

Troup Baptist Association

Stuff

CS Lewis said, "Life is like a set of monkey bars. Somewhere along the way you have to let go to move forward." And I have learned that sometimes the hardest things to let go of in our lives - are the things we placed there.

Sometime back Marianne and I resumed responsibility for the house where we raised our children. We've owned it all along, but our oldest daughter Heather, and her family, were living there. Another of our houses came open. It's the one where momma and daddy raised my siblings and me. Immediately she decided she wanted to live there. So, long story short - that's what happened!

Because we owned the house all along we never did anything with the "stuff" we had stored there. We have beds, a piano, a grandfather clock, pictures on the wall, and all kinds of other "stuff" there.

There's a huge barn in the backyard. It was filled with almost 40 years of "stuff." As we began to remodel the house we realized that we no longer had a choice. We had to deal with the "stuff" we had accumulated! So, we started with the barn. I rented one of those long roll-off dumpsters and for three Saturdays, along with our girls, sons-in-law, and grandchildren, Marianne and I worked in the sweltering Georgia heat and humidity cleaning that barn. Listening to and watching Marianne and the girls was like having old home week. You would hear a scream of delight followed by, "Oh! I remember that toy (or doll, or whatever it was) when I was four years old." Then together they would proceed to stroll hand-in-hand down Memory Lane! Now, I must admit that I'm the one who doesn't like to get rid of "stuff," but somewhere along the way the sweltering heat, the oppressive humidity Georgia is known for, coupled with my age and fatigue got the best of me.

The girls were asking, "Daddy, what do you want us to do with this?" And it was almost like I had an out of body experience! Something took control of me and I began to utter the words, "Throw it away. I'm in a get rid of it mode! So, throw it away!" Both girls looked puzzled at each other. Then one said, "Quick! Throw it away while he's in a get rid of it mode!" And they did! It took three Saturdays to get rid of the vast majority of almost forty plus years of accumulated "stuff." But in order to move forward to where we wanted the house/barn to be, it had to be done!

I've told you a story about us cleaning our barn. However, that's not really the focus of this column. The focus is on our lives and the "stuff" we have accumulated over the course of a lifetime. And again, the hardest things to let go of are the things we put there. "Stuff" has memories. It has strings. It has emotional attachments. And for some strange reason, even

though it may sit in the barn for almost forty years, there's some measure of comfort and satisfaction in simply knowing it's there. Some of our emotions and memories are good. Some are bad. Sometimes we like going to the barn and revisiting things that make us nostalgic, happy, or proud. But sometimes, if the truth were known, we revisit things we are holding onto that make us angry and stir up bitterness, hurt, and malcontent - things better left alone!

Perhaps somebody reading this article today needs to have a barn cleaning! Remember, as CS Lewis said, "Life is like a set of monkey bars. Somewhere along the way you have to let go to move forward." Did you hear that? "... Somewhere along the way you have to let go to move forward." Sometimes you just have to get into a throw it away mode and get rid of your "stuff!"

Brother Aaron

News

Association - The Faith Bible Institute held an elective course during the months of June & July. The course, "Scientific & Biblical Creationism" had the largest class size to date at the Troup Baptist location. The group of 22 students along with Jane Gottshall, Director celebrated the end of the course with fellowship and snacks following their final. The Fall semester of Faith Bible Institute will begin on Tuesday, August 21.

Association - The Troup Baptist Association office was the site of a Community-wide Cookout sponsored by several churches and pastors. On Saturday, July 14, a group of pastors met at the association office and began canvassing the neighborhood to let everyone know about the cookout and free lunches that would be available later that day. Then they began grilling for the whole neighborhood. Hundreds received a free lunch but more importantly, twelve people responded to the Gospel message and received the "Bread of Life" as they accepted Jesus as their Savior!



A picture is worth a thousand words. This young lady came to receive a free lunch. She left with the Bread of Life! As this young lady and Brother ST Janney prove, the Gospel of Jesus Christ transcends everything!



Above: The group of Pastors who helped with the Community Cook-out at the Troup Baptist Association office. Not all pastors who participated were in the photo.

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 - Berta Weathersbee backpacks and school supplies are here! They were delivered on Friday, July 27 and were unloaded by a big group of volunteers who made quick work of unloading 68 cases of supplies and backpacks. The backpacks will be assembled with supplies and presented to the students of Berta Weathersbee Elementary School on Friday, August 10. See photos below of the group of volunteers.



BEFORE

DURING



AFTER

News (continued)

Baptist Tabernacle (BTC) - During July, the Food Ministry served 594 individuals with 305 boxes of food and 525 meals. The Clothes Closet served 217 individuals. As school is starting back, children will need clothes. If you have children's clothes to donate, the Clothes Closet could certainly use them. The Food and Clothes Closets are open every Thursday from 9am until 11am. • VBS will conclude on July 25 with a ceremony. A lot of learning, fun, food, and fellowship was had by all who attended. "Thanks to all the volunteers who served." • BTC held a Blood Drive on July 30. "Thanks to all donors."

Dunson - had an exciting VBS the week of July 23. As of day 2 of VBS, 15 children have received Christ! "We are looking forward to what God will do the last 2 days." Brother Aaron McCollough and Brother S.T. Janney spoke to the adult class on Sunday and Monday nights with an average adult attendance of 23. Total VBS average attendance was 62. "We praise God for this ministry opportunity!" Children attending VBS will receive a backpack with school supplies donated by the Ladies Sunday School class. • The Senior Group went to the Cart Barn for lunch on Thursday, July 26.



DUNSON

VACATION
BIBLE
SCHOOL

Above: Dunson VBS had a special guest - Zander the goat belonging to Sydney. Zander was a "stand-in" for the lamb in the Bible story about the Good Sheppard.



Dunson VBS held Bible Story Time at the cemetery to bring the story of Lazarus to life for the children. As a part of the story, Mr. Bill Meadows surprised everyone when he came from behind a tree dressed like Lazarus in grave clothes.



Dunson had 15 salvations of children through VBS!

At Right: Pastor Kenneth Cole interacting with the children at VBS



Highland - had a great Family Day on July 1. Over 50 people gathered and enjoyed a fish fry with all the trimmings. It was a great time of fellowship and delicious food. • Highland enjoyed a Hymn Sing Service on Sunday, July 21. It was a good service with lots of singing.

Lakeview - A meeting was held after morning services on July 15 to finalize plans for increased church security. WMU met on July 16 with food and a program planned by hostesses Carolyn Jones and Ginny Helton. The founder of Scarlett's Closet gave her testimony and presented information about the organization which has the mission statement "to become the hands and feet of Jesus to parents of hospitalized children."

• On July 22, everyone enjoyed wonderful fellowship, food, and old-fashioned singing. Below: Pianist Ms. Frankie Hadden with Kendall and Maddie Holloway singing *The Old Gospel Ship*.



News (continued)

Mountville (MBC) - Mountville Mpact enjoyed a night out at Stars and Strikes in Newnan on Friday, June 29. They ended the night with a lock-in at the church with some devotional games, fun and breakfast. • Mountville Team Kids enjoyed celebrating Christmas in July. They watched the movie "The Star" and had milk and cookies! The younger kids made some Christmas crafts.



Mountville Mpact group at Stars and Strikes in Newnan



Mpact Group Lock-in at Mountville Baptist Church



Above: Three of the cutest reindeer ever!

MOUNTVILLE TEAM KIDS
CHRISTMAS IN JULY!

THE STAR
THE STORY OF THE FIRST CHRISTMAS

Mt. Pleasant - held Homecoming service on July 29 with special music by *The Dixie Sounds*, a bluegrass gospel band. Associational Missionary, Aaron McCollough brought the Homecoming message and also joined in with The Dixie Sounds (center, back). "It was a great service! The Spirit of God was certainly in the house today!" ~ Brother Aaron.



THE DIXIE SOUNDS

Roper Heights - Linda Miller moved her membership to Roper Heights on July 29. "We are blessed to have her." • It has been a busy month at Roper Heights. They have had good attendance and great worship services. "All are welcome and may God bless all."

Wehadkee - On July 10, people of the church met to prepare the church for Homecoming. Supper was served also. The ladies learned an important lesson that evening: Work comes before supper! • There are several people in our church that are battling health problems. They need our prayers and we ask you to pray for these. The Lord knows who they are. • The Wehadkee congregation was blessed with a special song from Mr. Chris Studdard and Mrs. Sue Ellen Shey (Because He Lives) and Mrs. Brenda Jennings sang *Amazing Grace*.

• Breaking News: On July 15 during the morning Sunday School and Worship service, God came in and testimonies were given for the duration of the service. Everyone was blessed that morning! The church was challenged to read Psalm 18:1-3 and on the next Sunday, they were to tell how God had blessed them that week. Another testimony service was held. "What a great blessing!" • Congratulations are in order for Shaun McClain and Celeste Cliett. They are now officially engaged! On July 20 the fellowship met at IHOP(B) and this is where it became official. Welcome to the family, Shaun. • The ladies held their meeting on July 24 with fellowship and a speaker. All in attendance had a great time.

• Happy Birthday to Mrs. Sue Ellen Shey, Mr. Jimmy Massey, Mrs. Carol Mastin and Essie Pilgrim.

Attention Pastors!

The Monday morning Pastors' Prayer Fellowship is now meeting at the Troup Baptist Association office each Monday at 11 am. All pastors are welcome.

News (Continued)

Franklin Road - held an ordination service for Nick Gooden on Sunday afternoon, July 29.

Shown at right are Leslie Gooden, Pastor Andy Buchanan, and Nick Gooden, seated.

Below, Nick Gooden's ten year old nephew, Jason Waldrop, prayed a special prayer of ordination for his uncle.



Association - Church Prayer List

For August 2018, please pray for following churches:

Week of August 5, 2018 - Stovall Baptist Church
 Week of August 12, 2018 - Teaver Road Baptist Church
 Week of August 19, 2018 - The Church on the Rock
 Week of August 26, 2018 - Troup Baptist Association

For September 2018, please pray for following churches:

Week of September 2, 2018 - Unity Baptist Church
 Week of September 9, 2018 - Wehadkee Baptist Church
 Week of September 16, 2018 - Western Heights Baptist Church
 Week of September 23, 2018 - With One Accord
 Week of September 30, 2018 - Anointed By Faith

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

Announcements

Dealing with Dementia: A Caregiver's Guide

One in six women and one in ten men, over age 55, will have Dementia. With those statistics, chances are you have a family member or close friend who is living with or will be learning how, to live with the disease.



The Dealing with Dementia program is one of the most comprehensive programs on understanding Dementia and how to best help the person, family member and even the professional understand the disease. Each attendee will go home with new knowledge and a wonderful 350-page book of real life, hands on, easy to access information.

Please make plans to attend one of our events.

Breakfast & Learn (for Pastors & Lay Ministers)

- Thursday, August 23 8:30 - 10:30 am

Dealing with Dementia

- Tuesday, August 28 8:45 - 1:30 pm
(includes lunch*)

Dealing with Dementia

- Thursday, August 30 8:45 - 1:30 pm
(includes lunch*)

All events held at Troup Baptist Association
 1301 Washington St., LaGrange, Ga.

Each program will be presented by Beth Dow,
 Dementia and Alzheimer's Educator, CAEd

Please RSVP by August 23 so that we may have an adequate number of books & lunches.

Please email angela@troubaptist.com or
 call (706) 884-1975

There is no cost to you to attend these events!

* Tuesday lunch provided by Vernon Woods Retirement Community.

* Thursday lunch provided by Benton House of Newnan.

Announcements (continued)

Baptist Tabernacle (BTC) - The Puppet Ministry will begin on August 1 at 7pm and will meet each Wednesday until Awana begins on September 5. • BTC will be partnering with Clearview Elementary School for school supplies. School begins August 9 and we pray for all the children, teachers, principals, bus drivers, and staff. May all of you have a successful and safe year.

Davidson - Please join us for service and fellowship: Sunday Breakfast at 9am / Sunday School at 9:45 / Worship Service at 11am / Evening Service at 6pm / Wednesday Bible Study at 6:30pm. The study is about hell.

Dunson - The Senior Group is planning a trip to Nashville on September 2. • All ladies are invited to join us for WMU meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 11am. Also on the second Tuesday at 6pm, adults are invited to join us for dominoes, food and fellowship.

Highland - will sponsor a Prayer Walk for the upcoming school year, to be held at Hogansville Elementary School on Saturday, August 4 at 8:00am. Participants will walk the halls and around the building while praying for the school, students, staff and families. Everyone is invited to join them for this important event.

Lakeview - Donations of non-perishable food items with future expiration dates are needed for the food closet.

Mountville (MBC) - MBC will have a Back to School Bash on Sunday, August 5. This will be a great time of family and fellowship as we kick off a new school year. • Prayer Walks will be held at several Troup County School locations during the month of August. • A BIG yard sale will be held on Saturday, October 6 from 8am - 12noon at the church! All proceeds will go into the building fund.

Roper Heights - is enjoying a great attendance on Wednesday nights for Bible Study. They welcome all to come and meet with them at 6pm each Wednesday. "God's blessings to all"



WMU School Prayer Walk
Saturday, August 4, 2017
Breakfast at 9:00 am

For more information, please contact Judy King by email at lilose@outlook.com or by phone (706) 882-0371.

Berta Weathersbee School Backpack Drive

Goal: \$8,175
(327 backpacks - one per student)

Each donation of \$25 will
purchase one backpack
stocked with school supplies.



How many children will you help?



You may donate online:

www.troubaptist.org/berta-weathersbee-backpacks/

You may donate by check:

Make payable to: Troup Baptist Association
(memo: Backpacks)

Mail to: Troup Baptist Association
PO Box 550
LaGrange GA 30241

Association Prayer Meetings

are being held each Wednesday at 11am at the
Troup Baptist Association office.

All prayer warriors are welcome to participate.

Prayer requests may be submitted on our website
www.troubaptist.org/prayer-request/
or by phone (706) 884-1975.

All prayer requests will be kept confidential.

Thank You from The Gideons!

The LaGrange Gideon Camp wants to thank all Troup Baptist Association churches who helped contribute to the Gideon ministry during the last Gideon fiscal year (June 2017 - May 2018). Donations from Troup Baptist Association churches together will fund the printing and shipping of 5,528 hotel Bibles or 22,112 pocket Testaments somewhere throughout the world. Distribution will be done free by the Gideons living all over the world. Thank you for all you do. Working for Him,
Bob Mulder,
Church Ministry Chairman, LaGrange Camp

Announcements (continued)

Kickball Tournament

Saturday, August 25

Shuford Softball Complex

Team Sign-In 7:00am / Games Kickoff 8:00am

Tournament Information:

- \$350 per team
- Co-ed: 10-16 per team (3 females on field at all times)
- Ages 14 and up
- Two game guarantee
- All games will be 5 innings or 45 minutes
- Dri-fit shirts for all players
- Gift bags for all players
- Only 24 team spots available!

Register Online at fcwcnottjustforkicks.com

Or contact Michelle Thompson at (706) 333-9249

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**Georgia Baptist
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Baptist Mobile
Health Ministry

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
September**



- 2 Rev. Michael Reeves, Open Range Cowboy Church
- 4 Rev. Tom Farr, First Baptist on the Square
- 16 Rev. Randy Presley, Rosemont
- 20 Rev. Jason Jones, Western Heights
- 29 Rev. Richard King, Lakeview
- 30 Dr. Lamar Truitt, Lakeview
- 30 Rev. Ben Turner, Teaver Road



Biblical History Center
Upcoming Events

- Saturday, August 18 - STEM Saturday: Come discover how Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics were used in the Ancient Biblical World! 10am - 4pm, Admission charged; Reservations not required
- Friday, September 7 - Home School Day: Second annual event reserved for home school students and their families. Join us for a day of hands-on experiences where your children or grandchildren will make bread, learn to weave, dress up in ancient clothing, and dig for ancient artifacts! 10am - 4pm Admission charged; Reservations requested.

Contact: Morgan Cantrell, Director of Education and Programming at 706-885-0363
<http://www.biblicalhistorycenter.com/>

Senior Adult Rally

Thursday, September 6 at 11:00 AM

hosted by

Grace Baptist Church

3731 West Point Road
LaGrange, GA 30240

Cost: \$5.00 per person
Lots of Door Prizes!

Special Guests: Randy & Sherri Miller

Randy & Sherri Miller are a musical and evangelistic duo from Nashville, Tennessee. The duo combines Contemporary Christian with Southern Gospel, Country, Southern Rock, Classic Rock, Pop Rock, Folk, and Bluegrass to create a one of a kind sound to uplift and praise God, while occasionally stepping into jazz and soul music.



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.

Late Registration is open July 2 through August 21.
Late fee of \$24 applies after July 1
Classes begin August 21, 2018

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| • New Student: \$126 | • FBI Graduate: \$53 |
| • Returning Student: \$86 | • 2 nd 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

AUGUST CALENDAR

- 2 Back to School Breakfast for Berta Weathersbee Staff at TBA
- 4 WMU Prayer Walk & Breakfast, 9am at Troup Baptist Assoc.
- 6 Pastors' Prayer Fellowship, 11am at TBA, Edmund Coffee
- 9 First Day of School in Troup County
- 10 Backpack distribution at Berta Weathersbee @ 1:30pm
- 13 Pastors' Prayer Fellowship, 11am at TBA, Derek Williams
- 20 Pastors' Prayer Fellowship, 11am at TBA, Jerry Johnson
- 23 Breakfast & Learn for Pastors & Lay Leaders, 8:30am @ TBA
- 27 Pastors' Prayer Fellowship, 11am at TBA, Bob Tidwell
- 28 Dealing with Dementia Workshop, 8:45 - 1:30 @ TBA
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TBA refers to Troup Baptist Association office
 Association Prayer Group meets on Wednesdays at 11am @ TBA
 Faith Bible Institute classes begin on August 21 at 6:30pm @ TBA



Happy Birthday August



- 5 Rev. Lamar Womack, Gray Hill
- 6 Rev. Bobby Robinson
- 10 Rev. Bernie Pasley, East Vernon
- 10 Rev. Mike Watson
- 13 Rev. Jerry Johnson, Stovall
- 17 Rev. Frank Abrahamsen, Praise & Prayer
- 22 Rev. Jerome Shipman, New Macedonia
- 23 Rev. Tifton Dobbs, Anointed By Faith
- 29 Rev. Billy Allen

On The Lighter Side:

An older man was driving down the freeway when his cell phone rang.

Answering, he heard his wife's voice urgently warning him, "Herman, I just heard on the news that there's some idiot driving a car the wrong way on Highway 280. Please be careful!"

"Hazel!" said Herman, "It's not just one car! There's hundreds of them!"

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