

Troup Baptist Association

Attitude is Everything.

Growing up playing sports helped me to understand a lot about attitude. I have come to agree with nearly every coach that has made the point to a bad attitude squad, "Attitude is Everything." Attitude affects effort. Attitude affects teamwork. And ultimately, attitude affects outcome. Over the years as I've played and coached, I see that more clearly than ever.

God knew that about us long before the first sport was thought of and long before "coaching" was such a big deal. If you'll remember, God gave Cain an attitude talk in Genesis 4:6-7,

"Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it."

Too bad that Cain didn't listen. The result of his hard-headed thinking was that Abel lost his life. Attitude is Everything.

Fast forward to the New Testament and you see another attitude talk. It's found in Philippians 2:3-8. I used this passage at the Executive Committee meeting last month after the vote was complete. As I

accepted the position of the Troup Baptist Associational Mission Strategist with joy and excitement, I also filtered that excitement through these verses as one of my "life-guiding" passages.

³ *"Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves."*
⁴ *Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.*
⁵ *Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,*
⁶ *who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,*
⁷ *but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.*
⁸ *And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.*

As I have been praying and preparing to take on this role, the Lord impressed me with a long list of things that I've narrowed down to four words, each beginning with "S."

SELFLESS

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or conceit...count others more significant than yourselves..." and "...look not only to his [your] own interests, but also to the interests of others..."

Jesus' attitude was selfless. I heard a pastor say once, **"Selfless is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less."** This is the root attitude, coupled with LOVE, that motivated Jesus to leave His heavenly glory and come down here to sacrifice His life for you and me. We must live daily with the same selfless attitude of Jesus.

SERVE

"[Jesus] emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant..." The next level is when attitude turns to action. SERVING is selflessness in ACTION. Serving is not just being aware of the needs of our church, community, and world, but when we are compelled to do the things that will make a difference. Jesus "took on the form of a servant" to meet our needs of salvation and abundant life. We are most like Christ when we are SERVING (action) SELFLESSLY (attitude) in LOVE (motive).

SUPPORT

"...begin born in the likeness of men..." Jesus became one of us. He poured Himself into flesh so that He could know our experience, meet our needs, and provide for our life. The way we've tried to capture this attitude of support is the old saying, "Before you judge a man, walk a mile in his shoes." We must be moved by

compassion, as Christ was, so that we can not only meet a physical need or throw money at a problem, but step into the middle of the hurt and pain in our world and minister with the love of Christ.

SALVATION

"...He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." Here is the ultimate "WHY?" Why did Jesus come? Why did He live with this attitude? Why did He serve? Why did He sacrifice? Because we needed to be saved! Our Associational Mission is lived out through various ministries, projects, and events, but the reason — the WHY — is that we might share the Gospel of Jesus Christ to a world that is still in desperate need of a Savior.

Imagine what our churches, association, and community would look like if we not only grasped this passage, but began to live our lives according to it. Let's commit to these attitudes today and say, "Let it begin in me."

Blessings,
Brother Andy

Challenge: Take a look at this passage and read on through verse 11. I'd love for you to send me an email with your testimony to the verses. My email is andy@troubaptist.org

We encourage you to "like" us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/troubaptist

Association / Church News & Announcements

Association - On Monday, February 21, the Executive Committee of the Troup Baptist Association met and elected by unanimous vote, Rev. Andy Buchanan (Franklin Road Baptist Church) to serve as Associational Mission Strategist of the Troup Baptist Association. There were 31 voting members present representing 16 churches. In further business, Rev. Terry Rainwater (Highland Baptist Church) was elected to fill the unexpired term of Vice-Moderator, previously held by Rev. Buchanan. Rev. Andy Buchanan then addressed the group, thanking those who had encouraged him in this endeavor. He shared a funny story of a time when as a young boy, he was forgotten and left in this church, Southwest Baptist Church, after dark when his dad pastored here. He outlined his ministry experience in both large and small church settings. He shared his vision for his role as Associational Mission Strategist using the scripture in Philippians 2:3-11. (*Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit...*) He outlined this with four words: Selfless, Serve, Support, and Salvation. He stated that his personal gifts were encouragement, technical skills, and serving others. He promised to work hard and to learn and he asked everyone to pray for him and to call him anytime. He also added, "God is stirring my heart to dream for the association."

Rev. Andy Buchanan began his service to the Troup Baptist Association on March 1. His email address is andy@troubaptist.org and phone number is (706) 594-5702.



Troup Baptist Associational Mission Strategist
Rev. Andy Buchanan and his wife Kim

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 - Troup Baptist Association will host 2022 Financial Compliance Seminars presented by Georgia Baptist Foundation on Thursday, April 7 from 4:30 until 8:30 at the association office with a break at 6pm for dinner catered by Chick-fil-A. Seminar topics cover:

- Planning financial compensation for ministers
- Federal & State reporting requirements for churches
- Fraud and Internal Controls
- Financial Health and Metrics

Seminar Speakers will be

- Tony Neal, Executive Pastor and CPA
- CapinCrouse, National Full Service CPA & Consulting Firm devoted to serving nonprofit organizations.

To register visit gbfoundation.org/seminars/. There is a \$10 registration fee for the seminar and will include a Chick-fil-A boxed meal.



New Landscaping
at Troup Baptist
Association

Thank You to Mountville Baptist Church Missions Group!

Association - Church Prayer List

For March 2022, please pray for following churches:

Week of March 6, 2022 - First Hispanic Baptist Church
Week of March 13, 2022 - Flat Shoals Salem Rd Baptist Church
Week of March 20, 2022 - Fountain Baptist Church
Week of March 27, 2022 - Franklin Road Baptist Church

For April 2022, please pray for following churches:

Week of April 3, 2022 - Glenn Baptist Church
Week of April 10, 2022 - Grace Baptist Church
Week of April 17, 2022 - Gray Hill Baptist Church
Week of April 24, 2022 - Harvest Baptist Church

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

Church News & Announcements

Baptist Tabernacle (BTC) - During the month of February, the Food Closet served 245 individuals giving away 245 boxes of food and 120 backpacks with weekend food for children. The Food and Clothes Closets are open every Thursday from 9 am until 11 am. • The Prayer Warriors meet every Tuesday at 10 am on the Square for prayer. Everyone is invited to attend. • The Blood Drive will be March 7 from 2-7 pm in the JC McMillian Life Center of Baptist Tabernacle Church. If you are able to donate, please come and do so. There is a critical blood shortage at this time. • BTTC Student Ministry meets every Wednesday at 7 pm. • Awanas is on Wednesday from 6:30 until 8:00 pm. March 2 was Parent Olympic Night. On March 16 there will be a Glow-in-the-Dark Easter Egg Hunt. • Women's Bible Study will meet on March 8, 15 and 22 from 6:30 until 8:00 pm. • Spring ahead on Saturday night, March 12 as Daylight Savings Time starts on Sunday, March 13. "Don't be late for Sunday School and Worship Service. Remember, God is always on time." Baptist Tabernacle wishes everyone a happy and safe spring. Remember, "God is good all the time."

Creekside - Creekside Baptist added four new members in February. "Praise the Lord!" • The Sisterhood celebrated Valentine's Day with a couples dinner on February 14. The event was hosted by Jamie and Valerie Clary who served delicious grilled chicken. Daniel Ashmore was the guest speaker. Chris Studdard officiated the Newlywed game. Contestants were: Bryan & Janet Geter, Mike & Cissy Bowen, Lee & Cissy Dameron, and Amber & Justin Wisener. Congratulations to Bryan & Janet who were the winning couple! The questions and responses brought a lot of laughter to all. • The Brotherhood had a great meeting on February 19 with guest speaker Rev. Scotty Fowler. • On Saturday, February 19, everyone had a great time at the Laddie Yates Memorial singing. New Reason Quartet performed and everyone enjoyed finger foods afterward. • On February 26, they enjoyed Karaoke night, hosted by Justin and Amber Wisener. • On March 10 at 7:00 pm, Creekside will host the Inspirations, who will be there for a love offering. • The Sisterhood will meet on March 14 and the Brotherhood will meet on March 19.

FBC Hogansville - Pastor Benny Tate of Rock Springs Church, Milner, Georgia, preached a one-day revival on Monday, February 7. Pastor Benny delivered a powerful message, and the evening was a great time of worship and study in God's Word. He brought the Rock Springs Choir with him so we were additionally blessed with their inspiring music. • Some of the church leaders had a wonderful two days at the Defy the Odds leadership conference at Rock Springs Church in Milner, Georgia. Dr. Benny Tate and his team did an amazing job. "We are trusting God to use this to lead, guide and encourage us to do His will within our own church and community." • The FBC Hogansville Youth have been busy. They are raising money to go to Camp Centrifuge in Panama City, Florida. The camp offers creative, active, performance and classroom-based activities led by trained staff. The youth are excited to have this opportunity. They also had 15 to attend WinterJam on February 27. This was a make-up date from an earlier postponement.

FBC Hogansville (continued) - is pleased to welcome two new members through baptism: Jerrica Jones and Sebastian Allen. "It is a privilege to have the opportunity to lead them in their journey with the Lord!"



Pastor Benny Tate at First Baptist Hogansville



First Baptist Hogansville attended Defy the Odds Leadership Conference at Rock Springs Church



First Baptist Hogansville Pastor Greg Morris baptizing Sebastian Allen

Church News & Announcements

Grace - distributed 84 boxes of free food in February. These boxes of food are available to anyone on the third Saturday of each month. The drive through pick-up starts at 10 am.

- Homecoming will be Sunday, March 27 at 11:45 am with a covered dish meal after the service.
- The Easter Egg Hunt and other activities for children will be Saturday, April 9 from 1:00 until 3:00 pm.
- Easter Sunrise Service is Sunday, April 17 at 7 am followed with breakfast prepared by Men of Christ. All are welcome to attend.
- Join them for Sunday School at 9:45 am, Morning Worship at 10:45 am, Discipleship Training by Jimmy Pruitt at 6:00 pm and Wednesday service at 7:00 pm.
- Children's Church (PreK-3rd Grades) and Teen Ministry (6th - 12th grades). Generation Now will meet every 1st and 3rd Sundays during Worship for 4th grade up to Age 20.
- Children and Teen Ministries will meet in the George Harris Building. The services are streamed live on their Facebook page and are available on their YouTube channel.
- Reformer's Unanimous meets every Friday night at 7:00 pm and streams live on Facebook at 8 to 8:30 pm. Visit their webpage www.gbclagrange.com for updates and links to their Facebook page and YouTube channel.



SUNDAY, MARCH 27TH

11:45 AM

COVERED DISH AFTER SERVICE

Highland - had a wonderful Valentine's lunch following the morning worship service on February 13. They were served a delicious Spaghetti meal and outstanding desserts. It was a good time of fellowship. • On March 20, there will be a special worship service at 11:00 am. Nikita Koloff, World Renowned Evangelist, will be the speaker. "Everyone is invited to join us for this service." • The choir has begun practicing a beautiful Easter cantata to be presented during the morning worship service.



Above top: Ellen Hubbard serves plates of spaghetti.
Above bottom: Highland members enjoy a Valentine's lunch and fellowship.

If you or someone you know would like to be added to the mailing list for this newsletter, please call the Troup Baptist Association at 706-884-1975 and give your name & address.



Above: Janis Davison enjoying the quilt made for her by Highland's Prayers and Square group. Knots tied on the quilt represent prayers by Highland members who miss her and wish her well.

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Lakeview - Donations are still being received for a city water connection. • Masks are now optional, but hand sanitizing and social distancing are still recommended. Those with symptoms of possible Covid continue to have the option of worshipping outside. • At the January 29 WMU meeting, the ladies made hangers for their laundry rooms with clothespins for hanging socks with lost mates. WMU ladies met again at Hibachi on February 12 for a delicious lunch and wonderful fellowship. • Brotherhood met at the home of Bill and Mary Cobb on February 12 for a home-cooked breakfast and then traveled to SewingMachine.com in West Point where Lakeview Baptist Church Deacon, Sidney Lanier was presented with a "Quilt of Valor" by the West Point Chapter on Saturday, February 12 at SewingMachine.com in West Point, Georgia. Mr. Lanier, 95, is a World War II veteran and served in the Pacific in the U.S. Navy. Those attending the ceremony in support of Mr. Lanier included Karen, Evelyn, and Eleanor Whisnant, Will and Liam Whisnant, Deacon Richard King, Pastor Lamar Truitt, Donna Lankford, Chuck Samo, Steve and Jean Shirley, and Bill Cobb.



Above front row L-R: Karen, Evelyn & Eleanor Whisnant, WWII Veteran Sidney Lanier, Will & Liam Whisnant
Back row L-R: Deacon Richard King, Pastor Lamar Truitt, Donna Lankford & Chuck Samo



Above: Lakeview WMU Ladies with their laundry hangers which read: "Clean Single and looking for a mate"
This refers to lost socks of course!

Mountville (MBC) - Mountville's Mission Team gave the Troup Baptist Association a new and improved look by redoing the landscaping in front of the building in February. See photo on page 2.

New Hope (LaGrange) - is excited to announce that Chase and Hanna Wilson will be leading the Youth Department. Please pray for them as they accept this responsibility of teaching and ministering to our Youth. • A Newcomers Lunch was held on Sunday, March 6 for those who have recently joined and for others interested in New Hope. They met Pastor Steven, the staff, and were given information regarding the church vision, mission and ministry. • The church ministry action for March will be bringing breakfast snacks which will be given to Clearview Elementary. Items such as Fruit Loops cereal bowls, Pop Tarts, breakfast bars, Rice Krispie Treats, etc. • VBS will be conducted July 18-22. This year it will be from 8:00 am until 12 noon. Please mark your calendar now and watch for further information.

• On Friday, April 29 from 7:00 pm until 1:00 am, David Platt will be our guest speaker for Secret Church. His subject will be "Who Am I?" If you are interested in attending, please let Pastor Steven Cheek know by calling the church office at (706) 443-5134. • "We rejoice and welcome to our church family, Trinity Keller, by baptism!" She is a member of the youth group. Please pray for her as she learns and grows in Christ. • On Easter Sunday, April 17, there will be a fellowship breakfast before the 11:00 am worship service. Please check the New Hope Facebook page for more information.

New Macedonia Missionary - will be hosting Saturday morning Revival Services - Wake Up, Get Up Revival on March 5, 12 and 19 at 10:30 am each Saturday. Guest Preachers will be Pastor Michael Stiggers, Pastor Adam Camp and Pastor Michael Winston.

• On Saturday, February 12, Deacon Freddie Lighty Jr was presented a "Quilt of Valor" at SewingMachine.com in West Point, Georgia for his military service. A large group of supporters from his church were in attendance for this special recognition.



New Macedonia Deacon Freddie Lighty Jr. receives a Quilt of Valor.
Front L-R: Peggy Shipman, Danny Hayes, Janie Hayes, Natasha Hayes Simpson, Leroy Hayes, Jr., Ethel Ruth Smith, Deacon Leroy Hayes (seated), Deacon Freddie Lighty Jr., Madison Williams.
Back L-R: Jaylen Williams, Milton Smith, Ethel Smith, Jennifer Stewart, Pastor Derek Williams & Stephanie Williams.

Church News & Announcements

Roper Heights - WOM (Women on Mission) cooked lunch for the members on Sunday, February 13. They served spaghetti, salad, bread and dessert. It was a great time of fellowship. Their new pastor, Rev. Eric Rice, gave carnations to all of the women. Dennis Lindsay took photos of everyone and they are posted on the church Facebook page.



Wehadkee - wishes everyone a Happy New Year in Christ!

- On February 12, they enjoyed a Valentine's Dinner by Candlelight, hosted by Kim Sams. It was a beautiful dinner to honor the love Christ has shown us, as we show our love to our spouse and other loved ones. There is no greater love than that of our Father in Heaven.
- Happy Birthday (January) to Kim Sams, Haywood Cliett, Jimmy Treadwell, and Debbie Wessinger.
- Happy Birthday (February) to Randy Mickle, Leona Mulkey, Wendy Palmer, Tim Yarbrough, and Freddie Traylor.
- Happy Anniversary to Phillip & Wendy Palmer and Jimmy & Renate Massey.

2022

New Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church

Wake Up, Get Up REVIVAL

Saturday, March 5: Pastor Michael Stiggers & Eastside Baptist Church, Lagrange, Ga

Saturday, March 12: Pastor Adam Camp & Rosemont Baptist Church, Lagrange, Ga

Saturday, March 19: Pastor Michael Winston & Sardis Baptist Church, Camp Hill, Al

10:30 AM Weekly

Pastor Derek L. Williams
111 Johnson Street, Lagrange, Ga 30241

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GEORGIA BAPTIST WOMEN'S

Spring Event

APRIL 23, 2022

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH

WARNER ROBINS

WinShape Camps

Registrations for WinShape Camp opens Monday, March 7 at 9 AM.

The first 100 to register by March 13 will get a \$99 discount! (\$125 after discount)

Camp will be held June 13-17 at Lafayette Christian School

Winshape Camp is a day camp (8:00 AM- 5:00 PM) for kids who have completed 1st thru 8th Grade by June 15. Registrations will be open thru May 27 or until all spots are filled.

You can register kids for Winshape Camp online at camps.winshape.org/register/110

Local Churches... find out how your church can sponsor kids for camp or sign up volunteers for camp, or get more information about camp... contact Diana Thomas at First Baptist Church on the Square phone: 706-884-5631 or email to winshapelagrange@gmail.com

Announcements

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Missions Week at Rockridge

We have a great opportunity to serve an important need for our association. Recently we have hired a new Camp Director, Joel Williamson and his wife Alegria. We are getting things ready for the retreat and summer camp seasons. There are several *"lite construction"* needs at Camp Rockridge in Franklin, GA.

"Missions Week at Rockridge" will be **April 18th-22nd** so that many projects can be worked on and hopefully finished during the week. We hope that your church will be able to participate in this "mission trip" by either coming down one or more days throughout the week to work on one or more of the work projects that are needed. There will be a small charge each day for lunch and for supplies.

Thank you for your help and for your interest in Rockridge.

Please contact Angie at the Carrollton Associational office to sign your church/people up and the project you want to do for "Missions Week" at Rockridge.

Email: carrolltonbaptist1873@gmail.com

Phone: 770-834-3451 (Carrollton Baptist Association)

There will be a
"Meet & Greet"
for

Joel and Alegria Williamson
Sunday, March 13
2:30 - 4:00 pm
Rockridge Baptist Assembly
13200 Hwy 100, Franklin, GA



Circles
TROUP COUNTY

Circles of Troup County will hold a volunteer orientation Tuesday, March 15 at 10 a.m. or at 5:30 p.m. (both 1 hour meetings are the same) at

Troup Baptist Association. Circles works with people who are motivated to move out of poverty and matches them with middle- and high-income volunteers who can support and encourage them on their journey. Volunteers are an integral part of the Circles community and there are many ways to support our neighbors in their financial stability journey.

Circles meets at TBA every Thursday evening and volunteers help prepare and serve dinner, work with Circles Kids or be a support person for a family as they set and reach goals to become financially stable. Volunteers also assist in presenting poverty simulations throughout the year. The time commitment can be as little as a few hours a quarter or as much as a weekly commitment for a set amount of months. The orientation will provide an overview of ways you, your small group or your church family can support our neighbors!

To sign up for the volunteer orientation, contact Sherri Brown at sbrown@troupcountyga.org or at 706.402.6423. For information, see the website circlesoftroupcounty.org

Circles of Troup County will be featured in a national video later this year. Circles USA chose the LaGrange chapter of Circles to be featured in their recruiting video. The production team spent two days in LaGrange interviewing both participants and volunteers in the Circles of Troup organization. Circles meets weekly in the Troup Baptist Association facility.

Below: Circles participant being interviewed for the video.



Children's Camp Rockridge

June 20 - 23, 2022



Save the Date!

For: Boys & Girls ages 8 years through rising 6th graders.
Location: Rockridge Baptist Assembly, Franklin, GA

More information coming soon on www.troupbaptist.org.

Daylight Saving Time
begins March 13, 2022
Spring Forward!

MARCH CALENDAR

- 1 Troup Baptist Association welcomes our new Associational Mission Strategist, Rev. Andy Buchanan.
- 7 Pastors' Prayer Fellowship, 11:00 am In Person & Zoom
- 13 Daylight Savings Time Starts (Spring Forward 1 hour)
- 14 Pastors' Prayer Fellowship, 11:00 am In Person & Zoom
- 21 Pastors' Prayer Fellowship, 11:00 am In Person & Zoom
- 28 Pastors' Prayer Fellowship, 11:00 am In Person & Zoom

TBA refers to Troup Baptist Association

Association Prayer Group meets by conference call Wed. at 11am
Prayer requests by phone (706)884-1975 or www.troubaptist.org

Happy Birthday March

- 6 Rev. Adam Camp, Rosemont
- 9 Rev. Benjie Dukes, Concord
- 11 Rev. Don Ellison
- 13 Rev. Neil Stich
- 16 Rev. James Yu, New Heaven Korean
- 20 Rev. Randy Warren, Flat Shoals Salem Road
- 22 Dr. Tom Tucker, First West Point



Welcome Spring!



On The Lighter Side:

A woman called our airline customer-service desk asking if she could take her dog on board. "Sure," I said, "as long as you provide your own kennel." I further explained that the kennel needed to be large enough for the dog to stand up, sit down, turn around, and roll over. The customer was flummoxed: "I'll never be able to teach him all of that by tomorrow!"

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