

Troup Baptist Association

Others

Many years ago I heard about a man who was retiring after spending his entire working career with the same manufacturing company. The company gave him a party. At the party it was stated that during his career he only worked for two supervisors. Somebody asked which supervisor he enjoyed working for best. Without hesitation, he called the second supervisor's name. When asked why, he replied, "About halfway through my time with the company my momma became very ill. I had to take personal leave time to care for her. On my first day back to work my first supervisor met me in the parking lot. He began to tell me how glad he was I was back, how badly things had went on my job while I was gone, how nobody could run my job like me, and just how happy he was that I was back." He continued, "Shortly thereafter the company changed my supervisor. Unfortunately, my momma got sick again

and I had to take another personal leave." Continuing, he said, "The difference in the two supervisors is that when I returned to work from the second leave, the second supervisor, just like the first one, met me in the parking lot. However, the first words out of his mouth were, '**How's your momma?**' He was more concerned about how **"I"** was doing than how my **"job"** was doing!"

There is a tremendous lesson here for us both as individuals and churches. It is not until we learn to make "others" the focus of our attention and affections that we will fully become all God intends.

As I was writing this column, I was reminded of a story I heard regarding the founder of the Salvation Army. Whether or not it is true, I don't know. However, it illustrates beautifully the point I am trying to make. The story goes like this: It was Christmas Eve, 1910. General William Booth, the founder of The

Salvation Army was an invalid and near the end of his life. It was impossible for him to attend the Army's annual convention. Someone near the General suggested that Booth send a telegram to be read at the opening of the convention to the many Salvation Army soldiers in attendance - as an encouragement for their many hours of labor serving others throughout the holidays and the cold winter months. Booth agreed. Funds were limited and telegrams charged by the word. So, to ensure as much money as possible would still go to help the needy, General Booth decided to send a one word message. He searched his mind and reviewed his years of ministry, seeking the one word that would summarize his life, the mission of the Army, and encourage the soldiers to continue on. When the thousands of delegates met, the moderator announced that Booth could not be present due to his failing health. Gloom and pessimism swept across the convention floor until the

moderator announced that Booth had sent a telegram to be read at the start of the first session. He opened the message and read just one word: **"Others!"**

The Bible teaches us in Ecclesiastes 11:1(KJV), *"Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days."* Solomon is teaching us to believe that if we focus upon doing good for others, somehow that good will find its way back to us. So, just maybe we should learn to be more genuinely concerned about others—than merely what they can do for us. In love, we need to learn to invest into the lives of those in our sphere of influence. I promise; if we will, the investment will come back. Galatians 6:7(KJV) *"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."* By the way, when's the last time you did an anonymous act of kindness for somebody? You may want to think about that. **Others!**

Brother Aaron

News

Baptist Tabernacle (BTC) - was blessed with two new family members in the month of January. "Thank you Lord"

- The Food Closet served 526 individuals with 339 boxes of food and 707 meals during the month. Also, 120 backpacks were given out to children for weekend food
- Awana is very active this year and the children are learning about Jesus and having lots of fun. January 10 was Crazy Cap Night. They visited the nursing home on January 17 and enjoyed a PJ night on January 31. *Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6.*

Creekside - had 2 salvations and several re-dedications in the past month.

- Creekside members prepared and delivered the bi-monthly community-wide senior meals last month.

Davidson - The New Year's Eve service began with hymns of worship sung by *Nothing but Grace*, followed by a delicious meal with loads of fellowship, and concluded with a Spirit-filled message from God's Holy Word. "We were truly blessed. It was an uplifting way to end an old year and bring in the new, with a new resolution to increase the time spent in doing more for God and to give more glory and praise to God."

- The Children's Church continues to flourish under the leadership of Linda Kent. "Praise God!"

Dunson - is busy with a Church Planning Meeting, setting goals, and forming committees to work and accomplish these goals in 2018.

- Emphasis is being placed on growing our Sunday School and outreach. A new Young Adult Class will start on February 4 with Josh Yaughn heading it up. A Sunday School breakfast was held on January 28.
- The Lottie Moon goal of \$1,000 was set and exceeded in December.
- Todd Pruitt, former Fellowship of Christian Athletes Director and now sports missionary in Europe, spoke during a Sunday Night service.
- The youth have been active with a skating outing and paint ball trip.

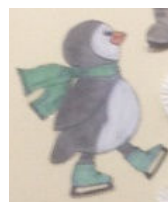
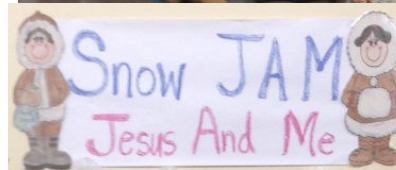
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is presently seeking a bi-vocational youth director. We have had as many as 30 youth on Wednesday nights, so there is great potential to reach many youth. Being sports-minded would be beneficial but definitely not a necessity. Individuals or married couples would both be considered. If you have a heart for young people and want to make a difference, contact us at 706-884-7814.

Grace (GBC) - The Children's Department at Grace Baptist Church has "snow" much fun at our Snow JAM (Jesus And Me) on January 13. They had a marshmallow snowball fight, played pin the scarf on the snowman, and had snow relays. They learned a lesson about how snowflakes start with a speck of dirt and how Jesus can take the dirtiness out of us and make us white as snow. And of course, the kids showed the adults up on the ice! Thank you to three special ladies, Brenda Benefield, Heather Barber, and Stephanie Bagley, who prepare the meals for the GBC Children and Youth each Wednesday night. "Thank you for giving of your time and showing your love to our children! We appreciate you."



Grace Snow JAM 2018



Ice Skating!



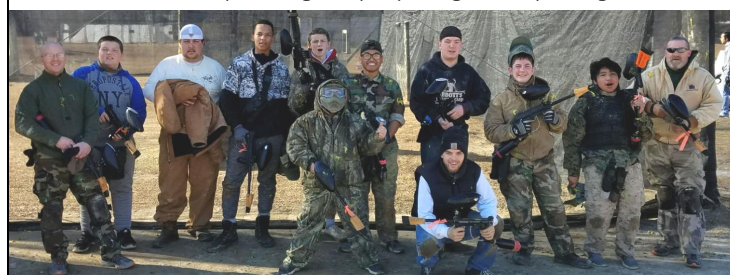
Above & Right: Stephanie Bagley, Heather Barber, and Brenda Benefield, prepare meals for the GBC Children and Youth



Dunson Youth Skating Trip



Below: Dunson Royal Rangers preparing for a paint gun battle



News (continued)

Highland - celebrated Pastor Terry Rainwater's birthday with a fellowship lunch following Morning Worship Service on January 21. A large group of congregation members along with many of his family members were on hand to celebrate with him. "We are blessed to have Pastor Terry and Cookie serving as our Pastor Family."

Lakeview - WMU met on January 20 for fellowship, a devotion, and discussion of projects for 2018.

- Men's Ministry met on January 26 for fellowship and planning for 2018; thank you to the men for all their 2017 projects that benefited the building and grounds at Lakeview.

Mountville - was honored to sponsor five foster children and twelve other children from six different families for Christmas. A Giving Tree was established and members donated gift items. "What a blessing to share the love of Jesus with people in need!" • A group from MBC enjoyed the Tenth Avenue North Concert at Faith Baptist Church on December 13. • The TeamKids Group was excited to sing Christmas Carols for the residents of the nursing home in Greenville on December 20. They also shared gifts and goodies with the staff and residents. • Special Music was provided by our kids on Christmas Eve! Chloe Costley accompanied them on the xylophone. • Mountville Mpack Traveled to Laguna Beach for a youth outing on December 29. The group had lots of fun and grew closer to God and to each other. "What a blessing our young people are to our church and our community!"

MOUNTVILLE



Above: MBC group attended the Tenth Avenue North Concert



Above: MBC Children perform at Christmas with Chloe Costley on xylophone (far right)

New Hope (LaGrange) - was blessed by beginning the first Sunday in the new year having communion together as a family of believers. It was a sacred time of remembrance and thanksgiving.

- The Axis Youth of the Month is the beautiful Chloe McGuffin. She is a senior at Callaway High School and a very energized and bold young lady. We pray God's blessings on her as she serves the Lord and makes plans for college after graduation. (see photo at right)



- On Sunday, January 14, Preacher Mike Hornsby baptized three special young people: Whitney Burgess, Bella Freeman, and J J Claybrook. "We praise the Lord for their decision in accepting Christ and for those who had a good influence in their lives. Pray for our young people as they face a lot of temptations in our society." • The family night supper on January 24 was good ole soup, sandwiches and dessert. "It's so good to eat and fellowship with those we love." • The children had a night of great fun on Wednesday, January 31 in the Family Life Center. They wore their PJs to eat supper and watch a movie. "We just can't thank the Lord enough for the good and caring leaders in our Children's Dept."

Roper Heights - had a great month! They received two new members, Scott and Shelley Akins. "We are blessed and we welcome them into our church family."



Snow Day at Dunson Baptist Church



Above: MBC Mpack team at Laguna Beach retreat

Announcements

Baptist Tabernacle (BTC) - HUB Student Ministry will be attending Winter Jam on February 3. 808 Ministries will be coming to lead worship service for the HUB on February 21 at 6:30pm. "Invite a friend and join the HUB Student Ministry." A mission trip is in the planning stage for June of this year.

- Silent Hope Ministry will be hosting a Valentine Banquet as a fundraiser on February 10 at 6pm. There will be door prizes, entertainment, good food and fun. Tickets are \$15 each. The proceeds will go to the Silent Hope Ministry which helps those in need at BTC. "Thanks so much to all the volunteers."
- February is Deacon Appreciation Month and we wish to thank all our deacons and their wives for the service they do for BTC. "Our church would not run as smoothly as it does without these deacons."
- Baptist Tabernacle will be hosting a blood drive on March 12 from 2-7 pm.
- Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 11. Remember to spring ahead and keep moving forward for our God. "God is good all the time."

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)

Dunson - The youth are planning to attend Winter Jam in Atlanta on February 3. • The WMU is hosting a Valentine Banquet, Saturday, February 10 from 5 until 7 pm. The program will include dinner and entertainment by Ellen Hester, nationally recognized motivational speaker/comedian. Ellen will be entertaining us as "Flo." Tickets are \$7 each and the public is invited. Please call the church office at 706-884-7814 if you would like to attend.

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 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.  
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East Vernon -

East Vernon Baptist Church

EVENT: Annual Birthday Bash
 DATE: Saturday, March 17
 TIME: 2 - 4 PM



Great Food, Good Fun, and Fantastic Fellowship!

Highland - A fellowship lunch will be held February 18 following Morning Worship Service. "Everyone is invited to stay and enjoy a good meal and fellowship."

Lakeview - Donations are needed for the food closet; nonperishables with future expiration dates and especially kid-friendly foods are recommended. • Some of the window panes in the sanctuary are damaged and members are making donations to help with replacement panes and repairs. The cost is approximately \$25 per window pane for anyone who wishes to help with this project. • A representative from the Gideons will be at Lakeview on March 4 during the 11 am morning worship hour. A love offering will be received to help the Gideons purchase Bibles for their ministry.

Mountville (MBC) - will celebrate Homecoming on Sunday, February 11. Bro. Adam Turner will be bringing the message. He is the Youth Pastor at Bethlehem East Baptist Church in Tallassee, AL. His Student Group will be providing the music and will lead worship. Singing starts at 10am and Morning Worship starts at 11am. "We are so excited to have them and invite everyone to come join our celebration!" Bro. Turner will also lead us in Revival beginning on Sunday night, February 11 thru Wednesday, February 14 at 7pm each night. Special music will be provided each night.

New Hope (LaGrange) - Sisters of Hope will meet in the Family Life Center on Monday, February 5 at 6pm. The guest speaker will be Susan Belcher, who will share her testimony. All ladies are invited and asked to please bring finger foods to share. • The church family Valentine Banquet will be Sunday, February 11 at 5:30pm in the Family Life Center. There will be food, fun, and fellowship. "Hope to see you there!" • Please remember those in the nursing homes and those who are home-bound this Valentine season. Church members may pick up a list of names in the foyer and send them a Valentine card.

Roper Heights - The WOM is sponsoring a Valentine's Spaghetti Lunch on February 11 following the morning service. • There will be an "Old Fashioned Day Service" on March 18 with a special singing group and a covered dish dinner following the service. • Wednesday Night Bible Study starts at 6:00pm and Sunday Night Service at 6:00pm. "We welcome you to come join us. God bless you."

Association - Church Prayer List

For February 2018, please pray for following churches:

Week of February 4, 2018 - Flat Shoals Salem Road Baptist
 Week of February 11, 2018 - Fountain Baptist Church
 Week of February 18, 2018 - Franklin Road Baptist Church
 Week of February 25, 2018 - Glenn Baptist Church

For March 2018, please pray for following churches:

Week of March 4, 2018 - Grace Baptist Church
 Week of March 11, 2018 - Gray Hill Baptist Church
 Week of March 18, 2018 - Harvest Baptist Church
 Week of March 25, 2018 - Highland Baptist Church

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

Announcements (continued)

Winter Renewal Conference

with Rich & Angela Tozour Family
Oaksid Bapt. Church Feb. 4-7

- Strong Emphasis on Family & Teens -
- Children's Classes Each Service -

M-W: 6 pm meal; 6:30 prayer meeting; 7 pm service

Teen & College Student Bonfire/Cookout in the Woods

Sat. Feb. 3

Leave from Oaksid @ 4:30 pm
1921 Hamilton - across from Troup HS



Colin Elliott & Paul Silcock
Christian Singers / Songwriters from Northern Ireland

At East Vernon Baptist Church

2918 Roanoke Rd. LaGrange Ga.

February 16th at 7:00 pm

The Sock Hops

in concert

February 24 at 7:00 PM

at

Troup High School Fine Arts Auditorium

The Sock Hops sing hits from the
50's and 60's providing good, clean,
family entertainment.

For Tickets contact Ellis Cadenhead at
770-713-4564.

This is a fundraiser for the
Troup High School Alumni Association

Circles of Troup County

is taking applications for its next class of participants.

Circles is for people who:

- struggle to pay their bills on time.
- want a job that fits their skills and interests.
- are looking for friends that encourage them to get ahead.

Applications are online and mobile friendly at
www.circlesoftroup.org/participant-application/

More information at www.circlesoftroup.org or
contact Sherri Brown at sbrown@troupc.org or
(706) 402-6423. Sherri is also available to speak at
your church or host a poverty simulation.



Happy Birthday March



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| 6 | Rev. Adam Camp, Rosemont |
| 8 | Bro. Donald Boyd, Northside |
| 8 | Rev. Claude McGavic, retired |
| 9 | Rev. Benjie Dukes, Concord |
| 11 | Rev. Don Ellison |
| 13 | Rev. Neil Stich, Second Baptist |
| 16 | Rev. James Yu, New Heaven Korean Baptist Mission |
| 20 | Rev. Randy Warren, Flat Shoals Salem Road |
| 22 | Dr. Tom Tucker, First Baptist - West Point |

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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.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

- 5 Pastors' Prayer Fellowship New Macedonia Rick Tozour
- 5-7 Associational Missionaries' Workshop
- 8 Leadership Group 1 10:30am at Troup Baptist Association
- 8 Leadership Group 2 6:30pm at Troup Baptist Association
- 12 Pastors' Prayer Fellowship New Macedonia Jason Jones
- 13 Administration Team Meets 10:30am at Troup Baptist Assoc.
- 14 Happy Valentine's Day
- 19 Presidents' Day
- 19 Pastors' Prayer Fellowship New Macedonia Jim Cheyne
- 19 Leadership Group 3 6:30pm at Troup Baptist Association
- 26 Pastors' Prayer Fellowship New Macedonia Dan Woltmann

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



Happy Birthday February



- 5 Dr. Greg Brown
- 11 Rev. Jamie Duran
- 16 Rev. Ronnie Jordan
- 18 Rev. Lenn Martin
- 18 Rev. Jeff McCartney, Reeds Chapel
- 22 Rev. Michael J. Jackson, Confidence Missionary
- 22 Rev. Kenneth Whitlock, New Hope - Greenville
- 24 Rev. Jerry Parkerson, Franklin Road

Happy Valentine's Day!

On The Lighter Side:

A prince was put under a spell so that he could speak only one word each year. If he didn't speak for two years, the following year he could speak two words and so on. One day, he fell in love with a beautiful lady. He refrained from speaking for two whole years so he could call her "my darling." But then he wanted to tell her he loved her, so he waited three more years. At the end of these five years, he wanted to ask her to marry him, so he waited another four years. Finally, as the ninth year of silence ended, he led the lady to the most romantic place in the kingdom and said, "My darling, I love you! Will you marry me?" And the lady said, "Pardon?"

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