

## Troup Baptist Association

### Choosing Not To Be Offended

Proverbs 19:11(KJV) states, *“The discretion of a man deferreth his anger; and it is his glory to pass over a transgression.”* The Aaron McCollough translation of that verse is: Smart people have learned both how to hold their tongue and the virtue of being able to forgive and forget. In short, they’ve learned to make the choice not to be offended.

Regarding being offended and forgiving someone, I’ve heard many people make the statement, “Oh, I’ll forgive, but I’ll never forget!” Uh ... excuse me! If you’re not willing to forget, then you haven’t really forgiven! Yes, I know that as human beings we come equipped with a memory. (Although mine doesn’t work very well anymore!) So, technically, I guess we cannot actually forget. However, we can choose “not to recall.” Keep reading and I’ll tell you a story that illustrates my

point – In the early 1980’s I became the pastor of the Stovall Baptist Church. Mr. Jimmy and Clara Lee Scott were prominent members of the church. He was a deacon and they were involved in most every aspect of church life. They had about ten or eleven children. I used to hate for them to miss church! Anyway, the first year I was there, wasn’t nothing doing but that the new preacher had to come to the Annual Scott Family Reunion. So, after the Sunday morning service, off me and my little family went to the Scott reunion. After a gloriously delightful meal, somebody came up with the idea that we should play a game of volleyball. Somebody drug a net out and them Scott’s began dividing up into two teams. Here again, there wasn’t nothing doing but the new preacher “had” to play. At that time I would have been somewhere around twenty-three to twenty-five years old. So, I snatched my shoes off and went at it! Well,

when they set the net up, somebody used a red brick for the backline marker on my side of the net. In the heat of the game I forgot about that brick. Somebody hit the ball toward the backline. I tore out after it like a banshee. I “punted” that redbrick with my toe! It hurt so bad that it didn’t even hurt for about three seconds. But I just kept on running ‘cause I knew it was about to hurt something fierce! Sure enough, it did! I broke my toe! As I sat there nursing my broken toe, the Scott family gathered around me. They said, “Preacher, we like you!” I asked, “Why?” They replied, “Anybody who can do something like that and not cuss, there’s got to be something to his religion!”

For about six weeks afterward, my toe found every leg on every table and chair in my house. And each time it did, it hurt all over again! I rehearsed my story over, and over, and over to anybody I could get to listen. But somewhere along the way the natural healing process started. I

began to think less and less about my poor broken toe. Now, will I always remember that I broke my toe? Oh yea! However, the only time I think about it now is when I’m using it to illustrate a point, just like in this article. And strangely enough, I’m laughing as I tell it!

I’m telling you that our lives will go a whole lot easier if we choose to live them as Solomon spoke about in this proverb. Let’s choose not to get offended. Let’s learn to hold our tongue. And if we do get offended, let’s choose to forgive and forget. Let’s not rehearse our “broken toes of life” over and over to anybody who will listen! The more we allow the healing process of forgiveness to take place, the less we’ll choose to recall, and the less we’ll hurt. I know this by personal experience!

My Christmas wish to all is that we learn to choose not to be offended.

*Brother Aaron*

# News

**Association** - Associational Missionary Aaron McCollough and Mrs. Marianne attended the Georgia Baptist Mission Board Associational Missionaries' Fellowship on November 13 - 14. Brother Aaron was privileged to give the morning devotion to the group of Associational Missionaries.



Above: Rev. Aaron McCollough  
Left: Rev. Benjie Dukes with newly ordained deacon Manuel Brubaker

**Association** - Associational Missionary Aaron McCollough delivered the Charge to the Church at Concord Baptist in LaGrange as they ordained Bro. Manuel Brubaker as deacon. Pastor Benji Dukes presented Bro. Manuel with his Certificate of Ordination and a Bible.

**Association** - Brother Aaron McCollough and Mrs. Marianne worshiped with the congregation of Hillcrest Baptist Church on October 22. Hillcrest was received into the Troup Baptist Association for one year of watchcare membership. Rev. Jim Butler is the pastor at Hillcrest.



Hillcrest Choir with Rev. Jim Butler (L) and David Smith (R)



Rev. Paul Botica speaking at the Pastors Prayer Fellowship

## 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** - The Monday Morning Pastors Prayer Fellowship met at the association office on November 20 for prayer, a message and a wonderful tenderloin meal. Rev. Jim Cheyne of Hillcrest Baptist provided the delicious tenderloin. Rev. Derek Williams from New Macedonia provided sides and tea along with service and clean-up following the meal. Other pastors brought side dishes or desserts. Rev. Paul Botica brought the message to the pastors. There were about 20 pastors in attendance including Rev. Olin McClain and Rev. Steve Vickery's son Micah Vickery who is a missionary to Malaysia. The Pastor's Prayer Fellowship meets each Monday at 11 am at New Macedonia Baptist on Johnson Street in LaGrange.

**Association** - The Troup Baptist Association was asked to start a voluntary after-school prayer meeting for teachers and staff of Long Cane Elementary School modeled after the meetings that were started at Berta Weathersbee last year. The after-school prayer meetings at Long Cane began in late September and are held weekly. Each week a different pastor leads the group in prayer and Brother Aaron sends a weekly encouraging word via email to those who wish to receive it. Please pray for our pastors who are willing to invest their time in this ministry for the school staff members and students of Long Cane Elementary.



Rev. Mike Hornsby with the staff of Long Cane Elementary

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.

# News (continued)

**Baptist Tabernacle (BTC)** - God blessed their church family with three new members in November. "God is still at work at our church changing people's lives and giving them eternal life. Praise God!" • The Food and Clothes Closets continue to give back to the community. They served 809 individuals in the Food Closet giving away 400 boxes of food and 721 meals. • The Backpack ministry is packing and giving away 120 backpacks for children who may not have food on the weekends. • The Clothes Closet was equally busy serving 268 individuals and distributing 52 coats. "Our God is good all the time." • The Awana children collected donations for Thanksgiving Feed-a-Family. The children made cards and helped to pack the boxes. They were able to give out 24 Thanksgiving boxes which included a turkey and everything needed for a great meal. Most of the boxes went to Whitesville Road Elementary School families. Thanks for the donations and hard work that it took to make this project successful. God's Word tells us in Proverbs 22:6-*Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.* Our Awana leaders and parents are following God's Word and we thank them. • Trunk or Treat was held on October 31 and was a very enjoyable and safe time for the 3000 to 4000 people in attendance. There were games, cake walks, hotdogs, popcorn, funnel cakes, nachos, soda and water. Many people lined the parking lot with their cars and gave candy to all the children. • On November 12, Pastor Jimmy McMillian recognized the veterans attending BTC and thanked them for their service. • On November 27 a Red Cross Blood Drive was held at JC McMillian Life Center. Giving blood helps save lives. Thanks to all of those who participated. • Hunters for Christ 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Thanksgiving Smoked Turkey and Boston Butt sale was a huge success. This sale is a fundraiser for Hunters for Christ which provides an opportunity for physically handicapped individuals to hunt and fellowship. Thanks to all of you who purchased a turkey or Boston butt for your support.

**Dunson** - Members and guests enjoyed a great Soup and Sandwich Luncheon for Thanksgiving on November 19 following the morning service. • On Saturday, November 18, Pam Cole and Pam Bagley took the girls who met the Sunday School Challenge to Six Flags for a day of fun.



Dunson girls enjoying a day at Six Flags

**Highland** - There was a good turnout for the Community Thanksgiving Service at Highland on Sunday, November 19. Rev. Harry Cain of Ebenezer Presbyterian Church delivered the message. Beautiful music was performed by Highland's Choir. • On Sunday, November 26 the annual "Hanging of the Green" service was held.

**Hilyer** - On Sunday, November 19, Bro. Bobby Barnes was the guest speaker. Also that day, the finishing touches were placed on the Christmas shoe boxes that were taken to First Baptist Church for distribution to the Operation Christmas Child. • On Nov. 19 Thanksgiving fruit baskets were made and distributed to the sick and shut-ins for members and neighbors. • Sunday night November 19 the Thanksgiving dinner was enjoyed in the Family Life Center. Bro. Cleve Moore led the church in a devotional before the meal was enjoyed by all those who attended.

**Lakeview** - has a beautiful new parking lot; paving was completed in November. A big thank you goes out to everyone who worked to raise funding and to everyone who made generous donations for the paving of the parking lot. • A Thanksgiving celebration was held on Sunday, November 19 after morning worship; everyone enjoyed the fellowship and the delicious food prepared by the good cooks of Lakeview.



Lakeview's New Parking Lot

## Association - Church Prayer List

**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 - First Hispanic Baptist Church  
 Week of December 31, 2017 - First Baptist on the Square

**For January 2018, please pray for following churches:**

Week of January 7, 2018 - First Baptist Church, West Point  
 Week of January 14, 2018 - Flat Shoals Baptist Church  
 Week of January 21, 2018 - Flat Shoals Salem Road Baptist  
 Week of January 28, 2018 - Fountain Baptist Church

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

# News (continued)

**Mountville (MBC)** - had one re-dedication and baptism in November! • A Fall Festival was held on Sunday afternoon, October 29. A great time was had by all! Everyone enjoyed great fellowship, food, and fun! • Team Kids collected items and packaged 24 boxes for Operation Christmas Child. The students included personal handwritten notes in each box. Their prayer is that each box will bless a child and they will feel the love and spirit of Jesus as they open it. • The Mountville congregation enjoyed a Thanksgiving Dinner on Wednesday, November 15. The ladies decorated the tables, the food was delicious, and the fellowship was priceless! “We are truly blessed and thankful!” Mountville hopes that everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving! *Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.* 1 Chronicles 16:34

**New Hope (LaGrange)** - On November 6, the Sisters of Hope packed bags of items to be taken to the Alabama Veterans Healthcare System in Tuskegee. “Thank you Carol Yohn for delivering these bags and to our church family for contributing to this project.” • All our veterans were honored during the worship service on Sunday, November 5. “We thank God for their service and dedication to our nation.” • On Sunday, November 12 our Children’s Dept. packed 109 shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. They are now on their way to bless those children who will receive them. • On November 5, Bill Ross and Bob Mulder were our guest speakers and explained the ministry of Gideons International. The children’s offering for that day went to help support this organization. • The Axis youth group took over our worship service on November 12! They blessed the congregation with their songs, a skit, and prayers. Christie Holland, their leader gave the morning message, “Do you talk to God or do you just go to church?” “What an awesome group of youth we have in our fellowship!” • Our condolences go out to the family of Wendy Wisener and Tony Ivey and family in the death of their loved one, Charlie Cochran.



Above: Scenes from Mountville’s Fall Festival



Homecoming at New Hope Baptist  
October 15, 2017

L-R Keith smith, Kimberly Hundley & Chase Golden



Above Left: Team Kids praying for recipients of their Operation Christmas Child boxes.

Above Right: One of the beautifully decorated tables for the Mountville Thanksgiving Dinner.



Homecoming at New Hope Baptist

The Hornsbys: Nikki, Leslie, Susan and Pastor Mike



New Hope’s Axis Youth Group



Veterans were honored at New Hope on November 5

# Ministry Spotlight



Western Heights Baptist Church is pleased to announce Rev. Jason Jones as their new Senior Pastor. Jason was born in Abingdon, Virginia and grew up in Knoxville, Tennessee. He is married to Erika Sears Jones and they have three children - Mackenzie, Kaitlann, and Knox. Jason graduated from the University of Tennessee in 1999 with a Bachelors in Wildlife and Fisheries Science. He earned a Masters of Divinity with biblical languages and church planting emphasis from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in 2002. Jason was ordained to the ministry in 2002 by Millwood Baptist church of Millwood, Georgia. He has pastored churches in Standish, Maine and Tifton, Georgia before accepting the call to Western Heights

in LaGrange. His first Sunday as Senior Pastor of Western Heights will be December 10, 2017. Western Heights Baptist Church is located at 2382 West Point Road, LaGrange, Georgia.

## News (continued)

**Roper Heights** - had another great month! They welcomed four new additions, Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Deese, and Mr. & Mrs. James Stuart into the church family. "Praise the Lord!" • On November 19 they enjoyed a Thanksgiving Dinner following the worship service. • Everyone had a great time at the Wild Game Supper held on November 11. There was good food, good fellowship, and great music. • Roper Heights welcomes Rev. Eddie Striblin as their full time pastor along with his wife, Glenda. "We extend a welcome to all and may God bless."

**Unity** - hosted the Seventh Annual Max New Singing on Sunday evening, October 29. Marcelene Bell New, Bro. Max's widow, announced that it was her wish that this, the seventh memorial singing, be the final one. She said, "Seven is the Biblical number for completion. So, I think it only fitting that it conclude with number seven. Thank you for the memories."



Above: Unity Choir sings at the Max New Memorial Singing

**Wehadkee** - A group in the church came together and placed wreaths and erected the Christmas tree. "It looks great!" Another group attended the Mark Lowery concert at Faith Baptist Church. They are still talking about how good the music was and the message from Mark. It seems that Miss Brittney enjoyed it the most as she had her picture taken with Mr. Lowery. Mr. Chris Studdard will be working with the little ones and some adults to present a skit to the church on December 10. "God bless Chris and this endeavor. Until next time, God bless you all."



Miss Brittney of Wehadkee posing for a photo with Mark Lowery at Faith Baptist Church

### *Sing a Song of Christmas Answers:*

1. Bells, 2. Emmanuel, 3. Throne, 4. Angels, 5. Mountain, 6. Gentlemen, 7. Child, 8. Hear, Hear, 9. Holy, 10. Twelve, 11. Faithful, 12. Merry, 13. Navidad, 14. Kings, 15. Christian, 16. Manger, 17. Herald, 18. Noel, 19. Silent, 20. Joy, 21. Bethlehem, 22. Midnight, 23. Drummer, 24. Long-Expected, 25. Angels, 26. Song, 27. Birthday, 28. Child, 29. Mary, 30. Home, 31. Holly, 32. Deck, 33. Wonderful, 34. White, 35. Two Front Teeth, 36. Hippopotamus.

# Announcements

**Baptist Tabernacle (BTC)** - BTC will be partnering with Whitesville Road School again this year to help with those who are in need for Christmas. Participating in giving gifts to others is a true blessing and BTC looks forward to this project each year. • This year, BTC will be helping with foster children through the Troup County Foster Parents Association. "God has truly blessed our church and we enjoy serving God and helping others." • On December 5, BTC will host the Pastors' and Wives' Christmas Dinner. This is a lot of fun, food and fellowship for the pastors and their wives. • The Christmas Cantata will be presented on December 24. If you are in need of a church, we invite you to come and join us. Baptist Tabernacle wishes each of you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. May God bless you and your family."

**Davidson** - Please join us at any of our upcoming events as we celebrate the birth of Christ with the sharing of His Word, songs of praise and glory, and don't forget the wonderful food!  
 December 10 at 5 pm - Christmas Cantata with a combined Thanksgiving & Christmas meal to follow.  
 December 17 - Children's program during the morning service.  
 December 31 at 7 pm - New Years Eve Service  
 January 1 - Special singing with *Nothing but Grace*.  
 Regular 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)

**Dunson** - The WMU is gearing up for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering and will be having a Christmas card post office and selling poinsettias with the proceeds benefitting Lottie Moon. The goal for this year is \$1,000. WMU will also be preparing fruit baskets for shut-ins and will be delivering those on December 12. • Royal Rangers and Girls Impact Ministry will be having their Christmas party on December 13 and the Seniors will be enjoying a Christmas luncheon together on December 14. • The choir is busy practicing for the Christmas program which will be Sunday, December 17 at the 11 am service. Everyone is invited to this special service.

**Highland** - The choir will present a Christmas Cantata during morning worship service on December 17. Everyone is invited to join them and stay for Christmas dinner in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service. • There will be two services on Christmas Eve. The morning service will be at 10:00 am and Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5:00 pm. Everyone is encouraged to join us for these special services. "You will receive a blessing."

**Hilyer** - The Christmas dinner and program will be Sunday December 17. Dinner will begin at 6 pm in the Family Life Center, with the Christmas program immediately following at 7 pm. The children will be singing and performing for the program with the gift exchange afterwards. • The AWANA children will be hosting Jesus' birthday party on Wednesday, December 20.

**Lakeview** - A Christmas Cantata will be presented by the choir on December 17 at the 11 am worship service. • A Christmas fellowship will be held on Wednesday, December 20 at 7 pm; everyone is invited to attend and enjoy the finger foods and fun.

**Mountville** - will be providing assistance to needy families this Christmas. An angel tree has been established with wishes from five foster children and several other children in need. MBC families will be taking tags from the tree and purchasing gifts for the children.

**New Hope (LaGrange)** - The choir has begun practicing for the cantata, *Mary, Did You Know?* on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm. Those who love to sing are invited to join them. A Christmas tree located in the church foyer is adorned with cards for the 'adopted' children's Christmas gifts requests. To participate, simply select a card from the tree, shop for the child and bring the gift to church. Thank you in advance to those who will take part in this Christmas gift-giving ministry.

Upcoming events are as follows:

- December 4 at 6 pm - Sisters of Hope Christmas party at the home of Rita Karr. All ladies are invited. Each lady will make a Christmas decoration to take home.
- December 6 at 6:30 pm - The Children's Happy Birthday Jesus party at the church.
- December 15 from 6 to 8 pm - The Youth Christmas Party at the church. Bring a \$10.00 gift for the Santa swap.
- December 17 at 11 am - Christmas Cantata
- December 20 at 6 pm - Children's Musical and church family Christmas Dinner.
- December 29 & 30 - Youth will attend the MOVE Conference in Macon, GA.

"May the Lord God Almighty bless you and your family during this Christmas Season as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. May we remain faithful in spreading the gospel to everyone. Merry Christmas to all of you."



## 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 Late Enrollment through Jan 22

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

Classes begin January 23, 2018

- New Student: \$126
- Returning Student: \$86
- FBI Graduate: \$53
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Family Member: \$53

For more information go to [www.troubaptist.org](http://www.troubaptist.org)  
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# Announcements (continued)

## Sing a Song of Christmas

1. I Heard the \_\_\_\_\_ on Christmas Day
2. O Come, O Come \_\_\_\_\_
3. Thou Didst Leave Thy \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_ from the Realms of Glory
5. Go, Tell it on the \_\_\_\_\_
6. God Rest Ye, Merry \_\_\_\_\_
7. When a \_\_\_\_\_ is Born
8. Do You \_\_\_\_\_ What I \_\_\_\_\_?
9. O \_\_\_\_\_ Night
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ Days of Christmas
11. Oh Come, All Ye \_\_\_\_\_
12. We Wish You a \_\_\_\_\_ Christmas
13. Feliz \_\_\_\_\_
14. We Three \_\_\_\_\_
15. Good \_\_\_\_\_ Men, Rejoice
16. Away in a \_\_\_\_\_
17. Hark the \_\_\_\_\_
18. The First \_\_\_\_\_
19. \_\_\_\_\_ Night
20. \_\_\_\_\_ to the World
21. O Little Town of \_\_\_\_\_
22. It Came Upon a \_\_\_\_\_ Clear
23. The Little \_\_\_\_\_ Boy
24. Come, Thou \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus
25. \_\_\_\_\_ We Have Heard on High
26. There's a \_\_\_\_\_ in the Air
27. The \_\_\_\_\_ of a King
28. What \_\_\_\_\_ Is This
29. \_\_\_\_\_ Did You Know?
30. I'll Be \_\_\_\_\_ for Christmas
31. The \_\_\_\_\_ and the Ivy
32. \_\_\_\_\_ the Halls

## Christmas Word Find

G	C	P	M	E	H	E	F	F	N	Y	Y	A	S	E
V	F	I	O	G	K	N	O	C	Y	R	R	I	L	B
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JESUS	BETHLEHEM	HOPE
MARY	CAMEL	FRANKINCENSE
JOSEPH	DONKEY	MYRRH
WISEMEN	STAR	SILENT NIGHT
MANGER	HAY	LORD
HAY	ANGEL	SAVIOR
NATIVITY	FAITH	CHRISTMAS

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33. It's the Most \_\_\_\_\_ Time of the Year
34. I'm Dreaming of a \_\_\_\_\_ Christmas
35. All I Want for Christmas is my \_\_\_\_\_
36. I Want a \_\_\_\_\_ for Christmas

## JANUARY CALENDAR

- 1 Troup Baptist Assoc (TBA) & GBMB closed for New Year's Day
- 8 Pastors' Prayer Fellowship New Macedonia
- 8 Leadership Group 3 TBA office 6:30 pm
- 15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 15 Pastors' Prayer Fellowship New Macedonia
- 18 Leadership Group 1 10:30 am; Group 2 6:30 pm at TBA
- 22 Pastors' Prayer Fellowship New Macedonia
- 23 Faith Bible Institute - Spring Semester Begins 6:30 pm
- 25 Executive Committee Meeting 7 pm at TBA
- 29 Pastors' Prayer Fellowship New Macedonia

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

## Happy Birthday January

- 3 Rev. Howard Longshore, Davidson
- 4 Rev. L.W. Booker
- 5 Rev. Bryan Geter, Creekside
- 9 Rev. Tom Owensby
- 9 Rev. Jack Sapp
- 17 Rev. Lincoln Anderson, With One Accord
- 17 Rev. Craig Marshall
- 18 Rev. Terry Rainwater, Highland
- 24 Rev. Chad Bishop
- 24 Rev. Willie Edmondson, Bethlehem

## 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**



## Happy Birthday December



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

# Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

## *On The Lighter Side:*

Three buildings in town were overrun by squirrels—the town hall, the hardware store, and the church. The town hall brought in some cats. But after they tore up all the files, the mayor got rid of the predators, and soon the squirrels were back. The hardware store humanely trapped the squirrels and set them free outside town. But three days later, the squirrels climbed back in. Only the church came up with an effective solution. They baptized the squirrels and made them members. Now they see them only on Christmas and Easter.

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