

WHO IS SWIMMING IN YOUR WAKE?

I can still hear my mom saying, "Andy, you're acting just like [fill in a friend's name]!" You probably remember hearing something similar from your mom, too. We tend to pick up the actions and behaviors that we are closely associated with, don't we?

Likewise, we each create a wake for those close to us. It shouldn't come as a surprise to hear that God knew all of this about us even before we were created. But in case you have forgotten, let me remind you again,

YOU ARE CREATING A WAKE AS YOU WALK THROUGH LIFE.

Please note that I didn't use the term "woke," nor am I talking about that recent, ridiculous cultural term. I'm talking about how we move through the water of life as a boat moves through the water. When we do, we create waves of influence in which others walk. If you've ever been swimming in the lake as a boat passes by, then you know exactly what I mean. The waves (or wake) created by the boat have an impact on you for the next several minutes. You are "caught" in the wake of the passing boat.



"Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers."

- 1 Timothy 4:16

In 1 Timothy 4:16, Paul reminded Timothy that how he lived in front of others mattered. Take a look at the verse above and these two "takeaways."

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You should "keep a close watch" on your life and what you are being taught as well as what you are teaching. It matters that you are living according to what the Bible says and not what you "think" or what you have "heard" someone else say. You are responsible to live with a **BIBLICAL MINDSET**.

2

You are also responsible for your "life-wake." Paul writes, "you will save both yourself and **YOUR HEARERS**," that is, those who are watching, hearing, and learning from you. How you live matters to those swimming in your wake. Please meditate on that for a moment.

Going forward, take time to turn and look behind you periodically, there are people following, make sure that you're leading them in the way of the Lord.

Blessings, Bro Andy

2022 TBA

ANNUAL MEETING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17
11AM @ TBA BUILDING

Join us for this important gathering for taking care of the business of our Association. Lunch from Sloppy Pig afterwards for \$5 per person.

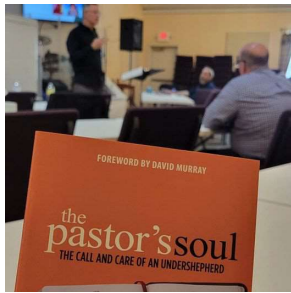
Pastor
APPRECIATION
MONTH

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Please take the time to let your Pastor, his wife, and family know how thankful you are for them. Do something special for them as a church family, but also share a personal word with them. It means a lot.

Association News

Association - Mission Strategist, Andy Buchanan had a busy September. He attended an Associational Mission Strategist (AMS) Conference in Alpharetta, Georgia on September 8-10. The event sponsored by the North American Mission Board focused on both the wellness of the associational leader and the health of the organization. On September 28, he attended a one day AMS Fall Retreat in Woodstock, Georgia.

- On Sunday, September 11, Brother Andy preached at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Franklin for Rev. Terry Prestridge and on September 18 he preached for Rev. Greg Morris at First Baptist in Hogansville. Bro. Andy enjoys speaking to and visiting with the congregations of the Troup Baptist Association. Feel free to invite him to speak at your church. You may call the office at 706-884-1975 to schedule a time.



Above: AMS Andy Buchanan @ NAMB Conference



Our local Christian Radio Station WOAK 90.9 FM is back to full strength after a couple of years with temporary signal strength.

As of September 22, the range is from Roanoke to Franklin to Greenville to Opelika.

Tune in to 90.9 WOAK!

Association - The Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM) is going strong at LaGrange College. They hold a weekly Bible Study on Monday nights. LaGrange College Senior Journey Oden is their student leader. In addition to their weekly meeting, they enjoy Soul Food Cafe hosted each Tuesday by various church and civic groups. Early on Monday, September 26, the BCM hosted a coffee and doughnut giveaway and invited other students to attend their weekly Bible Study & meeting. This was a great success as they had new students attending the Bible study that week. Please pray for this group and if you or your church would like to help or sponsor them in any way, please give the association office a call.



Above Right: BCM Student Leader, Journey Oden

Below: Baptist Collegiate Ministry, Tuesday Night Bible Study



Annual Meeting of the Troup Baptist Association

Monday, October 17 at 11:00 am
at Troup Baptist Association
1301 Washington St., LaGrange GA

Special Speaker: Dr. Paul Baxter
Lunch following the meeting | \$5 per person

Please call to make a reservation for lunch!
(706) 884-1975

Each church in the association is entitled to voting members (messengers) at the annual meeting per the following guidelines:

Church Membership	# Messengers including Pastor
1 - 149	5
150 - 199	6
200 - 249	7
250 - 299	8
300 - 349	9
350 or more	10

* This year we are limiting our printed materials. We will have a copy for each of our voting members present at the meeting. If you need extra copies, please call the office to request them. The Annual Report will be available for a limited time on our website: troubaptist.org.

Church News & Announcements

Baptist Tabernacle - Three people were baptized, and five new members were added to the Baptist Tabernacle Church family. "Praise God! God is Great!"

- During the month of September, the Food Closet served 408 individuals and gave away 179 boxes of food and 363 meals. Also, 120 backpacks were given to children for weekend food.
- The Clothes Closet served 123 individuals. The Food and Clothes Closets are open every Thursday from 9 to 11 am.
- Awana began on September 7th and is off to a great start. Awana meets every Wednesday, 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Awana stands for Approved Workman Are Not Ashamed.

- Old Fashion Homecoming Day was held on October 2. There was great music and awesome preaching. After the worship service, everyone enjoyed hot dogs, music, games and fellowship.
- Prayer Warriors continue to meet each Tuesday at 10 am on Lafayette Square for prayer.

- There will be a Trunk or Treat on Monday, October 31, from 6 to 8 pm. 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 from Baptist Tabernacle Church!"



Old Fashion Homecoming Day at Baptist Tabernacle

Creekside - had a great time at their "God's Labor Day" singing. The house was full all day listening to various groups and Praising the Lord!

- The Creekside Sisterhood held a baby shower for the First Choice Women's Center. Tammy Ferrell hosted.
- The Brotherhood met on September 17.
- Work on their pavilion continues.

- On October 10, the Sisterhood hosted by April Hill will hold a baby shower for Becca Wisener. The Sisterhood will also be collecting pajamas in size infants to teens for Jambos through the Georgia Baptist Mission Board. Jambos is a Georgia-based ministry collecting and distributing pajamas all over the country for foster kids.

- Creekside Brotherhood will be participating in the March for Jesus on October 15.
- Creekside Homecoming will be held on October 16. The singing starts at 10:30 am with Mark Moore and Perfect Vision. Preaching will follow with Mark Moore bringing the message. Dinner will follow.

- On October 29, the youth will have a lock-in. Valerie Clary is their Youth Leader.
- On October 30, Creekside will hold their Fall Festival from 4 to 6 pm. Come out and join them for fun, games, food and Trunk or Treat.

- Mark your calendars; On November 10, The Perry's will be singing at Creekside.

Dunson - VBS was rescheduled to Wednesday nights and Missions was moved to Sunday mornings during September. The kids were still able to enjoy the water slide made by Kennedy and Kenneth Cole. The kids did an amazing job presenting what they had learned to the congregation on Sunday morning, September 25 that God is always good even when life is unfair, scary, and sad.

- Homecoming was October 2 with Preacher Mike Hornsby bringing the message and Joe Thrower telling about the history of Dunson Baptist.
- Eight members of Dunson will be attending the Celebrators Conference in Pigeon Forge on October 10-13, with Dr. David Jeremiah as one of the speakers. Dunson WMU sponsored their pastor and music director for this conference. "We know that all who attend will come back refreshed and renewed in the spirit."

- Group activities for Dunson's adults included eating at Karvelas and then going to watch the movie, "Landmark", attending the Guy Penrod concert at Faith Baptist Church, eating on the patio at Pokey's in West Point on a Friday night, and choir fellowship at Steve and Wanda Vickery's home to listen to the new Christmas music and singing "I'm Getting Ready."
- The WMU prepared baskets for school teachers of their Wednesday night kids along with a card that stating that we appreciated them and would be praying for them and the children this year. Baskets were delivered to Long Cane, Franklin Forest, Hollis Hand, Callaway Elementary, and Heard County Elementary. They were well received by all the teachers.
- Dunson plans to participate in community-wide Trick or Treat on the Square in downtown LaGrange this year on Saturday, October 30. It gives them the opportunity for meeting and talking with so many friends they haven't seen in a while and for making new ones. Dunson has participated in this several times and they really enjoy getting out into the community and connecting with people.
- In the first part of November, Dunson is planning a singing around the bonfire with special singers and their guitars. Of course, there will be grilled hot dogs and maybe s'mores! Watch the Facebook page for more information and invite your friends. This was something Dunson did pre-covid and it was really a good time for all.



Above:
Dunson Kids
enjoyed a water
slide at VBS.



At Left:
Dunson presented
gift baskets to
school teachers of
Dunson Kids.

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FBC Hogansville - is delighted to welcome Judson Cassell and Bethany Cassell into membership through baptism. What a blessing for Pastor Greg to baptize a father and daughter. It is also a pleasure to receive Rev. Joe and Mrs. Kathy Felder into the fold by transfer of letter from Callaway Baptist Church.

- Youth Group had a busy Saturday on September 10, working for others. They started at the LaGrange Chapter of Sleep In Heavenly Peace helping to build beds so no kids have to sleep on the floor. Then they moved on to Good Sam Ministry where they packed buddy packs for students in Troup County who might need something to eat throughout the weekend. The Youth Group worked hard and had fun for two good causes.

- The Men's Ministry hosted a workday to take down an old deck and rebuild it making it safer for the homeowner. With 8 to 10 men working, the project for one of our widowed members was accomplished with efficiency and good humor.

- The Prime Timers enjoyed a fun outing on September 23, exploring some areas of West Georgia. One of the highlights was a tour of the West Georgia Museum of Tallapoosa which has something of interest for everyone. Following the tour, the group enjoyed a meal at Petro's Restaurant in Cedartown. Special thanks to Jim Call for safe driving and to Anna and Terry Irvin for being wonderful tour guides. All church folks 50 and older are invited to join the next adventure.

- Ms. Sheree Garsee of Saving Grace Ministry and Calumet Center for Healing & Attachment spoke to the Ladies' Bible Group on Tuesday, September 20. She shared her personal story of how God has worked through difficulties in her life and placed the right people in her path to help her develop a relationship with God. Her story is powerful, and it was an encouraging experience for all who heard.

- Please join FBC Hogansville for Home Town Revival on October 16 through 19. Pastor Jimmy Evans of New Heights Baptist will preach Sunday evening at 6 pm. Pastor Terry Rainwater of Highland Baptist is preaching on Monday evening at 7 pm. Pastor T.J. Boyd of Change Church, Grantville will be the guest pastor on Tuesday, and Pastor Brian Hosmer of Rehoboth Baptist, Luthersville will preach on Wednesday, both services are at 7 pm. “We expect a blessing each evening, and you will not want to miss it. We invite your prayers as well.”



FBC Hogansville Youth built beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace.

First Baptist Church on the Square - Kelvin King, former candidate of Georgia's US Senate race, will speak at the First Baptist Church on the Square's Men Luncheon.

The luncheon will be held on Thursday, October 27, in the church's New Life Building located at 117 Church Street. The cost of the luncheon is \$7, and reservations can be made by calling the church's office at 706.884.5631. (To learn more about Kelvin King, visit www.kelvinking.com)

Flat Shoals Salem Road - announces the ordination of a new deacon. James “Jimmy” Clark Turner was ordained on September 18, 2022 during the morning worship time at Flat Shoals Salem Road Baptist Church. Rev. Max McCord preached a wonderful ordination sermon and led the church in the laying on of hands and anointing ceremony. After the service, everyone enjoyed a covered dish lunch to celebrate and fellowship together. Please pray for Brother Jimmy as he takes his new responsibility very seriously.

• Rev. Randy Warren of Flat Shoals Salem Road Baptist Church announces the baptism of his granddaughter, Brooke Madison Warren on Sunday, September 18, 2022. Brooke is a member of Southside Church in Newnan, Georgia where she regularly attends. The ceremony took place in the creek behind the home of Rev. Randy and Mrs. Carolyn Warren. This completes the baptism of all of their children and grandchildren. “We are so fortunate to have such a wonderful and God-loving family. Please continue to pray for us, our family, and our church.”



Flat Shoals Above: Pastor Warren baptizes his granddaughter
Below L-R Rev. Max McCord, Fred Hobbs, Carl Burke,
Pastor Warren and Deacon Jimmy Turner (seated)



FBC Hogansville Prime Timers

Church News & Announcements



First Baptist Hogansville

Men's Ministry Work Day

Grace - In September, 196 families received boxes of free food. These are available to anyone who wants one every third Saturday. The drive-through starts at 10:00 am.

- The Clothes Closet helps anyone in need.
- Ladies of Grace/WMU meets on the third Monday of each month at 6:00 pm. They eat, fellowship, support, and encourage one another, through God's Word and prayer. They also help the community in different ways.
- The Sunday School classes went to Anniston, Alabama for dinner. • Sunday School begins at 9:45 am, Morning Worship at 10:45 am, and Evening Service at 6:00 pm.
- Wednesday service begins at 7:00 pm. Children's Church is PreK-3rd grades and Teen Ministry is 6th - 12th grades.
- Reformer's Unanimous meets every Friday night at 7 pm. 3rd Talk streams live on Facebook between 8 & 8:30 pm and is also available on YouTube.
- Please visit www.gbclagrange.com for updates and links to the Facebook page and YouTube channel.



Grace: Sunday School Dinner in Anniston, AL

Highland - The special Bible Study, *Lessons from Mayberry*, continues thru October. There are many life lessons to learn from each episode and they've had a good crowd enjoying them each week. They meet in the church fellowship hall at 6:00 pm on Wednesdays. Everyone is welcome! Come and bring a friend!

- The WMU is collecting tote bags filled with various toiletry items to be given to the Harmony House.
- October 9 is Pastor Appreciation Day, and they want Pastor Terry and Cookie to know how much they appreciate them and all they do for their church. So following Morning Worship Service, they will have a luncheon in their honor.
- On October 30 at 11:00 am, there will be a special Morning Worship Service with singing, scriptures, and The Lord's Supper. Everyone is invited.
- The annual Trunk-N-Treat event will be Monday, Oct. 31 from 6:00 until 7:00 pm. They will be giving out candy and bible tracts from trunks of cars in their church parking lot. Everyone is invited to come and join the fun.

Lakeview - Sunday morning worship services are at 11 am and Pastor Lamar Truitt is currently preaching a series on "Hiking Through Hebrews." Wednesday night services begin at 6 pm with a series on "Easing Through Ephesians."

- WMU ladies met at IHOP on September 24 and were treated to breakfast by the men's Sunday School class to show appreciation for all that the ladies do at Lakeview.
- Homecoming will be Sunday, October 9 with Pastor Kenneth Cole of Dunson Baptist Church preaching and singing. A covered-dish luncheon will follow the morning services.
- Men's Brotherhood is planning a lunch meeting in West Point in October.



Lakeview celebrated two birthdays in September:
Dr. Lamar Truitt & Rev. Richard King

New Hope LaGrange - Pastor Steven Cheek continues his series of messages in October in the book of James, "Living Out Our Faith." He is encouraging everyone to memorize scripture as they grow in sharing their faith in Christ with others. They were blessed in September by the messages and excited to see one adult accept Christ as their Savior. "To God be the glory!" • The volunteers each Sunday for Children's Church are very much appreciated. "Thank you for using your love for Jesus in giving of yourself for this ministry in teaching children about Jesus."

- Their church family was blessed beyond measure as their Youth Minister, Chase Wilson, preached his first sermon on Sunday, September 18. His message, "Four Characteristics of a Church Community", from Acts 4:32-37 was powerful, convicting and so needed in churches today. "We thank God for Chase's obedience to God's call on his life." Pray for Chase as he leads the youth, teaches school, and studies to prepare himself for full time ministry in the future.
- Please continue to pray for a music minister to lead in worship each week. "We are so very grateful for the faithful people leading us in worship each Sunday and thankful to see Mark Knight back singing. P T L!"
- Also, please continue praying for those in our fellowship who are still dealing with long term illness. • Thank you church family for continuing to give sacrificially to purchase two air conditioners for the Family Life Center.

Church News & Announcements

New Hope LaGrange - (continued) The youth had an exiting time over Labor Day weekend with a trip to the North GA mountains. They hiked some trails, went kayaking and each evening gathered around a bonfire for fellowship, getting to know each other better and for a Bible lesson. "Thank you Chase, Hanna and Jacob for your love and ministry to the youth." They all said they had a WOW time!

- On Sunday, November 13 at 6:00 pm, there will be a Fellowship Dinner at the church. Everyone should bring a dish to share. There will also be a bonfire. In case of rain, the dinner and bonfire will be moved to November 20.

- On Wednesday, October 12, there will be a Fall Festival preparation. Volunteers, please come at 6:00 pm to help.

- The Fall Festival will be Monday, October 31 from 5:00 until 8:00 pm. Plans are underway for hay rides, petting zoo, hand painting, pumpkin painting and many other games for the children. Please watch for further information at church services or on Facebook at Facebook:@nhbcwestga.



Roper Heights - The church family had a fish fry, and the youth had a car wash. Food, fun, and fellowship was had by all. "Come and see; God is alive and well at Roper Heights!"



★ **HAPPY** ★
BIRTHDAY!

Oct 2	Rev. S. T. Janney	Nov 2	Rev. Jerome Hicks
Oct 8	Rev. Kevin Stringham	Nov 15	Rev. Ray Tarwater
Oct 14	Rev. Anthony Criswell	Nov 15	Pastor Terry Gray
Oct 14	Rev. Patrick Turner	Nov 16	Rev. Steve Sexton
Oct 17	Dr. Mike Brandenburg	Nov 22	Rev. Steve Johnson
Oct 17	Rev. Jason Bennett		
Oct 20	Rev. Kenneth Cole		
Oct 31	Rev. Clifford Anderson		



Above: New Hope LaGrange Youth enjoyed a trip to the North Georgia Mountains in September.

Association - Church Prayer List

For October 2022, please pray for the following churches:

Week of October 2, 2022 - The Church on the Rock
 Week of October 9, 2022 - Troup Baptist Association
 Week of October 16, 2022 - True Believers Baptist Church
 Week of October 23, 2022 - Unity Baptist Church
 Week of October 30, 2022 - Wehadkee Baptist Church

For November 2022, please pray for the following churches:

Week of November 6, 2022 - Western Heights Baptist Church
 Week of November 13, 2022 - Anointed By Faith
 Week of November 20, 2022 - Antioch Baptist / Hogansville
 Week of November 27, 2022 - Antioch Baptist / LaGrange

On The Lighter Side

A passenger in a taxi leaned over to ask the driver a question and gently tapped him on the shoulder to get his attention. The driver screamed, lost control of the cab, nearly hit a bus, drove up over the curb, and stopped just inches from a huge plate glass window. For a few moments, everything was silent in the cab. Then, the shaking driver asked, "Are you OK? I'm so sorry, but you scared the daylights out of me!" The badly shaken passenger apologized to the driver and said, "I didn't realize that a mere tap on the shoulder would startle someone so badly." The driver replied, "No, no I'm the one who is sorry. It's entirely my fault. Today is my very first day driving a cab. I've been driving a hearse for 25 years."

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Announcements

7th Annual March for Jesus



Saturday, October 15th 8:00 AM

Everyone Welcome

All Churches are Invited to Join Us
March Begins at Sweetland Amphitheatre
and ends at The Square

Seats will be available on The Square
for those not able to march.

Laying aside all politics, out purpose and objective in
marching is to lift up the name of Jesus and thank him
for the numerous blessings He has bestowed on us!
For additional Info Call Doris Almand 706.302.7799

KELVIN KING

Former Candidate for
Ga. US Senate to Speak

Men's Luncheon

Thurs., Oct. 27, 12 p.m.



FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH ON THE SQUARE

Make your reservation: 706.884.5631 Cost \$7



Bring your instrument, bring your voice, bring your praise,
bring your ears, but mainly bring yourself and a friend.

ALL ARE WELCOME

We will be in the sanctuary where it's cool!!

Sunday evening, October 30, 2022

5:00 PM

Grace Baptist Church

Picking and Praising

Nov. 19th 5:30-8PM

FOOD Truck



AND



MUSIC FESTIVAL

(WITH A CAUSE)

LIVE MUSIC | FOOD TRUCKS | SEC FOOTBALL | PRIZES | BOUNCY HOUSE
GAMES | SILENT AUCTION | FUN AND GAMES FOR FAMILIES

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PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE CALUMET CENTER, A NON-PROFIT CENTER
IN LAGRANGE THAT EMPOWERS WOMEN AND CHILDREN TO THRIVE AFTER
DEALING WITH TRAUMA AND ADDICTION. IT WORKS TO PROVIDE A PLACE
FOR RECOVERY AND RESTORATION FOR FAMILIES.

Grace Baptist Church
Is looking for a Piano Player
This is a paid position

If you are interested please call
the church at 706-882-9263 or
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Camp Rockridge Director

Now taking resumes for
Director. If you or someone
you know is interested in this
position, please send resume
to andy@troubaptist.org.

TROUP BAPTIST Association PASTOR'S Fellowship

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

Oct 3 Galatians 3:1-14	Bob Tidwell
Oct 10 Galatians 3:15-25	Doug Bingham
Oct 17 ANNUAL MEETING	Dr. Paul Baxter
Oct 24 Galatians 4:8-20	Dan Woltmann
Oct 31 Galatians 4:21-31	Jerry Parkerson
Nov 7 Galatians 5:1-15	Edmund Coffee
Nov 14 ROUNDTABLE	NEW YEAR
Nov 21 Galatians 5:16-26	Andy Buchanan
Nov 28 Galatians 6:1-10	Terry Rainwater
Dec 5 Galatians 6:11-18	Chris Reynolds (GBMB)

CANCER CARE TRAINING for PASTORS



November 10-11

FREE 2-DAY SEMINAR for Pastors at the Cancer Treatment Center for America in Newnan. This training will help Pastors to better equip their church to care for cancer patients and their families.

FUNDRAISING iFIESTA!

Benefitting

First Choice Women's Center

Tuesday

25

October

Del'avant Event Center

6:30pm-8:30pm

RSVP by October 17th

RSVP to 706-668-7525, tpclagrange@bellsouth.net

Complimentary Dinner | Adults Only | Casual Attire

Invitation to make a financial gift will be extended

NOVEMBER 13

—stand—
sunday

We're standing together—so no child or family in foster care has to stand alone.

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