

Turn Things fround!

I'm sure you've heard the phrase, "Turn that frown upside down!" Well, I'm here to challenge you and your church to "Turn that summer slump into a summer bump!" Dad, his ministry friends, mentors, and pastor friends have talked about the summer slump all my life and ministry. I have no doubt that it's a real thing because I've seen it at churches I've served over the years. But that's no reason to fold like a cheap suit! I believe we can and should turn it around!

Summer is a great time to be refreshed, travel, and relax. But as you are going and doing, reflect on how you can make your church better by serving, sharing, and supporting all that is happening and all that will happen in the fall as we return to our regular schedule.

Serving never goes out of style and never goes off the radar. It's a way of life we are called to when we surrender our lives to following Jesus. He modeled servanthood for us by "giving His life away." I want to encourage you to take some time to be refreshed, spend with family or friends, or just get away -- BUT remember that you were saved to serve, so get back to what God has called you to as soon as you can both in your church and in your community.

Showe

As you go through the summer in your travels and activities, don't forget that you are called to SHARE the GOOD NEWS of the GOSPEL. In fact, Jesus gave us the Great Commission to help us understand that we are to "make disciples" as we are going!

We are the "body" of Christ. I shared recently in a message at Teaver Road that Jesus came to earth and took on an earthly body to live among us (body #1). He lived a sinless life in complete obedience to God the Father, even to "death on the cross." After His resurrection, He ascended into Heaven and sent the Holy Spirit to indwell believers.

Why? So that we could be a part of His BODY (body #2). We <u>ARE</u> HIS HANDS, HIS FEET, and HIS EYES. Not only when we are at church but even more so when we are out in our daily activities. There's no vacation from this wonderful privilege we have as those who have been redeemed and those who have the Holy Spirit dwelling within us. Don't ever stop SHARING.

Support

 Finally, don't forget to continue supporting your church through your presence and giving. Ministry doesn't stop at our churches because it's summer. In fact, the expenses are usually greater because of Vacation Bible School, summer events, higher utilities due to hot temps, and that aging HVAC unit that likes to take an unexpected break or altogether quits at the most inconvenient time. Ministry doesn't stop because we are on summer vacation, so let's not be slack in our support of the church personally and financially.

Philippians 2:5-8

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

How about we put on the mind, attitude, and heart of Jesus and declare,

"If my church has a summer slump, it won't be because of me!"

You are loved!

Bro. Ands





Annual Truckloading Event July 15-17

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

THANK YOU!

MINISTRY NEWS

June was an exciting month again for the TBA. I'm so honored that I get to be a part of seeing God at work in our association. We started the summer at the end of May by honoring and thanking the teachers at Berta Weathersbee Elementary School. It's always a joyful time!





After several setbacks, we have finally finished the stained glass window repairs at the TBA Office. The damage goes all the way back to the March 2023 storm. I'm thankful for Principle Construction and Doug Pauley for their great work.

On June 2, I was honored to preach at the Homecoming service at Shoal Creek Baptist with Pastor Anthony Hovey and the good people there at SCBC. It was a great service with wonderful food and fellowship afterwards.



On June 9, I enjoyed sharing the Word at Teaver Road Baptist. I enjoyed highlighting that we are the Body of Christ, the People of God, and the Bride of Christ. Join me in praying for TRBC as they search for a Pastor.

On June 15, we celebrated with Pastor Patrick Turner and True Believer's Baptist Church with a grill out for the community of Hillside around our building. Pastor Patrick is a "grilling machine" and knows how to do it! And they shared the food with the community and the homeless shelter. Thanks, Patrick and TBBC!





Finally, Kim and I have enjoyed visiting so many VBS's around the association and seeing all the excitement and joy in the children—AND ADULTS. We've seen so much creativity in decorating, teaching and curriculum. We especially enjoyed working and teaching at Franklin Road's Kids Camp. Pastor Trace Lasher's wife, Ashley, did a great job creating the curriculum for the kids. It's been a great month!







Camp Rockridge

We had a fabulous week at Camp Rockridge this year. Nearly 200 people participated in this great and productive week. I'd like to say a special THANK YOU to Pam Murphy (Camp Director), Pastor Phillip McClung (Camp Pastor), and their staff of leaders for all the hard work of making camp possible. Also, thanks to Rev Tifton Dobbs and his bus company, Dobbs Transportation for providing transportation for us each year. This year we witnessed 14 children giving their lives to Jesus Christ and all the campers being encouraged to "STAND OUT" by holding on to Romans 12:2 which says, "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."













See the Camp Rockridge video on troupbaptist.org

In closing, let me encourage you to pray for Rockridge's bright future and spread the word about Camp Rockridge. If you can, take a ride up to Franklin to see all that we've done to improve the camp over the last year. Pray for Rockridge and Rev. Rhodes Skinner as they continue to move us forward.



Ministry News

Celebrate Summer Ministry

God is working through TBA Churches to reach kids and adults this summer. I want to share that with everyone!

If you have held VBS, a kids camp, youth camp, or other evangelistic event at your church. Please take some time today to let us know about the event so we can share it!

Call, email, or go to the easiest way is to go to the TBA Website with this QRCode and submit it online. Thanks!



https://troupbaptist.org/celebrate24

Share information with us on these special events.

Church leaders, send us your data and let's celebrate it!

We're BETTER TOGETHER!



Several of our TBA Churches are offering this important ministry to those dealing with grief. Contact the TBA to find a group near you.

GriefSHARE is a support group to help you move through the grief process. A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through this 13-week group, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way.



INTERESTED FAMILIES

CONTACT MR. RENE GOMEZ, HEAD OF SCHOOL RGOMEZ@LAFAYETTECHRISTIANSCHOOL.COM

HOST AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

Lafayette Christian School has the opportunity to host several Vietnamese students during the 2024-2025 school year.

DO YOU LOVE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND HAVE A SPARE ROOM? Would your family consider this wonderful ministry opportunity?



- \$500/month stipend to host families
- Make a difference in the life of a student
 Build new relationships with LCS families



Church News & Announcements

Baptist Tabernacle (BTC) - Every Thursday morning from 9:00 – 11:00, BTC gives away free food and clothes. If you would like to donate your unwanted clothes you may drop them off in the drop-off building located behind the church. Last month BTC served 450 people in the food closet and 150 in the clothes closet.

- VBS will be July 15 through 19 from 6:00 8:00 pm. This year's theme is Lifeway's Breaker Rock Beach. Kids will be challenged as they discover that God's truth never changes, everyone needs Jesus, and learn to speak the truth in love. Adventure awaits each day as kids explore tide pools, spot orcas, fly kites, and watch the mighty waves crash up against the immovable Breaker Rock! You can register online at www.btclagrange.org.
- The Blood drive will be July 25, from 2:00-7:00 pm.

Bethel - invites you to join them in their new facility for these upcoming events:

- July 14 *Molded Clay* will be singing and Jacob Mullinex will be preaching. Service begins at 11:00 am.
- July 17-19 VBS will be from 6:00 8:00 pm (more on Announcements page)
- July 20 VBS commencement and family fun day at 10 am
- August 4 Day Three will be singing at 11:00 am

Creekside - On June 1, they hosted a singing with *Turkey Creek Gospel* and *Kingdom Express* as well as other local talent. A food truck was available. Everyone had a good time.

- Creekside enjoyed two different cottage prayer meetings. "The Holy Spirit came down and blessed us all!!! Thanks to Chris and Sandy Smith and Greg Lara for opening their homes to us."
- Creekside honored the Fathers on Father's Day with gifts.
- The *Freemans*, as well as Steve Ladd performed at Creekside on June 22. "It was a great singing." This was presented by JNC Promotions.

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- The Creekside Sisterhood will meet on July1 at 6:00 pm. Everyone is welcome.
- Creekside will have VBS "Dive Deep into Jesus" on July 6 from 10 am until 4 pm. There will be games, crafts and snacks during the day. Everyone is invited!





Above: Creekside's Men on Father's Day.

At left: There was a good crowd for the singing on June 22 at the Laddie Yates Pavilion.



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Dunson - was blessed to have 15 fathers with them for Father's Day. The men sang "Nothing but the Blood of Jesus" and did a great job.

- The Wednesday night kids are learning about missions and missionaries in the month of June. Their first journey was to Malaysia. Caleb Vickery gave them a personal insight into living and being the son of a missionary in Malaysia. The next Wednesday, Theresa Miller took us to Tibet through slides, costumes, and items she had brought back from Tibet. The next mission trip will be to Guatemala. Everyone is enjoying learning more about missions.
- Two of the Wednesday night kids, Sydney and Aaliayah, were sponsored by WMU to attend Camp Rockridge. They had never been to camp but thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Different members wrote them cards of encouragement for each day and included snack money for the store.
- A group of all ages got to tour the KIA Plant this month. Everyone was so impressed by their hospitality, the cleanliness of the plant, and the automation. After the tour, they enjoyed lunch together at Pokey's in West Point.
- Steve and Wanda Vickery celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at Dunson hosted by their children, Andrea and Micah. "It was a wonderful celebration, and we are so thankful God brought them to Dunson."

One of our long-time members, Carolyn Flournoy, passed away. "We will miss her dearly, but we know she is in the arms of Jesus"

• Dunson is sponsoring a Mission Serve team during the week of June 24-28. Their team of 10 people are from LaGrange, Tennessee, and South Carolina. They joined Dunson for Sunday School, worship service, and lunch. They even sang a song as part of the worship service. Dunson will be serving them sack lunches daily. East LaGrange members, Debbie and Alan Shelnut and their grandson Luke helped deliver lunches on Monday & Tuesday. "We look forward to seeing their progress."



Top: Dunson's Mission Serve Team singing during morning worship.



Left: Sydney and Aaliayah with Camp Director Pam Murphy.

Right: Steve & Wanda Vickery celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary.





FBC Hogansville (FBCH) - Year No. 9 of the Green Patch Backyard Bible Club (the corner of Green and Dickerson Streets in Hogansville) is off to a great start! What a blessing to see so many families come out to learn more about Jesus, eat and fellowship together, make fun things, and play games! One of the Bible stories was about 12-year-old Jesus and his impact on others which shows us that God can use us at any age. An activity was painting rocks to share Jesus with others in a unique way. "Be sure to join us this summer on Wednesdays from 6 to 7 pm for games, Bible stories, food, and fun."

- The week of Vacation Bible School begins on Sunday, July 7, and goes through July 11. Ages 3 years through adults are welcome each night from 6 to 8:30 pm. The theme is Breaker Rock Beach, God's Rock-Solid Truth in a world of shifting sand. "We look forward to studying the Bible and sharing fellowship with food, games, and crafts. Please come be a part of this exciting week."
- To kick off VBS, there will be a God Bless America Block Party at the church on Friday, July 5, from 6 to 8:30 pm before the fireworks in Hogansville. There will be yard games, a bounce house, treats, and good fun. "We hope you will come celebrate with us."
- The Youth have been busy this summer! They have painted their youth room, participated in the Green Patch Backyard Bible Club every Wednesday, and gathered for a weekly Bible Study that included activities such as visiting the Hogansville Splash Pad, Lynch Park Pool, and game day. They are looking forward to continuing these activities through the month of July, as well as serving at VBS and taking a day trip to Helen, GA. "What a blessing this summer has been!"
- The Prime Timers were planning to go to Gibbs Garden but decided to eat lunch at the Franklin Main Street Diner instead. Gibbs Garden is postponed until cooler weather. However, they still plan to go to the Fitzgerald Fruit Farm in mid-July. The peaches will make the heat worthwhile!
- Celebrate Recovery held a car wash on Saturday, June 15. The proceeds will go toward purchasing backpacks and school supplies for children in the local area. They did a lively business and hope to do it again in the near future.
- FBCH is delighted to welcome several new members: Rusty and Laurie Brown, Sherry Ivester, Rusty and Lori Littlejohn, Derrick Thompson, and Lily Thompson. Lily was baptized on June 23.









Above L-R: Ally Dye with her painted rock. Youth helping at Backyard Bible Club with Xander Stinson and Youth Director Monica Johnson,

Lily Thompson

At Left: Backyard Bible Club

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FBC Hogansville Youth have painted their youth room this summer. They are also helping with the Green Patch Backyard Bible Club and will help with VBS in July.

Grace Baptist - served 166 people with free food in June. Free food is available every 3rd Saturday. The drive through starts at 9:00 am.

- The Clothes Closet helps anyone in need.
- Mark Peak's Sunday School Class, plus others had a wonderful time at Ezell's in Columbus.
- RU Recovery #1078 meets every Friday night at 7:00 pm.
- Visit website for more info: http://www.gbclagrange.com/





Above: Mark Peak's Sunday School Class (Grace Baptist) enjoyed an outing to Ezell's in Columbus.

Highland - The Prayers and Squares Quilt Ministry of Highland Baptist Church, Hogansville, GA presented a prayer quilt to J.W. Bonner. Photo below on right.

• Highland got a new roof and had their steeple re-shingled during the month of June. Photo below.





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

- On May 29, an all vegetable and dessert fellowship meal was a big hit with everyone. Lakeview has some very good cooks.
- Peggy Reese was recognized by the ladies' Sunday School class for all the time and hard work she has put into a memorial garden at the church for Lakeview founding member Nancy Heflin. Lakeview member Ronald Helton

passed away in June and he will be greatly missed.

- The June fellowship meal was June 26 with tacos and all the trimmings.
- WMU ladies met on June 29 at Doodlum's in Woodbury for delicious food and great fellowship.



Children in church are a blessing!

Long Cane - held Vacation Bible School on June 8. The adults performed a play based on the Prodigal Son for the students. The day ended with a water slide and Kona Ice.

- Brotherhood met on June 29 at Hardley Creek Park for a fun morning of fellowship and fishing.
- A Bible Study on Louie Giglio's "Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table" ended on June 19 with finger foods and a recap of the study.
- The next Long Cane Trade Day will be held on Sept. 21. Anyone can purchase one or more 10x10 spots for \$10 each to sell their goods. Contact Sharon Geter at 706-402-2369 or dsgeter@me.com.
- Each Sunday, Long Cane has Sunday School at 9:45 am, Service at 11 am, and Wednesday night Bible Study at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome!





Above: Long Cane VBS: The Prodigal Son characters and water slide fun.

Open Range - On May 19, Open Range Cowboy Church had its "Roof Dedication". Preacher Mike shouted it from the Rooftop! Preacher Mike would like to thank some very special people who made it all possible. First, "Thank the Lord from whom all blessings flow. Thank you to our Cowboy Church family, AJ Malone, John Brisendine, Jason Humphries, Super, and everyone who came out to share in this wonderful miracle.



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Lakeview had their church steeple removed, repaired and replaced.

Pine View - June has been a busy month for Pine View.

- They hosted a benefit for the Hyatt family with the proceeds helping with expenses after Michael's surgery. "It was very successful, and we thank all who participated."
- During the Wednesday night Bible study, they have continued viewing Season 4 of "The Chosen" and are really enjoying it.
- Pine View had a joint service with Bethel Baptist on Sunday, June 23. Their new sanctuary is lovely and is such a blessing. Pastor Jody Mitchell from Springhill Baptist Church delivered a powerful sermon.



- Pine View will have their VBS July 18 20 from 6 8 pm. The theme is "Scuba Diving into Friendship with God".
- Homecoming will be held July 20. "Everyone is welcome to come and join us for a great family day."

Reeds Chapel (RCBC) - The WMU ladies had their monthly meeting. They enjoyed a hamburger dinner and everyone decorated a flower pot. Lynn Alford shared a devotion that compared planting and caring for plants to handling the everyday stress of life. When we rely on God's power in us, we can live as trees planted by the living river.

- VBS 2024 was so much fun! The kids enjoyed crafts, music, skits, puppet shows, and games but most importantly, they learned about Jesus!!! Since the theme involved animals, the offering that was collected each night was donated to purchase the needs of the local animal shelter.
- The youth group had an overnight lock-in at the church and it was a blast! They had a water balloon fight, a great discussion on godly friendships, a Bible escape room, and a Mario Kart tournament.
- Rev. Jeff McCartney was honored for his 20 years of service at RCBC. Pastor Blake Alford presented him with a flag that was recently flown over the nation's capitol in his honor.



Above: Youth fun at their lock-in. Right: Fun at VBS 2024







Reeds Chapel: Pastor Blake Alford presented a special flag to Rev. Jeff McCartney for 20 yrs of service to Reeds Chapel.

Above Right: Reeds Chapel's WMU painted flower pots.

Second - Second Baptist would like to thank all the volunteers who helped with VBS. They had a total of 16 students who joined them for lessons and music. One of the members graciously provided a hot meal every evening and helped provide a meal for the celebration ceremony. Eight of the students had perfect attendance.

• Second Baptist Homecoming Service will be August 21, 2024. The guest speaker will be TBA Associational Missionary Andy Buchanan. Guest singers will feature "Until Then" along with some of our local talent. Services will begin at 10:30 am; there will be no Sunday School.



Wehadkee - Happy 4th of July!

The 4th of July, celebrates the Declaration of Independence. The document officially declared the United States of America's independence from British rule. GOD BLESS AMERICA!!

July Birthdays:

02 - Suellen Shea

04 - Jimmy Massey

15 - Jacob Sams

18 - Carol Masten

26 - Essie Pilgrim

Anniversary: 24 - Michael & Susan Gebhardt

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

Franklin Road -

Arts & Craft Sale

Saturday, October 12 9 am until 2 pm Setup will be Friday, October 11 1 until 4 pm. Final date to register: Sept 30.

For information on tables call: Karen 828-342-8315 Dale 706-443-4674 Beverly 404-325-3493

A CALL TO PRAYER

Monday August 12th



110 LaGrange Hwy Greenville Road near Mountville At the Troup/Meriwether Co. Line

On The Lighter Side

A man hires a young girl to paint his porch. He tells her that the brushes, paint, and ladders are in the garage. About 30 minutes later he hears a knock and answers. the door. The girl lets him know that she is finished.

"Wow" he says, "that was quick.

Did you have enough paint?"

"Yup, enough for 2 coats!" she replies.

The man thanks and pays her.

As she's leaving she turns around and says, "By the way, it's not a porch. It's a Ferrari."



- 1 Rev. Trace Lasher
- 6 Rev. Michael Hornsby
- 7 Rev. Rhodes Skinner
- 13 Rev. Bobby Bozeman
- 20 Rev. Billy McCollough
- 23 Rev. Max McCord
- 24 Rev. Fred Buchanan
- 24 Rev. Chris King
- 27 Rev. Robert Bagley
- 27 Rev. Brad Thompson

- Rev. Lamar Womack
- 10 Rev. Bernie Paslev
- 10 Rev. Mike Watson
- 13 Rev. Jerry Johnson
- 17 Rev. Frank Abrahamsen
- 21 Rev. Derek Williams
- 22 Rev. Danny Geter
- 23 Rev. Tifton Dobbs
- 27 Rev. Matt Dellinger
- 29 Rev. Billy Allen



Association - Church Prayer List

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 Week of July 21, 2024 - New Hope Baptist - Greenville Week of July 28, 2024 - New Hope Baptist - LaGrange

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

Week of August 4, 2024 - New Macedonia Missionary Baptist

Week of August 11, 2024 - Open Range Cowboy Church

Week of August 18, 2024 - Pine View Baptist

Week of August 25, 2024 - Praise & Prayer Ministry

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



JULY 27, 2024

9am (suggested time)

You can pick any time that is good for your church or group.

Get your church, Sunday School class, small group, or any group and get out to a school close to you and PRAY!

We want to cover our schools with prayer as they begin a new school year.

Find a TBA Prayer Walk Guide on our website: troupbaptist.org

SUMMER MINISTRY in the TBA

Answers to Prayers and a challenge to KEEP PRAYING!
Share your church's data at troupbaptist.org/celebrate24

Children's Camp Rockridge

152 Children - 14 Decisions for Christ

MissionSERVE - Lagrange

147 Servants - 72 Meals - 13 Churches

Vacation Bible Schools

Numbers are climbing as we speak. Over 300 children, 150 volunteers, and at least 25 decisions for Christ.

Mission Trips & Projects

Alaska, the Amazon, Bali, and more places across the world are being impacted by TBA churches.

Please keep sharing and telling the Good News!

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Additional Photos



Father's Day at Dunson Baptist Church



Dunson: Field Trip & Tour of the KIA Plant



Dunson: Wednesday Night Kid's Mission Study



Dunson / East LaGrange Mission Serve



Dunson: 3 photos above and right

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24-28. Their team of 10 youth are from
LaGrange, Tennessee, and South Carolina.

Dunson and East LaGrange members served
them lunch daily at their job site.



Additional Photos



Dunson: Following the KIA tour, the group ate at Pokey's Restaurant in West Point



Grace: Sunday School Class outing to Ezell's in Columbus







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Additional Photos





Reeds Chapel: Presentation of a US Flag to Rev. Jeff McCartney in honor of his 20 years of service to Reeds Chapel Baptist Church by Pastor Blake Alford.





Reeds Chapel: Scenes from VBS



Reeds Chapel: Youth Lock-In

