

Troup Baptist Association

He Hit the Nail on the Head

If you have read my ramblings for any length of time, you know I don't shy away from writing about politics. However, although I am using a political event and statement that happened recently, it is not my intent for this column to be political. It is my intent to lift the commonsense truths out of two statements he made and apply them to us today.

I was listening to General Kelly as he was speaking about the tragic deaths of four American Special Service Soldiers in Niger. During his remarks, General Kelly pointed out two facts that, in my opinion, are the hinges upon which the doors of the decline of America are swinging. They are the loss of sacredness in America and the ability of the uniformed, vocal minority, however devoid of facts they may be, to steer the course of America. General Kelly referred to them as, "... empty barrels making the most noise..."

Listen to what General Kelly said, "... You know,

when I was a kid growing up, a lot of things were sacred in our country. Women were sacred, looked upon with great honor. That's obviously not the case anymore as we see from recent cases. Life -- the dignity of life -- is sacred. That's gone. Religion, that seems to be gone as well. Gold Star families, I think that left in the convention over the summer. But I just thought -- the selfless devotion that brings a man or woman to die on the battlefield, I just thought that that might be sacred." "... And a congresswoman stood up, and in the long tradition of empty barrels making the most noise, stood up there and all of that and talked about how she was instrumental in getting the funding for that building, and how she took care of her constituents because she got the money, and she just called up President Obama, and on that phone call he gave the money -- the \$20 million -- to build the building."

Think what you will about the politics involved here. As I stated at the outset of this column, that's not my focus. My focus is that General Kelly hit the nail

on the head when he pointed out what is wrong with America today. We no longer hold sacred the things we used to hold sacred. Should I dare mention football players taking a knee when the National Anthem is played? How about abortion? Should I mention that life itself is no longer sacred? And then there's religion, marriage and the family unit, law enforcement, teachers, discipline, the military, our elected officials, and the rule of law itself. All are no longer held as sacred! The things we used to hold as sacred have been replaced by whatever makes us feel good - of which, alcohol, illegal drugs, and the pursuit of recreation lead the way. America has tossed the sacred for the recreational. We have lost our mooring!!!

There's plenty of blame to go around regarding how we got where we are. But seeing as I'm a preacher, I'll start with preachers. Too many are empty barrels. Preaching what men want to hear in order to build their own personal empires -- at the expense of preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ which

demands repentance and a Godly, holy lifestyle! These are preachers and Spiritual leaders who have a form of Godliness but deny the power thereof! And the Lord knows there is plenty I could say about politicians, special interest groups, the ACLU, and Snowflakes, who are nothing more than empty barrels which make the most noise. However, column space prevents me.

Like it or not, General Kelly hit the nail square on the head! America will never be great again until we once again hold sacred those things we used to hold sacred and we stop allowing empty barrels, who simply make the most noise, to dictate our path. Again, I believe that the loss of sacredness in America and the ability of the uniformed vocal minority to steer the course of America is the two hinges upon which the doors of the decline of America are swinging. God help us!

Brother Aaron

News

Association - The 80th Annual Meeting of the Troup Baptist Association was held on October 16, 2017. The Kenneth Cole Trio opened the meeting with an inspiring musical program. Moderator Andy Buchanan called the meeting to order. During the business portion of the meeting, Harvest Baptist Church (Rev. Clay Snyder) was welcomed into the association after one year of watchcare membership. Hillcrest Baptist Church (Rev. Jim Butler) was welcomed into the association for one year of watchcare membership. Five churches received certificates of appreciation from the Georgia Baptist Mission Board; First Baptist on the Square, First Hispanic, Franklin Road, New Hope of Greenville and Rosemont, . Rev. Jeff McCartney of Reeds Chapel was elected to serve as Moderator for the upcoming year. Rev. Terry Rainwater was elected to serve as Vice-Moderator. There were 19 churches represented at the meeting with about 77 people in attendance. Rev. Jody Thrower presented the Rockridge Report and showed an impressive drone video of the beautiful Camp Rockridge. Rev. Rick Jenkins, Campus Minister detailed the efforts of the Baptist Collegiate Ministry on the LaGrange College campus where one-half of the students are Baptist. Dr. Marcus Merritt, State Missionary, Church-Minister Relations told of the many programs and retreats offered to our Pastors & their wives through Church-Minister Relations. He reminded everyone that the Cooperative Program supports the IMB, NAMB, Baptist Seminaries, and three Georgia colleges as well as the Church-Minister Relations area. Rev Adam Camp of Rosemont Baptist Church and Chairman of the Acts 1:8 Team, brought the message using Acts 1:8 as his text. He pointed out three truths from this text: Jesus calls us to operate in a new power, Jesus calls us to a new witness, and Jesus calls us to a new world.



Association - The Troup Baptist Association hosted a breakfast for the staff of Berta Weathersbee Elementary School, our Partner in Education on October 10. Dr. Greg Brown spoke to the group about the little known physical benefits of prayer to the body. After a time of prayer at each table, four names were drawn to receive a 50 dollar bill. Winners are shown below.



Berta Weathersbee Winners!

L-R: Leslie Jones, Barbie Whitley, Alex Jay, Associational Missionary Aaron McCollough, and Kristen Hall

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.



Lafayette Christian School 7th Graders

Back L-R: Rachel Strohecker, Jordan Earnhart, Peyton Duckett, Marshall Coker Front L-R: Mason McLaughlin, Kameron Probst, Maddie Hanners-Ray, Timaya Brown & Jacob Walker.

Association - Lafayette Christian School 7th graders volunteered for a work day at the association office on Monday, October 23. They completed a lot of dirty jobs and heavy lifting and did it with a great attitude. "Thank you, LCS!"

Association - Associational Missionary Aaron McCollough spoke at the March for Jesus on Saturday, October 7. "Thank you Doris and Dr. Joe Almand for coordinating this event."



Association - 'Rediscovering Sunday School' training was held on October 5. Two tracks were offered; one for adult Sunday School and one for children's Sunday School teachers.



News (continued)

Baptist Tabernacle (BTC) - God has blessed the church with two new family members during October. "God is good; All the time." • The Food Closet served 561 individuals and distributed 588 meals. The Clothes Closet served 203 individuals. God continues to bless both the Food and Clothes Closets. These ministries are opened every Thursday from 9 until 11 am. • October 1 was Homecoming. "WOW!!" Pastor Jimmy McMillian delivered a great message from God. *Higher Hope*, a Southern Gospel group performed during the song service and delighted the congregation with southern hymns. After worship service, lunch was served. A wonderful time of eating and fellowshiping was had by all who attended.

• October 22 was set aside for Pastor Appreciation Day. "No amount of gifts, dinners or money could show how much we love and appreciate our Pastor, Rev. Jimmy McMillian and Merle. He truly is a blessing to everyone he meets."

Creekside - celebrated Homecoming on October 15th. *Higher Hope* was the featured singers and Pastor Bryan Geter brought the morning message.

Pastor Bryan said they had record attendance. Associational Missionary Aaron McCollough and Mrs. Marianne joined them for the fellowship meal.



Creekside Homecoming

Davidson - The Benefit Singing and Spaghetti Dinner for Robbie Longshore was a blessing for all. The donations exceeded expectations! "We praise God and thank Him for the love and kindness of everyone!" Thanks also to Kevin Dunn and *Nothing but Grace* for their participation. • Davidson has reinstated two programs: Children's Church and Youth Choir. "God has answered our prayers." A million thanks to Linda Kent who has volunteered to head-up Children's Church and to Ruth Roberts who is working with the Youth Choir.

• Associational Missionary Aaron McCollough preached at Davidson on October 15 and was privileged to hear the Youth Choir's first performance. Both the pianist and the harmonica player are self taught and are good! "Praises and glory to God." • Davidson hosted a Fall Festival on October 28 and a 5th Sunday Night singing with *Heaven Seekers* on October 29.



Davidson's Youth Choir

Dunson - had another busy month serving the Lord. While celebrating their 106th Homecoming, they also took time to celebrate birthdays for Rev. Olin McClain (92), visiting preacher Rev. S.T. Janney, Rose Harvell, Daniel Meadows, Braxton Kirby, and Carolyn Woods. • The WMU hosted a very successful Women's Luncheon. • The Girls' Ministry was rewarded for mission work with a trip to Six Flags; they made baskets to be delivered to Dunson's homebound and took some girls to the Pumpkin Patch. • The Royal Rangers took some of the boys to the state Pow Wow in Forsyth. The Dunson Baptist outpost for Royal Rangers led by Josh Bagley and Glen Conroy was responsible for creating the obstacle course for the Pow Wow. Over 300 boys participated. The Rangers also participated in the cardboard boat race, in which they raced a boat made out of cardboard and duct tape across a lake with 2 boys in each boat. They did very well and ended up with a 2nd place trophy. • Pastor Kenneth Cole along with New Macedonia's Youth Pastor Dereck Williams, held a basketball tournament at the church. Five young men prayed to dedicate their life to Christ. • Other activities during October were a domino night, a trip to Ellijay for picking apples, and a Fall Festival. Dunson is doing their best to share the love of Christ and is praying that God will send more workers to help increase their ministries.



Women's Luncheon at Dunson



Girl's Ministry

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News (continued)

Glenn - On October 1, Glenn Baptist Church celebrated its 122nd Homecoming. Associational Missionary, Aaron McCollough was the guest preacher for both the Homecoming service and the ensuing revival. It was a great week. Notice that the pews in the picture are the pews donated by Fountain Church in LaGrange. (photo below)



Glenn Baptist Church

Highland - welcomed four new members in October; two by letter and two by profession of faith. "Praise the Lord!"

- October 1 was "Sock-it to-Me Sunday." Everyone one was encouraged to bring kids socks to be donated to God's Bread Basket for the Shoebox Ministry at Hogansville Elementary School.
- Pastor Appreciation Day was celebrated on Sunday, October 15. Pastor Terry and Cookie Rainwater were presented with a gift from the church in appreciation for serving as their pastor and pastor's wife for the past seven years. "They are such a blessing to all of us and we love and appreciate them." Following the morning service, everyone was invited to stay for lunch in their honor.
- The annual "Trunk and Treats" was held on October 31. Treats were given to children from decorated trunks lining the parking lot. They also handed out Bible tracts to everyone who came by.



Above Left: Ellen Hubbard (center), presenting Pastor Terry and Cookie Rainwater with a gift from Highland Baptist Church.

Above Right: Highland members enjoying the luncheon served in honor of their pastor and his family

Lakeview - enjoyed a great Homecoming on October 8. Rev. Randall Hodge provided both special music and preaching. The crowd then enjoyed a covered-dish Homecoming meal and fellowship.

- Members attended both Sunday School training and the Annual Meeting at the Troup Baptist Association.
- The men had a planning meeting, fellowship, and breakfast at Cracker Barrel on October 21; they have been putting a lot of time and work into improving the grounds and facilities at Lakeview and their dedication is much appreciated.
- Pastor Lamar Truitt participated in providing special music at Roper Heights Baptist Church on October 22.
- WMU ladies met at IHOP on October 28 for breakfast and to make plans for the coming year.

Mountville (MBC) - received three new members in September and October—two by statement and one by baptism!

- MBC held "Hero Day" on September 10. Several first responders and law enforcement personnel were honored during the service and were treated to a delicious spaghetti lunch after the morning service. "We appreciate the work they do protecting and caring for our community!"
- The ladies of MBC enjoyed a craft night in September. They had a great time of fellowship painting pallet pumpkins and door hangers.
- MBC was happy to be part of a Baby Dedication on Sunday, October 1. Hayes Perdue was dedicated to the Lord by his parents, Trent & Hillary Perdue.
- MBC held Youth Sunday on October 8. The Youth led worship and provided special music. A big thanks to Ben Bowles for accompanying them with his guitar. A great message was given by Adrian Stroud. "These young people are a blessing to our church and we appreciate all of them and their leaders!"
- Team Kid is off to a great start! The kids enjoyed "Crazy Sock Night" to demonstrate that it is OK to be different and to 'Stand out' for Jesus!
- Pastor Appreciation Sunday was held on October 15. The congregation honored Pastor Dwayne with an afternoon tailgate party. Everyone brought goodies, decorated their cars or tents with team memorabilia, and played games. They also showered him with love and gift cards. "We appreciate our Pastor!"
- Mountville held a "Pink Out" on Sunday, October 22 in observance of Breast Cancer Awareness month. Everyone wore pink and the sanctuary was decorated in pink. They honored the survivors and prayed for those still battling this disease.



Mountville hosted Hero Day to honor local first responders and law enforcement personnel



Mountville Baptist Church



Crazy Sock Night



Ministry Spotlight

Operation Christmas Child



Dr. Linda & Elizabeth Wood

“Imagine that you have never received a gift,” said thirteen-year-old Elizabeth Wood. “If you’ve never received one, then you wouldn’t know ‘how’ to receive one.” She continued, “And you certainly wouldn’t know how to receive the gift of salvation Jesus wants to give you!” Then she added, “This is why collecting the Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child through Samaritan's Purse is so important to me. I want children to know how to receive the free gift of Jesus’ love and salvation.”

Elizabeth, a “Preacher’s Kid,” (Pastor Jerome Wood, Bible Baptist Church on Hillcrest Road) in partnership with her mother, Dr. Linda Wood, Principal of Long Cane Elementary School, are Church Relations Area Team Members for Operation Shoebox.

They are responsible for recruiting participation in the Troup County and Valley, Alabama areas. She says that she originally applied for the position, but was denied because she was too young. So, her momma applied and got it and they are now a team. She says that her mother is responsible for all the paperwork and logistics. Her responsibility is to solicit churches and civic organizations and actually do the presentations and encourage participation.

With great passion, Elizabeth told me “Shoebox Stories!:)”

- She told me about a young boy in The Republic of Georgia who received a Shoebox. Inside he found a packet of pencils. He only received one pencil per semester. His eyes got big and he exclaimed, “I now have enough pencils to last me through college!”
- She told me about a young girl who loved hairclips. She opened her Shoebox and it had a whole pack of hairclips. She was so excited that she put all of them in her hair at once!
- She told me about some young boys in an orphanage who found toothbrushes in their boxes. This was a huge blessing because ten boys shared one toothbrush!
- And finally she told me about a man who was in prison in Mexico. A pastor visited him. He told the pastor that he would kill him, and he had the means and opportunity to do so. The pastor asked him why he wanted to kill him. He then told the prisoner he loved him and was able to build a relationship with him and lead him to Jesus. After his release, the prisoner, now a changed man, opened an orphanage. All the children in the orphanage receive Shoeboxes!



(L) A Shoebox recipient from a Middle Eastern Country with Elizabeth. The Shoebox was the first gift she had ever received!



Elizabeth with Shoeboxes she helped collect and pack.

Elizabeth and her momma refer to these Shoeboxes as: Gospel Opportunity Boxes! They said, “Each box is an opportunity to share the gospel in areas we cannot go individually.”

What a blessing Elizabeth and her momma are! I’m telling you, this thirteen-year-old young lady encourages me and gives me hope for tomorrow!

**National collection week for the Shoeboxes is:
November 13th - 20th.**

For more information, please call Linda Wood at: 706.302.9654.

Brother Aaron

News (continued)

New Hope (LaGrange) - "Wow! What a wonderful, joyous homecoming Sunday we had on October 15." They were blessed with singing by Preacher Mike Hornsby, his wife Susan and their daughters, Nikki and Leslie, Keith Smith and Kimberly Hundley, Chase Golden and a Quartet song by Preacher Mike, Troy Karr, Keith Smith and Chase Golden. Preacher Mike gave a short history of the beginning of New Hope in 1996 when the church property was six acres of forest. He spoke about a door of opportunity, a door of obligation, and a door of opposition using 1 Corinthians 16:5-9. • The youth group went to Joshua's Dream Ranch on October 6 & 7. They had a great time and worked very hard. The Axis Youth of the Month is Taylor Earnhart. Taylor is a junior at LaFayette Christian School and is a bold witness for Jesus. Continue to pray for our youth as they will be our leaders one day. • The Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat was held Wednesday, October 25. It was well attended and the kids enjoyed lots of games, a hot dog supper and plenty of candy. "Thank you to all who participated and helped."

Roper Heights - had a blessed month with good attendance and great messages. Anthony Jones, Jr. was baptized and welcomed into the church by all. Roper Heights had a great night of music on October 22. "We thank our visitors for coming and blessing us with their talent." A Fall Festival was held on October 29 with lots of good food and a Trunk or Treat for the children. "We have had great attendance on Wednesday nights for Bible Study. Please come join us at 6:30 pm"

Rosemont Baptist - celebrated their 50th Anniversary on Sunday, October 15. They began a 50 hour prayer vigil earlier in the week which continued through Sunday morning. A candlelight service was held on Saturday to honor passed members. On Sunday morning, the congregation gathered for a brunch followed by a joint outdoor service. Rev. Max McCord, Rosemont's founding pastor, brought the morning message. It was a time to honor God and remember His continued faithfulness and blessings!

Wehadkee - "Greetings from Wehadkee Baptist Church" The church had Family Night at I-Hop October 20 and all had a great time and the food was enjoyed by all. The Sunday School class presented Rev. Nick Pilgrim a card and some candy for Pastor Appreciation. A fifth Sunday dinner was held at the church on October 29. There was great food, great people and a fine time was had by all who came. Wehadkee would like to introduce the Deacons of their church. See photo below.



Above L-R: Wehadkee Deacons Jerry Alford, Randy Mickle, Rev. Nick Pilgrim, Leon Wessinger, and Buck Hurt



Above L-R: Pastor Appreciation Day. Rev. Nick Pilgrim was presented with a candy card from the Sunday School by Debbie & Celeste Cliett.

The candy card reads "Our Pastor is a 'Sweettart' for everything he does. He is always there to pick up the 'Reeses Pieces' and answer our 'Whatchamacallit'. Sometimes we act like 'Air Heads' or 'Nerds' and you probably think we are from the 'Milky Way', but you've made a 'Mounds' of difference in our lives. Thank you for getting us in 'Double Mint' condition. You deserve '100 Grand' every 'PayDay'. You will always be in our hearts 'Now & Later'."

Association - Church Prayer List

For November 2017, please pray for following churches:

Week of November 5, 2017 - Confidence Missionary Baptist
 Week of November 12, 2017 - Creekside Baptist Church
 Week of November 19, 2017 - Davidson Baptist Church
 Week of November 26, 2017 - Dunson Baptist Church

For December 2017, please pray for following churches:

Week of December 3, 2017 - East LaGrange Baptist Church
 Week of December 10, 2017 - East Vernon Baptist Church
 Week of December 17, 2017 - Eastside Missionary Baptist Church
 Week of December 24, 2017 - Faith Believers Ministries
 Week of December 31, 2017 - First Hispanic Baptist Church

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

Rosemont Baptist Church served as a collection site for the "Buckets of Care" for flood victims. They received approximately **350 buckets** stocked with cleaning supplies. Thanks to all churches and individuals who helped to make this possible.

Announcements

Baptist Tabernacle (BTC) - It's time to 'fall back' again. Please remember to turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday evening, November 4 so you will arrive on time at church on Sunday morning. • Veterans will be recognized on Sunday, November 12. Please remember to say 'thank you' to those who have served. • BTC is hosting a Blood Drive on Nov. 27 from 2 until 7 pm in the Life Center at Baptist Tabernacle Church. If you can, please donate so others may live.

Announcements (continued)

Baptist Tabernacle (BTC) - Hunters for Christ will have their annual Smoked Turkey & Boston Butt Sale during the month of November. If you are interested in purchasing a turkey or Boston Butt for \$30 each, please contact Brian 706-616-2000 or Kim 706-616-2001. Pick-up will be November 22 from 5-8 pm. Proceeds are used to take handicapped veterans on hunts.

• "Happy Thanksgiving" from all of us at Baptist Tabernacle Church. "May God bless you and your family."

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever. Psalm 107:1

Davidson - Please join us for any of our services:

Sunday Breakfast at 9:00 am / Sunday School at 9:45 am

Sunday Worship Service at 11 am / Evening Service at 6 pm

Wednesday Bible Study at 6:30 pm (Book of Hebrews)

Highland - will host the Community Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 19 at 6:00 pm. • Sunday, November 26 will be the annual "Hanging of the Green" service, where they decorate the Sanctuary with Christmas colors and sing carols and praises to our Lord. • The choir has begun practice on a Christmas Cantata to be presented during Morning Worship Service on December 17.

Lakeview - Prior to Wednesday night services, a Thanksgiving celebration will be held at the church on Wednesday, November 15 at 6 pm; all members and families are invited to participate.

New Hope (LaGrange) - Sisters of Hope will meet Monday, November 6 in the Family Life Bldg. at 6 pm. "We invite you to join us and bring a finger food to share." • The Axis Youth Takeover and Spaghetti Dinner for donations will be held Sunday, November 12. The youth will 'take over' the worship service and present a skit. Let's encourage and support our youth. • Thanksgiving Dinner will be Wednesday, November 15 at 6:00 pm. Please bring a covered dish to share. Meat and drinks will be provided. • Operation Christmas Child Packing Party will be November 19. You may pack your own box, donate items for the packing party, or donate money to help with shipping costs. • There will be no Wednesday night services on November 22. • Our church expresses its gratitude to Lucy Wilson and her daughter Susan Lewis who work hard to keep our facilities sparkling clean. Please let these ladies know how much you appreciate them!

Roper Heights - The Brotherhood will sponsor a Wild Game Supper on November 11 at 6:00 pm. There will be "Wild Game Specialties" as well as Barbeque from three Roger's locations: Hogansville, LaGrange, and West Point. Donations will be received with all money going towards a new roof. They will be "Raising the Roof" with music by local entertainers. "Bring your instrument and your appetite and join in!"

Wehadkee - A benefit ham dinner will be held for *Nothing But Grace* on November 19. Tickets will be \$8.00. "Come join us for church and have a great dinner afterwards."

Pastors' & Wives' Christmas Party

**Tuesday, December 5, 2017
6:00 pm**

Hosted by Baptist Tabernacle Church

Dunson Baptist Church is currently seeking a music director to lead singing and direct the choir.

Please contact the church at 706-884-7814 if you feel God leading you in this direction.



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.

Spring Semester Online Enrollment through Nov. 15

(late fee of \$24 applies after Nov 15)

Classes begin January 23, 2018

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

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



Happy Birthday December



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| 1 | Rev. Michael Stiggers, Eastside Missionary |
| 6 | Rev. James (Jamie) Kelley, Glenn Baptist |
| 9 | Rev. Doug Bingham, Unity |
| 20 | Rev. Andy Buchanan, Franklin Road |
| 22 | Rev. Bill Bryant |
| 31 | Rev. Wesley Boatman |

DECEMBER CALENDAR

- 4 Pastors' Prayer Fellowship New Macedonia
- 5 Pastors' & Wives' Christmas Party at Baptist Tabernacle 6pm
- 11 Pastors' Prayer Fellowship New Macedonia
- 18 Pastors' Prayer Fellowship New Macedonia
- 22-31 Troup Baptist Assoc. & GBMB closed for Christmas

Faith Bible Institute meets at association office on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

- 5 Daylight Saving Time ends - - Turn clock back 1 hour
- 6 Pastors' Prayer Fellowship New Macedonia
- 6 Leadership Group 3 Association Office 6:30 pm
- 13 Pastors' Prayer Fellowship New Macedonia
- 13-14 Georgia Baptist Mission Board Annual Meeting
- 16 Leadership Group 1 10:30 am / Leadership Group 2 6:30 pm
- 20 Pastors' Prayer Fellowship Tenderloin Lunch at Assoc Office
- 22-24 Troup Baptist Assoc. & GBMB closed for Thanksgiving
- 27 Pastors' Prayer Fellowship New Macedonia

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Happy Birthday
November



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



Happy Thanksgiving!

On The Lighter Side:

When a music student brought his French horn to my shop for repair, he complained that the instrument “felt stuffy” and he couldn’t blow air through it. It’s not unusual to find partial blockages in brass instruments if small items get lodged in the tubing, but when I tested the instrument, the horn was completely blocked.

After much probing and prodding, a small tangerine dropped out of the bell.

“Oh,” said the musician when I handed him the fruit. Seeing the bewildered look on my face, he explained, “My mom used the horn for a cornucopia in a Thanksgiving centerpiece.”

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