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**Troup Baptist Association** 

### **Responding to Disruptions**

I was listening to Dave Ramey's podcast. He was dealing with the news regarding Toys R Us filing for bankruptcy and closing all their stores. Quite naturally, being a person who has built his livelihood around finances and teaching people how to live debt free, he focused on the fact that their huge debt load made it impossible for them to respond to the disruption caused by the advent of Amazon.com. He went on to say that, "Disruptions will come in a business 100% of the time." His point was Its name? 7-Eleven! that we must be in a position to deal with those disruptions.

As he continued, he told individual lives. The how that in the 1920's people had a box in their do when they come? kitchen called an ice box. This ice box was used to store bacon. milk, and other perishable food items. The local ice companies would deliver huge chunks of ice that were placed into the ice box

to keep the items cold. Around this time, the Frigidaire Company invented Freon and the Frigidaire refrigerator. This caused a major disruption in the ice house business. Most ice houses failed to adjust to the disruption, and consequently, went out of business. However, one ice company did adjust to the disruption. They started using their ice house to store and sell perishable food items. That ice house that made the adjustment is still in business today.

Disruptions come to all businesses, ministries, families, careers, and question is what will we I'm guessing there's not one person reading this article that hasn't experienced disruptions in life. It may have been Failure to do so will put when someone you loved dearly informed you that they no longer loved you. It could have is still in The Book,

been when the doctor informed you that the test results came back and that it wasn't what he was hoping for. It could have been when your child told you to sit many things? ALL down; they had something to tell you. Maybe for you it was when, after fifteen years, your company downsized – and you were the one who got downsized. It could have been when you discovered your spouse was having an affair. It could have been when you discovered your business partner was cheating you. It could have been ...? Let me give you two words: Disruptions come.

So, what do you do when disruptions come in your life? There is really only one course of us! Often, our action. As best you can, without compromising Biblical principles and convictions, embrace the otherwise. Just ask disruptions and - adjust. you out of business! As you adjust, remember that Romans 8:28(KJV)

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." How things. What do they do? They work together for good. For whom do they work together for good? Those who are called according to His purpose. Note: Not all things are good. In fact, many things are really, really lousy! But the promise remains that even the really, really lousy things we encounter - work together for our good.

Disruptions come. As a Christian. we must embrace them and adjust! Disruptions are not there to break us: they are there to make disruptions propel us to heights we would have never obtained 7-Eleven!

Brother Aaron

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# News

Association - Associational Missionary, Aaron McCollough assisted with the deacon ordination service on March 11 for Brother Dennis Massey of At The Cross. Also participating was Pastor Steve Vann of Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, Cottonton, Alabama. Rev. Tommy Jeter is founding pastor of At The Cross of Georgia. They meet at 605 Hill Street, LaGrange, Georgia.



Above L-R: Rev. Tommy Jeter, Pastor of At The Cross; Bro. Dennis Massey, Deacon; Rev. Aaron McCollough, Associational Missionary, Troup Baptist Association; and Rev. Steve Vann of Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church in Cottonton, Alabama.

Association - Associational Missionary, Aaron McCollough, was the guest evangelist for the March 15-18 revival services at Hillcrest Baptist Church of Hogansville, Georgia. This was a tremendous week of revival! Many decisions were made for Christ and the Spirit of God was very present in every service. Please pray for Pastor Jim Butler and the congregation of Hillcrest as they are in the process of building a new sanctuary. "God is moving at Hillcrest!"

Association - The bi-vocational pastors and wives met in Newnan at Sprayberry's BBQ on Saturday, March 17 for their quarterly gathering. They enjoyed good company as well as a feast of BBQ with all the trimmings. The next meeting of the bi-vocational pastors & wives will be the rib dinner held in June at the Troup Baptist Association. All bi-vocational pastors and wives are invited to participate. Watch for upcoming announcements for the rib dinner.



Above L-R: Richard & Judy King, Kaye & Randall Hodge, Carol & Lamar Truitt, Bryan & Janet Geter, and Elaine & Kenneth Whitlock.

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	<b>Mission Statement:</b>	
	The Troup Baptist Association is a	
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	fellowship, equips pastors, staff,	
	and churches as they seek to fulfill	
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#### **Roof Repairs at the Association Office**

When the Troup Baptist Association voted to receive the Southwest LaGrange Baptist Church facilities, we knew there were some roof problems that we would have to deal with. The roof, which is a flat gravel-type roof, is divided into three sections. Before we moved in, God sent a hailstorm that provided insurance money to repair the section in the most disrepair. Since then, we have hobbled along "patching" the other two sections. Unfortunately, "patching" is no longer an option. We are looking at \$30,000 plus to properly repair the remaining two sections. We don't have this kind of extra money! So, as member churches of the association, Sunday School classes, other church auxiliaries, businesses, and individuals - we need your help! I am asking you to prayerfully consider making a financial donation for this and to be as generous as possible regarding this much needed repair. For more information, go to www.troupbaptist.org and click on the roof repair link. You may also call us at: 706.884.1975. All donations are tax deductible.

Thanks, Brother Aaron

**Association -** Associational Missionary, Aaron McCollough participated in a pastoral ordination of Dylan Sanders (front & center below) at Rosemont Baptist Church last month.



Above L-R: Jeremy Phillips, Adult Ministries Pastor; Randy Pressley, Missions Pastor; Philip McClung, Children's Pastor; Adam Camp, Pastor; Rev. Aaron McCollough, Associational Missionary; Dylan Sanders, Youth Pastor; Jason Bennett, Student Pastor, Dr. Al Jackson, Pastor of Lakeview in Opelika, AL; Rev. Tom Owensby, Interim Pastor at Long Cane; and Rev. Max McCord, Pastor Emeritus.

# News (continued)

Baptist Tabernacle (BTC) - During March, the Food Closet gave 362 boxes of food and 767 meals to 595 individuals. The Clothes Closet served 220 individuals and gave out 16 coats. To date they have given away 211 coats. "Our God is great. He continues to bless these ministries." • The blood drive was held on March 12. There were 33 pints of blood collected. Thanks to all those who donated so someone could live. • The Awanas continue their busy schedule. On March 7, they had a birthday bash to celebrate their Salvation Birthday. On March 21, the T & T group made food bags and took them to the residents at Richard Wolfe apartments. On March 28, they had Stuffed Animal night and brought their stuffed animals. Our Awana workers are following God's Word, "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart form it." Proverbs 22:6. BTC is blessed to have Godly leaders for Awanas. • On Thursday, March 21, in preparation for Relay for Life, a group of volunteers made survivor bags for cancer survivors. • Easter service was held on April 1 at 10:30am. The cross was beautifully decorated with flowers. Because He lives we can face tomorrow.

**Davidson** - is thankful to God for the messages from guest speakers Darrell Hogan and Terry Gray on Sunday, March 16. They substituted for Pastor Howard Longshore during his recent surgery and recuperation. They are feeling blessed now that Pastor Howard is back in the pulpit! • "Glory to God for the ongoing mission for the homeless being led by the Hinson family!" Several have attended their worship services.

**Dunson** - Dunson Seniors went to Ft. Benning Infantry Museum and enjoyed lunch at Metro Diner in Columbus. • A group from the church went to dinner and to the performance of "He's Alive" at Faith Baptist Church. • The Youth enjoyed an egg hunt, hot dogs, and prizes on Wednesday, March 28.

**Highland** - There were 38 children between the ages of two years and fifth grade, who participated in the Easter Egg Hunt

on March 24. Many parents also attended. Ten Highland volunteers assisted in hiding the eggs and also hosted the party following the egg



hunt. "Everyone had a great time!" • The community-wideEaster Sunrise Service was held at 7:15am followed bybreakfast in the fellowship hall. • The choir presented a

beautiful cantata entitled "*There is A Redeemer*" during Morning Worship Service on Easter Morning.



Above : Highland Easter Egg Hunt

Hilyer - Hilyer Baptist Church held revival services February 25-28, 2018. Brother Mark Peak preached Sunday at 11am & 7pm and Brother



Alan Carr preached Monday-Wednesday. Both preachers did an outstanding job. However, I think Brother Alan Carr's preaching really transformed Pastor Cleve Moore! Before the revival concluded, as you can see in this picture, Pastor Cleve Moore (Above R) had almost transformed into a clone of Bro. Carr! (Above L)

**Lakeview -** Gideon representative Gary Pruitt, accompanied by his wife Margaret, spoke at Lakeview on March 18 to tell inspirational stories about people being saved through the work of the Gideons. A love offering was collected to help the Gideons place Bibles in many locations around the world.

• WMU met on March 26 with hostess Peggy Reese planning the feast, the fun, and the fellowship. • In preparation for Easter, the Lord's Supper was celebrated on Wed., March 28.

• Brotherhood met on March 31 for fellowship and planning.

• The annual Annie Armstrong offering was received on Easter Sunday. Easter lilies were placed in the sanctuary by members in memory or in honor of loved ones. After Easter, the lilies were planted in the church yard around the cross.

Mountville (MBC) - held an Easter Egg Hunt and Fellowship on Sunday, March 18 at Preacher Dwayne's house. The kids enjoyed the egg hunt, food, volleyball, and a surprise visit from a "Big Bunny"! • MBC held a Good Friday Communion Service on Friday, March 30 at 6:30pm. • Please be in prayer

for MBC as they move forward with new church construction. The land is being cleared and plans will be developed for construction. MBC's theme for this year is "Moving Forward"! The scripture for this mission is Proverbs 29:18 - "Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth



the law, happy is he." Above & Below: Mountville Easter Egg Hunt



Above: Mountville Moving Forward!



# News (continued)

**New Hope (LaGrange) -** New Hope is happy and blessed to welcome Naomi Nolen as their newest member. • The Axis

Youth for March was Emma Prestridge. She's a beautiful 6th grader at Lafayette Christian School. She participates well with others and is a caring and loving young lady. "We are so very proud of you, Emma." • The Youth group led by Randy and Christie Holland had a rip-roaring good time at their St. Patrick's Day



party. • Sisters of Hope had a wonderful fun time shopping for baby items for First Choice Women's Center on March 5. Afterwards the group had dinner together at Country's BBQ where they also shared prayer requests, had prayer and a devotional time. • The church family enjoyed a delicious soup lunch on March 18 sponsored by Sisters of Hope. Thanks to all the ladies and gents who made the soup. The proceeds will go toward the Annie Armstrong Easter offering. • Neal Phillips was our teacher of the month for March. Neal teaches the Bobby Floyd Sunday School Class. "We appreciate Neal's leadership and faithfulness to God and our Church family." • The Easter family night supper was held on March 28. The food was delicious. The children had a great time hunting Easter eggs and the adults had fun watching them. • The Easter celebration was a sacred time of worship and praise. There was an early service, followed by breakfast in the Family Life Center, Sunday School and the 11:00am worship service. The choir, led by Troy Karr, presented the musical "My Redeemer Lives" along with a video. "We praise God that we serve a Living Lord!"

**Roper Heights** - had a blessed month with great attendance and preaching! • The Sanders Family from Fredonia, Al blessed them on March 18 with their singing and playing. • Sunrise Service was held at 7am followed by breakfast on Easter morning. The choir blessed them with their music during the Easter morning worship service. "We welcome all to come worship with us."

### Announcements

**Baptist Tabernacle (BTC)** - The HUB students will be going on a mission trip this summer. They will be selling T-shirts and BBQ tickets as fundraisers - more information to follow. They have also mailed out sponsorship letters. On April 18, the 808 Ministry will be leading their worship service. • Relay for Life is April 20. Our team will be selling luminaries and torches in remembrance of those whose lives have been touched by cancer. You can keep the fire of HOPE burning by donating a luminaria and help to light the way to a CURE. The night of Relay for Life, they will be selling Pasta Penne catered by Venuccis. • Every Saturday night at 9pm, a prayer service is held. "Please come by and pray with us." • Brotherhood meets on the second Saturday at 8am. God's Helping Hands meets the second Monday at 6:30pm and the Lighthouse Keepers meet on the third Monday at 6:00pm.

### Announcements

**Davidson** - Gospel singer Buddy Lyle will be at Davidson on April 25 at 6pm. Everyone is invited! Please join us for service and fellowship:

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 (Prophecy)

**Dunson** - On April 12, the Dunson Seniors will travel to the 57th Fighter Group Restaurant in Atlanta with the possibility of someone going up in a WWII bi-plane. • The choir will perform a special Easter Cantata entitled "In Christ Alone."

**Mountville (MBC) -** The Ladies of MBC will enjoy a "Paint Class" on Monday, April 9 at 6pm. Mr. Phil Thompkins will be the instructor.

**New Hope (LaGrange)** - VBS "Game On" is on the way! Director Rita Karr, announced it will be held June 24 - 28 from 6:00-8:30pm. Please keep VBS in your prayers. If you can help in any way, see Rita Karr. • You are invited to join us Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm beginning April 4, as Preacher Mike Hornsby will begin the doctrinal study on "The Church."

**Rosemont** - Join us at Rosemont for the *Empowered To* Connect Simulcast. This Simulcast is a two-day live video conference designed to help adoptive and foster parents, ministry leaders, churches, and professionals better understand how to connect with "children from hard places" in order to help them heal and become all that God desires for them to be. It features Trust-Based Relational Intervention® (TBRI) methods developed by Dr. Karyn Purvis and Dr. David Cross from the Karyn Purvis Institute of Child Development, to help bring attachment and connection in families. The content is ideal for adoptive and foster parents, those considering adoption or foster care, and those who are serving and supporting others, including social workers, agency professionals, church staff and ministry leaders, counselors, and therapists. Snacks and workbook included free of charge. Lunch will be on your own both days.

Western Heights - has a small group going to the Getty Worship Conference September 10-12 in Nashville, TN. If anyone would like to go please call Rev. Jason Jones at (229)339-1383. For more information, go to https://gettymusicworshipconference.com/

> **Higher Hope** 13th Anniversary Concert Saturday, April 28 @ 6:00 PM EST

> > Callaway Baptist Church 310 John Lovelace Road LaGrange, Georgia

Featuring: Higher Hope with their special guests, The Perrys of Gallatin, TN.

# **Ministry Spotlight** Helping Hands of Hope Ministry (H3 Ministries)

I would like to introduce Nick Gooden to you. Nick, along with his wife Leslie, Deena Simmons, Chris Williams, Stephanie Perry, and Joy Thomas have started H<sub>3</sub> Ministries.

H3 Ministries (Helping Hands of Hope) is a 501(c)(3) ministry. And while this is not an official ministry of Franklin Road Baptist Church, the majority of the team are members there and enjoy the support of their pastor, Rev. Andy Buchanan.

The mission of H3 Ministries is to help struggling homeowners make home repairs that they cannot afford to have made. To qualify, the needed repair must be something that interferes with the homeowners' day-to-day living, or preventative maintenance to prevent foreseen repairs. Also, the homeowner must be recommended by their pastor or another social agency.

If your church or agency would like to volunteer/partner with Nick and H3 Ministries to make these needed home repairs, or if you know of somebody who needs these repairs and you feel qualifies for this program; I encourage you to contact Nick Gooden. Also, if you would like to be a financial partner with H3 Ministries, again, I encourage you to contact Nick Gooden at: 706.756.5269 or h3ministries2015@gmail.com.

I think H3 Ministries is a great ministry for our local men and women's ministries to partner with. After all, missions begin at home! I encourage you to pray for and about becoming involved with H3 Ministries. The ribbon cutting will be held April 14 at 10 am at 11719 New Franklin Road, LaGrange.



Nick Gooden Founder of H3 Ministries

Brother Aaron

### **Camp Rockridge Scholarships**

For well over fifty years, along with the Carrollton and Western Baptist Associations, the Troup Baptist Association has owned and operated Camp Rockridge in Franklin, Georgia. Through those years, untold thousands of children have attended camp there and have wonderful memories of the experience. Many even gave their heart to Jesus there.

Again this year, June 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, the tradition will continue. Children, eight-years-old through rising sixth grade, will make their way to Camp Rockridge. And I am confident that our Camp Director, Pam Murphy (Thank you Pam. You're my hero!) and her team will do another excellent job facilitating Camp Rockridge.

For the eighteen years I have been your Associational Missionary, my philosophy regarding Camp Rockridge has been that no child be denied the Camp Rockridge experience because of an inability to pay. So far, by whatever means necessary, I have been able to make good on this. However, as I'm sure you're aware; costs associated with most everything are escalating. In this year's pre-planning meeting, Pam Murphy suggested we seek individuals to partner with us financially to help make it possible for children to attend, who couldn't do so without financial assistance. I thought she had a wonderful idea. So, here I am asking! Will you prayerfully consider investing into the life of a child this summer at Camp Rockridge? \$85.00 pays half the tuition for a child to attend; while a mere \$170.00 pays the full tuition. And who knows? The child you invest in may turn out to be the greatest preacher/missionary/ Christian worker the world has ever known!

To invest, please send your check to the Troup Baptist Association, PO Box 550, LaGrange, Georgia 30241. Write: "Rockridge scholarship" in the memo portion of the check. All contributions are tax deductible.

Thanks in advance! Brother Aaron

# Announcements (continued)



### April 16-18

Ethnic Ministers & Spouses, Intercultural Church Planting and Mission Ministry Leadership Conference Georgia Baptist Conference Center, Toccoa, Georgia Contact Mrs. Carlene Cooper at 1-800-746-4422 extn 217 or by email at ccooper@gabaptist.org

#### May 17-19

Open to any Georgia Baptist Convention ministerial staff & spouses who do not have dental insurance. New Providence Baptist Church, Smarr, Georgia Contact Ted Kandler at 1-800-746-4422 extn 217 or by email at tkandler@gabaptist.org

### September 12-15

Ministers Wellness Retreat Georgia Baptist Conference Center, Toccoa Georgia Open to any Georgia Baptist Convention minister and spouse who do not have preventive health insurance. Contact Mrs. Laura Gray at 1-800-746-4422 extn 364 or by email at lgray@gabaptist.org



Happy Birthday May



- 4 Rev. Jimmy McMillian, Baptist Tabernacle
- 7 Rev. Chuck Anderson
- 16 Rev. Dwayne Perdue, Mountville
- Rev. Terry Prestridge, Mt. Pleasant 18
- 21 Mrs. Marianne McCollough, First Lady of Troup Baptist Association
- Rev. Anthony Hovey, Shoal Creek 24
- 25 Rev. Cleve Moore, Hilyer
- 26 Rev. Randy Gilbert, Long Cane

### **Association - Church Prayer List**

### For April 2018, please pray for following churches:

Week of April 1, 2018 - Hillcrest Baptist Church Week of April 8, 2018 - Hilyer Baptist Church Week of April 15, 2018 - Lakeview Baptist Church Week of April 22, 2018 - Long Cane Baptist Church Week of April 29, 2018 - Mountville Baptist Church

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



### **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.

Early Registration April 1 - July 1 for Fall Semester Classes begin August 21, 2018

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

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

Faith Bible Institute Summer 2018 Elective Science 201: Scientific & Biblical Creationism

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Class will meet every Tuesday in June 6:30 - 9:00 pm Final Exam: Tuesday, July 10 Cost per person: \$40 / 2<sup>nd</sup> Family Member: \$30 (\$15 due with application & \$25 due first day of class) .....

### **Sheepdog Seminars - A Response to Violence**



May 18-19, 2018 Friday: 8:30am - 3:30 Saturday: 8:00am - 12:30

**Faith Baptist Church** 552 Hammett Road, LaGrange, Georgia

For Church Staff Personnel, Ushers, Church Security Team, Pastors, Youth Leaders, Church Leaders, etc.

Early Registration \$49 Pre-register at www.sheepdogseminars.com For information call 817-437-9693

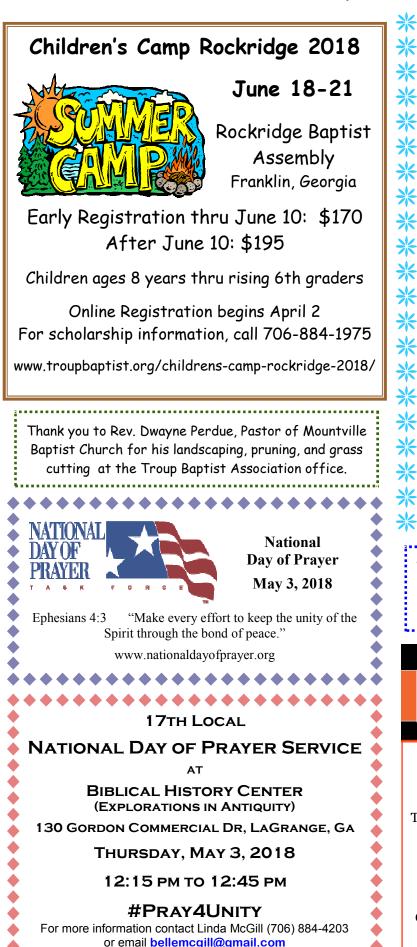
### **Association - Church Prayer List**

#### For May 2018, please pray for following churches:

Week of May 6, 2018 - Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church Week of May 13, 2018 - New Heaven Korean Baptist Church Week of May 20, 2018 - New Hope Baptist Church (LaGrange) Week of May 27, 2018 - New Hope Baptist Church (Greenville)

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

# Announcements (continued)



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WMU Spring Luncheon		
Saturday, Apríl 28, 2018		
11:30 am - 1:30 pm		
Registration begins at 10:30 am		
Storytelling: Pepper Ellis-Hagebak		
Guest Speaker: Míssy Garrett		
Special Music: Gina Spradlin		
Location:		
Grace Baptíst Church		
3731 West Point Road, LaGrange, Georgia		
A love offering will be received for the		
Georgia Baptist Children's Homes		
Please RSVP by Apríl 16 to Judy King		
by Email: <u>lílose@outlook.com</u>		
or by phone (706) 882-0371		
Everyone is invited!		
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When the Prayer Meeting becomes the most important meeting, revival is around the corner ~ <i>Draw the Circle by Mark Batterson</i>		

#### www.RenovateMyChurch.org



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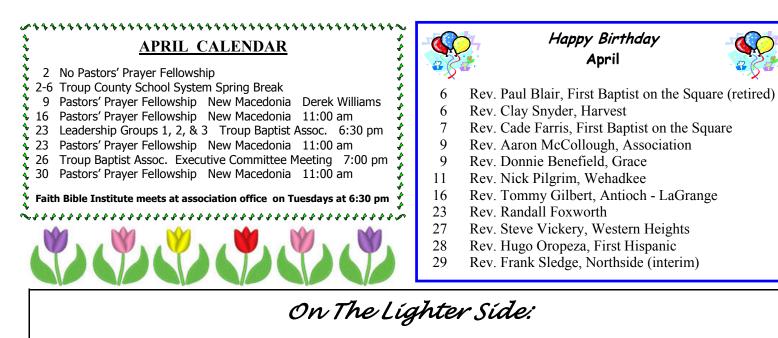
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George W. Bush, in an airport lobby, noticed a man in a long flowing white robe with a long white beard and flowing white hair. The man had a staff in one hand and some stone tablets under the other arm. George W. approached the man and inquired, "Aren't you Moses?" The man ignored George W. and stared at the ceiling. George W. positioned himself more directly in the man's view and asked again, "Aren't you Moses?" The man continued to peruse the ceiling. George W. tugged at the man's sleeve and asked once again, "Aren't you Moses?" The man finally responded in an irritated voice, "Yes I am." George W. asked him why he was so uppity, and the man replied, "The last time I spoke to a Bush I had to spend forty years in the desert."

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