JUNE 2024

For some of you, fun is the last thing you think of when you encounter our little friends who have recently come to the surface of our planet. But I've enjoyed watching and listening to them over the last several weeks, and we've had some good laughs about them at our Pastor's meetings, too. We've had some pretty good three- and four-point sermons come to light about our new friends, but I'll let them share those with you.

Fun with

Here are just a few quick hits from me as I consider what I might learn from "Fun with Cicadas."

Cicada's are both patient and persistent. They are patient as they have waited all these years beneath the earth for the right moment to spring forth. But man, are they persistent now that they've emerged? I've heard several stories

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of you trying to get them off your person or out of your car. I've had the same experience. I have a green shirt that they seem to like more than me! To Kim's surprise, one rode into a restaurant with me last week and surprised her as we sat down to eat, and it crawled over my shoulder to look around. She gave him a quick thump, and off he flew to terrorize everyone else.

Cicadas are not afraid to SING OUT! It's been quite a song at our house and the TBA Office. Here's a funny note—the males are making all the noise! In all my years of pastoring, the percentage of guys that like to sing out has usually been small. Men, we need to learn from these strange bugs and sing out so the world can hear our praise. At least, let's make a joyful noise!

But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy, and spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may exult in you. (Psalm 5:11)

Cicadas leave something behind. As they shed their skin, they leave their mark on their territory. I pray I am living in such a way that I will leave something behind that's of more value than an old shell. Our lives, though not as short as a Cicada's, are short, so we must purposefully live for God's Glory. We must live to provide direction, instruction, and inspiration for the generation following us.

Cicada's work together! Take notice that they've all come out at the same time. Take notice that one or two don't quite sound as loud as millions joining together with their song. Take notice that God made them this way for a purpose. I know our lives are busy and complicated. What if we became so passionate to see God glorified that we made the time, pulled closer together, and worked together? What if our loud and persistent song was the Gospel of Jesus Christ? What if we loved others as God does so that it would leave a lasting imprint on them? I think lost and hurting people would take notice, and the Kingdom of God would welcome many new believers.

Have some fun and be like a Cicada!

You are loved!

Bro. Andy



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PRAY and volunteer as students from around the country come to LaGrange to SERVE our community.

Contact us at 706-884-1975 to volunteer.

www.mission-serve.com

June 22-28

Summer Prayer

Join me in praying for the ministry that will be going on this summer in the TBA, in the USA, and around the world.

Children's Camp Rockridge MissionSERVE - Lagrange Vacation Bible Schools Summer Camps Mission Trips & Projects Annual SBC Meeting Personal Evangelism

MINISTRY NEWS

MAY! Mother's Day, Homecomings, and the end of the school year. It's one of my favorite months of the year. There was a lot going on for us in this exciting month.

May began for me in Boston, MA, visiting one of our NAMB church plants there. King's Hill Church is ministering in such an exciting way to an area that desperately needs the Gospel. Pastor Matt Dellinger took me up to meet the pastor and staff there. I was amazed at their faith and call to impact the lostness of this area. You'll be hearing more about King's Hill as we pursue a partnership with them in this important work. Below left is Matt and me with Pastor Jonathan Moseley at one of our prayer meetings on the top of a high-rise overlooking Fenway Park. Below right is the visiting group.





After returning home from Boston, I was able to attend the National Day of Prayer gathering at the Biblical History Center for this important time in the life of our Nation.

Then, I had the honor to celebrate the 195th Homecoming at Flat Shoals Salem Road Baptist Church. What a joy and honor to be

with Pastor Randy Warren and the wonderful people of the church for this special day. We enjoyed being led in worship by the Turkey Creek Bluegrass Gospel Band. We also enjoyed visiting with Dr. Almand and his wife Doris during the wonderful lunch in the pavilion.





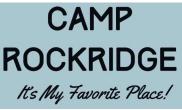
We represented all of you with goodies and thanks to the teacher's at Berta Elementary for Teacher Appreciation Week. They were so appreciative of the snacks for the week. Keep this quiet, but I had to return later in the week to refill the basket because all of the snacks were gone! It must have been the kids.

Sunday, May 19, I had the honor to preach Grad Sunday at Rosemont Baptist. Pastor Adam Camp's youngest daughter is graduating this year and so he asked me to share the message so that he could just be dad on that special day. It was a wonderful time of worship, prayer, and celebration as Student Pastor John Oliver and the church commissioned the graduates to go out and continue spreading the Gospel as they work and further their education. (Pictures to the right)

Camp Rockridge

Camp Rockridge is getting some needed updates and improvements to some of the buildings prior to camp season this summer. Thanks to several generous people in our 3 Associations (Carrollton, Western, and Troup) and some very generous companies in Carrollton the work is getting done. We have been able to remodel the two cabins (Azalea and Dogwood) as well as the outside of Callaway Hall and Daniel Hall. The pavilion is also getting a needed metal roof.

If you haven't been to our associational camp in a while, take time to venture up to Franklin and check it out. Better yet, call me and I'll give you a tour.



I'd like to challenge each of you and our churches to renew our commitment to Camp Rockridge as we go forward. Does your Sunday school class or small group need a mission project? There's all kinds of things that could be done at camp from flower bed adoption, building adoption, to room adoption. You can help. If you would like to make a donation to any of the work or future improvements for camp, please give me a call and we can talk about it. Let's help future generations to say,

"Rockridge is MY favorite place!"





Listen to the message Wisdom at the Starting Gate from John 21:15-23 on the Rosemont YouTube channel.

Camp Sign Remodeled sign with colors and rock face to match buildings.

Daniel Hall

Daniel hall got a new roof, new paint, and a rocked front that will feature a raised, backlit, cross when completed.

This rock look and paint colors match the other buildings and sign at the camp.

Pavilion

Work is finishing up on a new roof over the pavilion with rooms along the back for storage and pool equipment usage.



Rosemont Praise Team led by Stacy McCord Hardigree were an inspiration. Special shout out to Addie Walker for the closing song.



Baptist Tabernacle (BTC) - Every Thursday morning from 9:00 – 11:00, BTC gives away free food and clothes. Clothing donations may be dropped off at the building located behind the church.

• The Awana program has ended for the season and the Puppet Ministry will pick up each Wednesday night beginning June 5 at 7:00 pm.

• The Youth Group will be going to Six Flags on June 10. Please keep this group in your prayers when they travel.

• You are welcome to join BTC on Sunday evening, June 30 for their Fifth Sunday Night Singing. Special guest singers will be the Golden Acres Baptist Church praise team from Phenix City, AL. Service starts at 6:00 p.m. Also, on Sunday morning, June 30, The Glory Bells will play patriotic songs in recognition of July 4th. BTC is located at 849 S Davis Rd, LaGrange, GA 30241.



Above: Baptist Tabernacle's Glory Bells will perform on Sunday, June 30 during the morning service.

Creekside - The Creekside Sisterhood met on May 5. The ladies enjoyed a luau themed dinner hosted by Janet Geter and Mary Abbott. Janet Geter gave an inspirational speech about encouraging one another.

• Every mother in attendance on May 12, received a small gift as they honored mothers on Mother's Day. They also honored the two oldest and the two youngest mothers there with an umbrella.

• There was a great turnout for the Kingsmen Quartet along with Daniel Ashmore. The event was sponsored by JNC Promotions.

• On May 19, Creekside had a hayride and a great time. Everyone enjoyed the hayrides and a meal of hot dogs and chips with all the fixin's. Afterward, Pastor Bryan brought the evening message. "We all had a wonderful time."

• During the month of May, Creekside had two cottage prayer meetings at individual's homes. We had a great time at both of them!

• On Saturday, June 1 there will be a singing at the Laddie Yates Pavillion beginning at 10:00 am. Groups include Turkey Creek, Kingdom Express, The Wiesner's, God's Anointed, and others. Food Trucks will be on site. Come out and have a good time in the Lord!!

On June 3, The Sisterhood will meet. Menu is pot luck.
On June 22, Creekside will host a singing with the Freemen's Gospel group @ 6 pm. Steve Ladd will be there as

well. (Presented by JNC Promotions.)

Dunson - had 29 mothers for Mother's Day. They were recognized and presented with a gift. Pastor Kenneth gave members at the service an opportunity to stand up and say their mother's name and something about her.

• Dunson was blessed to have Mary James do a concert for them and to have East LaGrange Baptist join them for the concert.

• The children's workers were recognized and presented with a gift at the May 19 morning worship service. Children from Ms. Jaye Copeland's class sang "God is So Good" which was a real blessing. On Wednesday, May 22, there will be an out-of-school party for our kids with games, fun snacks, and nachos.

• At the informal evening service, WMU did a presentation showing past and present projects and missions accomplished. They also recognized their Pastor's wife, Pam Cole, with a meal, cards of appreciation, a gift from WMU, and a candy bouquet of her favorite sour candies from the Wednesday night kids.

• A special Memorial Day Service will be held on Sunday, May 26, to show our respect and honor to servicemen and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

• The Wednesday night kids program in June will be centered around missions. This will be a WMU project, and we will rotate the kids through different stations to make it a fun and interesting program while teaching our kids about missions.



Above: Dunson's Mothers on Mother's Day



FBC Hogansville (FBCH) - The WOMAN OF VIRTUE AWARD was presented to Mrs. Amy Lynn Morris on

Sunday, May 12. Mrs. Sondra Lee explained that every year the Women's Bible Study Group selects a woman who reflects the ideals mentioned in Proverbs 31, and the honor is bestowed on Mother's Day. Mrs. Melanie Baswell read the passage which describes a virtuous woman, and Mrs. Amy Lynn Morris certainly exemplifies this scripture. She is a faithful servant who is always ready to help wherever there is a need. "Congratulations to Amy Lynn on



being selected as the Woman of Virtue for 2024." (photo above)
Five students were honored at FBCH on Graduation Sunday, May 19. Mrs. Monica Johnson spoke to the graduates reminding them to be true to themselves while following God's leadership. Congratulations to Mary Kate Baswell and Beau Carnes graduating from Callaway High School, Isabella McGhee graduating from Lafayette Christian School, Jake Stephens BS Agriculture Education from Abraham Baldwin Agriculture College, and Jason Baswell BS Occupational Safety and Health, Fire Science from Columbia Southern University. "They have worked hard to reach these goals, and we wish them the best as they go forward toward future challenges."

• The Prime Timers enjoyed dinner and a planning session at Rogers Bar-B-Que on May 6. The next adventure will be to Gibbs Garden in Ball Ground, GA on Saturday, June 22. All seniors are welcome to come on this day trip to enjoy the flowers.

• FBCH welcomes new members Kindra Hobby by baptism, Josh and Nickie Crawford by rededicated baptism, and Beth Terry and Randy Estep by statement. They also share the joy of rededicated baptism with Kristen Cassell.

• Vacation Bible School will be held the week of July 7 - 11 which is coming up soon. We look forward to a large crowd, fun activities, and good food as we learn about Jesus' love for everyone. Please make plans to be involved! There is something for everyone.





Mrs. Monica Johnson speaking to the

graduates at FBCH

Above: FBC Hogansville's Graduates

First Baptist Church on the Square -

• Join us at FBC on the square June 3-7 from 9 am until noon for VBS. Kids will discover that God's truth never changes, everyone needs Jesus, and learn to speak the truth in love. VBS is a FREE event for the community.

VBS is for Children who have completed Preschool through completed 5th grade.(MUST be 4 years old by September 1, 2023) To register, please go to fbclagrange.org/vbs **Grace Baptist** - served 156 people with free food in May. Free food is available every 3rd Saturday. The drive through starts at 9:00 am.

• The Clothes Closet helps anyone in need.

• Grace is LCES Partner in Education. For Teacher's Appreciation Day they provided teachers and staff a Taco Bar for lunch and a Dessert Bar to snack on all week.

- RU Recovery #1078 meets every Friday night at 7:00 pm.
- Visit website for more info: http://www.gbclagrange.com/



Above: Grace members serve Long Cane Elementary School teachers and staff from the dessert and taco bar.

Highland - is hosting Ivan Parker in concert Friday, June 14 at 6:30 pm. A love offering will be taken. For more info call 706-637-4217. Highland Baptist Church is located at 409 Askew Ave in Hogansville, GA.

• The WMU is collecting donations in baby bottles for First Choice Women's Center. It is for A Gift of Life. The center provides free counseling, ultrasounds, parenting classes, the truth about sexual abstinence for our youth, and a hand of friendship to a woman in crisis.



Lakeview - Breakfast is served from 9:15 to 9:45 am every Sunday morning in the fellowship hall.

• Thanks to the Building and Grounds Committee members who have been hard at work planning repairs and improvements and also to other church members who have helped them.

- ŴMU members met on May 25 at IHOP.
- Sunday and Wednesday night messages are posted on Lakeview's Facebook page.

Lakeview continued on next page.

Lakeview (continued) -





Front L-R: Judy King & Theresa Miller. Back L-R: Jaye Copeland & Audrey Holloway all attended the WMU Spring Event in Jonesboro.

Above: WW2 veteran Sidney Lanier celebrating his 98th birthday bucket wish list with a flight over Troup/Harris counties where he grew up.

Long Cane - On April 7, Long Cane hosted a Youth vs Adult Bible Trivia night. The Youth took home the trophy!
Kevin and Cassie Shelnutt stepped in as youth leaders effective May 1. "We look forward to witnessing what is in store for our youth!"

• Pastor Danny Geter spoke at several revivals in April: Community Chapel in Pine Mountain Valley, Beech Springs Baptist in Pine Mountain, and Confidence Missionary Baptist Church in LaGrange.

• The first Long Cane Trade Day was held on April 27. There was a lot of participation from the community. The next Trade Day will be held on September 21. If you would like to rent a 10 x10 spot, email dsgeter@me.com with your name and phone number. The cost is \$10 per spot.

• Kevin Carter is our new Brotherhood leader. Meeting dates will be announced soon.

• VBS "Camp I Am", will be held on June 8 at 8:30 am. You can register at vbsmate.com/longcanebaptist. This will be a fun-filled day of music, Bible stories, crafts, and games. The day will conclude with a giant slip and slide so participants should bring a towel and a change of clothes.

Bible Study is held each Wednesday night at 6:30 in the fellowship hall.



Long Cane Youth won the Youth vs. Adults at Bible Trivia.

Ann: When does a dad joke become a dad joke? David: I have no idea. Ann: When it becomes apparent. **Mountville (MBC)** - was honored to be a part of the dedication of the Highnote children this month! John and Emily Highnote dedicated their children Ida, Darcy, and Quincy to the Lord! "Mountville is so proud of all the young families who are following the Lord and providing a Christian home and church to their children. To GOD be the Glory!"

• Mountville participated in the Relay for Life on Friday, April 26. The group enjoyed a great night of fellowship while honoring and remembering those affected by cancer. The group far exceeded their donation goal to the American Cancer Society.

• MBC celebrated an amazing Homecoming on Sunday, April 28. Bro. Blake Alford brought a powerful message and Taylor Blackston led in praise and worship! A great lunch and fellowship was enjoyed by all after the service!

• MBC celebrated their 2024 high school graduates on Sunday, May 5. Their graduates are: Chloe Costley, Kaitlyn Walker, Billy Hamilton, Gabby Butler, Gracie Horton, and Jared Alfaro. They also celebrated Callie Shelton as she graduated from Auburn University! "We are so proud of our young people!"

• MBC celebrated their PreK and Kindergarten graduates: Khloe Lashley, Riggs Cooley, Wyatt Green, Hadlee Hembree, and Lylah Webb.

• MBC will hold their VBS on June 3-7. (Breaker Rock Beach) Dinner will be served each day at 5:30 and classes will start at 6 pm. Students will be dismissed at 8:15 pm. Please visit our church Facebook page to register your child. We hope to see everyone there for lots of fun and lots of learning about Jesus!! ♥







Top: MBC participated in Relay for Life Above: Mountville's Graduate Photo Table At Left Mountville's Pre-K & Kindergarten Graduates: Khloe Lashley, Riggs Cooley, Wyatt Green, Hadlee Hembree, and Lylah Webb

At Right: Mountville's Homecoming Service on April 28.



Reeds Chapel (RCBC) - April News: WMU held their monthly meeting at Chicken Salad Chick. Tandie Taylor shared a devotion on circumstances that we allow to hinder us from seeking God.

• RCBC is excited to welcome 6 new members to their family. They also praise the Lord for 3 baptisms.

• RCBC provided a meal for the BCM students at LaGrange College.

• WMU had a Cinco de Mayo fundraiser lunch. Everyone enjoyed tacos with all the fixings and desserts.

• Reeds Chapel had a bake sale at Lagrange Internal Medicine. Proceeds will go towards the mission team's upcoming trip to Honduras.

• Reeds Chapel had their annual egg hunt and worship rally. Jacob Walker shared an awesome message. Music was provided by the RCBC worship team. The younger kids enjoyed an earlier hunt while the older kids had fun finding eggs in the dark with flashlights.

May News: RCBC is excited to welcome 7 new members to their family. "We also praise the Lord for 4 baptisms."

• After 20 years, Jeff McCartney has mentored Blake Alford to step into being the pastor at RCBC. "We are excited about Jeff's next ministry as well as Blake's and Reeds Chapel's ministry continuing in our community."

• RCBC celebrated the graduation of five high school students and one college student. Those include Taylor Bain, Catherine Smalley, Jamie Reynolds, Sierra Lester, Dawson Lindley, and Madison McCartney.

• The annual "Feed the Community" day was a success.

Over 500 people received a free BBQ lunch! It was a great day!

• The men have a breakfast fellowship the first Saturday of each month at 8 AM. All men are invited to join them.

• VBS is June 10-14. See Reeds Chapel Facebook page for more info and to register your kids.





Above Left: Graduate Madison McCartney & Jeff McCartney Above Right: Rev. Jeff McCartney with Rev. Blake Alford.



Above: Reeds Chapel Graduates



Roper Heights - • VBS Kickoff is June 1 from 11 - 2 pm VBS is June 2 - 7 from 6:00-8:30 nightly.

Second - will have VBS from June 2 through June 5. The time is 4:30 to 7:00 pm nightly. A snack will be provided. There will be games, crafts, and much more. The theme is "Celebration of Christ."

Shoal Creek - VBS will be Sunday, June 9 through Wednesday, June 12. Time is from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

Unity - will have Vacation Bible School June 9-13 from 6:00 until 8:15 nightly.



Wehadkee - Happy Father's Day June 16th.

Father's Day as God intended: The Bible gives us an intimate view of the relationship between Christ the Son, and God the Father. Jesus gave thanks to the Father as an example to us. Father's Day is the time designated to thank our earthly fathers and our Heavenly Savior.

June Birthdays: 16 - June Ogle 21 - Philip Parmer June Anniversary: 10 - Pastor Nick & Janet Pilgrim

Western Heights - will have VBS July 21-25 from 5:30 until 8:30 pm with dinner at 5:30. The theme is "Breaker Rock Beach" and is for ages K5 thru 5th grade. Early registration: 706-882-2545 or info@westernheights.net

Announcements

2024 Georgia Statewide Bible Reading

7/14 at 7:14 a.m. ACTS 9-13 Governmental Bldg parking area

On July 14 at 7:14 am, every county in the state of Georgia will be holding the 6th Annual Statewide Bible Reading at county courthouses. For this event in Georgia, the Bible has been divided into 159 readings. As citizens of each county read their portion on July 14th at 7:14 a.m., the entire Bible will be read over our state within an hour, or less!

This year, Troup County has been assigned ACTS 9-13. As we assemble on and around the steps of the Juvenile Court, any attendee who would like to participate in the reading will have the opportunity to do so. In 2019, we had a group of 4 who did the reading. Each year since, our numbers have increased, and we hope that many of you will be able to come and read the Word together.

"If My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray, and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and I will forgive their sin and I will heal their land." 2 Chron. 7:14

Troup High Alumni Association

The Inspirations Live in Concert

Saturday, June 8, 2024 at 7:00 PM

Troup High School Fine Arts Building 1920 Hamilton Road, LaGrange, GA

\$25 per ticket

Tickets sold at LaGrange Toyota, Weathers Honda, Landscape Supplies of LaGrange, Troup High School.

For more information, contact Ellis Cadenhead 770-713-4564

On The Lighter Side

The children begged for a hamster, and after the usual fervent vows that they alone would care for it, they got one. They named it Danny. Two months later, when Mom found herself responsible for cleaning and feeding the creature, she located a prospective new home for it. The children took the news of Danny's imminent departure quite well, though one of them remarked, "He's been around here a long time-we'll miss him."

"Yes," Mom replied, "But he's too much work for one person, and since I'm that one person, I say he goes." Another child offered, "Well maybe if he wouldn't eat so much and wouldn't be so messy, we could keep him." But Mom was firm. "It's time to take Danny to his new home now," she insisted. "Go and get his cage." With one voice and in tearful outrage the children shouted, "Danny?" We thought you said Daddy!"





SBC Annual Meeting & Pastors' Conference

June 9-12, 2024

Children's Camp Rockridge June 17-20

Campers should meet at First Baptist Church on the Square at 8:00 am on the morning of camp. Please see the Camper Letter for what to pack and what not to pack. Parents will pick up their children at the end of camp at Rockridge Baptist Assembly, 13200 GA Highway 100 in Franklin, GA

The deadline to pay at the early registration amount (\$250) is June 6 at 1:00 pm. Late registration (\$275) may be paid through June 13 at 1:00 pm if there are slots available.

For more information call TBA office 706-884-1975

Association - Church Prayer List

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

Week of June 2, 2024 - Hilyer Baptist Week of June 9, 2024 - Hope Fellowship Hogansville Week of June 16, 2024 - Lakeview Baptist Week of June 23, 2024 - Long Cane Baptist Week of June 30, 2024 - Mountville Baptist

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

Week of	July 7, 2024 - Mt. Pleasant Baptist
Week of	July 14, 2024 - New Heaven Korean Baptist
	July 21, 2024 - New Hope Baptist - Greenville
Week of	July 28, 2024 - New Hope Baptist - LaGrange

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



Please collect the following items and bring them to the TBA Office:

Paper plates – Dixie Style Laundry Pods Dish detergent – Dawn Lysol Type Disinfectant Spray Fabuloso Cleaner Garbage bags – 13 gallon and larger Individual Snacks, crackers, chips, cookies Walmart Gift Cards



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