

## **UPHOLD LIFE**

A few weeks ago the Supreme Court issued a course-correcting decision that is sending shock waves throughout the world. As one who sides with LIFE, I applaud their decision. I also realize that as believers, we must be ready to act in the ongoing battle to **UPHOLD LIFE** in every situation.

We must uphold LIFE from conception, through the womb, childhood and teen years, adulthood, and even in our final days. We must uphold LIFE for those with special needs and those with physical, emotional, and spiritual disabilities. For those who are healthy, sick, or face debilitating injuries, incapacitated by disease or accidents, or have just simply grown more feeble with age – we must uphold LIFE at every step. For those in poverty, those seeking justice, and those facing difficult odds. For those who've been abused, those suffering in addiction, and those looking for answers. For those who appear completely normal and happy on the outside but face torment internally – we must uphold LIFE for each of them.

Here are some of my reasons why I believe we should Uphold Life:

We must uphold LIFE because we are created in the **Image of God**. (Imageo Dei) Every human holds the imprint of God's loving design and His Image. (Genesis 1:26-27)

We must uphold LIFE because, like Jeremiah, God knows us and all of our days **BEFORE** we were even born. (Jeremiah 1:5)

We must UPHOLD LIFE because of the value God placed on us in salvation – the price was the very life of His Son, **Jesus**.  
(1 Corinthians 6:19-20, John 3:16)

We must UPHOLD LIFE because LIFE comes from GOD and rests in **HIS HANDS**.  
(Psalm 8:3-8, Matthew 10:29-31, Romans 8:28)

We must never allow the world's misguided, humanistic logic to direct us in how we understand the sanctity of every human life – from conception to death. When we devalue human life in any way, we begin a downward spiral away from God's plan and His best for humanity.

NOTE: This morning, Tuesday, July 5, 2022, I'm adding another sad edit to this important little note on the sanctity of human life. Yesterday, across our country (and world), there were many people who, because of the evil in their heart and the lack of value for LIFE and the GOD WHO GIVES IT, senselessly and recklessly killed others. The answer to this terrible problem is not in more human laws, but in a return to the respect and love for God, the Creator of Life. The answer is in a Great Spiritual Awakening. When will we realize that culture, entertainment, social media, and our best human philosophies have failed us? Only God can restore that which the enemy has ravaged. Our answer lies in God and His Word.

May we do everything we can to SERVE, SAVE, and SANCTIFY LIFE. May we speak out boldly, step up willingly, and give generously for the sanctity of every human life.

*Bro Andy*

**Here is a very good way  
for you to get more involved  
right here in LaGrange.**

The First Choice Women's Center  
is our local pregnancy center.



You can help in any or all of the following ways:

- 1) **Referrals** - Identify women in your church that may be in need of our services, including free pregnancy testing and ultrasounds.
- 3) **Give** - Monthly support to First Choice Women's Center.
- 4) **Volunteer** - Become a weekly volunteer working directly with our clients.
- 5) **Pray** - Join our prayer ministry.

Call the center at 706-884-3833 for more information.

# Association News

**Association** - What a joy it was to see God at work AGAIN at Rockridge Camp this summer! It was 46 years ago that I was at Rockridge as a camper and God met me there and drew me to His side in salvation. Now, all these years later to see the kids enjoying the great outdoors and to hear the sounds of laughter, music, and chaos at the Snack Shack! It was wonderful!! I witnessed the fun and saw new friendships develop while the boys and girls were making spiritual decisions during Bible study, track times, worship, and devotional times with their counselors. I'd like to say a special thanks to Pam Murphy and her camp staff, counselors, and junior counselors. These people are heroes and deserve our greatest thanks! Thanks to Phillip McClung for the solid, Biblical teaching and leadership he provided all week. Thanks to Tifton Dobbs and Dobbs transportation for the fun trip up on Monday morning. If you didn't know already, TBA Children's Camp is an enormous endeavor with life-changing impact. Thanks to everyone who participated, prayed, and prepared for the week. The ripple effect of your work will last for years!

*Bro Andy*

LET US KNOW... if you were a Rockridge camper at any point since 1957, I'd love for you to text or email me about your memories or experience. I've met so many people in the last few months that made decisions at Rockridge over the years. I'd like to see and hear your testimony. Send me a note at [andy@troubaptist.org](mailto:andy@troubaptist.org) or simply text me at 706-594-5702 with your name and year you went to Camp Rockridge.



A Mountain-Top Message at Camp Rockridge

## Association - Church Prayer List

**For July 2022, please pray for following churches:**

Week of July 3, 2022 - New Hope Baptist Church (LaGrange)  
 Week of July 10, 2022 - New Hope Baptist Church (Greenville)  
 Week of July 17, 2022 - New Macedonia Baptist Church  
 Week of July 24, 2022 - Open Range Cowboy Church  
 Week of July 31, 2022 - Pineview Baptist Church

**For August 2022, please pray for following churches:**

Week of August 7, 2022 - Praise & Prayer Ministry  
 Week of August 14, 2022 - Reeds Chapel Baptist Church  
 Week of August 21, 2022 - Roper Heights Baptist Church  
 Week of August 28, 2022 - Rosemont Baptist Church

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

## 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.



Scenes from Camp Rockridge:  
(from top left)

- Father & Son
- A Camper with Philip McClung, Camp Pastor
- Archery instruction
- Pam Murphy, Camp Director with a group of campers enjoying an ice cream treat.
- Campers having fun.
- Mission Strategist Andy Buchanan in the cafeteria.

**Association** - IMB Missionary, Jamie Work, spoke at the Pastors' Prayer Fellowship on Monday, June 27. Each Pastor received a gift bag from IMB.

**Association** - Mission Strategist Andy Buchanan, brought the Homecoming message at Shoal Creek on June 5, preached at Bethel in West Point on June 12, and New Hope on July 3.



# Church News & Announcements

**Baptist Tabernacle (BTC)** - During the month two people were baptized. "Praise God!!" • The Food Closet was busy serving 248 individuals giving away 108 boxes of food, 322 meals, and 120 backpacks. Thanks to everyone who volunteers for this ministry. The Clothes Closet was equally busy. Thanks to all who volunteer to help this ministry run smoothly.

- The Puppet Ministry taught by Carolyn and Ken Evans began on June 15 and will meet every Wednesday until July 13 from 6:45–8:00 pm. Then it will start back on August 3 and meet until August 31. This is a fun way of teaching the children about Jesus.
- Vacation Bible School begins on Monday, July 18 and goes thru Friday, July 22 from 6 to 8 pm.
- BTC Blood Drive will be on July 28 from 2-7 pm. If you can donate, please do so. Your donation may save someone's life.
- The Prayer Warriors continue to meet every Tuesday at 10 am on the Square in LaGrange. All are welcome to attend.
- BTC wishes everyone a happy and safe Fourth of July.

**Creekside** - They had a great month at Creekside Baptist in June. They held a one-day VBS "Surfs UP" on June 11. The children enjoyed the day with crafts, food, games, and music. More importantly, they learned about the Beatitudes, taught by Brother Joel Richardson. A member of the Gideons came and presented bibles to the children. The big bang came when all the children got to water balloon the preacher at the end! Fun was held by all. • The ladies had their Sisterhood meeting on June 13 with a "Sweet Start to Summer" hosted by Jennifer Demarest who gave her moving testimony. They all enjoyed ice cream sundaes. • The Brotherhood had their monthly breakfast with speaker Greg Shaver bringing the Word.

• Father's Day was celebrated with gifts for each father, the Turkey Creek Gospel Band, and Rev. Scotty Fowler bringing the Word.

- On July 3rd they will celebrate freedom with food, games, and fireworks starting at 6 pm.
- The Sisterhood will be held on July 11 at 6:00 pm.
- The Brotherhood will be held on July 16 at 8:00 am.

**FBC Hogansville** - Best Wishes to Pastor Greg Morris and his new bride Mrs. Amy Lynn Morris. Their wedding took place at Dowdell's Knob in Pine Mountain on June 3, and a reception to honor them was held at Victoria Belle on June 25. Church members, friends, and family gathered to celebrate the new couple and wish them great joy.



Pastor Greg Morris & his new bride, Mrs. Amy Lynn Morris

**FBC Hogansville(continued)** - The Backyard Bible Club meets at the Green Patch every Wednesday from 6 to 7 pm. They have games, Bible stories, food, and fun. Children from 4th grade up and parents are welcome to join them at the corner of Green and Dickinson Street. Younger children meet at the church during that hour, and everyone has a wonderful time.

• Fathers were celebrated at church on Father's Day. Gifts were given to the youngest father, Bubba McKeehan; the oldest father, Thomas Winkles; and the father with the most children, Darrell Neese. The Men's Choir sang two favorites that morning, "Just a Little Talk With Jesus" and "I'll Fly Away."



• It is such a blessing to welcome Brookelynn McGownse into the family of God. Brookelynn was baptized on June 19, and you can see the happy smiles. (photo on left)

• Eleven of our young people attended Centrifuge Camp in Panama City along with Youth Director Monica Johnson and Cody Binger. Centrifuge provides Bible study and recreation with activities geared toward a specific purpose. Every activity is related to scripture, and it is a time of spiritual discipleship and growth. On their return, the students shared with the

church the impact this opportunity had on their lives. Two of the group accepted Christ into their lives, and there was one rededication.



FBC Hogansville Youth at Centrifuge Camp in Panama City



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**FBC Hogansville** - is excited about Vacation Bible School July 10-14 with Family Night on July 15. There will be classes for 3 years through the 6th grade and a class for adults. VBS will be held from 6 to 8:30 pm, and they are looking forward to having a big crowd for Bible study, music, and fun. Questions may be directed to Mrs. Melanie Baswell at the church.

**Grace** - provided 199 people with boxes of Free Food in June. Free boxes of food are available to anyone who wants it every 3rd Saturday. Drive through starts at 10 am.

- On Father's Day Grace honored the oldest and youngest father and the father with the most children. Bibles will be placed in honor of them in the hospital or prisons.
  - VBS Kick-off will be Sunday, July 17 at 4:00-6:00 PM. VBS will be Mon. - Wed., July 18-20 from 6:00-8:30 PM.
  - The American Red Cross Blood Drive will be Saturday, July 30 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Grace Baptist Church.
  - Reformer's Unanimous meets every Friday night at 7 pm. 3rd Talk streams live on Facebook at 8:00-8:30 pm.
- Visit [www.gbclagrange.com](http://www.gbclagrange.com) for updates and links to our Facebook and YouTube sites.

**Highland** - recognized all fathers attending Morning Worship Service on Father's Day. Special recognition was given to the youngest father, Herb Grubbe, and oldest father, Scott Odom.

- Pastor Terry Rainwater serves as Senior Chaplain of the Hogansville Police Department. On Friday, June 24, he participated in the Badge Pinning Ceremony for new officer JaDarius Young.
- Highland enjoyed their annual July Celebration on Sunday, June 26th, with a fellowship lunch following Morning Worship Service. A delicious BBQ meal was served.
- The Fifth Sunday Hymn Sing will be during Morning Worship Service on July 31.



Above L-R: Officer JaDarius Young with Pastor Terry Rainwater



Highland's Annual July Celebration BBQ Meal.

**Lakeview** - had good crowds for Sunday services in June with Biblical preaching and interesting and timely sermons. Lakeview has many faithful and dedicated servants who do God's work. Some of them are our pastor, our Sunday School staff, our musicians, our treasurer, our clerk, our deacons, and greeters, our WMU and brotherhood leaders, our church hostess, and our many committee members. We appreciate and give thanks to God for all of our church workers.

- WMU met at the home of Sally Pike on June 4.
- Lakeview member, Bill Cobb was presented a Quilt of Valor from the Sew Blessed Quilters of Alabama. Bill is a Navy Veteran (see photo below).



Above: Bill Cobb, Navy Veteran with his Quilt of Valor



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**Mountville (MBC)** - The MBC Ladies enjoyed a beautiful night of worship together with several hundred other ladies at the Lisa Harper event at FBC on the Square back in April.

- VBS 2022 at Mountville was great! Two children accepted Christ as their personal savior!! The week was filled with lots of worship, fun, and learning!
- MBC sponsored several kids to attend Camp Rockridge in June.
- The congregation is collecting personal hygiene items for the Troup County Foster Program.



Mountville Ladies attended the FBC Lisa Harper Event



Mountville VBS 2022

Above: Mountville had a large group of kids for VBS and two salvations!

**New Hope LaGrange** - We pray everyone had a wonderful and safe 4th of July as you celebrated our Independence Day. Be faithful in praying for our nation and its leaders every day.

- Pastor Steven and Megan with Chase Wilson will be on their Amazon trip from July 3 thru July 11. Please pray for their safety as they travel the river to witness to the villages and give out Bibles in Portuguese.
- VBS will be Monday, July 18 thru Friday, July 22 from 9 am until noon. All children from age 2 thru 5th grade are invited. Please go to [Facebook@nhbcwestga](https://www.facebook.com/nhbcwestga) to register. There will be crafts, music, recreation, Bible stories by our special speaker, Shane Wilbanks, and food. The church is located at 4050 Roanoke Road, LaGrange. We look forward to an exciting time of sharing Jesus with many children.

**New Hope Lagrange (continued)** - We witnessed a beautiful occasion on Sunday, June 26th when Matt and Jamie McKenna, along with their sons, Noah and Michael, dedicated their new daughter, Elena, to the Lord. Grandfather, Jeff Manion, officiated the service. It was so good that great-grandmother, Cecile Kibble, could be there for this dedication service.

- On Sunday afternoon, July 26th, the children and youth had a fun and wet time cooling off with a water slide party in the church yard. They had the slip and slide, slip and slide kickball, and a water balloon fight followed by pizza. It was a great time of making new friends while having fun.

- We encourage everyone to be faithful to the Lord as you enjoy your summer vacations.



New Hope: Family with Elena McKenna who was dedicated on June 26



New Hope: Cooling off with a Sunday afternoon water slide



# Church News & Announcements

**Roper Heights** - enjoyed a beautiful picnic day at the lake with awesome fellowship and singing. Preacher Eric and Nikki brought a Jet-ski. The kids loved it! Our chef Scott Aikens, and his assistant Ron Deese did an awesome job.

• Roper Heights had a wonderful week of Sparks Studio VBS. It was truly a blessing seeing these kids each night. They always came eager to learn more about Jesus. We had an awesome turnout. Some seeds were planted, some seeds were watered, and some seeds bloomed!! Thank you, Jesus, we had four children that dedicated their lives to Jesus. And one child proclaimed she is moving in that direction. Our church was full each night. We had wonderful VBS workers: A wonderful VBS director, Bible and craft class leaders, kitchen staff, recreation and music staff, and our class leaders. It's just too many to name. We pray they learned more about Jesus. If you're looking for an awesome church, Roper Heights Baptist Church welcomes you to come and see what God is doing here.



Roper Heights Church Picnic



## New Horizons Senior Adult Choir

Are you 65 years or older? Do you love to sing? Then you'd be the PERFECT member of the New Horizons Senior Adult Choir! The New Horizons Choir is made up of men and women who are 65 and older who love the Lord and who love to sing. They meet each Monday morning at 11 am at First Baptist Church on the Square. You do not have to be a member of First Baptist to participate - we have folks from all over Troup County and we would love to have your church represented! We begin rehearsals each year on the Monday after Labor Day and we conclude in mid-May. We do take a break during the summer. The most exciting part of this group is the ministry we are able to do together throughout the year - we sing at various nursing homes, retirement centers and senior centers throughout Troup County and surrounding counties on Monday mornings when we are not rehearsing. We hope to be a blessing to the folks we sing for, but generally we are the ones who are blessed the most! We indeed have a wonderful time together!

If you are interested in joining us, please do! We will meet for the first time on Monday morning, September 12th, 2022 at 11 am in the adult choir room at First Baptist. Please call us with any questions you may have or simply to let us know you plan to join us. Tell your friends! We are looking forward to a wonderful year of ministry together!

Anthony Criswell 706-884-4832



New Horizons Senior Adult Choir  
preparing to sing at Vernon Woods

**Wehadkee** - Psalms 113:4 *The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.*

Dear Lord God,

Your word says that You are "high above all nations, and [Your] glory above the heavens." We live in a nation of many different creeds, and convictions, ethnicities, and backgrounds, but we know that You love and reign over all of us. Thank You for Your Love!!!

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY to our NATION

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

Suellen Shea on July 2nd  
Jimmy Massey on July 4th  
Jacob Sams on July 15th  
Carol Mastin on July 18th  
Essie Pilgrim on July 26th

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:

Susan Gebhardt on July 24th

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# Announcements

## WMU Luncheon

*Sponsored by Troup Baptist Association*

*Saturday, August 27, 2022*

*11:30 am - 1:30 pm*

*Registration begins at 10:30 am*

*Location: Grace Baptist Church  
3731 West Point Road, LaGrange, Georgia*

*Guest Speaker: Mrs. Tera Melber*

*Special Music:  
Rev. Kenneth Cole*

*All women are invited!*

**To Register: Please email Judy King  
lilose2567@gmail.com**

## ANNUAL TRUCKLOADING

Benefitting  
The Meansville Campus of



### Collection Dates & Times:

**July 25-26 9am - 3pm**

and

**July 27 9am - noon**

Location:  
Troup Baptist Association Office  
1301 Washington Street  
LaGrange, GA 30240

### Items Requested:

- ◇ Disinfectant Spray & Wipes
- ◇ Tide Pods
- ◇ Disposable Divided Plates
- ◇ Plastic Cups
- ◇ Paper Towels
- ◇ Toilet Paper
- ◇ Gift Cards: Walmart, Mastercard, Visa



**SUNDAY JULY 17TH @6PM**

## East Vernon Baptist Church Southern Jamboree

Special Guests  
**HIGHER HOPE  
THE EVBC BAND**

**ADDRESS: 2918 ROANOKE ROAD**



**HIGHER HOPE**

## Men's Luncheon

**First Baptist, July 28 at Noon  
New Life Building (117 Church St)**

**Speaker: David Skinner**

**Discipleship & the Man Church Men's Ministry**

**\$7. RSVP by calling 706.884.5631**



**THE MAN CHURCH**  
BE A MAN... FOLLOW JESUS



## JULY CALENDAR

4 No Pastors' Prayer Fellowship - Office Closed  
4 Independence Day Holiday  
11 Pastors' Prayer Fellowship, 11:00 am In Person & Zoom  
18 Pastors' Prayer Fellowship, 11:00 am In Person & Zoom  
25-27 Children's Home Truckloading Event until noon Wed.  
25 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](http://www.troubaptist.org)



## Happy Birthday July



6 Rev. Michael Hornsby  
13 Rev. Bobby Bozeman, Baptist Tabernacle  
20 Rev. Billy McCollough  
23 Rev. Max McCord  
24 Rev. Fred Buchanan  
24 Rev. Chris King  
27 Rev. Robert Bagley  
27 Rev. Brad Thompson, Callaway



## Happy Independence Day!



### *On The Lighter Side:*

At Sunday school they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. Little Johnny, a child in the kindergarten class, seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and said, "Johnny, what's the matter?" Johnny said, "I don't feel well, my side is hurting and I think I'm having a wife."

**Men's Night**  
with  
**Rick Burgess**  
First Baptist Church, LaGrange, GA  
Sunday, August 21 @ 7:00 p.m.  
For more info  
or to purchase tickets,  
scan QR or go to  
[fbclagrange.org/men](http://fbclagrange.org/men)



**American  
Red Cross BLOOD DRIVE**

**Grace Baptist Church**

**3731 West Point Road, LaGrange**

**Saturday, July 30, 2022**

**10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time>

Rick Burgess, co-host of the Rick and Bubba Show, will be at First Baptist on the Square, Sunday, Aug. 21 at 7 pm in the New Life Building. More information and ticket options can be found at [fbclagrange.org/men](http://fbclagrange.org/men). Make plans to join us!

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