

## Troup Baptist Association

### Tomorrow is Ours to Win or Lose

Recently, Marianne and I watched the movie, "Breakthrough." It's a movie about faith that is based on actual events. In short, a young boy falls through the ice on a lake and is pronounced dead for about 45-minutes and comes back to life. When asked why he made the movie, producer DeVon Franklin stated, "I've never heard of a story where it's a medical record. It's not like a subjective thing. It's medical record: 'patient dead, mother prayed, patient came back to life,' that is medical record," Franklin declared. It's in the doctor's notes!

In one part of the movie, the young man who would fall through the ice, refused to do a school assignment that required him to give a verbal report of his family history. He was adopted and was struggling with why his Guatemalan birth mother didn't want him. The boy loved playing on the school basketball team.

His teacher explained to him that if he didn't give the report, she would give him a failing grade, which meant he couldn't stay on the team. During her lecture she pointed to a plaque in her classroom. It was a quote, that I later learned is attributed to President Lyndon Baines Johnson. It said, "Yesterday is not ours to recover, but tomorrow is ours to win or lose."

I was taken aback by the simplicity, beauty, and truth in that quote. As Christians, and as people in general, I believe we need to hear the truth this truth. Many are handcuffed by their past. They can't move past some failure, or besetting sin in their life. It has consumed them. Somewhere, a long time ago, their identity and feeling of self-worth was merged with their failure. It defines them. However, it doesn't have to. The quote doesn't stop with the past. It goes on to say that tomorrow, and I would

argue today as well, is ours to win or lose.

The Bible is filled with characters with besetting sins and tremendous failures. In fact, some are identified by those flaws and failures. "Rahab the Harlot" comes to mind immediately. And as far as I know, every time she is mentioned in the Bible, it's by that name. But amazingly, she didn't allow her moral failure to define her future. She hid the spies when they came to scope out Jericho. And as a result, she is in the lineage of Jesus. Ain't that cool?

There were others who failed miserably but refused to allow their failure to determine their future. David was King. However, he had an adulterous relationship with Bathsheba, the wife of one of his Mighty Men of Valor. David sent orders to have her husband, Uriah the Hittite, killed in battle. Bathsheba was pregnant with David's child. The child died. David couldn't recover his past. But tomorrow was his to

win or lose. David and Bathsheba had a second son. Do you know his name? Solomon, the wisest man who ever lived.

I could speak of Elijah having a breakdown. I could speak of John Mark's desertion of Paul and Barnabas. I could speak of Saul/Paul's terrible history. And certainly, I could speak of Peter's denial of Jesus. The truth is that none of these could recover their past. However, they could choose to win their future.

All of us have a story, a past, if you will. It is not ours to recover, but tomorrow (today) is ours to win or lose.

I close this column with this. If you're reading this article, good news! You're still writing your story! And while you cannot recover your past, you can choose to win today and tomorrow!

Will you make that choice?

*Brother Aaron*

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# News

**Association** - The WMU Spring Luncheon was held on April 6 and hosted by Grace Baptist Church. After a lunch of assorted salads, guest speaker, Ellen Hester as "Flo the waitress" entertained and inspired the ladies. Theresa Miller, West Regional Missions Mobilizer spoke to the group as well. Special music was provided by Gina Spradlin of Roper Heights. An offering of \$378 was received to benefit the Georgia Baptist Disaster Relief for recent Georgia tornado victims. This event is coordinated each Spring by the association WMU Leadership Team: Judy King - Chairman, Dottie Henson - Secretary, Linda Wright, Linda Scott and Gina Spradlin.



Upper Left: Gina Spradlin provided special music.

Lower Left: Theresa Miller spoke to the group.

Right: Special Guest Ellen Hester as "Flo the waitress"

**Association** - Lataine Smith (First Baptist on the Square), Theresa Miller (Callaway), and Judy King (Lakeview) attended the 2019 WMU Convention in Macon, Georgia.



Above L-R: Lataine Smith, Theresa Miller & Judy King at the WMU Convention

## 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 - Church Prayer List

**For May 2019, please pray for following churches:**

Week of May 5 2019 - Long Cane Baptist Church

Week of May 12, 2019 - Mountville Baptist Church

Week of May 19, 2019 - Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church

Week of May 26, 2019 - New Heaven Korean Baptist Church

**For June 2019, please pray for following churches:**

Week of June 2, 2019 - New Hope Baptist Church (LaGrange)

Week of June 9, 2019 - New Hope Baptist Church (Greenville)

Week of June 16, 2019 - New Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church

Week of June 23, 2019 - Northside Baptist Church

Week of June 30, 2019 - Open Range Cowboy Church

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

**Association** - A Ministry Safe Training event was held on April 22 and was well attended with many churches represented. Jonathan Jordan (on right) of the Georgia Baptist Mission Board provided the training. Some of the attendees are pictured below.



Thank you to those churches and groups who have provided Children's Camp Rockridge Scholarships!



# News (continued)

**Baptist Tabernacle (BTC)** - During April, the Food Closet served 520 individuals with 320 boxes of food and 658 meals. The Clothes Closet served 156 individuals and gave out 17 coats. • On Easter Sunday, April 21, the cross was beautifully decorated to honor our Savior; the Easter Service was a blessing to all. • Awanas held Grand Prix night on April 17. This is such a fun time for the children as well as the adults. The children build, paint and decorate their own cars and then they race them. On April 24, the children had a great time with a food fight of Jello and spaghetti noodles. May 15 will be the ceremony for Awana awards. • Relay for Life was held on April 26. BTC had a successful event again this year. "Thanks to all who contributed."

**Bethel** - participated in the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering on Easter Sunday. They collected about \$100 for the offering.

**Davidson** - had a great Easter Egg Hunt on April 20. On Easter they had a sunrise service and later enjoyed an Easter Reenactment. (see Photos below)



Davidson: Egg Hunt (above)  
Easter Reenactment (below)



**Franklin Road** - Homecoming service was held on April 14 with Pastor Emeritus Frank Sledge bringing the message.

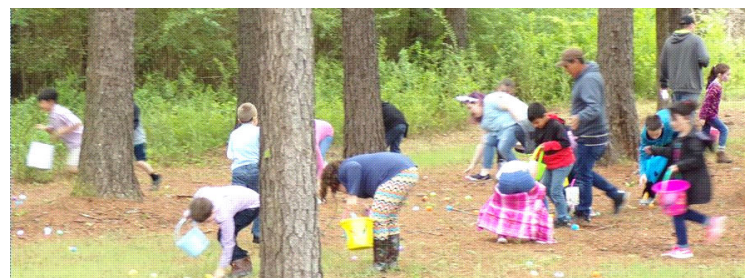
**Grace** - A Pastor's Birthday Fellowship was sponsored by the Ladies of Grace and Grace Men for Christ. • The children presented an Easter play on Sunday, April 14 and enjoyed an egg hunt on April 20. (see photos at right)



Above: Franklin Road Homecoming with Pastor Andy Buchanan and Pastor Emeritus Frank Sledge



Above: Cast of Grace Baptist Children's Easter Play  
Below: Scenes from the Easter Play



Above: Grace Baptist Church Easter Egg Hunt



# News (continued)

**Highland** - Everyone had a great time at the Children's Easter Egg Hunt! There were lots of eggs and each child found a basket full. Bags of candy were given to each child to take home. • There was a large crowd for the Sunrise Service on Easter morning followed by breakfast in the fellowship hall. There was also a good turnout for Morning Worship Service. The choir presented a beautiful cantata *Because He Lives*. They also had Communion on Easter.

Highland Easter



**Lakeview** - Dr. Lamar Truitt, Pastor of Lakeview, has received board certification as a chaplain from the Association of Certified Christian Chaplains after interviewing with members of the National Board of ACCC recently. Pastor Truitt is a chaplain at WellStar WGM. "Congratulations Pastor Truitt!"

- Easter was celebrated on April 21 with the collection of the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and with the Lord's Supper.
- Brotherhood met on April 27. • WMU met on April 29 and enjoyed food, fellowship, and a devotion given by hostess Dottie Henson.

**Mountville (MBC)** - A beautiful Sunrise Service was held on Easter morning at 7:30 and then everyone enjoyed breakfast!

- The children of MBC presented a wonderful Easter musical on Sunday, April 21 during the morning worship service. "They did a wonderful job and were a blessing to all!"
- The congregation participated in "Flowering the Cross" on Easter Sunday. It was a wonderful reminder the Jesus Christ is alive and that the cross is our victory! "Thank you, Jesus!"
- The Pre-K through 2nd Grade Sunday School class won the attendance banner for the first quarter! • MBC had a team to participate in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life on Friday, April 26. The team raised over \$1,200 for cancer research. "We continue to pray for a cure for cancer!"
- The Mountville Mission Team participated in the "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" mission project at Hogansville First Baptist Church on Saturday, April 13. The mission builds beds for underprivileged families and children. The teams were able to build 40 bunk beds in two hours!

**New Hope (LaGrange)** - • Jeff Wilson's Sunday School class presented him with a Bible at a luncheon as he prepares to leave for Kosovo to serve for one year. Please pray for this family during this time. (photo at right)



Mountville Mission Team & Hogansville First Baptist partnered to build 40 bunk beds on April 13



The Living Cross



SS Attendance Winner



Above: Children's Easter Musical at Mountville



Above: New Hope member Jeff Wilson and Family



# News (continued)

**New Hope (LaGrange)** - On Sunday, April 7 Miss Sue Brown who donated the organ, presented an organ concert during the worship service. "She made that organ sing for the Lord!" Guest speaker, Dr. Paul Baxter blessed them with an uplifting and encouraging message. • The Youth spaghetti lunch was a great success. Proceeds will help finance the youth trip. "Thanks to all who helped in any way." • On March 27, they welcomed a new baby boy, Aidan Brant Wilson to their church family. The proud parents are Chase and Hanna Wilson. • Sisters of Hope met in April and enjoyed the testimony of Billie Davis and her encouragement of what God can do if one will truly trust Him for all things. • The hot dog supper and Easter egg hunt was a smash! There was a big crowd of adults and children who had a wonderful time. "Thanks to all who helped make this a success." • HIS Club (Hope Inspired Seniors) met Thursday, April 25 in the Fellowship Hall for a lunch prepared by Pat and Kathy Deming, who are the new leaders for the club. They enjoyed a time of fellowship and making plans for the club. • "Praise God for the wonderful Easter celebration!" After an early service, breakfast and Sunday School, the choir presented *The King Is Coming* during the worship service. • Evangelist Scott Hanna spoke on Sunday, April 28 for the morning and evening revival services. His messages were powerful and convicting.



New Hope Easter Egg Hunt



**Rosemont** - Pastor Emeritus, Max McCord spoke at the dedication of Rosemont's new and expanded Sanctuary on Sunday, April 14.

**Unity** - had an Easter Egg Hunt on April 14 after the morning service. Unity had their Easter program on April 21.

• CMG (Current Mission Group) had the Salad and Sandwich Luncheon after the morning worship service on April 14. CMG met on April 15 and planned the Mother/Daughter Luncheon for May 18 at 11:30 am. • The Food Closet passed out food on April 23 serving several families in the community.



Above & Right:  
**Unity Awanas** are getting ready for their Grand Prix which was held on April 24. The children enjoyed painting, assembling & racing their cars.



**Wehadkee** - "Greetings to our fellow brother and sisters." Some of our ladies and children went with Miss Brittney Fields and her classmates to the aquarium in Atlanta to celebrate her birthday. • The Easter Egg Hunt hosted by Pastor and Mrs. Pilgrim took place on April 13. About 50 people attended and everyone had a great time. "Thank you Janet & Nick Pilgrim!" • On April 20, David and Brittney said their vows in matrimony. "Congratulations to the two as they start their journey in life!" • Wehadkee hosted a singing on April 27 to benefit the Children's Miracle Network. The groups who participated were *The Chris Studdard Trio*, *Grace Abounds* and *Just Forgiven*. Wehadkee has held this event for 25 plus years!

**Western Heights** - held a Yard Sale to support missions on Saturday, May 4 from 8am until 12pm in the gym.

• Western Heights Sports Camp will be held Mon. - Wed., June 10-12. This is for children in the first through fifth grade and is a low-cost opportunity for athletic instruction in a wide variety of sports and games. The cost is \$20 per camper; \$10 each for additional children from the same family. Register online at [westernheights.net](http://westernheights.net).

• Free Community VBS will be held Sunday - Thursday, June 23-27 from 5:30 - 8:30 pm for children grade pre-K through the fifth grade. Supper will be provided each night. "Last year we shared God's love with more than 60 children!" Register online at [westernheights.net](http://westernheights.net).

All events take place at Western Heights Baptist Church located at 2382 West Point Road in LaGrange. For more information, please call 706-882-2545.

# Announcements

**Baptist Tabernacle** - Conquering Chemical Dependency class meets every Tuesday at 6pm in the Life Center, Room #14.

- On Mother's Day, May 12, all mothers in attendance will be honored. "We would like to wish each mother a very happy and blessed day."
- May 15 will be the ceremony for Awana awards.
- May 29 is Memorial Day. Remember those who have served and gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country.
- Congratulations to all those graduating this spring. "We are wishing you the best as you continue on your life's journey. Remember, with God all things are possible."

You can follow BTC on social media: Facebook: Baptist Tabernacle LaGrange; Twitter: Baptist Tab and jimmymcm1  
Website: [www.baptisttabernacle.ws](http://www.baptisttabernacle.ws)

Listen to BTC live on Sunday mornings on Facebook and Tuesday, 6pm (Straight from the Bible) on WOAK 90.9

**Bethel** - • The month of May has been designated as "Local Missions Month" at Bethel. Each Sunday there will be a special offering that will go to four local area ministries.

- There will be a yard sale / hot dog & bake sale at Bethel Baptist Church on Saturday, June 1 from 8am until 1pm.

**Callaway** - There is a new ministry at Callaway Baptist! A support group called Fighting Cancer Through Christ meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm at the Callaway Café.



**FIGHTING CANCER  
THROUGH CHRIST**

**SECOND TUESDAYS @ 630 PM**  
CALLAWAY CAFE' @ CALLAWAY BAPTIST  
310 John Lovelace Road, LaGrange, GA 30241

Purpose > To provide support through Christ to ALL people affected by cancer.  
James 5:13 > Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray.

**Creekside** - The First Step Addiction program is held every Thursday at 7pm in the fellowship hall. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Grace** - Every Wednesday beginning with a meal:  
Young Disciples program (PreK - 5th grade) @ 6:30pm  
Youth Group (6th-12th grades) @ 6:45pm

- Senior's Group meets the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm.
- WMU meets every second Friday of each month at 1:00pm.
- Giving Grace Meals are every third Saturday.
- Grace Men for Christ and Ladies of Grace meet every third Monday night at 6:30 with a meal followed by a meeting at 7:00.
- Making Home Work meets the first Wednesday at 6:45pm. This includes fellowship, encouragement and Biblical instruction for couples, single parents & grandparents. Childcare is provided and all are welcome.

- RU Recovery Program meets on Fridays at 7:00pm.
- Do you need that perfect location for a yard sale? RU Ministries is hosting a huge yard sale at Grace Baptist Church on June 1. They will be renting out spaces and tables for a low price to help send our leaders to the Reformers Unanimous National Conference. See our Facebook page for more info. There are limited spots. Deadline is May 15.

<p><b>Reformers Unanimous</b> RU is a faith based recovery program designed to help those with stubborn habits and addictions.</p> <p><b>RIDE FOR RECOVERY</b></p>  <p><b>May 25, 2019 11:00am</b></p>	<p><b>RIDE FOR RECOVERY</b> May 25, 2019 11:00 AM</p> <p>Grace Baptist Church 3731 West Point Rd, LaGrange</p> <p>\$20 per bike; \$5 for riders Includes lunch for riders</p>
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**Highland** - will celebrate Mother's Day on May 12. Every Mother in attendance will be recognized and the oldest and youngest mothers in attendance will receive a gift from the ladies of the WMU.


**Mountville (MBC) - Revival** will begin on Sunday, May 12 at 11 am and then Sunday thru Wed. nights at 7pm (May 12-15). Bro. Aaron McCollough will be bringing the message and there will be special music each night. • MBC will have VBS the week of June 3-6. Dinner will be served each day at 5:30pm. Class will run from 6:00 - 8:15 each night. Family Night will be held on Friday, June 7 at 6:00pm. "Everyone is welcome!"

**New Hope (LaGrange)** - Keep in mind that VBS is June 23-27. See Rita Karr if you can help in any capacity. • Sisters of Hope will meet next on Monday May 13 at 6pm. They will be collecting food for VBS during May and June.

**Stovall** - hosts a singing every 3rd Saturday Night at 6 pm.

**Unity** - VBS "In the Wild" will be held June 2 thru 6 with Family Night on June 7. VBS Kick-off will be June 1.

**VBS 2019**



**IN THE WILD**  
AMAZING ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS  
VBS 2019

**SUNDAY-THURSDAY  
JUNE 2 -6  
6:00-8:30pm**  
**franklinroad  
BAPTIST CHURCH**  
1424 New Franklin Road  
LaGrange, GA 30240

VBS for Kids and Adults begins Sunday, June 2 with a kick-off celebration including an on site carnival with a LIVE WILD ANIMALS presentation from the Wild Animal Safari from Pine Mountain.

Come enjoy the fun and experience the Amazing Encounters with Jesus, Sunday through Thursday nights from 6:00-8:30pm.

Register ONLINE at [www.frbclagrange.org/vbs19](http://www.frbclagrange.org/vbs19)

SUNDAY CARNIVAL begins at 6:00pm and following the worship rally we'll enjoy games, snacks, and the WILD ANIMALS presentation.

Door prizes will be awarded and the grand prize is a family pack to the ride through Safari in Pine Mountain, Ga.



# Announcements (continued)

## Minister's Wellness Retreat

Baptist Conference Center  
Toccoa, Georgia

September 11-12, 2019

or

September 12-13, 2019

- The first day will begin with check-in at 10:30 am followed by medical testing and non-fasting blood work.
- The second day will include doctor appointments and fasting blood work.
- Meals will be provided through dinner if you desire to stay.

Includes a physicians exam, resting EKG, blood testing, lung function and hearing exams. Flu shots will be offered. Dental care will be provided. There will be a counselor on duty as well as massage therapists to do shoulder massages.

This is only for ministers and their spouses who do not have medical insurance including private carriers, Medicare and Medicaid. You must be on staff at a cooperating Southern Baptist Church in Georgia to attend.

If you would like to attend, send an email to [lgray@gabaptist.org](mailto:lgray@gabaptist.org) to request a form.

## Faith Bible Institute

Troup Baptist Association—Satellite Campus

Fall Semester Enrollment through July 1

Tuition & Fees:

New Student \$139 / Spouse \$61

Late Enrollment July 16 through August 20 (Late fee of \$28)

For more info: [www.troubaptist.org](http://www.troubaptist.org) or call 706-884-1975

## Summer 2019 Electives

- **Doctrine of Prophecy** (Tuition & Late Fee \$74)

Absolute deadline to register: May 20

Class meets Tuesdays June 4 - July 9, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Final Exam: Tuesday, July 23

- **Biblical Leadership** (Tuition & Fee \$40)

Deadline to register: June 30

Class will meet on July 30 & August 6 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Final Exam: Tuesday, August 13

For more info: [www.troubaptist.org](http://www.troubaptist.org) or call 706-884-1975

## Monthly Grief Support Group

Tuesday, May 21 at 10:00 am

(meets on third Tuesday of each month)

Location: Troup Baptist Association  
1301 Washington St., LaGrange GA

Lead by Rev. Michael Stiggers, Chaplain with Serenity Hospice Care; and Certified Chaplains Rev. Michael Hornsby and Dr. Lamar Truitt.

To RSVP call 706-884-1975.

## ANNUAL TRUCKLOADING

benefitting Georgia Baptist Children's Homes

**Items requested:** paper towels, toilet tissue, liquid laundry detergent, dishwashing soap, foam cups, paper plates & bowls. Gift Cards are always appreciated!

### Collection Dates:

June 17 & 18, 9 am - 3 pm

June 19, 9 am - noon

### Collection Location:

Troup Baptist Association Office  
1301 Washington Street, LaGrange Georgia 30240



## Happy Birthday June



- 3 Rev. Ronnie Puckett
- 8 Rev. Wendell Brown, Flat Shoals
- 13 Dr. Paul Baxter
- 14 Rev. Robert Burnett
- 15 Rev. Ellis Freeman
- 22 Rev. Bobby Patton
- 29 Rev. Tommy Jeter, At The Cross

## Camp Rockridge 2019

Sponsored by Troup Baptist Association

**June 17-20, 2019** at Rockridge Baptist Assembly  
For Boys & Girls ages **8 years through 6th grade**

Early Registration Cost: \$170 per child thru June 7  
After June 7: \$195 per child.

Scholarship availability: First come, first served

### New Event: Camper Talent Show

As of May 1, camp is 2/3 full.

If you plan to attend, don't delay registration!

Online Registration: [www.troubaptist.org](http://www.troubaptist.org)

For more information call Angela at (706) 884-1975

## MAY CALENDAR

- 2 National Day of Prayer, 12:15-12:45 at Biblical History Center
- 6 Pastors' Prayer Fellowship, 11am at TBA, Lamar Truitt
- 6 Leadership Group, 6:30 pm at Troup Baptist Association
- 9 Leadership Group, 10:00 am at Troup Baptist Association
- 12 Mother's Day
- 13 Pastors' Prayer Fellowship, 11am at TBA, Derek Williams
- 20 Pastors' Prayer Fellowship, 11am at TBA, Aaron McCollough
- 21 Grief Support Group, 10am at Troup Baptist Association
- 27 No Pastors' Prayer Fellowship
- 27 Memorial Day, TBA & GBMB closed

TBA refers to Troup Baptist Association office

Association Prayer Group meets on Wednesdays at 11am @ TBA

Faith Bible Institute meets on Tuesdays at 6:30pm @ TBA



## *Happy Birthday* **May**



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



## Happy Mother's Day



### *On The Lighter Side:*

My mother was rushed to the hospital following a serious tumble.  
There the staff placed a band around her wrist with large letters warning: Fall Risk.  
Unimpressed, Mom said to me, "I'll have them know I'm a winter, spring, and summer risk too."

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