

Troup Baptist Association

It Happened - Just This Way

Proverbs 17:22(KJV) says, *"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones."*

So, I think that from time-to-time it does all of us good to laugh – even if it is at somebody else's expense!

Speaking of laughter, I am convinced that sometimes the Lord looks down from heaven, sees me, and starts belly laughing! I have a vision of Him, while laughing hysterically while motioning and calling to all the angels saying, "Y'all come here and watch this dummy! (God has a Southern drawl!) I didn't give him but half a brain – and he's trying to use it!"

So, that being said, what you're about to read is the Facebook post I wrote describing two incidents that happened to me a few Sundays ago that I'm sure caused God to laugh. I promise you; they happened just this way!

I think my sixty-four years are starting to catch-up with me! I was scheduled to preach this morning at Lanett Congregational Christian Church in Lanett, Alabama, where my good friend, Pastor Mark McCarty serves.

Marianne and I went into church around 10:45am. I was surprised that the service had already started, and they were having communion. Undeterred, I walked right down the middle aisle and sat on the front row. Marianne was smart enough to sit in the back. I began to suspect something was awry when another pastor was administering the Communion. In fact, Pastor Mark McCarty was nowhere to be found! "Where is that boy?" I thought. Then it hit me. Lanett "Congregational" Christian. We were inside Lanett "First" Christian. I looked back at Marianne and she mouthed to me, "We're. In. The. Wrong. Church." So, further disrupting the

service, we got up and marched right back out! Yes, were able to get to the correct church on time! But how embarrassing!

Sunday afternoon I was scheduled to speak at the United in Christ service at the Sweetland Amphitheater in LaGrange. We were directly in front of the outdoor stage. The music was loud. So, I slipped my hearing aids out and put one in each of my pants pockets. I posted a video to Facebook of Freedom Sound singing. I also copied my daughter singing. Now, let me make you aware that the app on my iPhone for adjusting my hearing aids, updated last night. So, as we were leaving, I attempted to listen to those videos I had posted. NO SOUND! I thought: That crazy update has messed-up my iPhone again! I asked Marianne to pull it up on her iPhone. The volume was fine on hers. So, when we got home, I spent about fifteen minutes going through the settings on my iPhone, trying to

figure out why my hearing aids, that are paired via Bluetooth with my iPhone, wouldn't play any sound. I mean, it wasn't just the recent videos I posted to Facebook that I couldn't hear - THERE WAS NO SOUND PERIOD! AND I WAS GETTING UPSET! After about fifteen minutes of adjusting settings – to no avail, I REMEMBERED WHERE MY HEARING AIDS WERE! It's amazing how much better the sound on my iPhone worked when I took them out of my pockets and put them back in my ears!" Ugh!

So, whatever crazy thing you do today, be encouraged! You're not the only person who does, shall we just say, "Less than intelligent" stuff! Have mercy! If this is happening to me at 64, what's gonna happen to me at 74? Shaking my head!

And it happened – just this way!

Brother Aaron

News

Association - The Senior Adult Rally was held on September 5 at Callaway Baptist Church. There were almost two hundred in attendance. Callaway Pastor Brad Thompson welcomed everyone and gave a short message. Ellen Hester, Christian comedian entertained the group while reminding everyone to choose joy. Carolyn Woods of Dunson Baptist played the piano as Steve Vickery led the group in singing a number of favorite hymns. Callaway Leisure Timers catered and served the meal. Kevin Dunn, soloist, closed the program with several beautiful praise & worship songs. Thank you to Callaway Baptist Church for hosting the event this year.



Above left: Ellen Hester



Above Right: Kevin Dunn



Above L-R: Steve Vickery, Carolyn Woods, Rev. Brad Thompson



Association - On September 7, an evangelistic event called Arise Fest was held in Hogansville with Dr. Bennie Tate, evangelist. There was live music by a number of groups. A number of people prayed to receive Christ at the close of the service. The event was sponsored by the Troup Baptist Association, Mountville Baptist Church, New Macedonia Baptist Church, and Hogansville First Baptist Church. Bill & Debbie Dollar served as organizers of Arise Fest.



Above: Debbie & Bill Dollar

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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.

Association - The Troup Baptist Association is currently hosting a Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University class. This is a nine week biblically-based personal finance course that meets on Monday evenings.

Association - The Georgia Baptist Mission Board hosted a regional Disaster Relief Training at Grace Baptist Church on Saturday, September 14. Disaster Relief is a ministry-based approach to impacting people for the Kingdom of God. The goal of Disaster Relief is to provide some measure of normalcy for the victims of a disaster event. To become a disaster relief volunteer, this training and certification is required. Disaster relief covers three ministry areas: Child Care, Cleanup & Recovery, and Feeding. Also included is Evangelism Encouragement.



Georgia Baptist Mission Board Disaster Relief Training at Grace Baptist

Association - Church Prayer List

For October 2019, please pray for following churches:

Week of October 6, 2019 - Anointed By Faith
 Week of October 13, 2019 - Antioch Baptist Church/Hogansville
 Week of October 20, 2019 - Antioch Baptist Church/LaGrange
 Week of October 27, 2019 - At The Cross

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

News (continued)

Baptist Tabernacle (BTC) - The Food Ministry served 771 individuals giving 353 boxes, 546 meals, 150 backpacks, 272 snacks and 87 toiletries during the month. The Clothes Closet served 271 individuals. The Food and Clothes Closets are open every Thursday morning from 9 until 11 am. Boxes are packed and stacked ready to be given to those in need. (photos)

- Awana is off to a great start. It began on September 11 and will meet each Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 8 pm. Awana stands for *Approved Workman Are Not Ashamed*.
- Hunters for Christ Ministry hosted a dinner for "Fishers of Men Tournaments Trail" on Thursday, September 19. The food was prepared and served by members of the Hunters for Christ Ministry. There were approximately 150 in attendance.



Baptist Tabernacle Food Closet

Creekside - Brother Jacob Walker was the guest speaker at the monthly Brotherhood meeting at Creekside on Saturday morning, September 21. This young man brought a wonderful message. A good crowd was on hand for the occasion and a good breakfast was enjoyed by all.

Davidson - Revival with John Lanier was held September 8-11. John Strong, one of Davidson's oldest members and a great man of God, passed away last month.

First Hogansville (FBCH) - On September 22, First Baptist Church of Hogansville had a special prayer for Amberlyn Tuggle as she will be departing soon for basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. Ms. Tuggle hopes to work in Aircraft Environmental and Electrical Systems. She participated in ROTC for 3 years at Newnan High School and received her GED from West Georgia Technical College in October of 2018. She thanked her church family for their prayers and encouragement. She is pictured with her mother, Angel Sandoval, brother, William Tuggle, friend, Genaro Hurtado, and Pastor and Mrs. Greg Morris.



First Hogansville (continued) - Pastor Greg Morris prayer the invocation to begin the dedication service for the Isaiah Lofton Historic Marker in Hogansville on September 14. In 1897, Isaiah Lofton, Hogansville's black Postmaster was the victim of an attempted assassination. This is the first marker on the Georgia Civil Rights Trail located in Troup County. The marker was erected by the Georgia Historical Society and the City of Hogansville following years of research by Dr. Tony B. Lowe of the University of Georgia.

Grace - held a Baptism service for TJ and Freedom Barber. Grace welcomes TJ, Freedom and their family. There was a good turn out and the Holy Spirit was renewed at our four day Revival service with Evangelist Mark Peak.



Grace Baptism Service and Revival with Evangelist Mark Peak



Above: Pastor Greg Morris (Hogansville First Baptist) prays at the dedication of the Isaiah Lofton Historic Marker



Above L-R: Angel Sandoval, Amy Morris, Amberlyn Tuggle, Pastor Greg Morris, William Tuggle & Genaro Hurtado

News (continued)

Highland - had a wonderful Homecoming! Rev. Frank Powers delivered a great message and there was beautiful music by "Faithful Hearts" from LaGrange First Baptist Church on the Square. There was a large turnout of members, former members and visitors, who enjoyed the service as well as great fellowship and a delicious meal. It was a very successful event.

- Highland welcomed four new members in September. Mildred Robinson, Jane Hubbard and Cyndi and Greg York joined Highland by letter. Mildred Robinson had been a member of Highland years ago and said she was "coming home." "We are blessed to have all four in our fellowship."



Jean Crocker, Jeanne Lowery, and Becky Carden of Highland's Prayers and Squares group presented a prayer quilt to Jane Higgins at right.

Lakeview - Thanks to Associational Missionary Aaron McCollough for bringing the morning message on September 15 while Pastor Lamar Truitt was on vacation. • WMU met September 23 with hostess Sherry Tankersley planning a delicious lasagna meal and also the devotion. • WMU continued the project of bringing donations of food for the relatives of patients at LaGrange Hospice; all church members were invited to participate and all donations were much appreciated. • Brotherhood met September 28.

New Hope (LaGrange) - celebrated with praise and thanksgiving their 25th year of serving the Lord on Sept. 29. It was a tremendous time of worship, meeting old and new friends, and sharing a meal together. Preacher Mike & Susan Hornsby have served the congregation so faithfully during these years. "We love and appreciate them so very much. Many thanks to all who planned and prepared this special event."

- New Hope welcomed seven new members in August; some by letter and some by baptism. • Sisters of Hope had a fun night at their September meeting making a craft item. "Thanks to Melissa Hughes for planning and preparing this project for us." • On Sunday, Sept. 8, Youth Leader Chase Golden brought the message, "Steady Up" from Daniel 3. The congregation was blessed and encouraged by his preaching. "Thank you to the youth who are singing with the Praise Team during worship. You are a blessing; We are proud of you!"

Roper Heights - had a blessed month! They received two new members: Rita Taylor by letter and Linda Russell by profession of faith. "We welcome them into our church!" There were eight Baptisms: James Don Butler, George W. Brown, Shelia Rice, David Milner, Carol Milner, Barbara Parmer, Emily Akins and Pauline Edmonds. • The Senior Adults had an outing and enjoyed it very much. • The Youth sponsored a Luncheon for everyone and it was very good. • September 29 during the evening service, they had a time of testimonies and enjoyed special music. "May God Bless."

Second -



Second Baptist Church recognized Mrs. Alice Norris with a beautiful plaque and a bouquet of roses on Homecoming, August 18. Mrs. Alice has been serving in the Music Ministry at Second Baptist for 68 years.



Highland Homecoming Service: Faithful Hearts of First Baptist on the Square provided the special music.

News (continued)

Unity - The Current Mission Group (CMG) had a Luau Luncheon for all the ladies of the church on September 21. They enjoyed BBQ and all the trimmings and there was a good turnout. The next meeting will be October 21.

• Unity always has a blast in their Ukids ministry! From Awana on Wednesday to children's church on Sunday, there is never a dull moment. The Awana kids enjoyed theme nights in September: Pirate night, Zoo night, and Football night.

See photos at right. →



Unity: Ladies Luau Luncheon



Wehadkee - "Greetings my fellow brothers and sisters." For the past month, a lot has been happening at Wehadkee Baptist Church. The ceiling in the church had to be replaced and as that was being done it was discovered that the church needed to be rewired. It has been a lengthy process but was completed by Sunday, September 29. The entire congregation would like to THANK all the men of the church that helped to work and oversee the work being done. "Also, a great big THANK YOU to our sister church, Wehadkee Missionary Baptist Church for a generous gift given to help with repairs. God bless!"

• On September 20, Brother Aaron McCollough entertained the Friday night fellowship group with a comedy routine, "Ten Things I've Learned About Women." They enjoyed the comedy and some good food afterwards. • On September 26, the fellowship of Wehadkee Baptist Church hosted the Bingo game for the residents at Florence Hand Nursing Home. There were prizes and refreshments for all. • They observed Communion and enjoyed a fifth Sunday night fellowship on September 29.



Wehadkee's Friday Night Fellowship Group

Association - Church Prayer List

For November 2019, please pray for following churches:

Week of November 3 2019 - Baptist Tabernacle Church
 Week of November 10, 2019 - Bethlehem Baptist Church
 Week of November 17, 2019 - Callaway Baptist Church
 Week of November 24, 2019 - Concord Baptist Church

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

Save the Date...



Pastors' & Wives' Christmas Party

**Tuesday, December 3, 2019
 6:00 pm**

Hosted by Baptist Tabernacle Church

Announcements

Baptist Tabernacle (BTC) - On Tuesday nights Conquering Chemical Dependency meets at 6:00 pm. This Christ-Centered 12-Step Program is Biblically based, clinically tested, and a proven program which provides significant help that an addicted person needs to make a complete recovery from chemical addiction. Remember, Mark 10:27 says, “*for with God all things are possible.*” • Homecoming will be held on Sunday, October 6 at 10:30 am with a covered dish dinner in the JC McMillian Life Center following the morning worship service. Everyone is welcome. • Trunk or Treat will be held Thursday, October 31 from 6 to 8 pm at the church. Candy will be given to children. There will be cake walks, hot dogs, chips, pickles, popcorn and drinks for sale. Come and enjoy a fun and safe evening for everyone. “Happy Fall to all.”

Callaway - A support group called Fighting Cancer Through Christ meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm at the Callaway Café.

Creekside - will celebrate Homecoming on October 13 beginning at 10:30 am. *The Segos-The Next Generation* will be the guest singers and Brother Dennis Sego will bring the morning message. A covered dish luncheon will follow with delicious fried chicken and much more. • Creekside will have Fall Revival on October 18-20. Friday night at 7 pm Rev. Allen Simpson will bring the message; Saturday evening at 7 pm Rev. Randy Gilbert will be preaching; Sunday morning at 11 am Rev. Danny Geter will bring the message and Sunday evening at 6 pm, Brother Ricky Lipp will be preaching. There will be special singing at each service.

Davidson - Breakfast every Sunday at 9:00 am, Sunday School at 9:45, Worship at 11:00 am. All are welcome!

East Vernon - The annual Fall Festival will be held on Wednesday, October 30 at 6 pm.

First Baptist on the Square - will have a special packing party for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes Sunday, October 13 at 12:30 pm in the New Life Center. Adults and children 13 yrs and up (younger children must be accompanied by an adult), are welcome to come and help prepare 1,400 boxes. Financial contributions are accepted at the church office or via the church website <https://fbclagrange.org/occ/>.



National Collection Week for the shoeboxes is Nov. 18-25. They will be collected and packed for shipping in the New Life Center. Call Barbara Nivens at 706-302-9075 for more info.

A free community Trunk or Treat will be held on October 31 from 5:30 'til 7:00 pm at 207 W Haralson Street and is presented by First Baptist Church on the Square in LaGrange. Come in costume.



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

- Senior's Group meets the first Tuesday of month at 6:30pm.
- WMU meets the 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.
- Esther Women's Prayer Group meets the last Monday of every month at 6:30pm. More info at www.gbclagrange.com
- Parenting Class meets the first Wednesday at 6:45pm.
- Reformer's Unanimous & Teen Full Throttle meet every Friday at 7pm with a meal at 9pm. • The Fall Festival will be Saturday, October 26 from 4-6 pm. There will be games, food & prizes. To rent a craft booth call Britney at 706-350-8191.

Highland - The annual Trunk 'N Treats will be held on Thursday, October 31 from 6:00 pm until 7:00 pm. Candy will be given to trick-or-treaters from trunks of cars lining the church parking lot. Bible tracts will also be given. There is always a large turnout for this event; it is a great time to witness to children in our community.

Lakeview - Homecoming will be Sunday, October 13, with special music by Erin Dorman; Sheriff James Woodruff will be the guest speaker. Everyone is invited.

Mountville (MBC) - will have a PINK OUT on Sunday, October 6 in observance of Breast Cancer Awareness month. “Come join us and wear pink!”

- The Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, October 26 from 5-7 pm at Preacher Dwayne and Mrs. Danna's house at 3785 Greenville Road. There will be bouncy houses, slides, music, food, and a hayride. “Please join us!”



New Hope (LaGrange) - Sunday, October 6 at 6:00 pm, Chase Golden will be ordained as a gospel minister. All are invited to share in this wonderful occasion. Please bring a finger food to share afterwards in the Fellowship Hall. • On October 10, the Sisters of Hope will attend “The Freedom Tour” at First Baptist on the Square to hear Jennie Allen speak. This will serve as the October meeting. • The Fall Festival / Trunk or Treat will be Wednesday, October 30. There will be hot dogs, games and hay rides from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. The Trunk or Treat will begin at 7:00 pm in the parking lot. All proceeds go to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. • Sisters of Hope will do a community project at Vernon Woods on Monday, November 4. Please watch the church bulletin for more details.

The Freedom Tour with Jennie Allen and Christy Nockels
First Baptist Church on the Square
October 10, 2019
 Go to fbclagrange.org, about and events to order tickets.

Announcements (continued)

Unity - Unity Baptist Church is having a Fall Revival Sunday, November 17 at 10:30 am and 6:00 pm and Monday through Wednesday at 7:00 pm nightly. Guest Evangelist will be Jon Reed and there will be special music throughout. Everyone is invited! "We are expecting God to do incredible things."

- Lifeline Youth Ministry has a ton of great things planned to end out this year! There will be a Halloween Lock-in on November 1 starting at 6:30pm, a trip to the Hearts on Fire Conference in Pigeon Forge, TN on November 22-23, and a Christmas party on December 15. This is in addition to their youth nights every Wednesday at 6:30 pm. All youth are welcome!
- Ukids will be packing OCC (Operation Christmas Child) boxes on October 2 during Awana groups.
- All kids are invited to take part in the children's song portion of the Christmas program on Dec. 15. They will practice during Children's Church each Sunday.

Annual Life Chain (33rd Year)

October 6, 2:00 - 3:00 PM

St. Peter's Catholic Church
200 Lafayette Parkway, LaGrange

1:45 PM: Information & prayer prior to standing along sidewalks of Morgan and Lafayette Parkway.

Reception to follow in the church hall

Attention: Church Clerks

Annual Church Report Forms & Instructions were mailed out in August.

Please complete your church reports online or on paper by October 7.

If you did not receive your forms or if you have questions, please call Angela at 706-884-1975

FIFTH ANNUAL

MARCH FOR JESUS

Saturday, Oct. 12th 8:00 AM



Everyone Welcome
All Churches are Invited to Join Us
March begins at Sweetland Amphitheater
and ends at the Square

Seats will be available on the square for those not able to march

Annual Meeting of the Troup Baptist Association

Monday, October 21, 2019

6:00 pm Annual Meeting

Special Music: to be announced

Guest Speaker: Rev. Randy Mullinax

Georgia Baptist State Missionary / Evangelism

Annual Book of Reports will be available on
www.troubaptist.org one week prior to meeting.
To request printed copies call 706-884-1975



GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH
3731 West Point Road

FALL
FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 26

4:00 - 7:00 PM

Games • Food • Prizes

Rent a booth for \$40 to sell
handmade crafts or goodies

Call Britney to reserve

(706) 350-8191

Faith Bible Institute

Returning Students Registration: October 1-31, 2019

New & Former Students Registration: Oct 1- Nov 15

www.troubaptist.org / Faith Bible Institute

BROCK GILL

ILLUSIONIST / STUNT ARTIST / EVANGELIST

WILL BE AT

WESTERN HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19 6:30 PM

This is a free but ticketed event due to limited seating.
To reserve tickets call Alex at 706-594-6680 or email
alexs@westernheights.net. This event is designed for youth
outreach and is evangelistic in nature. (brockgill.com)

OCTOBER CALENDAR

- 7 Pastors' Prayer Fellowship, 11 am at TBA, Michael Stiggers
- 7 Financial Peace University, 6:30 pm at TBA
- 13 Pastor Appreciation Sunday
- 14 Pastors' Prayer Fellowship, 11 am at TBA,
- 14 Financial Peace University, 6:30 pm at TBA
- 21 Pastors' Prayer Fellowship, 11 am at TBA
- 21 Troup Baptist Association Annual Meeting, 6:00 pm at TBA
- 28 Pastors' Prayer Fellowship, 11 am at TBA
- 28 Financial Peace University, 6:30 pm at TBA

TBA refers to Troup Baptist Association office
 Association Prayer Group meets on Wednesdays at 11 am @ TBA
 Faith Bible Institute meets on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm @ TBA



Happy Birthday October



- 2 Rev. S. T. Janney
- 8 Rev. Kevin Stringham, Fountain
- 14 Rev. Anthony Criswell, First Baptist on the Square
- 17 Dr. Mike Brandenburg
- 20 Rev. Kenneth Cole, Dunson
- 26 Rev. Marion Hammond
- 31 Rev. Clifford Anderson



October is Pastor Appreciation Month



On The Lighter Side:

A police officer in a small town stopped a motorist who was speeding down Main Street. "But officer," the man began, "I can explain." "Quiet!", snapped the officer. "I'm going to let you spend the night in jail until the chief gets back." "But, officer, I just wanted to say," "And I said be quiet! You're going to jail!" A few hours later the officer looked in on his prisoner and said, "Lucky for you, the chief's at his daughter's wedding. He'll be in a good mood when he gets back." "Don't count on it," answered the guy in the cell. "I'm the groom."

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