

## Troup Baptist Association

### Hitting the Send Button

Recently, I sent a text message to one of my pastors. He didn't respond until the next day. When he finally responded, he stated, "I'm sorry I didn't reply to your text yesterday. I wrote my reply, but I got so busy that I forgot to hit the send button." As I read his reply, I couldn't help but think that this is what is wrong in the world today. We receive people's requests. We have the information they need. We formulate our replies, but we fail to hit the send button. And all the person on the other end knows is - there was no response to their request.

The pastor is a bi-vocational pastor who runs his own business. He's an extremely busy man! So, there's no doubt in my mind that what he told me was the absolute truth. And fortunately, the information I was seeking was trivial. So, it didn't matter that it took him a

minute to respond. No big deal! But I couldn't help but wonder just how many times a situation is a big deal, and we possess the information somebody else needs, but because of our busyness we fail to respond, and our failure to hit the send button causes irreparable damage.

In my sixty-four years of life, I have never seen the world in the shape it is in today. It defies logic! Evil is called good and good is called evil. The tail is wagging the dog! And I'm of the persuasion that it can be traced back to us, good God-fearing people, failing to hit the send button!

Jesus instructed us to go into Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the uttermost parts of the world teaching the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He taught us to baptize and make converts of all people groups. The truth is that Jesus is still very much in

the "sending business" today. And whether it be next door, across the state, or across the world, He is still sending us. The real question is not if Jesus is still in the sending business, it's whether we in the "going business?" We have the information that is needed – but are we hitting the send button?

- In my lifetime, it hasn't been uncommon to see young men and women stand before the church and announce that God had called them to do mission work and for the church to love, train, equip, and "send" them.

- During a lifetime of personal ministry, it hasn't been uncommon for me to mentor anywhere from two to six young men at a time, who had stood before the congregation and announced that God had called them to preach. Then the church would license, ordain, and "send" them.

- In my lifetime, it hasn't been uncommon for the church to "send" moral absolutes into the community.

- In my lifetime, it hasn't been uncommon for parents to "send" love, discipline, accountability, morality, and the skills necessary to be successful in life into their children.

- In my lifetime, it hasn't been uncommon for us as a society to "send" manners, respect, courtesy, and decency into our society.

Unfortunately, somewhere along the way, even though we possess the right stuff, we have failed to hit the send button. And by failing to do so, we have inadvertently sent all the wrong stuff that plagues our society and world today. In Jesus, we have the right stuff. I pray we will once again start hitting the send button.

And by the way, I wonder how many needs go unmet today because we, with the best of intentions, promised somebody we would pray for them, but never hit the send button!

*Brother Aaron*

# News

**Association** - The 82nd Annual Meeting of the Troup Baptist Association was held on October 21, 2019. Associational Missionary, Aaron McCollough welcomed everyone and opened with prayer. Moderator Terry Rainwater called the meeting to order. During the brief business portion of the meeting, the Book of Reports was approved, Moderator Terry Rainwater and Vice-moderator Derek Williams were both elected to serve another year. There were no reports given verbally; all reports were included in the Book of Reports. The offering received will be used for local mission projects. Five churches received certificates of appreciation from the Georgia Baptist Mission Board; First Baptist Church on the Square, New Hope Baptist Church (LaGrange), Franklin Road Baptist Church, Callaway Baptist Church and Teaver Road Baptist Church. Following the business meeting, Mrs. Stephanie Walker, accompanied by Mrs. Shirley Posey on piano, led the congregation in singing a number of favorite hymns. Hillcrest Baptist Church Praise Team sang several praise & worship songs and encouraged the crowd to sing along. Rev Randy Mullinax, Georgia Baptist State Missionary / Evangelism was the special speaker.



Hillcrest Baptist Church Praise Team



Annual Meeting L-R: Mrs. Shirley Posey, Mrs. Stephanie Walker, and Rev. Randy Mullinax (GBMB)

**Association** - Financial Workshops were held on October 29 with Tony Neal, Georgia Baptist State Missionary / Church Finance, conducting the morning and evening sessions. Following the morning session, most everyone stayed and enjoyed lunch together catered by Sloppy Pig Catering. After lunch, Tony Neal was available for questions. During the afternoon he and Brother Aaron recorded a video with topics including church contributions from IRAs, and mistakes

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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.

churches and pastors make with regard to taxes. The video is available on the website: [www.troubaptist.org](http://www.troubaptist.org). Look for the Training Videos tab.

At right: Tony Neal leading Church Finance Workshop



Below: Lunch following the Church Finance Workshop



Financial Peace Class  
Fall 2019

**Association** - Bro. Aaron and Mrs. Marianne are enjoying facilitating the Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University Course at the Troup Baptist Association. These wonderful people above are the second class this year. This is a nine-week course that meets each Monday night. Good stuff!

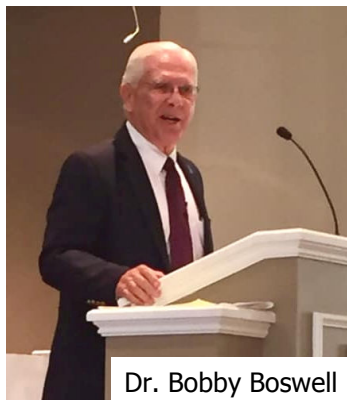
**Association** - Associational Missionary, Aaron McCollough spoke at the fifth annual March for Jesus held on Saturday, morning October 12. The March began at Sweetland Amphitheater and ended at the Square.



# News (continued)

**Association** - Associational Missionary, Aaron McCollough visited a number of the Troup Baptist Association churches during the past month.

- Bro. Aaron and Mrs. Marianne attended Homecoming at New Hope Baptist Church in LaGrange on Sunday, September 29 as the church celebrated their 25th anniversary. Dr. Bobby Boswell, Retired Assistant Executive Director for the Georgia Baptist Mission Board, preached an excellent sermon entitled, "A Time to Remember." "Congratulations New Hope!"



Dr. Bobby Boswell

- Later that evening, Bro. Aaron had a great time "Pickin' & Grinnin'" with the Roper Heights Congregation in West Point. They have a singing service every last Sunday night of the month. Great food, fellowship, and worship through song!

- On October 6, Bro. Aaron preached at New Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church as they celebrated Pastor Appreciation Day and Rev. Derek Williams' first anniversary as their pastor.

- On the evening of October 6, Bro. Aaron participated in the Ordination Service at New Hope (LaGrange) for their Youth Minister, Chase Golden.



Pastor Mike Hornsby (R) presenting Chase Golden (L) with his Ordination Certificate

- On Wed, October 9, Bro. Aaron and Mrs. Marianne attended revival service at Glenn Baptist Church in Franklin, GA. Bro. Steve Sexton, Worship Leader at Reeds Chapel Baptist Church in West Point Georgia was the evangelist. The Reeds Chapel Praise Team provided special music. Pastor Jeff McCartney and the congregation of Reeds Chapel moved their Wednesday service to Glenn. Rev. Jamie Kelly is the pastor of Glenn Baptist Church.



Reeds Chapel Praise Team

- On October 20, Bro. Aaron had the honor of preaching the Pastor Appreciation Service at East Vernon Baptist Church for Pastor Bernie Pasley. They enjoyed a time of food and fellowship following the morning service. After the preaching portion of the service, Tommy, Abbie, Connor, & McKinna Ison joined the church. Then the church joined in singing Happy Birthday to deacon and song leader, Joel Brand.



Above: Joel Brand, Deacon and Song Leader at East Vernon



Above L-R: Tommy, Abbie, Connor, McKinna Ison with Pastor Bernie Pasley of East Vernon Baptist Church

- On the evening of October 20, Bro. Aaron and Mrs. Marianne attended the final service of the Weekend Revival at Creekside Baptist Church. Rev. Allen Simpson preached Friday night, Rev. Randy Gilbert preached Saturday night, Rev. Danny Geter preached Sunday morning, and Rev. Rick Lipp preached Sunday night. Pastor Lipp's choir sang Sunday night. Also, Stovall Baptist Church moved their Sunday night service to Creekside. And finally, Marianne and Bro. Aaron, along with Rev. Randall Hodge, played and sang.



Rev. Rick Lipp

- On October 30, East Vernon held their Fall Festival and Chili Cook-off with Bro. Aaron serving as one of the judges. Winners of the Chili Cook-off were Pastor Bernie Pasley (first place), Joel Brand (second place) and David Fitch (third place).

On the evening of October 27, Bro. Aaron and Mrs. Marianne attended a Deacon Ordination Ceremony for new deacons Tic Dollar and Archie Pound of Grace Baptist Church.



# News (continued)

**Baptist Tabernacle (BTC)** - Four new members were welcomed to the Baptist Tabernacle Church family. "God is truly blessing our church family. God is good, all the time."

- The Food Closet served 613 individuals and distributed 576 meals. 150 backpacks were given to children for weekend food. The Food Closet also gave away 146 bags of apples and 81 gallons of milk.
- The Clothes Closet continues to serve a lot of people each week. There is a need for coats at this time. If you have any that you would like to donate, please take them to Baptist Tabernacle Church.
- Homecoming was held on October 6. Pastor Jimmy delivered a great message from God. After worship service, lunch was served. A wonderful time of eating and fellowshiping was had by all who attended.
- October 20 was set aside for Pastor Appreciation Day. No amount of gifts, dinners or money could show how much we love and appreciate our pastor, Rev. Jimmy McMillian and Merle. He is a man of God and preaches from God's Holy Word. He is a blessing to everyone he meets.

**Dunson** - On October 8, Dunson Baptist Church took their bus to Blue Ridge, Georgia for apples and a nice meal. Members from New Hope Baptist, Shoal Creek, Unity, and Dunson joined together for the trip and had a wonderful time.

- On Thursday, October 10 at 6pm, Dunson started a new contemporary service called "Thrive Alive!" It is a "come as you are" service held in the fellowship hall and includes contemporary Christian music and food. The next meeting will be announced. Hope to see you there!
- The girls ministry took a trip to Six Flags after church on October 13. The entire youth group had a lock-in at the church that same night with a big breakfast served the following morning.



Dunson Baptist Bus Trip to Blue Ridge, Georgia

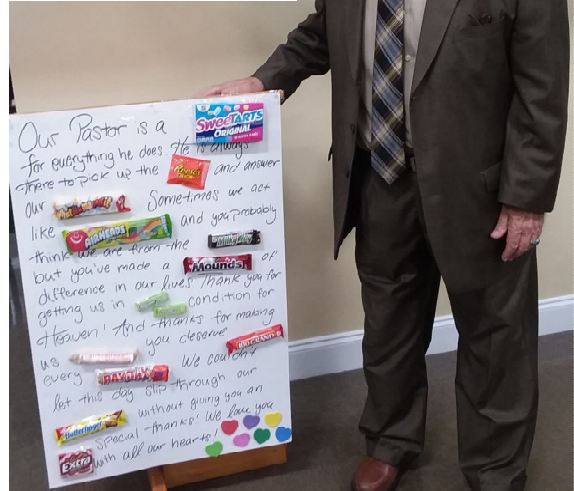
**First Hogansville (FBCH)** - Pastor Greg Morris, led a revival for Unity Baptist Church in Roosterville, GA from Sep. 29 through Oct. 2. Pastor Greg reported that people and churches were blessed during the services, and he was honored to be part of a holy revival.

- FBCH is pleased to welcome the following as new members who came during the last quarter: Ashley Holt, Hope Williamson, Jamari Hardnett, Gwinneth Murrah Morse, and Mandy and Darrell Neese. "We are honored that they chose to join with us as we strive to serve the Lord."

**Grace** - Ladies of Grace delivered two car loads of diapers to the First Choice Pregnancy Center. Giving Grace Meals prepares meals monthly for homebound people.

- There was a big turnout for the Fall Festival on October 26.

Grace children made Pastor Donnie Benefield a "sweet" surprise for Pastor Appreciation Day. "We love you, Pastor Donnie. You are the best."



Grace Fall Festival



**Highland** - celebrated Pastor Appreciation month with a luncheon following morning worship service on October 27. "We love and appreciate Pastor Terry and Cookie for all they do for our church, as well as our community. We are blessed to have them serving as our Pastor Family."

- The annual Trunk 'N Treats event was held on Thursday, October 31. Over 350 people came and everyone had a good time. Highland members enjoy this chance to see children from the community and have the opportunity to witness to them.

**Lakeview** - A large crowd of members and visitors enjoyed Homecoming service and a bountiful luncheon on October 13. Thanks to Erin Dorman for beautiful music and to Sheriff James Woodruff for a very interesting message.

- WMU met on October 28 with WMU leader and hostess Ginny Helton planning the food, the devotion, and leading the discussion of projects and plans for the upcoming holidays.



# News (continued)

**Mountville (MBC)** - held a Pink Out on Sunday, October 6 in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Also, pink balloons were released in honor of our survivors! • Mountville Mpcat enjoyed a trip to the beach during their Fall Break. "We are so thankful for great youth leaders who are willing to spend their time pouring Jesus into our young people!" • Mountville enjoyed "Family Day" on Sunday, October 20. Everyone brought their favorite tailgate foods and enjoyed a beautiful afternoon of fun and fellowship! The church also loved on Preacher Dwayne for Pastor Appreciation. He loves to see fellowship among the congregation!

• The Fall Festival was held on Sunday, October 27 at Preacher Dwayne's house. Everyone enjoyed great fellowship, great music and great food. There were some really cute costumes, too! The night ended with a hayride and trunk or treat. Also, a special thanks to the "Tree Frogs" for providing some good ole gospel music!



Mountville Fall Festival



Mountville Mpcat - Fall Break at the Beach

Mountville Fall Festival



**New Hope (LaGrange)** - The celebration of New Hope's 25 years of ministry was a huge success. It was wonderful to see many people who were instrumental in the beginning of the church. The church began in 1994 and the charter members in attendance were recognized. Todd Keeble, who sang at the very first service, sang again praising God with "We are Standing on Holy Ground." Members of Chilton Baptist in Clanton, Alabama, who worked on the church building were also recognized. Eddie Wilson gave a short history of the beginnings of the church. The service was a joyful time of singing, preaching, praising and prayer for what God has done at New Hope. A luncheon was prepared for everyone after the service. • Chase Golden was ordained to the gospel ministry on Sunday evening October 6 in a beautiful and sacred service. Many of his family members and former church members were present to celebrate with them. "We are very proud of Chase and pray God's blessings on his future wherever God leads." (photo at right)



• Ms. Betty Ellis, New Hope member passed away in September. "We extend love and condolences to her family." Betty will be remembered as the one who suggested and made possible name tags for each member to wear on Sunday morning. • On November 4, the Sisters of Hope had a great time of fun and fellowship while playing Bingo with residents of Vernon Woods. They were excited to receive small gifts and prizes for their participation. • The Fall Festival / Trunk or Treat had a huge turnout for games, cake walks, hay rides and lots of candy. Sisters of Hope prepared a hot dog supper and donations went to the Lottie Moon offering.



New Hope Baptist Church under construction 25 years ago.

**Unity** - Awana children packed 30 Operation Christmas Child (OCC) shoeboxes on October 2. The Awana kids enjoyed theme nights in October: "Bring a Friend", "Dress a Mess" and "Wear and Do Everything Backwards". Trunk or Treat was held on October 30 at 6:30 pm. • Current Mission Group (CMG) had a meeting on October 21 and packed 39 OCC shoeboxes. • Food Closet was October 22 and several families in the community were helped. The next Food Closet will be in November. • Homecoming was held on October 6. Everyone enjoyed a luncheon afterwards. • Lifeline Youth Ministry had a Halloween Lock-in on November 1.



# Announcements

**Baptist Tabernacle (BTC)** - The Lighthouse Keepers is open to all Senior Adults (55 or older). The purpose of the Lighthouse Keepers is for the senior members of the church to continue doing the work that the Lord would have them to do for the church and community. They prepare a meal each month for the family and friends of a loved one in hospice care and they also donate bottles of water to Hospice. They play Bingo at Florence Hand Home on the third Thursday of each month as an outreach service. They also do a project each year for the Battered Women's Shelter. • Singers from BTC go to Florence Hand Home (third floor) on the third Friday of each month at 10am. They sing and socialize with the residents.

- Monday, November 11 is Veteran's Day. Please remember to say "thank you" to those who have served and are serving today. BTC will honor veterans on Sunday, Nov. 10.
- BTC will be hosting a Blood Drive on Nov. 25 from 2-7 pm in the Life Center. "Please donate so that others may live."
- Hunters for Christ will have their annual Smoked Turkey and Boston Butt Sale during November. Cost is \$30 each. Please contact Brian at 706-616-2000 or Kim at 706-616-2001. Pick up will be Wednesday, Nov. 27 from 5-8 pm. Proceeds are used to take handicap veterans on hunts and fishing trips.
- "Happy Thanksgiving from all of us at Baptist Tabernacle Church. May God bless you and your family." *O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever.* Psalm 107:1

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

**Dunson** - The Dunson Baptist WMU is selling cookbooks. This is a reprint of some that were sold several years ago. The cookbook sells for \$15 and contains 899 recipes. To purchase one, please call the church office 706-884-7814.

- Dunson has an opening for a part-time clerical/bookkeeping position, 12 hours per week (10am-2pm Tues-Thurs). For more information, contact the church at 706-884-7814.

**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" is every third Saturday.
- "Grace Men for Christ" and "Ladies of Grace" meet every third Monday night at 6:30 for 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.gbclagrang.com](http://www.gbclagrang.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.

## 1 Chronicles 16:34 (KJV)

O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good;  
for his mercy endureth for ever.

**Highland** - The Community-wide Thanksgiving Service will be held on Sunday, November 24 at First Baptist Church of Hogansville. The service will start at 5 pm.

**Lakeview** - Donations of nonperishable foods with future expiration dates continue to be needed for the Lakeview Food Closet. Men of the church will meet on November 16 at 9am.

**New Hope (LaGrange)** - The choir will practice for the Christmas Cantata each Wednesday at 7pm. If you like to sing, you are invited to join them. The Christmas Cantata will be presented on Sunday, December 15. • Sunday, November 17 will be the packing party for Operation Christmas Child for the children's department. Thanks to everyone who donated money to help ship these boxes to their destination. • Sisters of Hope will prepare a soup lunch on Sunday, December 1 after worship service. Everyone is invited. Proceeds will be for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. • The Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Wednesday evening, November 20 at 6pm.

**Unity** - On November 6, Awana kids will bring personal items for our Food Closet. We will have red, white and blue day on November 13. The children will meet and have dinner with the Guest Evangelist on Wednesday, November 20 before the revival meeting. There will be no Awana on November 27.

- Current Mission Group (CMG) will meet on November 21; They will be preparing fruit baskets for shut-ins. CMG will have their Christmas party on December 10. CMG will have Chili and Soup luncheon on December 15 after the morning Christmas program. They will be collecting donations for the luncheon to be used for mission opportunities.

- 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 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! • The Christmas program is December 15; all kids are invited to take part in the children's song portion of the program. The children will be practicing during Children's Church each Sunday.



# Announcements (continued)



## 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.

### Spring Semester Online Enrollment through Nov. 15

(late fee of \$28 applies Nov 16 - Jan 21)

Classes begin January 21, 2020

- The Judges & The Single Kingdom of Israel
- New Testament Epistles
- Hebrew Wisdom Literature
- New Student: \$139      • FBI Graduate: \$61
- Returning Student: \$97      • 2<sup>nd</sup> Family Member: \$61

For more information go to [www.troubaptist.org](http://www.troubaptist.org)  
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Operation Christmas Child  
Drop-Off Center  
First Baptist Church on the Square  
New Life Center

National Collection Week is  
November 18-25

Monday, Nov. 18	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Tuesday, Nov. 19	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Wednesday, Nov. 20	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Thursday, Nov. 21	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM
Friday, Nov. 22	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Saturday, Nov. 23	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Sunday, Nov. 24	12:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Monday, Nov. 25	8:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Volunteers are greatly needed during these hours. Call Barbara Nivens at 706-302-9075 to volunteer or for more information.



## Psalm 100:4 (KJV)

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving,  
and into his courts with praise:  
be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

## 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 - Bethel Baptist Church  
Week of November 17, 2019 - Bethlehem Baptist Church  
Week of November 24, 2019 - Callaway Baptist Church

For December 2019, please pray for following churches:

Week of December 1, 2019 - Concord Baptist Church  
Week of December 8, 2019 - Confidence Missionary Baptist  
Week of December 15, 2019 - Creekside Baptist Church  
Week of December 22, 2019 - Davidson Baptist Church  
Week of December 29, 2019 - Dunson Baptist Church

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



## Surviving the Holidays

Video Seminar

November 20, 6:00-8:00pm

Room 306

First Baptist Church on the Square,  
LaGrange, GA 30240



First Baptist Church on the Square  
LaGrange, GA. 30240

Save the Date...



## Pastors' & Wives' Christmas Party

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

**Hosted by Baptist Tabernacle Church**



**Happy Birthday**  
**December**



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| 1  | Rev. Michael Stiggers, Eastside Baptist   |
| 6  | Rev. James (Jamie) Kelley, Glenn Baptist  |
| 9  | Rev. Doug Bingham, Unity Baptist          |
| 20 | Rev. Andy Buchanan, Franklin Road Baptist |
| 22 | Rev. Bill Bryant                          |
| 31 | Rev. Wesley Boatman                       |

## NOVEMBER CALENDAR

- 3 Daylight Saving Time Ends - Fall back 1 hour.
- 4 Pastors' Prayer Fellowship, 11 am at TBA, Michael Stiggers
- 4 Financial Peace University, 6:30 pm at TBA
- 11 Pastors' Prayer Fellowship, 11 am at TBA
- 11 Financial Peace University, 6:30 pm at TBA
- 14 Leadership Group I, 10:30 am at TBA
- 18 Pastors' Prayer Fellowship, 11 am at TBA
- 18 Financial Peace University, 6:30 pm at TBA (last class)
- 25 Pastors' Prayer Fellowship, 11 am at TBA
- 27-29 Troup Baptist Assoc. & GBMB closed for Thanksgiving

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 November

- 2 Rev. Jerome Hicks
- 6 Ms. Jane Gottshall, Association Clerk
- 15 Rev. Ray Tarwater
- 15 Bro. Terry Gray, The Church on the Rock
- 16 Rev. Steve Sexton
- 22 Rev. Steve Johnson, Bethel



## Happy Thanksgiving!



### *On The Lighter Side:*

Nathan, a young boy, after hearing the story of Thanksgiving and how the Indians and the Pilgrims sat down together, climbed up into his father's lap and said, 'Daddy, did you know that if we were Indians, you would be a brave and Mom would be a squawk?' 'That is the best description of your mother I have ever heard, Nathan', replied his daddy as he ducked.

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