



# THE MESSENGER

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## AT THE CROSS

This is such a precious time for studying scripture, looking into the things Jesus went through on His way to the Cross for you and me, and meditating on living in the light of the Cross. Something that has stuck with me for most of my life is the teaching I heard as a young man that the Cross is an intersection. I pray this will move you to deepen your love, admiration, and appreciation of the Cross of Christ.

**The Cross is the Intersection of History.** Everything in history before builds and looks to the Cross for redemption, and all of us, since those life-changing three days, look back with awe and wonder at the price Jesus paid to make us right with Him.

**The Cross is the Intersection of Love and Wrath.** God couldn't be the JUST God that He is unless a price was paid for sin. Jesus suffered the WRATH and punishment for our sins because of His LOVE for you. Jesus was the **PROPIATION** for our sin. That's an important word to keep close to heart because it means "to satisfy the wrath of God."

*Romans 3 says, "23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith."*

Jesus' perfect, and holy life allowed Him to be the perfect and holy sacrifice on the cross to satisfy the necessary wrath of God. Praise God!

**The Cross is the Intersection of Death and Life.** Standing at the foot of the Cross of Christ, we must all decide on the road we will follow. If one walks away from the cross, that path leads to eternal death and separation from God. But, if one embraces the cross and all that Jesus did through it, then there is an abundant life in this world and an ETERNAL LIFE with God in Heaven awaiting.

At the Cross, Jesus gave His all for us. He paid the price for our redemption. May we always be faithful to boast only in the Cross of Christ!

I'm looking forward to Resurrection Sunday! I hope you are, too.

*Bro. Andy*



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# MINISTRY NEWS

## *In Memoriam* **Dr. Willie T. Edmondson** *January 24, 1954 - February 16, 2024*



*Pastor  
Mayor  
Friend*

*We praise the Lord for the Life and Legacy of our brother in Christ. We are thankful for his service to the Lord, his leadership in our community, and his kindness to many.*

*Please pray for Dr. Edmondson's family and Bethlehem Baptist Church in West Point as they walk through this time of grieving the good husband, father, and pastor that he was to those he loved.*

*Until we meet again, W.T., God bless you.*

February has been a good but challenging month, but God has been faithful. Kim and I were both very sick early in the month and were out of commission for a week or so as we healed. Thankfully, we are back to full strength and were able to attend the first annual Camp Rockridge Celebration banquet on February 20. This banquet highlighted the many lives that were changed during the year at Camp and announced the ongoing renovations in preparation for the coming summer. If you haven't been to camp in a while, take some time to go up and look around. It might just become your favorite place. I was able to fill the pulpit at Unity Baptist (Pastor Doug Bingham) on February 25. It was a wonderful day of worship and I was able to share a message on the Cross of Christ. We were thankful to get to hear the youth praise team, a Gideon speaker, and the Unity Choir as they sang. Pictures below.



Left: Unity Youth Praise Team  
Below: Bro. Andy preaching & Unity Praise Team & Choir



## **TBA Ministry Center Building**

Transformation and repair is underway at the TBA Ministry Center from the storm damage to windows last March. When the work is over the office area will have completely new windows and the sanctuary will have matching stained glass windows instead of 63 black tape covered holes.

Special thanks to Principle Construction for their help in bringing these repairs back to life and completing the work. They are a great team to work with.

When the work is done we will be celebrating and kicking off the move of True Believers' Baptist Church (Pastor Patrick Turner) to the sanctuary. We are planning to have a community outreach in late March or April to make the move official. We will be asking for help from many of our churches to make this kick-off a success.



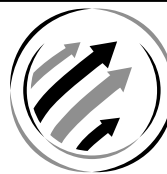
New pew coverings



Office window damage



Sanctuary window damage.



## **TROUP BAPTIST TRAINING**

### ***Church Media Insights and Training***

*Our first Church Media Workshop was a great time of fellowship and learning. We had 26 present from 10 different churches in our association and area. Special thanks to Jeff Estes from Rosemont Baptist for his help and insight.*





# Church News & Announcements

**Baptist Tabernacle (BTC)** - The Food and Clothes Ministries continue to provide food and clothes for the community each Thursday morning from 9:00 until 11:00.

- Cory Yancey and Tim Smith were both ordained to the office of Deacon on February 4th. "It is an honor to have these men serve in the church."
- Youth Minister, Jeremy Ham, was ordained to preach on February 18th. "We are excited about his answer to God's call."
- Baptist Tabernacle will have a Blood Drive on March 4th from 2:00 until 7:00 pm. You can sign up online at [redcross.org](http://redcross.org) or call the church office (706-882-0087) to make your appointment.
- The Easter Cantata will begin at 10:30 on the morning of March 31, Easter Sunday. Everyone is invited. Baptist Tabernacle Church is located at 849 S Davis Rd, LaGrange, GA 30241. Their pastor is Rev. Jimmy McMillian.



Above: Cory Yancey and Tim Smith were both ordained on February 4 to serve as Deacons at Baptist Tabernacle.



Above: Newly ordained Youth minister, Jeremy Ham with his wife, Haley and their children.

**Creekside** - February was a great month at Creekside:

- The Sisterhood had a great time with food and fellowship while they planned for the upcoming year.
- On February 19, Pastor Bryan Geter assisted by Deacon Nathan Worthy baptized Brother Randy Bowen. "Praise the Lord!"
- On the evening of February 19, everyone had a great time fellowshiping at the Valentine's dinner. The ladies provided a delicious meal of salad, baked spaghetti, and garlic bread, along with some luscious desserts. Musical entertainment was provided by Denny and C.J. Grimes. Pastor Bryan organized some trivia games for all to play.
- On February 25, Creekside was honored to listen to Mr. Larry Dillard speak about the Gideons. For the evening services, they went to Long Cane Baptist Church where their pastor, Rev. Bryan Geter was preaching at Long Cane's revival service. The Creekside Choir also sang. Long Cane's revival ran from February 25 - 28 with a different speaker for each service.
- On March 2 at 6 pm, Creekside will host the Tribute Quartet sponsored by JNC Promotions.
- Easter Sunrise service is scheduled for March 31 at 7:00 am.



Above: Dunson's Sunday night informal service was moved to the Sanctuary to accommodate the large crowd the hear guest speaker Jeremy Phillips.

**Dunson** - February started off with Jeremy Phillips, who has a prison ministry, sharing his testimony and bringing the message. Usually, Sunday night is an informal service in the fellowship hall but this service was moved to the sanctuary to accommodate the large number of attendees.

- The annual Valentine's Banquet theme, "All Things Loved" was a big success with approximately 75 in attendance. Kelly Carlisle and Lydia Bartlett, great-granddaughters of Faye Buck and granddaughters of Pam and Cornelius Herndon, sang for everyone. Proceeds from ticket sales for the banquet will help fund WMU mission projects throughout the year. Funds raised through voting on the individual tables go towards luminaries for Relay for Life and Dunson's team the "Dunson Overcomers."
- March 3-7 will be Week of Prayer for North American Missions and Annie Armstrong Offering. Dunson's goal for this year is \$1,000.
- The Easter Egg Hunt and church Spring Picnic will be Sunday, March 17, following the morning church service.



Dunson Valentine's Banquet: Valentine Banquet tables were decorated as a fundraiser for Relay for Life. At left: Pastor Kenneth Cole



Above: There is no job Pastor Kenneth Cole can't accomplish with God's help. The steeple needed repair and Pastor Kenneth met the task. He is a true example of, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."



Dunson: Kelly Carlisle and Lydia Bartlett singing at the Valentine's Banquet.



# Church News & Announcements

**FBC Hogansville** - On Sunday evening, February 4, there was a Galentine's Party for all the girls in the church, young through not-so-young. It was a wonderful evening of worship, fellowship, and fun. Isabella and Willow McGhee led a praise session, and there were games, activities, fingernail painting, hair styling, and lots of good food. All the "Gals" had a great time and left feeling grateful for God's blessings.

- On Saturday, February 10, 16 youth along with 6 adults attended Winter Jam at Gas South Arena in Atlanta. The event was headlined by Crowder and showcased other musical artists as well. Pastor Zane Black brought the message. As always, there was good food, good fellowship, and good worship to share.

- A Valentine's Banquet was held at Rogers Bar-B-Que on Sunday, February 18. Couples and friends were treated to a delicious meal, games, fellowship, and many laughs. "We thank God for His love and the love shared among us."

- The Prime Timers enjoyed a trip to Buckner's Family Restaurant in Jackson on February 24. A tour of the nearby Outlet Mall provided an opportunity to work off some of the delicious Southern cooking and just added to the fun.

- FBC Hogansville welcomes new members Rodney and Claire Janney, Rachel and Steven Allen, A. J. Allen, C. A. Moss, and Ellie Forbus. "We look forward to serving along with them."

- March will be a busy month culminating in the Celebration of Easter on March 31. The Youth have a movie night planned for Friday, March 8. The Prime Timers are going to Zoo Atlanta on Saturday, March 23. An Easter Egg Hunt is being planned for Sunday, March 24. Celebrate Recovery is going to the Atlanta City Baptist Rescue Mission on Friday, March 29.

- Easter Sunday begins with a sunrise service at the church starting at 7:00 am. This will be followed by Sunday School and our regular service at 11:00 am with special music by our Choir. "It is a wonderful opportunity to worship and praise our Risen Lord."



FBCH Valentine's Banquet (above)



Galentine's Day Party (left)

Isabella & Willow



**First Baptist Church on the Square** invites you to join them on Easter Sunday for one of their services!

- Blended service in the Sanctuary at 8:45 a.m.
- Contemporary service in the New Life Building at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. "We hope you can join us!"



**First Baptist Church on the Square** is looking to hire a Children's Minister/Director. To apply, email your resume with a cover letter and all social media links to [paul@fbclagrange.org](mailto:paul@fbclagrange.org).

**Grace Baptist** - served 156 people with food in February.

- The children will have a pancake breakfast on Sunday, March 10 at 10:40 am.
- Grace will be celebrating 21 years at their Homecoming, Sunday, March 24 beginning at 10:30 am with the Sisters of Grace Singers. A covered dish meal will be after the service.
- The Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, March 30, 1 -3 pm.
- Sunrise Service will be Easter Sunday at 7:00 am followed by breakfast.
- Visit website for more info: <http://www.gbclagrange.com/>



## HOMEcoming 21st Year

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH  
3731 WEST POINT ROAD  
LAGRANGE, GEORGIA



OUR VERY OWN  
"SISTERS OF GRACE" SINGERS  
SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH, 10:30 AM  
COVERED DISH AFTER SERVICE



FBCH Youth

Winter Jam



# Church News & Announcements

**Highland** - is hosting an Easter Sunrise Service for all who would like to attend. Everyone is encouraged to stay for a delicious breakfast following the service.

- The choir is excited in anticipation of presenting the Easter Cantata, "Who Do You Say I Am", during the 11:00 am service on Easter Sunday.
- Highland welcomes a new member, Brenda McWhorter! She is welcomed with prayers and fellowship.

**Lakeview** - Breakfast is served every Sunday morning at 9:15 am in the fellowship hall.

- The monthly Wednesday night supper was enjoyed on January 31 with a variety of soups, desserts, and other foods.
- On Wednesday, February 21, a Valentine's banquet was hosted by the Brotherhood and Carol Cain provided an entertaining program.
- Gideon Sherwood Everette was the guest speaker at the morning service on February 25. He and his wife Pat are from Augusta.
- The mission project for March will be the collection of offerings for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.
- Sunday and Wednesday night messages are posted on Lakeview's Facebook page.



Lakeview Valentine's Banquet: (L-R) Pastor Lamar Truitt, Guest Speaker Carol Cain and Brotherhood Leader Bill Cobb

**Long Cane** - will have an Easter Egg Hunt on March 23 at 2:00 pm. The Easter Service will be March 31 at 10:30 am.

**Mountville (MBC)** - welcomed 2 new members by letter.

♥♥ The holy spirit is moving in a mighty way at MBC!

- LOVE is in the AIR!! The couples of MBC enjoyed a Dinner and a Movie Night on Friday, February 9! They enjoyed spaghetti, salad, bread and wonderful desserts! The Youth also served in a mighty way by watching the kids so that the parents could enjoy a date night! "It was a wonderful night!"
- MBC Kids had a Super Bowl of Scriptures in January. The kids learned a new bible verse every Wednesday for 5 weeks and they did amazing! A Super Bowl Party was had to celebrate their hard work. They enjoyed pizza, popcorn, pickles, and potato chips!
- Mountville MPact had a great time of worship and fellowship at Winter Jam on Saturday, February 10.
- Colin Elliott and Paul Silcock from Ireland will be visiting with us on Wednesday, March 20 at 6:30pm! They will be sharing their heart for Jesus through song!
- Easter Sunrise Service will begin at 7:30 am and Morning Worship at 11:00 am.



Mountville's Mpact Team went to Winter Jam



Mountville Youth at Parent's Date Night



Mountville Above L-R: MBC Youth watched the kids for the Parent's Dinner and Movie Night, MBC Kids Super Bowl Party



Above: Mountville Couples at Dinner and Movie Night



Right: Colin Elliott and Paul Silcock from Ireland will be at Mountville Baptist Church on Wed, **March 20 at 6:30 pm!**



# Church News & Announcements

**Pineview** began the month by joining together and doing some much-needed cleaning and maintenance to their church building. They feel blessed that the ceiling in the sanctuary was able to be repaired without the aid of a contractor. Pastor Joel Scott is working with a local company to get the steeple repaired and lifted back up on the church building.

- On February 17, Pineview had their annual Valentine's Dinner where the men prepare the meal and serve the ladies. The menu consisted of salad, pork loin steaks or chicken, mashed red potatoes, green beans, and garlic bread. Cheesecake rounded out the meal for dessert.

- Church members will meet in the church parking lot on Easter morning at 6:00 am for the Easter Sunrise service. "All are welcome to join us!"

- The Wednesday night bible study will continue with its review of "The Chosen" with Season 4 being released for viewing on the app very soon.

- Pineview staff and members join with all the churches in the TBA in sending our most sincere condolences to the family and friends of Pastor/Mayor Willie Edmondson who went to be with Jesus on February 16. He will be deeply missed.



**Roper Heights** - The amazing youth of Roper Heights served a Valentine's Spaghetti Lunch to the church as a fundraiser.



Above: Roper Heights Youth are ready to serve a Valentine's Spaghetti Lunch.



Above: Roper Heights Youth enjoyed a Valentine's Party.

**Reeds Chapel** - The "Not So Newlywed Game" was a hit! Tickets were sold for a delicious meal and an evening of entertainment. Proceeds will go towards missions.

- The local mission project for March is providing treats for the West Point Police and Fire Departments.

- Preparation for a new playground is underway.

- The WMU February meeting was hosted by Stephanie McCartney. The ladies enjoyed a taco dinner followed by a devotion and discussion of upcoming projects.

- Reeds Chapel is excited to welcome six new members to their church family.

- The annual Resurrection Rally/Flashlight Egg Hunt will be on March 29 at 6:30 pm. Everyone is invited!

**Wehadkee** - Because HE LIVES, we can face tomorrow.

Wehadkee Easter Sunday Morning Service will be at 10:30, followed by a catered lunch. "Please come and join us!"

## March Birthdays:

11- Brenda Jennings

16- Larry Jennings

25- Janet Pilgrim

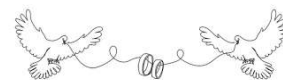
25- Wille Heard

27- Brittney Fields

## March Anniversary:

2 - Jimmy and Wanda Treadwell

7 - Haywood and Debbie Cliett



Above: Contestants David & Ann Kerr were the winners of the "Not So Newlywed" game.



Above: Game show host Caleb Calhoun is shown with his lovely co-host and daughter, Mallee.

Are your new church members and friends receiving The Messenger? To be added to our mailing list, call Troup Baptist Association office at 706-884-1975 or visit our website: [www.troubaptist.org](http://www.troubaptist.org), select Newsletter and Subscription Preferences.

## Association - Church Prayer List

For **March 2024**, please pray for the following churches:

Week of March 3, 2024 - Eastside Baptist

Week of March 10, 2024 - First Baptist, Hogansville

Week of March 17, 2024 - First Baptist, West Point

Week of March 24, 2024 - First Baptist on the Square

Week of March 31, 2024 - First Hispanic Baptist

For **April 2024**, please pray for the following churches:

Week of April 7, 2024 - Flat Shoals Salem Road Baptist

Week of April 14, 2024 - Fountain Baptist

Week of April 21, 2024 - Franklin Road Baptist

Week of April 28, 2024 - Glenn Baptist

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

**Daylight Savings Time Begins Sunday, March 10.**

**Why is bread like the sun?**

**It rises in the yeast and sets in the waist!**



# Announcements

## On The Lighter Side

Jane stepped up to the deli counter and spoke to the clerk:  
"Can I get eight ounces of turkey breast, please."

"Sorry," the clerk said, sounding disappointed,

"We don't sell turkey by the ounce, only by the pound."

Jane was undeterred. "So can I get half a pound of turkey?"


"Sure!" the clerk said. "How would you like that sliced?"




**DEVOTED**  
FBC Women's Ministry  
SPRING EVENT


**Jada Edwards**  
Speaker | Bible Teacher | Author

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Thursday, March 7 at 6:30 PM



<h2>MARCH</h2>	<h2>APRIL</h2>
6 Rev. Adam Camp	3 Rev. Greg Morris
9 Rev. Benjie Dukes	6 Rev. Paul Blair
11 Rev. Don Ellison	6 Rev. Clay Snyder
13 Rev. Neil Stich	9 Rev. Aaron McCollough
16 Rev. James Yu	9 Rev. Donnie Benefield
20 Rev. Randy Warren	11 Rev. Nick Pilgrim
21 Rev. Eric Rice	16 Rev. Tommy Gilbert
22 Dr. Tom Tucker	23 Rev. Randall Foxworth
28 Mrs. Kim Buchanan	27 Rev. Steve Vickery
	28 Rev. Hugo Oropeza
	29 Rev. Frank Sledge



## Faithfulness of God

Trials don't break us, they make us

March 9 9:00am -12:00

FREE Women's Event. All Welcome!

Cedarcrest Community Church  
LaGrange, GA

Speakers for this event will be from Oakside Baptist, Cedarcrest Community, and Ephesus Baptist in Roopville.

# OPEN HOUSE

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Parents and Students  
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- \*Tour Our Campus
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For More Information:  
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# SPRING REVIVAL

## APRIL 14-17



GUEST EVANGELIST,  
TIM WILLIAMS



HIGHER HOPE  
SUN. 10:30AM



HILLCREST WORSHIP TEAM  
SUN. 6PM



FREEDOM SOUND  
MON. 7PM



MANDY BROWN-CALLAWAY BAPT.  
TUES. 7PM

**UNITY YOUTH WORSHIP TEAM**  
WED. 7PM



**715 S. GREENWOOD ST.  
LAGRANGE, GA 30240**

## Unity Baptist Church

715 S. Greenwood St., LaGrange, GA 30240

## Spring Revival April 14-17

Guest Evangelist: Tim Williams

### Special Music:

Sun 10:30 AM - Higher Hope  
Sun 6:00 PM - Hillcrest Worship Team  
Mon 7:00 PM - Freedom Sound  
Tue 7:00 PM - Mandy Brown, Callaway BC  
Wed 7:00 PM - Unity Youth Worship Team



# TROUP BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

## Ladies SPRING LUNCHEON

April 20, 2024  
11am - 1pm



**GUEST SPEAKER:**  
**Keri Perkins**  
GEORGIA BAPTIST WOMEN  
WEST CENTRAL  
MISSIONS MOBILIZER

**Held at Grace Baptist Church**  
3731 West Point Road

Catered lunch is free. A love Offering will be received for Read Georgia.

RSVP by April 12  
to Judy King at lilose2567@gmail.com OR (706) 333-2197  
TBA Office (706) 884-1975 or angela@troubaptist.org



## June 22-29, 2024

We are partnering with MissionSERVE once again this year to serve Lagrange. 125-150 youth from all over the country will be here to paint, roof, and repair houses in our community.

We need 12 churches, classes, or groups who will sponsor teams of 14-18 students while they are in town. While they are here sponsor groups will...

- Host your team at your church on Sunday
- Provide lunch and fellowship Sunday after church
- Feed them sack lunch meals each work day (Mon-Fri)
- PRAY for the teams, work, and local citizens

Call to volunteer or get more information.

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