

# GOD *knows* MORE *than* me!

Now THAT is a “no brainer!” I agree. But don’t dismiss that statement too fast because, like me, you probably need to remind yourself of that on a regular basis.

I hope you realize that sometimes you say far more about what you really believe with your actions than you do with your words. And, sometimes we say even more with our faces than we do with our mouth. Other times, we reveal what’s going on in our mind by the things we imply with our words.

I was able to attend the Evangelism Conference in Carrollton recently and heard Dr. Emir Caner and Dr. Jerry Vines preach during the services.

Dr. Caner was preaching about the two who walked along the road to Emmaus

and talked with Jesus in Luke 24. He focused briefly on verse 21 where it quotes the men saying, “But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.”

He went on to say that these two men knew about Jesus and knew about what was going on in Jerusalem that weekend, but they expressed their disbelief that God knew more than them when they said these words. They didn’t come right out and say that they doubted God had everything under control but what they communicated was the truth that since things didn’t turn out like they “had hoped,” God had somehow failed or was somehow wrong in allowing these things to occur the way they occurred.

Sometimes we do that, too.

Often, we worry, complain, grumble, or get down when things don’t go our way or God doesn’t answer a prayer the way we think He should. I get that. In fact, I understand it. But don’t get stuck there and

let it turn into a root for bitterness to hold you captive. Be careful with that.

For others, they’ve got God so figured out that they’ve convinced themselves this is the way God wants it done and so they strike out to prove God’s way is the right way at any cost, but in reality, they are trying to prove their point and not God’s. Be careful of that, too.

Be clear on this simple yet profound Truth:

**God SEES more than you and He KNOWS more than you.**

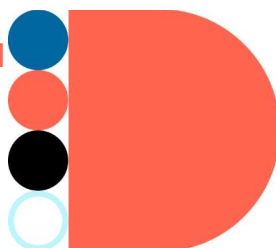
After Jesus explained the Scripture to them, their disbelief was turned around and they became energetic witnesses to the TRUTH.

Any time you’re faced with a choice between God’s Word and your best thought or idea, go with God’s Word. That’s a no brainer, too.

*Bro Andy*

Share your testimony with me:  
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TROUP BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
CHILDREN’S CAMP  
JUNE 19-22  
CAMP ROCKRIDGE



We’re looking forward to Children’s Summer Camp. Camp is filling up and we hope that your church will be represented among the campers. Call us at (706) 884-1975 or go online and register at

<https://troubaptist.org/rockridge23>

Please begin praying now for health, safety, and open hearts and lives to the Gospel of Jesus this year at camp.



**June 25-30**

125-150 youth and leaders will arrive in LaGrange to work in the Calumet community repairing and remodeling homes.

We need you to help us host them. If your church or small group would like to host a team (12-14 people) that week, please contact me today. They will worship with you on Sunday and you will provide lunch for them that day and a sack lunch for them each day at their work site. Help us, help them! Thanks!



# MINISTRY NEWS

## God Gets the Glory in the Rubble

We ended the month of March with a tornado like we haven't seen around here in quite a while. An F3 dropped out of the sky on HWY 29 just north of West Point and headed due east across Troup County for 22 miles.

Bethel Baptist Church (Pastor Chris Hendricks) was right in the path as the tornado began its destructive path. Pastor Chris had only accepted the call to Bethel a few weeks before it struck, yet he was on the scene quickly and the good people of Bethel were blessing their neighbors and first responders with water and encouragement from the very beginning. Pastor Chris and the people of Bethel have been an inspiration as they committed to having church right there on the site the following week and into the future. Continue to pray for them as they serve their community and share the Gospel to those that need to hear.

So many of you have responded as only God's people can! I have been blessed as you have risen to the occasion and provided space, service, supplies, and generous gifts through this month. Special thanks to Bethlehem for housing our GA Baptist Disaster Relief crew as well as First Baptist West Point and Reeds Chapel for being a drop off location and providing space for donations. I have also been amazed at the response from so many other Associations with financial donations, supplies, and work groups who have come to help since the disaster.



My favorite moment is captured in the picture above. We enjoyed worshipping under the tent on Palm Sunday and while singing along with the Hendricks family I looked beyond them to the collapsed roof and destruction of the building. Praise the Lord that while there is rubble in the background, God is getting the glory through the faith and steadfastness of Pastor Chris, his sweet family, and the people of Bethel Baptist Church. Continue to pray for all of those effected by the recent storms.

Contact us if you would like to help or donate.

Along with helping with the Disaster Relief, I was also privileged to attend and serve this month at Bethlehem, Bethel, Franklin Road, Rosemont, Baptist Tabernacle, Camp Viola Revival, LaFayette Christian School Chapel, Miracle League Network Baseball Opening Day, Long Cane Baptist, Lakeview Men's Luncheon, Celebrate Recovery of FBC Hogansville Car Show, and Highland Baptist. Thank you for your support of the TBA. We are stronger & better working together!

## BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRY LAGRANGE COLLEGE



The BCM year at LaGrange College started out with 1 student, our president, Journey Oden. We finished the year at the end of April with 18 students attending Bible study and fellowship. It has been an awesome year with much to look forward to in the fall. Please continue to pray for our students as we have 1 serving at Camp Rockridge and 1 serving at Camp Viola this summer.



# Church News & Announcements

**Baptist Tabernacle (BTC)** - added two more members to their church family. "Praise God!"

- During the month, the Food Closet served 483 individuals giving away 203 boxes of food, 168 meals, and 120 backpacks. The name of their Food Closet is Serving Hearts. Serving Hearts was featured in Feeding The Valley Food Bank Newsletter for Spring 2023. Serving Hearts volunteers distribute food every week to families, provide weekend backpacks with food to students, serve an elementary school as a Partner in Education, and provide care for the homeless and home-bound. Merle McMillian helps lead the program and purchases food from Feeding the Valley for the Serving Hearts ministry. Merle states, "We take pride in helping our community, and God laid this ministry on our hearts to serve others." The partnership with Baptist Tabernacle Church and Feeding the Valley has been ongoing for 18 years.

- The Clothes Closet is staying very busy each week also.

- On April 19, Awanas had the annual Grand Prix and parents were invited to attend. The children were given cars to assemble, paint, and decorate before spring break. Then the Grand Prix race was on. On April 26, they held Frog Races and each child brought their own frog. These two events were lots of fun for the children and volunteers.

Looking forward to May, Awanas will have a Chocolate Slide on May 3. The last night for this school year is May 17 which is Awards Night and parents are invited to attend. This year has been a successful year for the Awana children and volunteers. • Each Sunday morning, before the children go to Children's Church, Mrs. Debbi Smith leads them in devotion and prayer. She does an outstanding job of teaching the children about God and the Bible. "Thanks to Mrs. Debbi for her dedication."

- God's Helping Hands ministry has started and will meet every second Monday at 6 pm. The first meeting was on April 10. They got to know one another, learned about a missionary, Kristine McLaughlin, who is supported by BTC, covered the book of Esther with just a few key scriptures, and had a lite supper. It was a great meeting and mission projects are being planned. All women are invited to attend the next meeting on May 8 at 6 pm.

- A Mother/Daughter Brunch will be held on May 13. This event for our mothers and daughters will be hosted by the Glory Bells. The Glory Bells will perform several songs. Fellowship and food will follow.

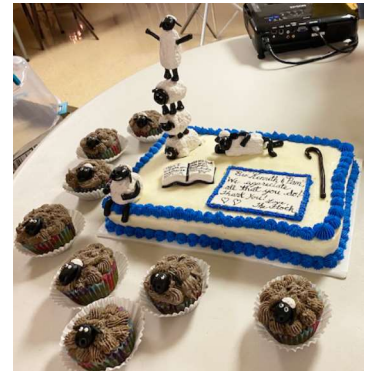
- Baptist Tabernacle Church will be honoring their graduates on May 21. "We extend our congratulations to all graduates."

"May each of you have a blessed and safe summer."

**Dunson** - WMU women: Kay Abrams, Pam Cole, Bonnie Reed, Kathy Pattillo, and Theresa Miller attended the WMU Spring Event Conference in Warner Robins on April 21-22, and were richly blessed. They were able to participate in the mission project, "Read Georgia", by helping stuff 1,000 book bags with new books for children in Georgia. These will be used in backyard Bible schools and ministries this summer. (continued)

**Dunson (continued)** - In March, Dunson celebrated their Pastor's wife, Pam Cole with a surprise meal at the Sunday night informal service. They presented her with gifts from WMU, a slide show, and testimonies of how she had affected their lives. Amy Parnell baked her the most amazing cake!

- Dunson Overcomers will be participating in Relay for Life, Friday, April 28. Pastor Kenneth will be singing "Oh Glorious Day" at Relay for Life. Dunson's WMU purchased luminaries to light the track for their survivors and in memory of those who have received their ultimate healing.



Dunson (Above Left): Amy Parnell & Pam Cole  
Above Right: The inscription on the cake reads, "Bro. Kenneth & Pam, We appreciate all that you do! Thank You! Love, The Flock"



Dunson: WMU ladies attended the Spring Event.

## Association - Church Prayer List

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

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

Week of June 4, 2023 - Hilyer Baptist Church  
Week of June 11, 2023 - Hope Fellowship Hogansville  
Week of June 18, 2023 - Lakeview Baptist Church  
Week of June 25, 2023 - Long Cane Baptist Church

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



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**FBC Hogansville** - Celebrate Recovery (CR) from Hogansville First Baptist spent the evening of March 31 at the Atlanta City Baptist Rescue Mission. For over 30 years the Atlanta City Baptist Rescue Mission has co-labored with churches and families to assist the homeless by providing food, safe and structured shelter, clothing, friendship, and, primarily, the message of salvation. CR took clothes and toiletries for the men, but more importantly, they shared testimonies and God's Word. Professions of faith were made, and the evening was a blessing for all. (photo below)



- Pastor Greg Morris' birthday was celebrated with breakfast at church on Sunday, April 2. "We are grateful for his and Mrs. Amy Lynn Morris' leadership and wish him many happy returns."
- Members welcomed Easter with a 7 am Sunrise Service and then followed the normal Sunday schedule of worship for Resurrection Sunday. The day was made especially memorable by the baptism of Miss Jacklynn Whitt. "We welcome her into our church family."
- The church family as well as many former members and visitors joined in celebration of their 155th Anniversary on April 23. The Ward Family delivered a rousing opening with old-time gospel music. Then Dr. Paul Baxter brought the sermon reminding us to have God's love in our hearts and to express God's love to those around us. The Fellowship Hall was decorated with spring flowers in a picnic fashion which made the covered dish meal even more enjoyable. "We thank everyone who helped to make our 155th Homecoming such a special day to remember."
- Celebrate Recovery sponsored a Car/Truck/Bike Show at Calvin Hipp Park and Askew Park on Saturday, April 29. There was live music, vendors, and food trucks in addition to the cars/trucks/bikes that were entered into the show.
- On April 21 the Prime Timers traveled to Carrollton to visit the exhibit of Leonardo da Vinci's The Last Supper. This is an interactive exhibit of da Vinci's Masterpiece of Christ's final meal with His apostles. (photo below)



First Baptist Hogansville: Pastor Greg Morris baptized Jacklynn Whitt on Easter Sunday. (L)  
Dr. Paul Baxter was the guest speaker for the 155<sup>th</sup> Homecoming Service. (R)

**Grace** - served 235 people with boxes of free food in April. This is available to anyone that wants it every third Saturday. The drive-through starts at 10:00 am.

- The Clothes Closet helps anyone in need.
- The Ward Family Singers helped Grace celebrate 20 years at their Homecoming service.
- The Easter Egg Hunt had a good turnout.
- Pastor Donnie Benefield's Birthday was celebrated with ice-cream and cake a week early because his birthday was on Easter.

Visit Grace's webpage for more information on service times: <http://www.gbclagrange.com/>



**American Red Cross BLOOD DRIVE**

**Grace Baptist Church**

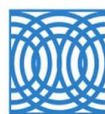
**3731 West Point Road, LaGrange**

**Saturday, May 20, 2023**

**12:30 - 4:30 p.m.**

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

*Note: Get summer ready. Come give for an exclusive Red Cross beach towel, while they last!*



**Circles of Troup** - Western Heights is one of seven churches that provides a meal for participants and volunteers at Circles of Troup County meetings. Four churches in the Troup Baptist Association also provide meals, including Rosemont, New Hope, Shoal Creek and First Baptist on the Square. Each week, Circles participants and volunteers gather at Troup Baptist to set goals, learn financial principles, develop friendships and encourage each other in reaching their goals. If your church or group would like to provide a meal, contact Margaret Goodlet at [Margaret.mn@gmail.com](mailto:Margaret.mn@gmail.com) or at 706.416.7788. Circles of Troup County exists to identify and eliminate the causes of poverty and support those wishing to lift themselves out of poverty. For more information, see [www.circlesoftroup.org](http://www.circlesoftroup.org)



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**Highland** - had a great Easter Sunrise Service. A large crowd gathered to worship and hear Terry Boyd deliver an inspiring message. Breakfast was served immediately following. During the worship service on Easter morning, the choir gave an outstanding performance of, "Amazing Grace", a beautiful cantata. Highland WMU provided Easter Lilies for the sanctuary for the Easter Service.

- The WMU will collect shaving cream in May for Project Joy. They will also collect a Baby Bottle Offering in May to be delivered to First Choice Women's Center in LaGrange.
- Highland will have a special Mothers' Day Service at 11:00 am. on May 14. All mothers present will receive special recognition, as well as the oldest and youngest mothers, who will receive a gift from the WMU.



Above: Highland's Choir presenting "Amazing Grace" during Morning Worship on Easter Sunday



Right: Terry Boyd delivering the message during Easter Sunrise Service.



**Mountville (MBC)** - The holy spirit/revival continues to move at Mountville! ♥

- A great old fashioned Revival was held at Camp Viola in April. Great music, great messages, and the holy spirit was truly at work! Love offerings were also collected to help benefit Camp Viola and the upcoming camps! Please be in prayer for each child as they attend camp and receive the Good News of Jesus!
- Mountville celebrated Homecoming on April 23. Higher Hope brought special music and Danny Geter brought a powerful message! It was a wonderful time of worship and everyone enjoyed great fellowship and a delicious meal on the grounds!! "GOD is GOOD!"
- Please be in prayer as Mountville begins the building of their Family Life Center! The land has been cleared and construction will begin this month. May it ALL be done for HIS Glory....HE IS WORTHY!
- VBS will be held June 5-9! Are you ready for the most extreme, fun-filled week of the year?! Join in the excitement as we explore God's word, make new friends, play games and worship ALL WEEK LONG! Supper will be provided nightly from 5:30 - 6:00 pm (except for Friday Family Night) Classes will start at 6:00 pm! All ages are welcome! Visit our Mountville Baptist Facebook page for more information and to register your child! ♥



Mountville celebrated Homecoming on April 23 with Higher Hope bringing the special music.

**Lakeview** - Breakfast is served in the Fellowship Hall every Sunday morning beginning at 9:15 am.

- Thanks to Carolyn Jones and Jean Shirley for an excellent meal on Wednesday, March 29 before evening services.
- Lakeview participated in the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. They celebrated Easter with a large crowd and an excellent Easter message from Pastor Lamar Truitt.
- WMU met on April 18 with hostess Peggy Reese providing delicious food and an interesting devotion. Peggy has also provided great leadership and done much work on a memorial garden in honor of Lakeview founding member Nancy Heflin. WMU and Ladies' Sunday School class donated materials such as books, pencils, and word search books for adult and children patients at the hospital.



Mountville has begun clearing land for their new Family Life Center and construction will begin this month!



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**New Hope** - Sisters of Hope met Saturday, April 1 under new leadership. A delicious breakfast was prepared and they enjoyed fellowship together. The mission project for May will be providing the evening meal on Thursday, May 4 for the Circles of Troup at the Troup Baptist Association building. Also discussed was the WMU Luncheon on Saturday, May 13 from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. The Sisters will help serve in the kitchen. The luncheon is free, and all ladies are invited. Please message Judy King at lilose2567@gmail.com or call (706) 333-2197 to make a reservation. A love offering will be taken for the Esther Fund. Sisters of Hope will not meet in May. The next meeting will be Saturday, June 3 at 9:00 am.

- The Easter Outreach on Saturday, April 8 was a big success despite the rain. Playing and hunting eggs inside the buildings did not hamper anyone from having fun. Four prizes were given away to those who found the "golden eggs". "Thank you to all who volunteered your help."
- ATTENTION ALL MEN! Pastor Steven is inviting you to join him at the Family Life Building on Saturday, May 6, from 9:00 until 10:30 am, for some food and fellowship.
- The last Sunday for Life Groups will be May 21. After the morning service, everyone will gather at Hardley Park at the West Point Dam for a church-wide picnic. Mark your calendar now and make plans to join the fun and fellowship.
- Wednesday night Bible study will begin at 6:00 pm on May 31. "We're looking forward to this summertime of learning and growing in God's word." The Youth will also meet at the same time.
- Mark your calendar for VBS: June 5 - 7 from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm for Pre-K thru 5th grade. Lunch will be provided.
- "We pray for all mothers to have a blessed Mother's Day on Sunday, May 14."



New Hope (LaGrange) hosted an Easter Outreach on Saturday, April 8. The fun was moved indoors due to rain.

**Roper Heights** - On Wednesday, March 29, they celebrated Mr. Lenoard Thrower for 10 years of service as Music Director at Roper Heights Baptist Church.

- Roper Heights Sunshiners meet once a month for game day or to go out to eat. On Tuesday, April 25, they enjoyed a game day with lots of fun with no fighting!



Above: Roper Heights Sunshiners at Game Day (The photo is missing the men and a few women.)



New Hope Easter Outreach: (above) Lucas Fitch, Brandi & Brian Aldridge preparing to hide Easter eggs. (Below) Greeters: Dave Fitch, Joan Carter, & Susan Prestridge



**Wehadkee** - HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

*The Lord bless thee, and keep thee: The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.*

Numbers 6: 24-26

**Happy Birthday:**

May 18 Chase Traylor

At Right:

Easter Celebration at Wehadkee, Grandmother, Mrs. Wendy Parmer and grandchildren: Collins, Kit, and Pippa Parmer





# Announcements

## On The Lighter Side

As the storm raged, the captain realized his ship was sinking fast. He called out, "Does anyone here know how to pray?"

A pastor stepped forward.

"Captain, I know how to pray."

"Good," said the captain, "you pray while the rest of us put on life jackets - we're one short."



**Mountville VBS June 5 - 9 at 5:30 PM**



**Sunday, June 4, 2023**

4:00pm The Alternative:

Creation's Competitive Edge

5:00pm Dinosaurs & Fossils:

Amazing Evidence for Creation!

Question & Answer Time with

*Dr. Robert Carter*

**Western Heights Baptist**

2382 West Point Road

Lagrange, GA 30240

**New Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**2023**

June 14, 15, & 16

6:00PM Nightly



**MAKE YOUR MOVE!!!**

111 Johnson Street  
LaGrange, Georgia 30241  
Derek L. Williams, Pastor



**MAY**

May 4 Rev. Jimmy McMillian  
May 7 Rev. Chuck Anderson  
May 16 Rev. Dwayne Perdue  
May 18 Rev. Terry Prestridge  
May 24 Rev. Anthony Hovey  
May 25 Rev. Cleve Moore  
May 26 Rev. Randy Gilbert  
May 28 Rev. Jim Butler

**JUNE**

June 2 Rev. Allen Smith  
June 8 Rev. Wendell Brown  
June 8 Rev. Steven Cheek  
June 13 Dr. Paul Baxter  
June 14 Rev. Robert Burnett  
June 15 Rev. Ellis Freeman  
June 29 Rev. Tommy Jeter

## Visit the Holy Land



Paul Baxter and Paul Blair have planned a great trip to the Holy Land Nov. 5-15, 2023.

This is a great experience and an opportunity to see the Bible come alive!

You can see the itinerary and registration by scanning the QR or going to

[www.signaturetours.com/baxter](http://www.signaturetours.com/baxter)



**6:00PM - 7:00PM**

**FELLOWSHIP • FUN • PRAISE**







## Children's Home Day

A special offering to support the children and families at Georgia Baptist Children's Homes

Sunday, May 14th



**Troup Baptist Association**  
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