

Troup Baptist Association

Tolerance and Apathy

It is reported that Aristotle said, "Tolerance and apathy are the last traits of a dying society." However, there is some confusion as to whether he actually said it or not. But regardless of who said it, it is true!

That great theologian, Roger Miller, (I'm being sarcastic!) once wrote in the lyrics of a song, "England swings like a pendulum do, Bobbies on bicycles, two by two Westminster Abbey, the tower of Big Ben, The rosy-red cheeks of the little children."

You have just read two seemingly unrelated quotes. However, in my opinion, they represent where America is today and what needs to happen. Tolerance and apathy are the order of the day in America. Therefore, according to Aristotle, we are a dying society.

All throughout American history the pendulum governing our

Spirituality and morality has never stopped swinging. It goes from one extreme to the other. And in my opinion, Spirituality and morality have always been at their worst when the pendulum is reaching the apex of its swing cycle. Too much of anything is bad – even religion. That's where cults and jihadists come from.

Sadly, the pendulum has swung to the point where political correctness, tolerance, and things that defy logic are being touted today as what is right. The pendulum began its current swing in the 1960's. Kennedy was assassinated, women burned their bras, Dr. Spock wrote his book, and on their way to San Francisco and Woodstock, the young folks tuned-in, turned on, and dropped out. Drugs became rampant, love was free, and everybody had a flower in their hair. The church was scorned, abortion was legalized, prayer and discipline were

removed from our homes and schools, and people began to rebel and protest against authority of any kind. Tolerance and apathy began to make its way into society and has culminated with the society we have today! And we are in a bona fide mess! Haven't we done a wonderful job?

The thing that frosts me about America's politically correct tolerance and apathy is that those who tout it the most are generally the ones who are the most intolerant of Conservative Christianity. And make no mistake; society is very intolerant of Conservative Christianity. You don't believe it? Take a public stand for Conservative Christian Values and watch the wolves start circling you!

How do we start the pendulum swinging the other way? First - prayer. We need to pray for America as never before. Secondly, one

by one and family by family, we need to stand as Joshua in the Bible and declare, "... As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." We need Christians who will tell satan: "Oh, no! Not my child. You cannot have my child! Nor can you have my marriage, my family, my church, or my country!" It's time we discipline ourselves, our children, our institutions, and once again demand and settle for nothing less than Spiritual excellence! It's time we again adhere to Biblical standards. It's time we once again stand for what is right and against what is wrong! It's time we put God back on the throne of our lives and in charge of America. And it's time we get rid of this devilish doctrine of politically correct tolerance and apathy. God is neither. Therefore, we should be neither. It's time for the pendulum to swing!

Brother Aaron

News (continued)

Baptist Tabernacle - "Our church family is growing! Thank you, Jesus." Five new members were added in September.

- The Food Closet gave away 353 boxes of food and 469 meals serving 640 individuals. They also gave 60 backpacks to 15 children for weekend food. The Clothes Closet served 240 individuals.
- Awanas is off to a great start. It began on September 7 and the program for the year will teach approximately 125 children. Awanas will participate on Sept. 21 with Water Balloon Fight Night, October 5 will be Mustache Night and October 26 will be Decorate Your Leader Mummy Night. Awanas is fun and children are learning about Jesus every Wednesday night from 6:30 to 8:00pm.

Davidson - Approximately two years ago James Clark came to Davidson. He was a very quiet and shy young man. We have watched him grow and grow! He has served in a number of areas, with both youth and adults including praising God with hymns, teaching Sunday School for adults and children, assisting and leading in many activities. James has now accepted God's plan and was ordained by our pastor, Rev. Howard Longshore on Sunday, September 18. "Praises and Glory to God! Sometimes it is well worth the wait! Pray for him as he continues on God's path."



Above L-R: Rev. Longshore, Rev. James Clark and his wife, Pam

Davidson - Several members visited Exploration in Antiquities on September 19. • A Lock-In was held for the children, which included a Biblical presentation by ladies from the 'Potters House'. Also, the first 'Fruit of the Spirit' Bible Study was held. "Being that we are Baptist, of course we had loads of scrumptious food! All of these events have been greatly enjoyed and were blessings from God. God is good all the time and may God continue to bless us each and everyone!"

Gray Hill - Vacation Bible School was held from July 20 - 23. They had an average of 33 children each night along with 20 adult workers. "We thank Brother Doug Bingham and the people of Unity Baptist for all their assistance, without them we would not have been able to have VBS." One new family has joined their church as a direct result of Vacation Bible School.

- On Sunday, August 28 they baptized seven new converts. "We give the Lord Jesus all the thanks and praise for these many blessings upon our church."

Glenn (GBC) - has recently received a makeover. Everyone is welcome to come and see their newly painted sanctuary! Homecoming celebrating 121 years will be October 2 with New Hope Revival singing. Revival will follow on Oct. 3-12 at 7pm. "We'd like to thank everyone for all their prayers for GBC."

Highland - Homecoming was held on Sunday, September 11. There was a great turnout and we were truly blessed with music by "Nothin' But Grace", followed by Rev. Dale Prather delivering the message. Everyone enjoyed the lunch and fellowship. "It was an awesome day!"

Grace - Steve Franz led an amazing Spirit-filled revival at Grace Baptist Church. Souls were saved and so many hearts were touched. Steve brought the message each evening, Sunday through Wednesday. Each night's message reached the targeted hearts. Steve Franz Evangelistic Ministries, Inc. is a great resource for revivals (www.stevefranzministries.com).

- Grace's Teens are still working with the Reformer's Ministry on the first Friday of the month at Oakside Baptist Church. It is always a powerful experience for teens to witness the program and Jesus's efforts through the program.
- Grace's Youth attended a Faith Day at the Braves Game on September 18. It was a good time of joyful companionship amongst the youth and youth leaders. Rain added additional elements to the experience!



Grace's Youth attended Faith Day at the Atlanta Braves Game on September 18.



Grace's Youth singing in church

Lakeview - Several members attended the Senior Adult Rally at Western Heights on September 8 and really enjoyed the entertainment and the meal. • The men of the Brotherhood cooked breakfast for church members again on September 11. It was delicious! The Brotherhood had their monthly meeting on September 17 with special guest speaker Gary Wood, outgoing Tax Commissioner. • Church members provided a meal for the Reformers' Unanimous group on September 16.

- WMU met September 19 with the meal and devotion planned by hostess Judy King.

News (continued)

Mountville (MBC) - had a Family Day / Awana Kickoff at Camp Viola on Sunday, September 11 from 2-7 pm. Everyone enjoyed swimming, fishing, food, and fun! They finished the day off with a worship service in the outdoor chapel. Great day of fun and fellowship! • Awana Club began on Sunday, September 18. MBC invites all children to come join the fun as we learn about Jesus and ALL that He has done for us! Awana meeting time is 5-7 pm on Sunday night.



Mountville Awanas enjoying the Awana Day Kickoff

New Hope Greenville - Associational Missionary Aaron McCollough brought the Homecoming message at New Hope in Greenville on Sunday, August 28. He also had the privilege of playing guitar with the Dixie Sounds, guest musicians for Homecoming. Rev. Kenneth Whitlock is pastor of New Hope.



Associational Missionary, Aaron McCollough joined the "Dixie Sounds" as they played for Homecoming at New Hope of Greenville.

New Hope LaGrange - Their fellowship was so happy to see all the First Responders along with their families who attended the special service on August 28. Troup County Sheriff, James Woodruff spoke about the commitment and dedication of all those who work to protect us. At the luncheon they were presented with a large gift basket of snacks to use at their respective stations while on duty. "We need not fail to pray for them daily." • There was a lot of fun and fellowship at the church picnic on Sept. 11 at the Hardley Pavilion of West Point Lake. "Thank you Grapevine Leaders for the work you do in our fellowship." "God is doing a great work in our church. We added 3 more new members in the month of September!"

Teaver Road - The church gathered together for tailgating at a LaGrange High and Troup High football game. They gave away food and water and spent time inviting the community to visit Teaver Road Baptist! • The new semester of Small Groups began the second week of September. It's not too late to join. The groups are Youth Boys, Youth Girls, Men, Women, Women 2.0, Freedom, College & Career, and two specialty Small Groups: Crafts and Marriage/Couples.

Wehadkee - Two Battle Buddy boxes were mailed to Chip Cone who is serving our country on the USS Russell. • On Sunday, September 18 Rev. S.T. Janney brought the morning message. He and his son sang "What a Day That Will Be" and it was very much enjoyed. We always welcome Rev. Janney and his sweet wife and also his son and his wife. Our pastor, Rev. Nick & Janet were out of town along with Ms. Essie. All were missed. • For the ladies meeting this month, they went out of town for a meal and fellowship.



Flat Shoals - Salem Road Baptist honored Brother Olin McClain on his 91st birthday. Brother Olin (at left) preached the morning service. A covered dish meal with birthday cake and music was enjoyed by all following the service. Shown above is Brother Olin with family & friends. Below is the birthday celebration.



Ministry Spotlight

Cody Turner Accepts Call as Youth Pastor of First Baptist Church on the Square



First Baptist Church on the Square in LaGrange is pleased to introduce their new Youth Pastor, Cody Turner. Cody and his wife Heather have been happily married for 13 years and have two children, Caleb (8) and Jocelyn (5). Cody graduated from Luther Rice Seminary with a bachelor's degree in Biblical Counseling and a master's degree in Apologetics. He has been in student ministry for twelve years and is a freelance writer for *Lifeway Students* blog and curriculum. Cody says that he and his family are happy to be coming back home to Georgia.

Cody's first Sunday at First Baptist Church on the Square was September 18. Please keep Cody, Heather, and their children in your prayers as they begin a new life and ministry in LaGrange, Georgia.

Announcements

Baptist Tabernacle (BTC) - A new ministry has been started by Renee White at our church. It is the CARE Ministry (Cards Are Really Encouraging). A card can make a big difference. Our goal is to be an encouragement to everyone when it is needed. If you know someone who would benefit from a card (illness, thinking of you, sympathy, encouragement, etc.) please call one of the numbers listed and provide recipients name, address and the type of card needed. Also, they are accepting donations of cards, stamps, etc. for this ministry.

Renee White	(706) 402-5692
Mary Ann Upchurch	(706) 884-2196
Vicki Crews	(706) 756-2268
Marilynn Griffith	(706) 884-8607

- Homecoming will be Sunday, October 2 at 10:30am with a covered dish dinner in the JC McMillian Life Center following the morning worship service.
- Trunk or Treat will be held Monday, October 31 from 6 to 8pm. "Come and lets have fun together."

The following ministries are held each month:

- 2nd Monday: God's Helping Hands meets at 6:30 pm
- 2nd Saturday: Brotherhood breakfast meeting at 8:00 am
- 3rd Monday: Lighthouse Keepers meets at 6:00pm. This is for anyone 55 plus. Includes devotion & covered dish meal.

Davidson - • Please join them for service and fellowship:
 Sunday Breakfast at 9:00 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
 4th Thursday at 11:00am Food Closet - Message & Food

Grace - Ladies at Grace are still in the Beth Moore Bible Study for a few more weeks. The study is every Thursday at 6pm. Everyone is welcome. • Grace's Annual Barbecue is November 4 & 5. Sack lunches will be delivered to plants on Friday, Nov. 4th - pre-orders are required. Lunches are \$6 and include a sandwich, chips and dessert. Whole Boston Butts are \$30 each and pre-order is required. Call the church for details or to pre-order and/or buy tickets. (706) 882-9263

- Grace will participate in the Second Annual March for Jesus on October 8th.

Gray Hill - Homecoming will be held on Sunday, October 9 beginning at 10:30 am. A covered dish meal will follow in the Fellowship Hall. "Send Down the Fire" revival services will be held Monday, October 10 through Wednesday, October 12 at 7:00 pm nightly with special speakers:

Monday: Brother Tom Kennedy
 Tuesday: Brother Doug Bingham
 Wednesday: Brother Dennis Farr

"Everyone is invited!"

"Please pray that God will bless these meetings."

Highland - Sunday, October 23 will be an all-day intensive, *Prayer Made Alive*, led by Mark Mirza. Mark led Dr. Charles Stanley's prayer ministry for over 4 years. Topics covered will be: Prayer Essentials; Praying Scripture Back to God; Solemn Assembly; Old Fashioned Prayer Meeting. Everyone is invited.

- The annual "Trunk 'n Treats" will be held again this year. Candy and other treats will be given out from the trunks of decorated cars lining the church parking lot.

Announcements (continued)

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Lakeview - will celebrate Founder's Day on October 9 beginning at 10:30 am. Special guest speaker will be Associational Missionary Rev. Aaron McCollough. There will be a presentation about the beginnings of Lakeview and a slideshow; a covered-dish lunch will follow the morning services. All friends, family, and former members and visitors are invited. • A church-wide yard sale will be held on October 15 to continue raising funds for paving the parking lot. • A Fall Festival, an outreach project for the community will be held on October 22 from 4 to 6 pm at the church. Adults and children from the community are welcome and there will be plenty of games, prizes, and food.

Mountville (MBC) - The Awana meeting time is 5-7 pm on Sunday night. • A church-wide Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, October 1 from 8am to 12pm at Preacher Dwayne's house at 3785 Greenville Road. • A Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, October 29 from 4-6 pm at Camp Viola. Activities will include Games, Food, Hayride, and Cakewalk. There will be a charge for the food and the cakewalk. Proceeds will benefit the MBC Mission/Building Fund.

New Hope (LaGrange) - Homecoming will be October 2 with services beginning at 10:30 am. Dr. Paul Baxter will bring the message and special music will be provided by Van Barnett. A covered dish lunch will follow the service and everyone is invited. • The new church year started off with great expectations in September. A new Sunday School class was added for all ages. Ashley Langford is serving as Sunday School Director. "Let's pray for her and support her through Sunday School attendance." • In support of T C Phillips and Berta Weathersbee Elementary School, New Hope is going to help run games at Berta's Fall Festival. If you can help us, please let Melisa Hughes know. The festival is Thursday, October 20. You may also help by donating boxes of snack cakes for the festival. "Thanks T C for your inspirational testimony in our morning worship service September 4." • New Hope's Trunk or Treat / Fall Festival will be Wednesday evening, October 26. Sisters of Hope will provide a hot dog supper. All proceeds will go to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Everyone is invited for fun & fellowship.

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

We wish to express our sincere thanks for the beautiful flowers as well as all your support through the years! Mom was certainly grateful to be a part of your wonderful association!

Sincerely,

The Family of Kathleen Holbrook Willis

Stovall - October 30 will be the 5th Sunday Night Singing beginning at 6:00 pm featuring the Dye Family. There will be a Fellowship Meal after the singing.

Teaver Road - The new semester of Small Groups began the second week of September. It's not too late to join. The groups are Youth Boys, Youth Girls, Men, Women, Women 2.0, Freedom, College & Career, and two specialty Small Groups: Crafts and Marriage/Couples. If you are interested in knowing more about joining Small Groups, please call the church at (706) 882-5774 and leave a message.

- The Men's Brotherhood meets every 2nd Saturday of each month for breakfast, fellowship, and a devotion. All men are welcome.
- The women's ministry team, Acts 1:8, meets every 3rd Monday of each month. They have been very busy with organizing events for our community such as our next event, the annual Fall Festival. This year the Fall Festival will be on October 26. Please call the church office or visit our website at www.teaverroadbaptistchurch.org for more information.

Unity - Homecoming will be Sunday, October 2. Service will begin at 10:30 with music by *River's Edge*. Associational Missionary Aaron McCollough will bring the message. Rev. Doug Bingham is Pastor of Unity Baptist Church.

Wehadkee - Sunday, October 9 will be Old Fashioned Day at Wehadkee. "This should be a sight to see!"

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

Announcements (continued)

March for Jesus

Saturday - October 8 - 8:00 am

March begins at Sweetland Amphitheater
and ends on the Square

For more information contact Doris Almand (706) 333-7799

Life Chain 2016

Sunday, October 2

2:30 until 3:30 pm

St. Peter's Catholic Church parking lot

For more information, contact Theresa Shane 309-635-2712

Church Financial Workshops

October 27, 2016

The Troup Baptist Association
& Georgia Baptist Mission Board
will sponsor two workshops led by Tony Neal, CPA
and State Missionary - Georgia Baptist Mission Board

Session One

Financial Issues for the Staff

Tuesday, October 27 at 11 am

ACA, IRS, and payroll will be primary topics
for discussion and Q & A.

Lunch will be provided by the association.

Reservations required, please call (706) 884-1975.

Session Two

How to Handle Church Payroll and Budgeting Issues

Tuesday, October 27 at 7 pm

Budgeting for and properly reporting staff payroll,
benefits, and other financial issues
the church financial leaders need to know.

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Annual Meeting & Meal

Monday, October 17, 2016

Meal @ 5:15 pm

Meeting @ 6:15 pm

Troup Baptist Association
1301 Washington Street, LaGrange

Grace Baptist Church

3731 West Point Road
LaGrange, Georgia

Grace is seeking a Music Director.

This is an exciting opportunity as the church grows.

Please call the church for details (706) 882-9263

Sixth Annual Max New

Choir & Hymn Sing

October 30 at 5:00 PM

Unity Baptist Church

715 South Greenwood St
LaGrange, Georgia

All sister churches are invited to join us for a
great time of worship in memory and honor of the
ministry of Brother Max New.

Each church is asked to share two music selections as
well as their director lead a good ole fashioned hymn.

Please let our church or Darren Brown know if your
church will attend and participate so we can better
organize this great evening of worship.

Please pray that our Lord will move mightily through
every song that is shared for His honor and glory.

Unity Baptist (706) 882-7714 or by email to
admin@ubclgrange.org

Darren Brown (706) 881-3820 or by email to
darrenlbrown1969@yahoo.com

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

- 6 Daylight Saving Time ends - - Turn clock back 1 hour
- 7 Pastors' Prayer Fellowship New Macedonia
- 14 Pastors' Prayer Fellowship New Macedonia
- 18 Church Planters' Meeting @ TBA 10am - noon
- 21 Pastors' Prayer Fellowship New Macedonia
- 23-25 Troup Baptist Assoc. & GBMB closed for Thanksgiving
- 28 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



Happy Birthday
November



- 2 Rev. Jerome Hicks
- 15 Bro. Terry Gray, Interim - The Church on the Rock
- 16 Rev. Steve Sexton, Bethel

OCTOBER CALENDAR

- 3 Pastors' Prayer Fellowship New Macedonia Frank Sledge
- 9 Pastor Appreciation Day
- 10 Pastors' Prayer Fellowship New Macedonia
- 17 Pastors' Prayer Fellowship New Macedonia
- 17 Annual Meeting Association Office Meal: 5:15 / Meeting: 6:15
- 21 Church Planters' Meeting @ TBA 10am - noon
- 24 Pastors' Prayer Fellowship New Macedonia
- 27 Church Financial Workshops / Tony Neal @ TBA 11am & 7pm
- 30 Sixth Annual Max New Choir Sing @ Unity Baptist 5pm

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Happy Birthday October



- 2 Rev. S. T. Janney
- 8 Rev. Kevin Stringham, Fountain Baptist
- 11 Rev. Larry Prestridge
- 14 Rev. Anthony Criswell, First Baptist on the Square
- 17 Dr. Mike Brandenburg
- 20 Rev. Kenneth Cole, Dunson
- 26 Rev. Marion Hammond
- 31 Rev. Clifford Anderson



Welcome Fall!



On The Lighter Side

An engineer dies and reports to the Pearly Gates. Saint Peter checks his dossier and not seeing his name there, accidentally sends him to Hell. It doesn't take long before the engineer becomes rather dissatisfied with the level of comfort in Hell. He soon begins to design and build improvements. Shortly thereafter, Hell has air conditioning, flush toilets and escalators. Needless to say, the engineer is a pretty popular guy. One day, God calls Satan and says: "So, how are things in Hell?" Satan replies: "Hey, things are going great. We've got air conditioning, flush toilets, and escalators. And there's no telling what this engineer is going to come up with next."

"What!" God exclaims: "You've got an engineer? That's a mistake - he should never have been sent to Hell. Send him to me."

"Not a chance," Satan replies: "I like having an engineer on the staff, and I'm keeping him!" God insists: "Send him back or I'll sue."

Satan laughs uproariously and answers: "Yeah, right. And where are you going to get a lawyer?"

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