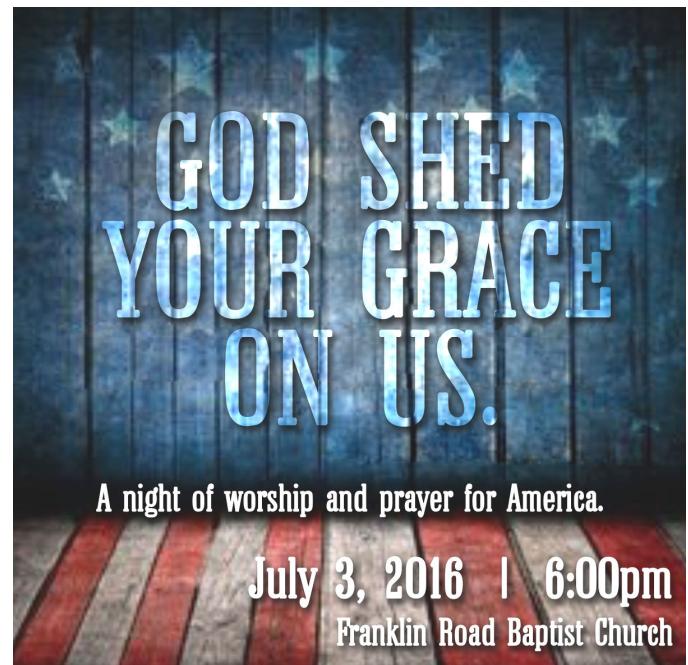
Davidson - Please join them for service and fellowship on:
Sunday Breakfast at 8:45 am / Sunday School at 9:45 am
Sunday Worship Service at 11:00 am
Sunday Evening Service at 6:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Study at 6:30 pm (Book of Revelation)
2nd Friday - Prayer Night & Karaoke at 6:00 pm

Announcements

First Baptist (West Point) - will have VBS July 17-22 from 5:30 - 8:30 pm nightly with classes for ages 4 thru 12th grade. A light meal will be served. Family Night will be July 22.

Fountain - On a local focus, They will have VBS July 11-15. Registration for VBS can be found on their website fountainchurch.us and on Facebook. They will have a VBS Registration Day July 9 from 10 a.m.- 11 a.m. with free shaved ice in the parking lot. On July 15 they will have a block party. All VBS children and families are invited as well as those in our surrounding neighborhoods. "May we all Exalt Christ Together in LaGrange and around the world."

Franklin Road - will host **Celebrate America 2016** on July 3 at 6:00 pm at FRBC. They would love for everyone to come out and help them honor our country, our troops, and our public servants and cry out to God for His Grace on our country. For more information, contact Pastor Andy Buchanan at andy@frbclagrange.org. "Everyone is invited!"



Grace - Baptist Church is hosting Vacation Bible School during the week of July 17 at 6 pm nightly. There will be a light meal each night and all are welcome. • August will bring another ladies Bible study from Beth Moore (Jesus the One and Only). It will begin on Thursday, August 18 and continue for 10 weeks. Fellowship and learning are the key ingredients for this program. Additionally ladies will be Bible journaling on Sundays at 5 pm. Ladies wishing to join either program are welcome. Please call Grace Baptist Church for more details.

Gray Hill - VBS will begin Wednesday, July 20 and go through Friday, July 22 from 6:30 - 8:30 each night. VBS will conclude on Saturday morning from 9 am until noon followed by a cookout! Pre-registration will be Saturday, July 16 from 10am until noon. Gray Hill Baptist is located at 3285 Bartley Road in West Point. Unity Baptist of LaGrange will be assisting them with VBS outreach.

Announcements (continued)

Highland - The Independence Day cookout will be held on Sunday, July 3 at 5pm. They will have good food, along with fun and fellowship.

Lakeview - Members are requested to continue making donations to the Food Closet so that this ministry can be continued for those in need of food.

Mountville - AWANA will kick off in September. More info to come next month!

New Hope - Please remember the shut-ins of New Hope. They need encouragement with a visit, a phone call or a card. Check the bulletin on Sunday for the shut-in of the week. • Sisters of Hope will meet Monday, July 11 at 6:30pm in the Family Life Building. They encourage the women to get involved with special projects that are being planned. "Please mark your calendar for this meeting."

Northside - is planning a revival for July 31 through August 3: Sunday night at 6:00 pm and Monday - Wednesday at 7:00 pm. The evangelist will be Rev. Mike Holcomb former bass singer with The Inspirations. There will be special singing each night. "Everyone is welcome!"

Roper Heights - VBS will be July 10 - 15. Angie Arnold will be the director. There will be a class for almost all as well as a meal each night. "Please come join us!"
Roper Heights invites everyone to join them on Sundays: Sunday School at 9:45am, Worship Hour at 10:45 am Evening Worship 6:00 pm. "We love every one. God Bless"

Teaver Road - has been busy collecting items for Operation Christmas Child. They are currently collecting yo-yos and jump ropes. • The Acts 1:8 ladies have designated the third Tuesday of each month to provide a meal to the families of Hospice patients. "It has been a huge blessing to do something so small for these families."

Baptist Tabernacle - is meeting every Saturday night at 9pm to pray. "Everyone is invited to come and pray with us ." "We wish everyone a happy and safe 4th of July."

Senior Adult Rally

Western Heights Baptist Church
2382 West Point Road
LaGrange, Georgia

Thursday, September 8
11:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Cost: \$5.00 per person

Special program by Bob Smith
(www.bobsmithmusic.org)

Stovall Baptist Church
14 Hardy Street, Greenville, Georgia

5th Sunday Night Singing
July 31 at 6 pm

Featuring
The Gospel-Aires

Fellowship Meal Afterwards
For information call (706) 882-2386
Pastor: Rev. Billy Allen

Association - Church Prayer List

For July 2016, please pray for following churches:

Week of July 3, 2016 - Teaver Road Baptist Church
Week of July 10, 2016 - The Church on the Rock
Week of July 17, 2016 - Troup Baptist Association
Week of July 24, 2016 - Unity Baptist Church
Week of July 31, 2016 - Wehadkee Baptist Church

For August 2016, please pray for following churches:

Week of August 7, 2016 - Western Heights Baptist Church
Week of August 14, 2016 - With One Accord
Week of August 21, 2016 - Anointed By Faith
Week of August 28, 2016 - Antioch Baptist Church - Hogansville

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

WMU School Prayer Walk

August 6, 2016

The annual WMU School Prayer Walk for all schools in our community will be held Saturday, August 6. Meet at the Troup Baptist Association office for breakfast. We would like to have representatives from all of our churches. You can choose to pray while walking or sitting in your car. Please support this project that will benefit our school children, administrators, teachers, bus drivers and other school staff.

To get your school assignments or for more information, please contact Judy King by email at lilose@outlook.com or by phone (706) 882-0371.

Announcements (continued)

Vacation Bible Schools - 2016 Troup Baptist Association

For a list of all Vacation Bible Schools,
Sports, Music & Drama Camps
in Troup Baptist Association churches

go to www.troupbaptist.com.

Franklin Road Baptist Church
FREE MUSIC AND DRAMA CAMP
July 25 - 29 • 10am-4pm



Register online at frbclagrange.org or call 706-882-3482.

2016 Ministers' Wellness Retreats

Each session will be two days and one night.

- Toccoa: Sept. 14 - 15
- Toccoa: Sept. 15 - 16
- Norman Park: Sept. 22-23
(limited to 30 people)

Registration is required! Please contact Ruth Smith at 770-936-5364 or by email: rsmith@gabaptist.org

For questions about dental care, please contact Diana Brown at 770-936-5215 or by email: dbrown@gabaptist.org

AUGUST CALENDAR

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| 1 | Pastors' Prayer Fellowship | New Macedonia |
| 6 | WMU School Prayer Walk | |
| 8 | Pastors' Prayer Fellowship | New Macedonia |
| 15 | Pastors' Prayer Fellowship | New Macedonia |
| 19 | Church Planters' Meeting @ TBA | 10am - noon |
| 20 | Troup County Community Mission Day | |
| 22 | Pastors' Prayer Fellowship | New Macedonia |
| 29 | Pastors' Prayer Fellowship | New Macedonia |

Note: Prayer Team meets at association office Mondays at 5 pm.
Faith Bible Institute meets at association office on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm

Old Fashion Revival

Northside Baptist Church
1200 Mooty Bridge Road
LaGrange, Ga. 30240

Evangelist Mike Holcomb
former award winning bass singer for
The Inspirations
from Bryson City, North Carolina

Sunday July 31, 2016 6:00 PM
Monday August 1, 2016 7:00 PM
Tuesday August 2, 2016 7:00 PM
Wednesday August 3, 2016 7:00 PM

Special Singing each night
Everyone Welcome!

Please come and get on fire for the Lord!
Donald Boyd, Pastor



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.

Online Registration through July 1 for Fall Semester
(late fee of \$24 applies after July 1)
Classes begin August 16, 2016

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| • New Student: \$126 | • FBI Graduate: \$53 |
| • Returning Student: \$86 | • 2 nd Family Member: \$53 |

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

Happy Birthday August

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| 5 | Rev. Lamar Womack, Gray Hill |
| 6 | Rev. Bobby Robinson, East LaGrange |
| 10 | Rev. Bernie Pasley, East Vernon |
| 10 | Rev. Mike Watson |
| 17 | Rev. Frank Abrahamsen, Praise & Prayer |
| 22 | Rev. Jerome Shipman, New Macedonia |
| 22 | Rev. Danny Geter |
| 23 | Rev. Tifton Dobbs, Anointed By Faith |
| 29 | Rev. Billy Allen, Stovall |



Happy Birthday July



- 6 Rev. Michael Hornsby, New Hope LaGrange
- 13 Rev. Bobby Bozeman, Baptist Tabernacle
- 18 Rev. Jackie Taylor, Roper Heights
- 20 Rev. Billy McCollough
- 23 Rev. Max McCord
- 24 Rev. Fred Buchanan
- 24 Rev. Chris King
- 27 Rev. Robert Bagley
- 27 Rev. Brad Thompson, Callaway

JULY CALENDAR

- 4 Georgia Baptist Mission Board closed for Independence Day
 - 4 Troup Baptist Association closed for Independence Day
 - 4 No Pastors' Prayer Fellowship
 - 4 No Prayer Team Meeting
 - 11 Pastors' Prayer Fellowship New Macedonia Richard King
 - 15 Church Planters' Meeting @ TBA 10am - noon
 - 18 Pastors' Prayer Fellowship New Macedonia S.T. Janney
 - 21 Leadership Group I @ 10:30 am / Group II @ 6:30 pm
 - 25 Pastors' Prayer Fellowship New Macedonia Ed Harris
 - 28 Executive Committee Meeting @ TBA 7 pm
- Note:** Prayer Team meets at association office Mondays at 5 pm.
Faith Bible Institute meets at association office on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm

Happy Independence Day!

On The Lighter Side

One balmy day in the South Pacific, a navy ship spied smoke coming from one of three huts on an uncharted island. Upon arriving at the shore they were met by a shipwreck survivor. He said, "I'm so glad you're here! I've been alone on this island for more than five years!" The captain replied, "If you're all alone on the island why do I see THREE huts." The survivor said, "Oh. We'll, I live in one, and go to church in another." "What about the THIRD hut?" asked the captain. "That's where I USED to go to church."

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