



The Gift of Christmas is Jesus

What are you getting for Christmas? Isn't it interesting how our perspective changes as we grow older? I can't think of anything much better than watching my family and friends open up gifts that I've given them rather than opening gifts for myself. It hasn't always been like that and I still enjoy getting gifts, but the most fulfilling thing for me is giving.

I'm writing this on "Giving Tuesday" and so I can't help but think how wonderful it is that God is a **GIVING GOD**. And not just on one Tuesday of the year either, He's been giving for thousands of years. It's in His nature to give. In fact, the Bible tells us that "every good and perfect **GIFT** comes from above, coming down from the Father of lights." (James 1:17) And that great passage from John 3:16-17 that says,

*"For God so loved the world that He **GAVE** His one and only Son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."*

I've been writing devotionals about the Gifts of Christmas during this Advent Season. Letting the Daily Advent scripture reading guide me through the Christmas season gives me a chance to slow down and see the story unfold and build. It's then that I realize that God didn't grab just any random gift off the shelf for me, no, He takes the time to see me and know me and pick the perfect gift for me. He's a **LOVING, GIVING GOD**.

The first week of this Advent Season reminds me that God has given me the gift of **HOPE**! From Genesis 3:17 to the coming of Jesus on that Holy Night, God didn't leave me in sin, He sent His Son on a great rescue mission and that gives me hope. God kept his promises to send a Savior and He will keep His promises forever because He is faithful.

The second week of Advent reminds me that God has given me the gift of **PEACE**. In the midst of a chaotic Bethlehem,

God sent Jesus to bring peace on earth. He is the Prince of Peace and will "guard my heart" even while everything around me might be falling apart. He gives Peace because He is a **GIVING GOD**.

The third week of Advent reminds me that God has given me the gift of **JOY**. "Joy to the world, the Lord has come." Notice that it didn't say Joy to the world because everything is perfect or happy. I don't have Joy because everything is like I want it, I have joy because the Lord Jesus is present with me.

"The present of His presence is the best present."

The fourth week of Advent reminds me that God has given me the gift of **LOVE**. It was because of His LOVE that He sent His one and only Son into the world. God's LOVE (real love) is not like the world's self-centered love. God's love is "others-centered." He chose to love me and you, not because He had to but because He wanted to. He gave us these gifts not because we had given Him something, but because He wanted to bless us and rescue us so that we might have a relationship with Him.

Finally, Christmas Day will come! It's the day of Jesus' Advent (arrival) and it reminds me that God gave me the gift of **JESUS**. The greatest gift of all!

I can rejoice, not because this is a perfect season in my life because it may be a very difficult time right now. No, I have **HOPE, PEACE, JOY, and LOVE** because I have been given the greatest gift of all – **JESUS**, the perfect Son of God.

Kim and I pray that you have a wonderful and merry Christmas this year. We pray that you will be filled with the gifts God has lovingly given us and that you will remember we celebrate **because JESUS HAS COME!**

Bro Andy



Association News

MINISTRY NEWS

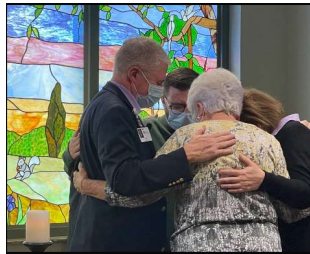
November was a great month of ministry and training. Kim and I volunteered at Good Sam Ministry early in the month and enjoyed meeting the great team there and working to pack over 1100 bags for kids around Troup County to provide food for them on the weekends. This is a great ministry for anyone to support. Find out more information on the back page of this newsletter.



The following week I was privileged to speak at the Callaway High School FCA meeting. I'm thankful for the leadership of my friend, Steven "Earl" Tanner, and the invitation to speak to the students. I encouraged them to love God with their whole heart and hold nothing back. After challenging them with the Gospel, I told them I would be available to speak with them after the meeting. As the students were exiting one young student came up to me and said, "I'm ready to give my life to Jesus Christ." Praise the Lord, we talked for a while and I asked her many questions about the Gospel and she knew exactly what she believed and she surrendered her life to Jesus right there in the gym. I'm thankful for her family and church who obviously taught her well and paved the way for her to come to Christ.



Also this month, I was able to go up to the Cancer Center of America in Newnan with Kirby McCartney (Reeds Chapel), Pastor Trace Lasher (Franklin Road) and Pastor Jerry Parkerson (Franklin Road) for Cancer Care Ministry Leadership Training. I was very impressed with our leader, Pastor Chip Gordon and my friend, Beth Ellison, as they are leading a wonderful ministry there at the CCA hospital. We learned a lot about cancer's attack on the body, mind, and spirit. We also learned how to encourage patients, families, and caregivers during the difficult days fighting cancer. After the training we had a commissioning service in the chapel where they prayed for us and our ministry. I'm thankful for this opportunity and am excited to offer it to any of our churches or individuals. If you feel led to start a cancer care team at your church, please give us a call to set up an information meeting or training session.



TROUP BAPTIST Association

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.



It's been a great semester for LaGrange College BCM! Attendance is growing, fellowship is building, and the Bible studies have been awesome!

If your church would like to sponsor a Tuesday meal next semester, please contact the TBA Office to volunteer. We feed 30-40 students each Tuesday at noon. Help us share the love of Christ with these students.

PUMPKIN PATCH GOSPEL

On Monday, October 31, Bro Andy and the BCM students met to carve pumpkins and talk about the similarities with how God, through His power, redeems us, restores us, and makes us vessels to shine His Light to the world around us. It was a great and productive time. Thanks to **Abbottsford Farms** for donating the pumpkins for the fun.



PASTOR'S FELLOWSHIP

DECEMBER & JANUARY

Dec 5 | Gal 6:11-18 Chris Reynolds (GBMB)

Dec 12 | ROUNDTABLE: PREACHING
Preparation, Planning, and Presentation

Dec 19 | Pastors on a Christmas Mission

Dec 26 | Merry Christmas! No meeting

Jan 2 | Happy New Year! No meeting

Jan 9 | First Pastor's Fellowship of 2023

Association - Church Prayer List

For **December 2022**, please pray for the following churches:

Week of December 4, 2022 - At The Cross
Week of December 11, 2022 - Baptist Tabernacle Church
Week of December 18, 2022 - Bethel Baptist Church
Week of December 25, 2022 - Bethlehem Baptist Church

For **January 2023**, please pray for the following churches:

Week of January 1, 2023 - Callaway Baptist Church
Week of January 8, 2023 - Concord Baptist Church
Week of January 15, 2023 - Confidence Missionary Baptist Church
Week of January 22, 2023 - Creekside Baptist Church
Week of January 29, 2023 - Davidson Baptist Church

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

Church News & Announcements

Baptist Tabernacle - BTC added another member to their church family. "Praise God! We are so thankful for what God is doing at our church." • The Food Closet served 392 individuals giving away 160 boxes of food, 126 meals to shut-ins and 120 backpacks to children at Clearview Elementary for weekend food. The Food Closet is open every Thursday from 9 to 11 am.

The Clothes Closet served many families during the month. The Clothes Closet is open every Thursday from 9 to 11 am.

- The Blood Drive was held on November 28 from 2-7 pm.
- The Awanas children collected donations for Thanksgiving Feed a Family. The children made cards and helped to pack the boxes. They were able to give out 20 Thanksgiving boxes. Most of the boxes went to Clearview Elementary School families. The boxes included a turkey and everything needed for a great meal. "Thanks for the donations and hard work that it took to make this project successful."

- The Veterans were recognized on Sunday, November 6 and given a gift card. "We appreciate those who served and we thank all of you very much."

- BTC hosted the Pastors' & Wives' Christmas Dinner on Tuesday, December 6.

- BTC will be partnering again with Clearview Elementary School to help with those who are in need for Christmas. Participating in giving gifts to others is a true blessing and we look forward to this project each year.

- BTC will be participating in the Gideons "Birthday for Jesus". "Birthday for Jesus" gives you a simple and fun way to share the good news of Jesus Christ and provide for the sending of God's Word across the globe. By donating you are helping to share God's Word.

- The Awanas will be Christmas Caroling on December 14 from 6:30-8 pm.

- The Christmas Cantata and Christmas Children's program will be on December 18.

- Brotherhood will have their annual Men's Christmas Eve Breakfast on Saturday, December 24 at 8 am.

- Baptist Tabernacle wishes each of you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. "May God bless you and your families."



Creekside - had a busy month. November 5 was the rain date for the Fall Festival. Everyone had a great time with food, games, fun, fellowship, and trunk or treat.

- Creekside hosted The Perry's on November 10. The house was full. Most of all, the Holy Spirit showed up!

- The Sisterhood enjoyed a Thanksgiving Tea hosted by Mary Abbott and Janet Geter. Janet Geter gave an inspirational talk on being thankful.

- Creekside Brotherhood enjoyed their breakfast meeting with Rev. S. T. Janney as the guest speaker.

- Pastor Bryan Geter performed a baby dedication for the proud parents of Delilah Clark. "Congratulations to Becca Wisener and De Andre Clark."

- Creekside welcomed a new member, Billie Jean Pike, in November.

- On December 4, a group from Creekside traveled to Clark's Chapel in Thomaston for the play "From the Christ Child to the Judgement."

Creekside (continued) - has a full schedule for December:

- December 11 - The Ornament Service will begin at 6 pm.
- December 12 - Creekside Sisterhood will meet at 6 pm.
- December 17 - The Brotherhood will feed the ladies breakfast, followed by the fruit basket packing for the elderly, home-bound, or sick in the community.
- December 18 - Creekside choir will present a Christmas program. Finger foods will be served afterward.
- December 31 - New Year's Eve singing. The Seekers will be singing that night beginning at 7:30 pm thru Midnight.

Dunson - Everyone had a great time with Pastor Jimmy McMillan (Baptist Tabernacle) and friends playing and singing around the campfire. Hotdogs and trimmings are always better outside around the campfire too.

- Pastor Kenneth and Pam Cole, Wanda Vickery, and Kathy Pattillo took the kids to Six Flags and had a great time.

Hudson had Pastor Kenneth riding all the roller coasters with him! • The Sunday before Thanksgiving, everyone enjoyed the traditional soup and chili luncheon. Meals were delivered to their shut-ins also. • Dunson Baptist Church remains busy through the holiday season seeking to share the love of Christ. On December 1, they sang Christmas Carols at the parade and passed out free hot chocolate and tickets for Dunson's Christmas Choir Cantata on December 18. Gospel tracts were also shared during the parade.

- On December 5, the WMU had their Christmas meeting and salad supper. They also revealed their secret sisters and discussed upcoming service projects.

- The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is ongoing for the month of December. Dunson's goal this year is \$1,000.

- A "Christmas on the Farm" get-together will be held on the farm of Pastor Kenneth Cole on December 11 with finger foods and singing Christmas carols around the campfire.

- December 18 is the Christmas cantata during the 11:00 am morning service. This will be followed by a Christmas fellowship and finger foods. Afterwards, carolers will load up on the small bus to go caroling to Dunson's shut-ins and to deliver Christmas baskets and cards.

- On December 25 there will be a special Christmas Communion service at 11:00 am. Before the service begins, all are invited to join them for hot chocolate, coffee, and a small breakfast as they gather together in the fellowship hall for Christmas morning fellowship with Christmas music and a "roaring fire" on the screen.

- "Please join us in celebrating the birth of our Savior and spreading Christmas joy."



Dunson Youth enjoyed a trip to Six Flags.

Church News & Announcements

FBC Hogansville - Many First Baptist ladies participate in a Secret Sister Ministry. For one year each lady encourages her secret sister with a note, a small gift, a card, and most of all prayer. On November 1 this year's big reveal was celebrated with a covered dish meal at the church, and the ladies discovered who had been bolstering them in secret all year. Sometimes there have been lucky guesses, but no one tells. Names for new secret sisters were drawn for next year, so a new round of fun and encouragement begins.

- The Youth Group enjoyed a bonfire/movie on Nov. 19. About 15 people gathered to watch "God's Not Dead" and eat hamburgers and s'mores. The bonfire looked like the perfect place to toast marshmallows, and everyone had a great time. Mrs. Monica Johnson is the Youth Director.
- The Hogansville Community Thanksgiving Service was held at the Church of God on the evening of November 20 with our own Pastor Greg Morris bringing the message. Pastor Terry Rainwater led the singing. The Community is always blessed when we gather together as one people to worship and give thanks to God for our many blessings...one being this sweet service.
- On Thanksgiving Eve the church provided a traditional meal to families in the community who were not in a position to provide their own. All first responders who were on shift that day were also invited. About 130 people were served. Fifty meals were delivered to those in local hotels and shut-ins at their homes. This meal was an opportunity to share the love of Jesus with others, and the volunteers from church who planned, organized, cooked, set tables, and invited people to come were blessed as much or more than the guests.
- "We are honored to announce new members Sarah Cassell by baptism and Melisa and Bart Christian by transfer of letter. They are a welcome addition to our fellowship."
- December promises to be busy. On Sunday evening, December 11, there will be a dessert auction to raise money for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. It is a good way to support foreign missions, satisfy a sweet tooth, or just get an early start on Christmas dessert. The Christmas Cantata will be presented by the Choir during the morning service on December 18. On December 24, there will be an evening candlelight service with communion, a special time that will touch your heart. Then what better way to spend Christmas morning but in church for our regular services. "We wish you a Merry Christmas as we all celebrate this Glorious Season."



At Left:

FBC Hogansville served traditional Thanksgiving meals to families in the community on Thanksgiving Eve.

At Right:

FBC Hogansville - Pastor Greg Morris with men from the church delivering Thanksgiving meals.



First Baptist Church on the Square (FBCOTS) - has hired Matthew Goodman as the Student Pastor and Paul Knight as the Family Pastor.

- Matthew comes to FBCOTS from First Baptist Blairsville where he served as Student Pastor from 2017 to 2022. Prior to that he served as the Associate Student Pastor at Belle Aire Baptist Church from 2013 to 2017. He has experience leading DNow weekends with over 300 students and has overseen a combined middle and high school ministry. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from Tennessee Tech University and a Master of Arts degree in church ministries from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is married, and his wife's name is Jillian.
- As Family Pastor, Paul Knight will be responsible for overseeing all programs from birth through college with a special emphasis on equipping parents to teach and lead their children in their Christian walk. Paul has ten years ministry experience as a volunteer, resident, and pastor. In youth ministry, he served as a resident at 12 Stone Church for a year and was Student Ministry Director for four years with Hamilton Mill United Methodist Church. He also served over two years as the Family Pastor at the Family Church. He has ten years experience leading mission trips, both domestic and international. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Youth Ministry from the Indiana Wesleyan University and completed the Leadership Development Program at Anthem Church, a North Point Strategic Partner. He is married to Gail, and they have two children: Blythe and Eloise.



First Baptist Church on the Square: Student Pastor Matthew Goodman (L) and Family Pastor Paul Knight (R)

Grace - In November, 274 boxes of free food were given to people during their third Saturday drive-through. These free boxes of food are available to anyone who wants one every third Saturday of each month. The drive-through starts at 10 am in the parking lot of Grace Baptist Church.

- The Clothes Closet helps anyone in need.
- The Trunk or Treat event had over 100 kids come through.
- Youth Director David Bleemel had the privilege of baptizing a young man who was saved during their VBS!
- Picking, Praising & Singing was held on October 31.
- The Church Thanksgiving Dinner was held after the morning service on Sunday, November 20. There was plenty of fellowship and food! • There will be Christmas finger foods after the morning service on Sunday, Dec. 18.
- Reformer's Unanimous meets every Friday night at 7 pm. and 3rd Talk streams live on Facebook at approx. 8:00-8:30 pm and is available on the YouTube page.
- Please visit the webpage <http://www.gbclagrange.com/> for updates and links to their Facebook and YouTube sites.

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Grace - (continued)

Right: Youth Director David Bleemel baptizes a young man who was saved during their VBS last summer.



Left: Grace's Girls Trio sings at the Picking, Praising & Singing event held on Sunday, October 31.

Highland - The annual Hanging of the Green service will be held on Sunday, December 4, at 11:00 am. This is a beautiful service where they decorate the sanctuary with Christmas colors and sing and celebrate the birth of our Saviour! Everyone is invited.

- The choir will present the cantata "Christ Was Born For This" on Sunday, December 18, at 11:00 am. "Please join us for this special service." There will be a Christmas meal in the fellowship hall following the service. There will be no Sunday School that morning.
- On Christmas Eve, the annual Candlelight Communion service will start at 5:00 pm. "We invite everyone to join us for this very special service."
- On Christmas Day, Morning Worship Service will begin at 10:00 am. There will be no Sunday School that day.

Lakeview - November was a busy month for missions at Lakeview. The Brotherhood finished a project of completing a porch for a member. A donation was made to First Choice for Life for a special project. WMU ladies made Christmas cards for foster children. Several members helped to build beds for children and families in need of beds.

- Monthly donations continued to Troup Baptist Association for the counseling program and for all association ministries. Continuing monthly donations were also made to Georgia Baptist Mission Board.
- Members are enjoying Wednesday night quizzes prepared by Pastor Lamar Truitt. Members enjoyed a Thanksgiving fellowship supper on Nov. 16. On Nov. 30, hostesses Judy King and Mary Cobb provided a fellowship meal at 5 pm, which was followed by Wednesday night services at 6 pm.
- On Sunday mornings, coffee and refreshments are enjoyed from 9:30 to 10:00 and morning worship begins at 10:00 am.
- A church Christmas social will be held at the home of Pastor Lamar Truitt and his wife Carol on December 17.
- On December 25, morning worship service, as well as the Lord's Supper, will begin at 11:00 am. There will be no Sunday School.



Lakeview WMU Ladies above L-R are Carol Truitt, Audrey Holloway, Jean Shirley, Kay Davis, and Sally Pike with cards that they made for foster children. Not pictured are Judy King, Peggy Reese, Patricia Spradley, Charlotte Brisendine and Carolyn Jones.

Mountville (MBC) - Mountville MPact provided worship on Sunday, October 30. They also honored Pastor Dwayne for Pastor Appreciation. They showered him with goodies and lots of LOVE! We are so blessed to have such an amazing group of young people at MBC!!

- Mountville was happy to participate in Operation Christmas Child! 44 boxes were packed and prayed over.
- The church is beautifully decorated in preparation for Christmas! May we all clear our hearts and minds to receive the true gift of Christmas which is JESUS!
- MBC will be sponsoring/providing for several families during this holiday season!
- The church family had a Christmas Dinner at Camp Viola on Saturday, December 3 at 6:00 pm.
- Mountville would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Above: Mountville MPact Youth with Pastor Dwayne Perdue (on right) on Pastor Appreciation Day.



Above: MBC packing Operation Christmas Child boxes.

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New Hope (LaGrange) - It has been an exciting month at New Hope. On Sunday evening, November 13, Pastor Steven Cheek baptized Jeremy Langford in West Point Lake. "Yes, it was cold but our hearts were warmed and blessed by this occasion." Following the baptism, they had a delicious meal in the Fellowship Hall and a large (really large) bonfire in the parking lot with marshmallows and s'mores. Just a wonderful time of fellowship and thanksgiving!

- On Sunday, October 30, Chase Wilson was ordained as a minister of the gospel. Pastor Steven preached the ordination message relating the responsibilities of the Pastor to the church and the church to the Pastor. It was a beautiful ceremony as the deacons laid hands on Chase in prayers and blessings. "We pray for God's blessings and direction as Chase, Hanna and their 2 boys begin this new stage in their lives." Congratulations to Kim Fitch as she assumes the directorship of the Children's Department and to Jacob Bell as he becomes the leader of the Youth Department. Pastor Chase becomes our Associate Pastor under the leadership of Pastor Steven. "It's exciting to see the children and youth department growing, leadership positions filled, and the way God is blessing at New Hope. God is so good!"

- Sisters of Hope will meet Saturday, December 10 at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall. Ladies are invited to join them for a light breakfast, a mission project, and a short Bible study.

- The Children's Department will sponsor a "Parents Night Out" on Sunday evening, December 18 from 5 to 8 pm.

If you desire to take advantage of this, or for more information, please call Kim Fitch at (706) 594-5751.

- On Sunday, November 27, Associate Pastor Chase Wilson preached from the book of Habakkuk. They were doubly blessed when his 3 year old son, Aidan, and Aidan's great-grandmother, Shirley Thrower sang a song together. "What a beautiful picture of training up a child to serve Jesus!"

- Thanks to all who helped with the Christmas project to purchase gifts for Clearview School students.

- Our condolences to the family of Jim Claybrook. Please keep Jennifer, J J and Roy Allen in your prayers.

"We pray everyone has a wonderful and blessed Christmas."



New Hope (LaGrange) Baptism at the lake and Ordination Service of Chase Wilson.



Roper Heights - The Women on Mission group made gift bags for residents of Twin Fountains Nursing Home on November 7. These ladies love doing things for others. "Come and see!"

- The Fall Festival was held on November 2. There were hot dogs and candy, candy, and more candy! Everyone had a great time.



Roper Heights - Women on Mission group prepared gift bags for Twin Fountain Nursing Home residents.



Roper Heights Children enjoyed their Fall Festival on November 2.

Shoal Creek - Sisters in Christ and Shoal Creek Baptist Church sponsored and decorated a Christmas tree as a part of the Tinsel Trail which is a fundraiser for Circles of Troup County. The Tinsel Trail, a free exhibit of live trees decorated by local businesses, nonprofits and churches, is on the square for the community to enjoy! The trees will be on display through January 1.



Wehadkee - Joy resounds in the hearts of those who believe in the miracle of Christmas. "Have a Blessed Christmas from our family to yours!"

November & December Birthdays:

Nov. 9 DeDe Hurt
Dec. 4 Dot Newton
Dec. 21 Eddie Mastin
Dec. 26 Beverly Brewster

December Anniversaries

Dec. 10 Leon and Deborah Wessinger
Dec. 18 Bobby and Beverly Brewster



Announcements

Western Heights Baptist Church and First Baptist on the Square

Operation Christmas Child Drop-Off Centers would like to thank everyone who prepared and delivered a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child. Your box joined over 19,000 in our area traveling with millions more to about 190 countries to share the Love of Jesus with those who do not know Him. You are making an eternal difference in the lives of these children.



- Western Heights Drop-Off Center received 1,754 boxes. This was their first year as a drop-off center.
- First Baptist on the Square Drop-Off Center received 2,736 boxes. This is their 6th year.

Total shoeboxes received was 4,490!

Church Financial Conferences 2023



Register at gbfoundation.org/CFC23

Dates & Locations include

- March 21 5:00 - 8:15 pm Columbus
Calvary Baptist Church
- March 30 5:00 - 8:15 pm Jonesboro
First Baptist Church

Breakout Sessions:

- Creative Tools for Fueling Your Mission
- Reporting Revenue Above Reproach
- Budgeting to Build the Kingdom
- Don't Let Your Pastor Labor in Vain

*Great
is the Glory*

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP CELEBRATION
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ON THE SQUARE
SUNDAY, DEC. 11, 6:00 PM, SANCTUARY

First Baptist Church on the Square has job openings for:

- Receptionist/Administrative Assistant (full time)
- Nursery and Preschool Coordinator (part time)

For more information visit <https://fbclagrange.org/jobs/>

On The Lighter Side

A husband and wife, who had been married for many years, were having dinner one night. As they ate, the wife said—"When we were first married, you took the small piece of meat and gave me the larger piece, but now you take the large one and leave me the smaller one. I'm afraid you don't love me anymore." The husband quickly and adamantly replied—"That is absolute nonsense, darling. I love you just as much or more than I did back then. The reason I now take the larger piece of meat is not because I love you less... but because you are a much better cook than you were back then!"



Tinsel Trail, a free exhibit of live trees decorated by local businesses, nonprofits and churches, is on the square for the community to enjoy through January 1!

Tinsel Trail is a fundraiser for Circles of Troup County, a 501(c)3 nonprofit that exists to identify and eliminate the causes of poverty and support those wishing to lift themselves out of poverty. Circles meets Thursday evenings at Troup Baptist Association.

★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!

Dec 1	Rev. Michael Stiggers	Jan 3	Rev. Howard Longshore
Dec 6	Rev. Jamie Kelley	Jan 4	Rev. L. W. Booker
Dec 9	Rev. Doug Bingham	Jan 5	Rev. Bryan Geter
Dec 20	Rev. Andy Buchanan	Jan 9	Rev. Tom Owensby
Dec 22	Rev. Bill Bryant	Jan 9	Rev. Jack Sapp
Dec 31	Rev. Wesley Boatman	Jan 15	Rev. Sam Wood
		Jan 17	Rev. Lincoln Anderson
		Jan 17	Rev. Craig Marshall
		Jan 18	Rev. Terry Rainwater
		Jan 24	Rev. Chad Bishop
		Jan 24	Rev. Willie T. Edmondson

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

GOOD SAM MINISTRY helps those in need within our community, especially our children.



Last month Kim and I volunteered at the Good Sam packing day and was amazed at the efficiency, love, and generosity of this ministry.

Right here in our community there are children being fed for the weekend by these bags filled with food and packed with love. Kim and I plan on making it a regular part of our plans every month.



Find out more.

OUR JOURNEY of HOPE



Free Cancer Care Team Training is now available with Bro. Andy through the Troup Baptist Association.

Cancer is different from many diseases; it attacks the body, mind, and spirit. And cancer care ministry involves supporting patients, families, and caregivers in the areas they are impacted. We can bring this 8-week training to your church so that you are prepared to help your church and community during the difficult time of dealing with a cancer diagnosis, treatment, and survival. Contact angela@troubaptist.org to set up training.

End-Of-The-Year Giving

Thanks to those of you who have inquired about helping us bring you the full-color MESSENGER in 2023. We're hoping to get there early next year.

Also, if you are considering an End-of-the-Year donation, please consider the TBA as a place to give. We're looking forward to a great 2023 with several new ministries and opportunities to reach our area with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



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