



Celebrating Resurrection Sunday and the NEW LIFE Jesus brought out of the tomb is an incredible privilege! But it's not to be kept to ourselves, locked away, or hoarded in homes and churches. That New Life is to be celebrated and shared with everyone we meet.

Earlier this month I was at a great E3 Evangelism training at Western Heights (Pastor Jason Jones) and was reminded again that when we receive God's gift of eternal life He then SENDS US back into the world to share with others.

As I have been writing through the days leading up to Easter I have also been reminded of our Amazing Savior, Jesus Christ. I've developed a list of things He "HAD TO" do in order to bring us new life.

He **HAD TO** come down to live among us. Jesus left His glory in Heaven and poured Himself into human flesh to rescue us.

He **HAD TO** live a perfect, sinless, life. In order for Jesus to be our sacrifice, He had to be the Lamb without blemish. He was.

He **HAD TO** suffer for our sins. When sin entered the world, so did suffering. Jesus suffered for our sins. 1 Peter 3:18 says,

"For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit..."

He **HAD TO** die on the cruel cross to pay the price to satisfy the wrath of God upon sin. Jesus did not just faint or almost die on the cross. He died a cruel and agonizing death for our sin.

He **HAD TO** come back to life (resurrect) in order to fully defeat death and the grave and emerge victorious. I would remind you that the story doesn't end on the cross, it ends in the victory of the empty tomb holding only the death cloth of our conquering King of kings.

Understanding all of those "HAD TO's" that Jesus fulfilled, let me ask you this:

What are the things you WILL DO to celebrate your NEW LIFE?

Will you **OBEY** His call to go back into a lost and broken world so that others might hear the Gospel?

Will you **SERVE** those who have needs and live among us?

Will you **LOVE** others as you have been loved? Will you even love the unlovely?

Will you **FORGIVE** those in your life who need it?

Will you **PRAY** for laborers and **GO** when God sends you into the field?

As we celebrate the New Life of the Resurrection, consider what you **WILL DO** as a Kingdom citizen to spread the word and as a shirt I saw the other day says, "Populate Heaven."

You are loved.

Troup Baptist Association

Lalies Spring Lunchess

Saturday, May 13 | 11am-1pm

@ New Hope Baptist Church

4050 Roanoke Road Lagrange, Georgia 30240

GUEST SPEAKER

Lauren Sullens

Georgia WMU President

Lunch is free and catered by Sloppy Pig.
Love Offering for the ESTHER FUND.

RSVP to Judy King by May 1 at Iilose2567@gmail.com

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MINISTRY NEWS

It's been another exiting month of ministry and seeing God move all around the TBA. March marks the beginning of my second year as your AMS and I am loving getting to know our churches and

pastors each week. Thank you for your prayers and encouraging calls, texts, and emails. I appreciate them very much.

We started this month off preaching at New Macedonia Missionary (Pastor Derek Williams) and the "Get Up! Wake Up!" Revival. Had a wonderful time sharing a word on the things that will move our hearts toward revival. It was a great service! The NMMBC praise team is doing a fantastic job!

The following day I shared a similar message at the Mountville (Pastor Dwayne Perdue) Sunday morning revival. After the service Bro Dwayne spoke with a teenage girl who gave her heart to Christ. Bro Dwayne has been in the baptismal pool each Sunday for over a month now. Praise the Lord!

Early in the month, Samuel Ayala (GBMB) came and met with me at my office regarding possible partnerships with church planters in New York City. Samuel is a wonderful guy who has served the Lord in the Bronx, Puerto Rico, and now in South and Central Georgia. Listen out for more information on these partnerships.

Pastor Jason Jones (Western Heights) invited me to be a part of the E3 Discipleship and Evangelism training at WHBC. This plan to share so that "no one is left out" was exciting and inspiring. A simple response of, "There was a time when I struggled with [name of problem], but when I surrendered my life to Jesus I found [peace, love, forgiveness, freedom,...]" will lead you into a Gospel conversation with someone needing Christ. Great day.

I was able to be back at our home church, Franklin Road (Pastor Trace Lasher) to preach and enjoyed a wonderful time with our family there. I was also privileged to share with the student prayer group at Troup High School (Jacob Walker) one Thursday and then preach at the Lafayette Christian School chapel service in a service focused on repentance.

I continue to serve with the local Disaster Response & Recovery group here in Lagrange. We want to be better organized and ready if or when the next disaster strikes our community. Please see the information to the right on this page for ways you and your church can be involved.



Finally, I served by grilling hotdogs for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes ministry event before a recent LaGrange College Baseball game. This was a treat for me to help my friend Coach Steven "Earl" Tanner who is our local FCA leader. It was also an honor to spend some good time talking and reminiscing with my college baseball coach and hero Coach Phil Williamson.

There is much to do to reach Troup and the surrounding counties for Christ in the days ahead. Thank you for your continued prayers and support. If I can serve you or help you in any way, please call, text, or email me any time.

andy@troupbaptist.org 706.594.5702 The Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM) at LaGrange College continues to grow and progress. We meet every Monday at 8pm in Turner Hall and have had some wonderful Bible Study. We have started a new Friday Night Worship time and are seeing students come



to sing praise, hear the Word, and spend time in prayer. I have been so encouraged at the desire of these students to reach their campus for Christ. Please join me in praying for God to continue to move at LC!

Each Tuesday we are a part of **SOUL FOOD CAFE!** Have your class or church call me at the TBA and sign-up to provide this lunch for about 25-30 college students. They love "homecooked" meals and fellowship with all of you! Special thanks to Reeds Chapel for doing a great job with this during March.



DISASTER RESPONSE & RECOVERY

In preparation for any possible disaster in Troup County, we are trying to coordinate immediate shelter and emergency transportation for those who need it in our county. If you serve on any of these type committees in your church or if your church has a large fellowship hall or multipurpose building, please prayerfully consider being ready to open your doors as an:

- 1. Immediate (right after the event) shelter
- 2. Short-term (1-2 days or until Red Cross is in place)
- 3. Transportation vehicles (to get people to shelters)

I am working to set up a TBA meeting where we can all come together and be ready to respond to our neighbors in Jesus' name in the event that we have another tragedy.

Please visit our website to learn more about this effort.

https://troupbaptist.org/disaster

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.

FBC Hogansville (Continued) - March 5 marked the beginning of the Week of Prayer for North American Missions. FBC Hogansville's goal is to raise \$500 through the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Donations will be collected through April 9.

• On March 18 several people representing Celebrate Recovery visited His Place Farm and Hosanna House in Alabama. They had the chance to share testimonies and experiences. Blessings from the visit were felt all around as evidenced when some of the volunteers shared their feelings with the church on Sunday morning. More such opportunities will be available in the future.

• Celebrate Recovery is hosting a car wash from 9 am until 2 pm on April 1 in the church parking lot. Time to get that pollen off your cars! The clothes closet will be open during that time, so it is a good opportunity to beautify your car and update your closet.

• The next day, April 2, Pastor Greg will be the guest of honor at a Breakfast Birthday Party. Pretty sure there will be donuts available. Come join the fun and see if he can blow out candles on a donut! Later that day there will be an Easter Egg Hunt for children at the McGhee home.

• Worship on Easter Sunday, April 9, begins with a 7 am Sunrise Service at the church followed by normal Sunday activities. Come join us in worship and praise on this glorious Resurrection Day celebration.

• FBC is looking forward to their 155th Anniversary and Homecoming celebration on April 23. The morning service begins at 10:30 am. The Ward Family will be bringing special music, and the message will be delivered by Dr. Paul Baxter. There will be a covered dish meal following the morning activities. Families, friends, former members, and visitors are invited and encouraged to come help them revisit some wonderful memories. "The celebration will be better with your presence."

• Celebrate Recovery is presenting a Car and Bike Show on April 29 at Calvin Hipp Park/Askew Park from 10 am until 2 pm. It promises to be a good time with live music, food trucks, and vendors. This is a special occasion for outreach and Christian fellowship. You may contact Mr. Bill Dollar at 706 957-6258 for more information.

• Sermons and Wednesday Bible Study are now available on YouTube at First Baptist Hogansville.



First Baptist Hogansville Youth sponsored a spagnetti lunch following the morning service on Sunday, February 26.

Grace - served 201 people with boxes of free food in March. This is available to anyone who wants it every third Saturday. The drive-through starts at 10:00 am.

- The Clothes Closet helps anyone in need.
- Ladies of Grace stuffed eggs for the egg hunt. The Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 1 at 1:00 pm. The actual egg hunt begins at 2:30-3:00, everyone is welcome.
- Pastor Donnie Benefield's Birthday Party with ice cream & cake will be April 2 at 4:00 pm.
- The Easter Sunrise Service will be at 7:00 am. followed by breakfast.
- Grace Baptist Webpage http://www.gbclagrange.com/





Association - Church Prayer List

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

Week of April 2, 2023 - Flat Shoals Salem Rd Baptist Church

Week of April 9, 2023 - Fountain Baptist Church Week of April 16, 2023 - Franklin Road Baptist Church

Week of April 23, 2023 - Glenn Baptist Church Week of April 30, 2023 - Grace Baptist Church

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

Week of May 7, 2023 - Gray Hill Baptist Church Week of May 14, 2023 - Harvest Baptist Church Week of May 21, 2023 - Highland Baptist Church Week of May 28, 2023 - Hillcrest Baptist Church

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

Baptist Tabernacle (BTC) - God is still at work at Baptist Tabernacle Church. They added 4 new members to their church family. "Praise God for all His blessings."

- BTC welcomes Jeremy and Haley as the new Youth Leaders for their church.
- The Food Closet served 377 individuals, giving out 158 boxes of food and 154 meals. There were 120 backpacks given to children for weekend food.
- The Clothes Closet was equally as busy.
- A blood drive was held March 6 and 30 people gave blood.
- Brotherhood met on March 11 at 8 am. They will continue to meet the second Saturday of each month at 8 am. All men are invited to attend.
- Prayer Warriors continue to meet on Lafayette Square each Tuesday at 10 am for prayer. Everyone is invited to attend.
- · Awanas had Service Night on Wednesday, March 8 and washed cars for the elderly. On March 22 they had Missionary Night. Spring break will be April 5 for Awana. April 19 will be Grand Prix Night (parents invited) and Frog Races will be April 26.
- Sunday School Open House was March 5 at 8:30 am with breakfast being served. There was great attendance and fellowship before attending Sunday School.
- Ronnie Hall was honored Sunday, March 19 at Baptist Tabernacle for his continued service. He has served over 47 years as a Deacon. Ronnie has been a Sunday School Teacher, Sunday School Superintendent, Choir Director, and Chairman of the Deacons. He was presented a certificate and a gift. "We thank God for Ronnie and his service to our Church."
- BTC gave new bikes to seven different schools to use as incentives for the students.
- Easter Services will be held on April 9 at 10:30 am. BTC invites you to attend their service if you are looking for a church to attend. You will definitely hear the word of God preached and you will receive a blessing. As we celebrate Easter, let's remember the reason. "And the Angel answered and said unto the women. Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where Lord lay." HE IS RISEN!!!!! "Happy Easter to Matthew 28:5-6 everyone from Baptist Tabernacle Church.'



Dunson: Clara & George Andrews in front.

- **Dunson** has enjoyed a busy month and is looking forward to the blessings of Spring. They are building back their youth program and the youth group enjoyed a trip to Red's skating rink.
- Their informal 6pm Sunday night meeting of singing, personal testimony, and refreshments in the fellowship hall is growing with Clara and George Andrews sharing their testimony at their last meeting.
- On March 21, Pastor Kenneth Cole, Kay Abrams, Gail and Arty Todd attended the Financial Workshop at Calvary Baptist Church in Columbus sponsored by the Georgia Baptist Foundation. Breakout sessions by GuideStone and Tony Neal were very informative.
- Pastor Kenneth spoke at the Relay for Life Survivor Luncheon at Faith Baptist on Saturday, March 25. Dunson will once again have a Relay Team called the Dunson Baptist Overcomers. They welcome you to sign up for their team if your church doesn't have a team this year.
- The Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Story for youth was held on Wednesday night, March 29.
- On Sunday night, March 26, they celebrated their pastor's wife, Pam Cole, and let her know what a blessing she is to Dunson Baptist.
- The choir has been practicing for their Easter Sunday celebration "In Christ Alone". They invite all to come join and join them.

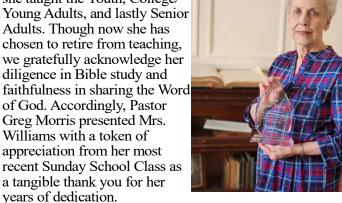


Dunson's Youth enjoyed a trip to Red's Skating Rink.

FBC Hogansville - FBC Youth Department sponsored a spaghetti lunch following the service on February 26. They did a good job of preparing and serving, and it was a delicious way to start the week.

• At the morning service on March 5, Mrs. Joyce Williams was honored for her 59 years of teaching Sunday School at First Baptist Church,

Hogansville. During that time, she taught the Youth, College/ Young Adults, and lastly Senior Adults. Though now she has chosen to retire from teaching, we gratefully acknowledge her diligence in Bible study and faithfulness in sharing the Word of God. Accordingly, Pastor Greg Morris presented Mrs. Williams with a token of



Mrs. Joyce Williams

Highland - will host an Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00 am, on April 9. Weather permitting, it will be outside near the Fellowship Hall. Breakfast will be available following the service. Everyone is welcome.

- The choir will present "Amazing Grace", a beautiful cantata, during the 11:00 am worship service on Easter morning. Everyone is invited to join them for this special service.
- Highland WMU will send Easter cards to members who are in nursing homes and those who are home bound. They will also provide Easter Lilies for the Sanctuary on Easter Morning. During April, the WMU ladies will collect toothpaste and toothbrushes for Project Joy, as well as deliver donated food/snack items to Wellstar West Georgia Hospice.

Lakeview - received three new members on March 19; welcome to Jeff and Dee Mathis, and Sammy Plant. Lakeview's four deacons are Richard King, Sidney Lanier, Steve Holloway, and Bill Cobb. "We appreciate them very much." They were presented with gift cards on February 26.

- The Wednesday night meal on March 29 was provided by church hostess Carol Truitt. "Thank you for coordinating and providing many delicious meals for church members."
- On Wednesday, April 26 at 5 pm, Bill and Mary Cobb will prepare a hamburger and hot dog meal. Tommy Whitworth will be their guest speaker that evening to tell everyone about his missionary trips.
- WMU ladies sponsored a baby shower for Julie Pickron on March 18; Carolyn Jones and Jean Shirley hosted the shower.



Lakeview Deacons (L-R) are Bill Cobb, Richard King, Sidney Lanier & Steve Holloway with Pastor Lamar Truitt.



Mountville: Children's Sunday school class. Mountville is blessed with lots of children and youth.

Mountville (MBC) - The holy spirit continues to move through MBC with another salvation/baptism this month! ♥

- Mountville has had a unique Spring Revival! Revival has been held on Sunday and Wednesday nights in March. Bro. Dwayne Perdue, Bro. Andy Buchanan, and Bro. Blake Alford have all led services during this special time! There will also be a time of testimonies during the month as well! Revival is also happening in our Sunday School classes! REVIVAL IS HERE!
- Mountville will be collecting socks for LaGrange Personal Aid during the month of March!
- MBC had a work day on Saturday, March 4. The grounds and the building underwent some Spring cleaning!
- Mountville MPact led worship at Long Cane Baptist Church on Sunday, March 19. Jacob Walker brought the message! MBC is so proud of our Youth Group as they step out and serve in the community!
- Easter Sunrise Service will be held on April 9 at 7:30 am. A light breakfast will be served. An Easter Cantata My Easter Story will be presented during the morning worship service at 11 am. We invite everyone to come join us as we celebrate our Savior, Jesus Christ!
- Mountville will celebrate HOMECOMING on Sunday, April 23. Randy & Sherri Miller will be bringing special music starting at 10 am and Bro. Danny Jeter will be bringing the morning message at 11 am. A covered dish lunch will be enjoyed on the grounds after the service!



MBC Youth led worship at Long Cane Baptist Church. Jacob Walker, behind pulpit, brought the message. Jacob is Rev. Aaron & Marianne McCollough's grandson.





Mountville: AMS Andy Buchanan presenting Rev. Dwayne Perdue and Mountville Baptist Church a special certificate.

Right: Revival Speaker Blake Alford and Dalton Sexton on the guitar.

New Hope - "God is so good!" New Hope welcomed four new members to their fellowship in February and one young man was baptized in March. "We praise God for the great things He is doing."

- At the March meeting, Sisters of Hope donated baskets of snacks to hospice. Ladies, please join us Saturday, April 1, at 9:00 am as we make plans to prepare a meal for Circles of Troup on Thursday, May 4. Also, the annual WMU Spring Luncheon will be at New Hope on Saturday, May 13, at 10:30 am. We need your help as we finalize plans for this event. Looking forward to seeing you ladies.
- The Youth will be going to Crossroads Summer Camp in Anderson, South Carolina July 3 thru 7. Please watch for more information or call Jacob Bell at (706) 415-5027.
- The Easter Outreach event will be Saturday, April 8, from 9:30 until 11:00 am. Everyone is invited! There will be lots of activities, food, and an Easter egg hunt for the children.
- On Easter Sunday, April 9, please join us at 10:30 am for coffee and fellowship before the worship service begins at 11:00 am. Life Groups will not meet on Easter Sunday. "Christ is NOT dead. HE IS RISEN! We pray for a blessed Easter for everyone."
- Remember, May 4 is National Day of Prayer. Stop during that day for a moment and pray for our nation.

Roper Heights - held a Spring Fling on Sunday, March 19, which was actually a surprise birthday lunch for their pastor, Rev. Eric Rice.

• Roper Heights will have a Sonrise Service at 7:00 am and Easter Communion at 11:00 am on April 9.



Above: Roper Heights church family at their Spring Fling / Pastor's Birthday Party!

Wehadkee - On March 3 & 4, some of the Wehadkee ladies attended the live stream seminar, IF 2023, held at First Baptist Church of LaGrange.

• Congratulations to Miss Brittney Fields in Honor of Disabilities Awareness Month by Pathways Mental Health. Miss Brittney, at right enjoyed the music and dancing at the Pathways Prom for disabled adults.



• Easter Sunrise Service will begin at 7 am with Fellowship and breakfast to follow. Please come celebrate our Lord and Savior with us.

Happy Birthday:

April 11 Susan Gebhardt April 16 Leon Wessinger



Happy Anniversary:

April 11 Pastor Nick & Mrs. Janet Pilgrim

On The Lighter Side

Sam: "Hello?"

Sue: "Honey, It's me. Are you at the club?"

Sam: "Yes"

Sue: "Great! I'm at the mall. I just saw a beautiful mink coat. It's absolutely gorgeous! Can I buy it?"

Sam: "What's the price?" Sue: "Only \$1,500.00."

Sam: "Well, OK, go ahead and get it, if you like it that much." Sue: "Aah, and I also stopped by the Mercedes dealership and saw the 2023 models. I saw one that I really liked. I spoke with the salesperson, and he gave me a really good price...and since we need to trade the BMW that we bought last year..."

Sam: "What price did he quote you?"

Sue: "Only \$70,000."

Sam: "OK, but for that price, I want it with all the options."

the options.

Sue: "Great! But before we hang up, something else..."

Sam: "What?"

Sue: "Remember the house that we looked at last year?" I stopped by the Realtor's office and it's on sale! Remember the one with the pool and English garden on one acre of land.

Sam: "How much are they asking?"

Sue: "Only \$500,000."

Sam: "Well, then go ahead and put in

an offer of \$475,000, OK?"

Sue: "OK, sweetie... Thanks! I'll see

you later! I love you! Sam: Bye... I love you too!

Sam hangs up, raises his hand while holding the phone, and asks to everyone there: Does anyone know who this phone belongs to?"

New Hope (Greenville) - is seeking a piano player for Sunday morning services at 11:00. For more information, contact Rev. Kenneth Whitlock at 678-603-5055.





APRIL

April 3 Rev. Greg Morris
April 6 Rev. Paul Blair
April 6 Rev. Clay Snyder
April 9 Rev. Aaron McCollough
April 9 Rev. Donnie Benefield
April 11 Rev. Nick Pilgrim
April 16 Rev. Tommy Gilbert
April 23 Rev. Randall Foxworth
April 27 Rev. Steve Vickery

May 4 Rev. Jimmy McMillian May 7 Rev. Chuck Anderson May 16 Rev. Dwayne Perdue

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May 25 Rev. Cleve Moore May 26 Rev. Randy Gilbert

April 28 Rev. Hugo Oropeza May 28 Rev. Jim Butler April 29 Rev. Frank Sledge

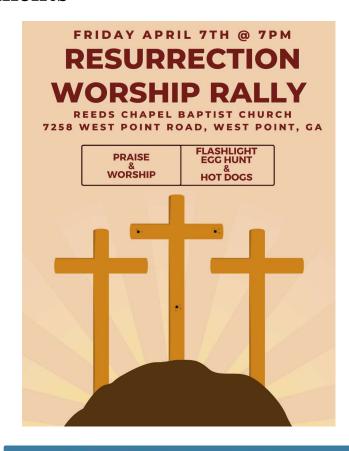
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The Mission Field

The North American Mission Board serves a diverse and complex region comprised of the United States, Canada and the territories of Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam and American Samoa.

- Population: 371 million

- Languages: 350

- Estimated lost: 281 million

Statistics from U.S. Census Bureau and NAMB Research.

YOUR GIFTS AT WORK

Your gifts support more than 2,400 missionaries and their families across North America.



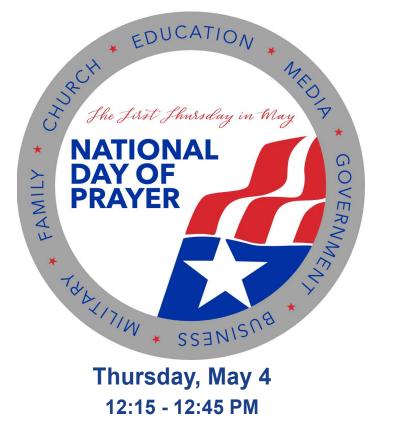
COMING TO LAGRANGE JUNE 24-JULY 1



MISSION SERVE will be bringing just over 100 youth and adults to LaGrange to do mission work on homes in the Calumet community. We need help hosting these work groups. Your church can...

- Host them at your church on Sunday morning
- Provide lunch for them Monday-Friday at the work
- Meet the resident and continue follow-up after the work is done.
- Pray for and encourage the workers

If your church, class, or small group would like to adopt a Work Squad for this week, please call us at (706) 884-1975 or send us an email at the TBA Office. andy@troupbaptist.org or angela@troupbaptist.org



Thursday, May 4 12:15 - 12:45 PM

Location: Biblical History Center 130 Gordon Commercial Dr; LaGrange, GA 30240

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