



We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. -1 Thessalonians 5:12–13

In my article this month, I want to give you some "creative" or "other" ways to let your Pastor and staff know that you truly appreciate them in October and beyond. These are things that you can do on a regular basis to help your pastor maintain his spiritual, mental and emotional strength as he serves you.

PRAY for your Pastor, Staff, & their Families

Obvious, right? I hope so, but I want to remind you anyway. I'm aware that there are many jobs that are tough and difficult and most people work hard. We know that. But there is a special weight, a spiritual burden, that accompanies shepherding. And as a PK (preachers kid) turned preacher and PK Dad, it is a family affair. Please pray for them.

SERVE with your Pastor & Staff

Don't wait for them to come and beg you. Just show up to church and offer to serve with them and help them. Be a Champion Leader for a ministry that they are doing. Get behind them in full support.

PROTECT your Pastor and Staff

Protect their respect. As far as it is up to you, hold your pastor and staff in high esteem. Speak highly of them, especially in front of your children. Resist the urge to criticize or serve that special "roast" at Sunday lunch. If there is an issue or problem, and that happens, honor the Lord and handle it with them in person as the Scripture commands.

Protect them as they enter a service. Don't drop a problem or bomb on them as the service is starting, spare them the distraction until after they have shared a message.

Protect them by doing all you can to protect their family time and hold them accountable to observe a Sabbath. The Lord has told us all to do that so let's practice it and make sure your staff is practicing it as well.

Take Notes & Share "Why" the Sermon was good

Here's a fun one that you can do every week. Take notes during that sermon that your Pastor has worked diligently on through the week. And don't just say, "Good message," rather say something like, "That eighth point really spoke to me." Or, "God really spoke to me through the way you explained those verses this morning." One of my most cherished compliments was always, "I finally understand that passage after all these years!"

It doesn't take a whole lot to APPRECIATE us so Give it a try this month! You are loved!!

Bro. Andy

TROUPBAPTIST Association

Annual Meeting

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20 6:00PM

Join us for the TBA Annual Meeting as we gather to report on what God has done in 2024 and look forward to what He will do in the year ahead.



We will have pre-service music followed by our business session and then we will hear a special message from our friend, Rev. Stacy Dyer.

Stacy is the Mission Strategist in the Morganton-Mountaintown Baptist Association in North Georgia and a friend to the TBA for several years. He

and his wife, Diane, are blessed with daughter, son-inlaw but most importantly a grandson. We look forward to God blessing us through Stacy at our meeting.



TROUP BAPTIST
Association

THURSDAY OCTOBER 24

12 NOON - 1:30 PM (LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED)



ESSENTIAL CARDIAC EMERGENCY TRAINING

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- Hands Only CPR Training
- AED Training
- Importance of AEDs in Churches
- Sustainable Readiness plan
- Resources for purchasing an AED

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MINISTRY NEWS

September has flown by with so many wonderful things that God is doing across our association and beyond. I was privileged to spend a few days at the North American Mission Board for the



yearly AMS Excellence Conference. It's always a blessing for me to be on the NAMB campus and encouraging and inspiring to meet with Associational Missionaries from all over the country.

We had a couple of great services at Lakeview Baptist during the middle of the month. I preached about God's work in the lives of Paul and Silas in Acts 16. What a powerful story about our God who will show His power in our lives as we serve Him.

On Monday, September 23, our Pastor's Fellowship was given a tour of the First Choice Women's Center of Lagrange by Michelle Thompson and her staff. Michelle has spent over 15 years serving at the Women's Center and is doing a terrific job leading the staff as they serve our county. The First Choice Women's

Center is on the front line in the battle for the lives of unborn children in our area. They are also on the front line for their clients and



families by bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to each of the women they serve who are in need of love and support. We are blessed to have this ministry in Troup County and I would encourage you to support them by volunteering, donating, and praying for their work. You can contact Michelle at the center by calling 706-884-3833. Find the announcement for their upcoming benefit in this edition of The Messenger.

Finally, on Saturday, September 29, Kim and I enjoyed the Open

House at Bethel Baptist Church in West Point. Just a year and a half ago, Bethel's building was destroyed by a tornado but with God's hand at work, they have rebuilt and are



worshipping Him each week in their new building. Their testimony is "to God be the Glory" for His mercy and blessings!

HURRICANE HELENE RESPONSE

As we print this newsletter, information and news is coming in about the terrible disaster that Hurricane Helene brought to the southeast. We are gathering information and will be working to help those who have been impacted by this storm. Until we have more information, here are some things you can do:

- 1. PRAY for those who are hurting and those who are serving and helping during the days ahead. Please pray.
- 2. GIVE through reliable and safe channels where 100% of your money will go to help others. My suggestions are:

https://troupbaptist.org/give https://missiongeorgia.org/ https://www.sendrelief.org/

3. Begin collecting basic needs at your church so that you are ready when the needs are known.







BCM NEWS

Monday nights are a highlight of the week for me. That's because I get to dive into the word with our BCM students at LaGrange College. I tell people that each week is a PACKED HOUSE with POWERFUL Bible Study. It's a joy to see new students each week and to watch our BCM leadership team pour into the lives of others as they teach, share, and pray with them each week. It's a joy to serve with them as they reach their peers for Jesus. Please continue to pray for the ministry and if you would like to provide snacks or give to support this ministry, call the TBA for more information.





Baptist Tabernacle (BTC) - Every Thursday morning from 9:00 – 11:00 am. 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 behind the church.

- Homecoming will be held on Sunday, October 6. "Please join us!"
- On Wednesday, October 9, Captain Nathan Taylor from the Troup County Sheriff's Office will talk to our Youth group about drug abuse. All Youth are invited to attend.
- On October 28, BTC will start a grief ministry. You may call the church office for more details about this ministry. The phone number is 706-882-0087.
- Baptist Tabernacle's annual Trunk-or-Treat will be held on Halloween night, October 31. The fun begins at 6:00 pm. Everyone is invited. There will be concessions.

Bethel - held a Dedication Service for their new building on Saturday at 6 pm at the church Bethel Baptist Church building was destroyed in the March 2023 tornado.



Bethel Baptist members & partners in re-building, Pastor Chris Hendricks (front center) and Stephanie (right center)

Dunson - A group from Dunson went to dinner and to the Sons of Jubal concert in Carrollton. Steve Vickery, Dunson's Music Director, sang a solo as part of the concert. "It was a great night of fellowship and worship."

- Dunson celebrated Grandparents Day with a special service and slide presentation.
- Jaye Copeland's Sunday School Class prepared Popsicle stick rafts with Dunson Baptist Church, LaGrange, Ga on them. The rafts were sent to Southern Baptist WMU to be combined with rafts from across the country to build a houseboat in the Amazon. The class did a presentation to the church of their mission project during Cooperative Sunday.
- Mike Hall, a former school principal and minister at First Baptist Church, was the guest speaker at the informal Sunday night service, on September 22. Everyone enjoyed hearing his testimony and his acceptance of God's call to preach.
- Homecoming at Dunson will be October 6, starting at 10:30 am. "Mark your calendar and plan to join us!" Dr. Harris Malcolm will be the guest speaker. While he is known for his role in FIREPROOF as Kirk Cameron's father and his role in ADVENTURERS BORN, he is more importantly described as "having a passion in sharing the gospel and seeing people come to know Christ as their personal Lord and Savior." Brent and Kathy Bullington will be providing the special music.
- Pastor Kenneth Cole will share a short concert at Unity Baptist Church for their evening revival service at 6 pm on October 6.

Dunson - (continued)

• Sydney Taylor accepted Christ at Camp Rockridge! Pastor Kenneth baptized Sydney on Sunday, September, 22. (Photo at right)





Above: Mike Hall was the guest speaker at Dunson's Sunday night informal service on September 22.



Dunson - Jaye Copeland's Sunday School class presenting their mission project to the congregation.

FBC Hogansville (FBCH) - Some of the FBCH ladies attended the Priscilla Shirer simulcast hosted by Rock Springs Church, Milner, Georgia on Saturday, August 24. Ms. Shirer is an author, motivational speaker, and Christian media evangelist. "It was wonderful to see so many ladies from different churches and backgrounds praising, worshipping and learning more about God's word together."

- On August 24, the church sponsored a block party in the Corinth area. It was an opportunity to share the love of Jesus, enjoy fellowship, and eat grilled hot dogs. Many welcomed the chance to have good Christian fun.
- The following Friday, a group went to the Atlanta City Baptist Rescue Mission to share testimonies and witness to the men. They were blessed to see four men accept salvation in Jesus Christ. Time spent at the Atlanta Mission is heartwarming for both the residents and the visitors.
- Celebrate Recovery(CR) held a car wash at the church to raise money to help in their service to the community. Many came to get clean cars, and many helpers made the job much easier. CR appreciates and thanks everyone who participated.
- FBCH Ladies enjoyed coffee, fellowship, and studying the Word at Alter Coffee in Hogansville on Saturday morning, August 28. This is a coffee shop in the Depot Building on Main Street.
- On the evening of September 28, FBCH provided dinner and shared testimonies at Branches of Hope in LaGrange.
- There will be a Trunk or Treat Cook-Out at the Green Patch on Sunday afternoon, October 27 from 3:30 to 5:30. Trunk or Treat is always a fun activity with lots of children attending. The Green Patch is located at the corner of Green and Dickerson Streets in Hogansville.
- What a joy to welcome three young people in baptism: Malachi Kemp, Trent Cook, and Anthony McDonald. "We are also very pleased to have Nancy Chipman and Josh and Jenny Brandenburg become members as we worship the Lord together." (photos on next page)

FBC Hogansville - (continued)





FBCH Above: FBCH Ladies attended the Priscilla Shirer Simulcast in Rock Springs. On Left: Celebrate Recovery

Below: The church sponsored a block party in the Corinth area.

Car Wash



First Baptist on the Square - "Join us at First Baptist Church on the Square for our Fall Festival." Church Street will be closed again this year and there will be Trunk or Treats, games & more!

Fall Festival: Saturday, October 26 1 - 3 pm

Want to serve at Fall Festival?

Scan QR code to let us know how you would like to help!

Ways you can help: Hosting a trunk or treat car, Hosting games, Set-Up, Food Prep & Serving, or Clean Up.





Franklin Road - Arts & Craft Sale

Saturday, October 12 from 9 am until 2 pm Setup will be Friday, October 11 1 pm until 4 pm. **Grace** - served 309 people with free food in September. This is available every 3rd Saturday at Grace Baptist Church, 3731 West Point Rd, LaGrange. The drive through starts at 9:00 am. The Clothes Closet helps anyone in need.

- The Ladies of Grace had a Poppyseed Chicken lunch fundraiser after the church service to make money to help children at Christmas.
- Sister to Sister Luncheon by Ladies of Grace was held on Sept. 7 with a wide variety of salads and desserts. The guest speaker was Joy Burnham. Each participant decorated tables and sold tickets for guests. One person from each table won a door prize. Makenzie Bleemel won the best table.
- Several church members went to eat at Ezell's in Columbus.
- Trunk or Treat will be held at Grace on Oct. 31, 6 8 pm.
- RU Recovery #1078 meets every Friday night at 7:00 pm.
- Visit website for more info: http://www.gbclagrange.com















Grace: top row - members enjoyed a trip to Ezell's in Columbus. Second row - Ezell's, Joy Burnham was the guest speaker at the Sister to Sister luncheon.

Third row - Ladies of Grace preparing poppy-seed chicken meal. Fourth row - Sister to Sister Luncheon, Trunk or Treat Oct 31 6-8 pm

TBA Churches: If you would like announcements printed in this newsletter, please send an email to angela@troupbaptist.org or call us at 706-884-1975

Highland - At homecoming on September 8, Highland celebrated 118 years of loving the Savior and loving others! Absolutely marvelous music was provided by Kingdom Express and a soul-searching sermon was brought by Rev. Don Ellison. Worship was followed by a fantastic fellowship meal. All who attended were blessed.

- The Prayers and Squares Quilt Ministry presented a prayer quilt to Ken Hines.
- Highland will host their annual Trunk-N-Treat in the church parking lot on October 31 from 6 7 pm. Usually, they have over 300 people visit them. Most receive a gospel witness as well.
- A LifeSouth Blood Drive will be held Sunday, November 3 from 1 until 4 pm at Highland Baptist Church. LifeSouth provides blood services for all local hospitals. Give local saves local.



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

- WMU met on September 14 with Dottie Henson serving as hostess and presenting the devotion.
- On Sunday, September 15, Troup Baptist Association Mission Strategist Andy Buchanan preached the morning sermon from Acts 16.
- On Sunday, September 22, Joshua Daniels preached the morning message from the book of Psalms.
- Fellowship supper was September 25 with Mary Cobb serving as hostess.
- The men of the church will meet at San Marco's in the Valley on Friday, September 27.
- Homecoming is Sunday, October 13 with Rev. Kenneth Cole, pastor of Dunson Baptist Church, bringing the special music and preaching.



Above: Two couples from Lakeview celebrated fifty-year anniversaries recently. Pictured from left to right are John and Charlotte Brisendine and Jean and Steve Shirley.

Pine View - Happy Fall Y'all! "We hope you're all looking forward to the Fall season!"

- In late August the Pine View Ladies enjoyed a weekend away in Helen, GA. It was a wonderful time: sharing meals, tubing, and celebrating a birthday. "I can't remember ever having so much fun with my Sisters in Christ. We are already talking about our trip next year."
- Bible study is held every Wednesday evening. They are currently watching Season 1 of The Chosen. Healthy discussions always follow.
- On September 22 they held a joint service with five local churches: Northside, Bethel, Beech Springs, Harrisonville, and Springhill. Pastor Randy Gilbert of Harrisonville Baptist blessed us with a moving message, and their vocal group singers provided beautiful music. We were also blessed by the lovely voice of Leigha Hendricks and our own Rachel Kraemer and Terrie Norton.
- Beech Springs Baptist hosted a benefit concert on Saturday September 28. It was held at Pine View and all proceeds are going towards the new roof at Beech Springs. There were food plates, a cake auction, and music. Food, fun, and fellowship were shared by all who were there. "Thank you to everyone who participated."
- There will be a bonfire on Saturday October 5 beginning at 6 pm. There will be hot dogs, s'mores, and games. Everyone is encouraged to join us for a fun-filled evening. What a great way to kick off the Fall season!
- Get your Old Fashion duds on and join us on Sunday, October 13 for Old Fashion Sunday. This will be a fun way to commemorate the days gone by and worship our Lord.
- Pine View will have a Trunk or Treat on Halloween, Thursday, October 31, beginning at 6 pm. This is a fun event and a safe environment for our children. Everyone is encouraged to decorate their cars and trucks for the occasion. Pine View is located at 2668 Whitesville Rd, LaGrange, GA Their pastor is Joel Scott and their associate pastor is Daryl Yarbrough



Above: Pine View ladies enjoyed a trip to Helen, Ga.

If you have a friend, relative or fellow church member who does not receive The Messenger, encourage them to call us at 706-884-1975 and have their name added to our mailing list.

If you would prefer getting The Messenger by email (in color) instead of US Mail, please call us and provide your email address.

You may also visit our website www.troupbaptist.org/newsletter and go to subscription preferences to add change or remove your address from our mailing list.

Roper Heights - Several members went to see Colton Dixon in concert. It was great. (Photos below from the concert)



Stovall -will have Revival Services October 13 - 17 beginning at 6:00 pm each night. Brother Joey Knight will be preaching. Special music each night: Sunday - Joseph Bonner

Monday - Rev. Danny Geter

Tuesday - Sylvia Withers

Thursday - Rev. Scotty Fower

Stovall Baptist Church is located at 14 Hardy Street in Greenville, GA. Everyone is invited

Wehadkee - "FALL" is in the air...

The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever. Isaiah 40:8

September Birthday: September Anniversaries: 15 - Buck Hurt Eddie & Carol Mastin Buck & DeDe Hurt

October Birthdays: October Anniversary: 12 - Debbie Cliett 11 - Dan & Suellen Shea

12 - Wanda Treadwell

On September 22, Brother Haywood Cliett brought the morning message. On September 29, Conner Guin brought the morning message. He is a young man who has felt the calling. They also observed the Lord's Supper. Following the service, everyone enjoyed the 5th Sunday lunch on the grounds. "If you do not have a home church, our doors are open. Please feel free to visit."

Please pray for comfort and understanding for the McCranie family. Rev. Steve McCranie passed away suddenly. He and his beautiful family were members of Southwest Baptist Church where he was the pastor for 3 years.

Western Heights along with Unity Baptist and Harmony Church are planning a big men's ministry event, "What's at Steak for Men" on Friday, October 11 at 6:00 pm. This event will challenge men to be godly leaders in their home and will be followed by seven weeks of discipleship. This is for men and boys ages 12 and up. Tickets can be purchased at realmomentum.men/western-heights. See more information on the back page.

Troup High Alumni Association presents

Ernie Haase and Signature Sound Live in Concert

Saturday, November 16, 2024 7:00 PM \$25 per ticket

Tickets sold at LaGrange Toyota, Weathers Honda, Landscape Supplies of LaGrange and Troup High School For info call Ellis Cadenhead 770-713-4564



MARCH FOR JESUS

Saturday, October 19 at 8:00 AM

Join us for our 9th Annual March.

The March for Jesus starts at Sweetland Amphitheater and ends on the Square.

The purpose for the march is to lift up the name of Jesus and thank Him for His numerous blessings. Come stand with other Christians and let yourself be seen and heard; proclaiming your love for our precious savior Jesus Christ!

Please share and help spread the word. Plan to attend. Everyone is welcome. Admission is free.

For those not able to march, meet us on the Square. There will be plenty of seating and bottled water will be provided.

> Contact persons: Doris and Joe Almand 706-333-7799 or 706-333-6336



Want to be the hands and feet of Jesus and make a child's Christmas?

\$30 will purchase a Christmas box that includes:

shoes, toy, candy, underwear, socks, hair bows, wallet. (items vary by age) \$30 will purchase a Christmas tub for a family that includes:

flour, sugar, lard, bullion cubes, spaghetti, sauce, rice, beans, detergent, toiletries. For more info, call 770-324-0005 or 706-773-1935

Sponsored by New Desire Christian Ministries / Reeds Chapel Baptist Church

Friendship Baptist Church - will have Homecoming on October 6 at 10:30 am. Preacher Mike Reeves will be preaching and Higher Hope will be singing.

• Revival services will be October 7 - 9 at 6:30 pm nightly. Pastor Jody Mitchell will be preaching and Turkey Creek Gospel will be singing.

Friendship Baptist Church is located at 106 Barnard Ave, LaGrange GA.

Announcements

Troup Baptist Association Annual Meeting Sunday, October 20 at 6:00 PM

Annual Church Reports are due by October 7 for your churches' statistics to be included in the TBA's annual report. The meeting will be held in the Sanctuary portion of the Troup Baptist Association facility

1301 Washington St., LaGrange, GA 30240

Association - Church Prayer List

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

Week of October 6, 2024 - Shoal Creek Baptist Church Week of October 13, 2024 - Stovall Baptist Church Week of October 20, 2024 - Teaver Road Baptist Church Week of October 27, 2024 - Troup Baptist Association

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

Week of November 3, 2024 - True Believers Baptist Church Week of November 10, 2024 - Unity Baptist Church Week of November 17, 2024 - Wehadkee Baptist Church Week of November 24, 2024 - Western Heights Baptist Church

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





8 Rev. Kevin Stringham 14 Rev. Anthony Criswell

14 Rev. Patrick Turner 17 Dr. Mike Brandenburg

17 Rev. Jason Bennett

20 Rev. Kenneth Cole

2 Rev. Jerome Hicks

15 Rev. Ray Tarwater

16 Rev. Steve Sexton

22 Rev. Steve Johnson



Through Christ we have the power to break every chain

WHO: For women who have been in jail
WHAT: Weekly Bible Study and Fellowship
WHEN: Every Tuesday evening 5:30 - 6:30 pm

WHERE: Troup Baptist Association

1301 Washington Street, LaGrange, GA 30240

WHY: "So you may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge - that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God." Ephesians 3:18-19

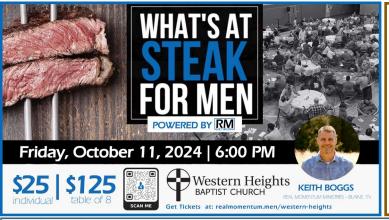
** Please note, this is a bible study, not an assistance ministry. **

On The Lighter Side

Little Ben came into the house with a new harmonica. 'Grandpa, do you mind if I play this in here?' 'Of course not, Ben. I love music. In fact, when your Grandma and I were young, music saved my life.' 'What happened?' 'Well, it was during the famous Johnstown flood. The dam broke, and when the water hit our house, it knocked it right off the foundation. Grandma got on the dining room table and floated out safely.'

'How about you?'

'Me? I accompanied her on the piano!'



COMMUNITY-WIDE SENIOR ADULT FELLOWSHIP Thursday, October 17 | 10am-12:30pm



Gather with seniors from across our community to praise the Lord and enjoy sing-along of favorite hymns and Gospel songs and a few fun surprises.



Al Holley

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ON THE SQUARE LAGRANGE, GEORGIA

Dr. Gerald Harris

Overflow parking at Sweetland with shuttles to/from church.



Please consider joining a 40-Day period of fasting and praying for our Country beginning October 18 and continuing through November 27.

This will be a time of seeking the Lord in humility and repentance for an outpouring of His grace, mercy and power on our country and the world.

We ask that you gather church members and friends who would take one or two of the 24-hour periods (sunset to sunset) during this time so that we have someone in our Association praying and fasting at all times during these 40 days.

Find more information and a sign-up sheet at https://troupbaptist.org/40days

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