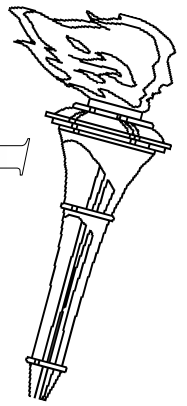


# THE LIBERTY LIGHT



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### Church Activities:

Church Phone: 376-0154

#### Sunday

Sunday School 9:30 AM

Morning Worship 10:45 AM

Evening Worship 6:00 PM

#### Wednesday

Children's Choir 7:00 PM

Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM

## THIRTEENTH ANNUAL Northeast Georgia Bible Conference July 23-26, 2006

### Upcoming Events/ Opportunities

- Summer Mission Trip
- Liberty at the Lake
- Awana Training Opportunities
- Northeast Georgia Bible Conference

Look for details about these events in this newsletter.



**BILL STURM**  
Staff Evangelist  
Morningside Baptist Church  
Valdosta, GA



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Senior Pastor  
Higher Ground Baptist Church  
Kingsport, TN



**GRANT ETHRIDGE**  
Senior Pastor  
First Baptist Church  
Lavaca, AR

### Schedule

#### CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

|           |           |                              |
|-----------|-----------|------------------------------|
| Sunday    | 9:30 a.m. | Mike Griffin, Bill Sturm     |
| Sunday    | 6:00 p.m. | Bill Sturm, Grant Ethridge   |
| Monday    | 7:00 p.m. | Grant Ethridge, Phil Hoskins |
| Tuesday   | 7:00 p.m. | Bill Sturm, Phil Hoskins     |
| Wednesday | 7:00 p.m. | Grant Ethridge, Bill Sturm   |

#### NOONDAY LUNCHEON SPEAKERS

|           |                |
|-----------|----------------|
| Monday    | Bill Sturm     |
| Tuesday   | Phil Hoskins   |
| Wednesday | Grant Ethridge |

#### NOONDAY LUNCHEONS

Each day one of our guest preachers will speak at a noon luncheon. Reservations need to be made by calling the church office at (706) 376-0154. Cost is \$4 per luncheon.

*"Piercing the  
darkness  
with the  
truth of  
God's  
Word"*



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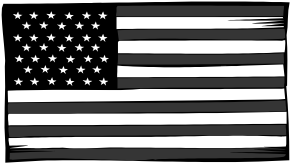
### Under Watchcare

#### By Letter

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2159 Airline Goldmine  
Canon, GA 30520  
706-371-5052

#### By Baptism

Claire Banister  
257 Woodland Dr.  
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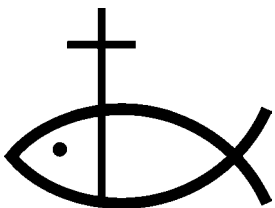
### Independence Day Tuesday, July 4th

The Church office will be closed in observance of Independence Day.



**We're On The Web!**

[www.libertybc.ws](http://www.libertybc.ws)



## IS SAME-SEX MARRIAGE ABOUT MARRIAGE?

BY: MIKE GRIFFIN

*"It is also a chance to wholly transform the definition of family in American culture. It is the final tool with which to dismantle all sodomy statutes, get education about homosexuality and AIDS into public schools, and, in short, usher in a sea change..."- Michelangelo Signorile, Out Magazine, May 1996.*

If what Mr. Signorile is saying is true, then the whole issue of same-sex marriage is not even about marriage. According to him and other same-sex marriage proponents it's really about furthering the homosexual agenda in America.

Just to further prove this and show where we in America may be heading, listen to the 1972 National Coalition of Gay Organizations in which they stated their support for the "repeal of all legislative provisions that restrict the sex or number of persons entering into a marriage unit..."

The point is that the relaxation of marriage laws has a "dominoes-effect" upon the morals of a society. This is already being seen in Sweden, Norway, and Denmark. These countries are representative of societies who have greatly removed restrictions regarding sexual behavior. These countries are already reporting that as many as 80% of children now being born are born out of wedlock. There is even a Dutch law that has lowered consensual sex to twelve years of age!

So, if I were to personally buy in to the logic of the pro-same-sex marriage movement, then I would inevitably have to argue for the right of polygamy, not to mention group marriages! Actually, the sky becomes the limit once you remove the moral absolutes to govern our society. Now granted, this certainly may not be the change that all same-sex marriage proponents are advocating but you need to face the fact that this is the direction in which we are heading!

Already it is being reported that a case has been argued before U.S. District Judge Ted Stewart claiming that anti-bigamy and anti-polygamy laws

are unconstitutional. This is nothing more than fall-out from the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in Lawrence vs. Texas where the "right to privacy" was interpreted to include sodomy.

So, what is happening is that the right to have certain kinds of bedroom behavior legalized is not enough for some people.

Before long all of us could have forced upon us social acceptance of behavior that we find to be morally unacceptable. For example, employment practices in our businesses and churches will be affected if the current trend of abandoning moral standards continues in our society.

It's amazing how courts in our day are finding such things as abortion and sodomy morally acceptable when they were once considered to be criminal. We now live in a day that to challenge anyone with those beliefs could be considered criminal. For a pastor to preach against homosexuality, he runs the risk of violating proposed "hate speech laws" that are now pending in Congress. This is exactly what happens when you have a "living and breathing" view of the Constitution, as most notably characterized by judges legislating from the bench.

The good news in all of this is that in the seventeen states that considered amendments to their constitution to protect marriage as between one man and one woman, all seventeen states passed it. Georgia was no exception. It passed in our state with 77% for it and 23% against it. This is one time when the "main stream" seemed to be the right stream!

Maybe with an informed citizenry and a changing Supreme Court we could see Mr. Signorile's agenda and consequential results never forced upon our society.

So, the question "is same-sex marriage really about marriage?" continues to be a valid one in my opinion.

**"..the sky becomes the limit once you remove the moral absolutes to govern our society.."**

# NORTHEAST GEORGIA BIBLE CONFERENCE



**MIKE GRIFFIN**  
Host Pastor

It is my privilege to invite you to attend the annual Northeast Georgia Bible Conference! This year will be our 13th conference and sure to be one of the best.

It has been our joy over the past years to bring some of the best Bible preaching and Gospel singing to our area. This year will be no exception.

We are blessed to host some of the most dynamic preachers of our day in this year's conference. Evangelist Bill Sturm will be back with us for his 11th conference! Bro. Bill has truly proven his faithfulness to God's word and we know he will "cut it straight." Pastor Grant Ethridge will be also with us. Bro. Grant grew up in Hart County and has been a

friend of ours for years. Pastor Phil Hoskins will be with us for the first time in this conference. Dr. Hoskins is no stranger to many of you. He is a popular preacher at numerous Bible conferences, including Bailey Smith's *Real Evangelism* Conference.

In addition to the great preaching there will be heart-stirring singing by Martha Sturm. "Miss Martha" has been blessing us for years here at Liberty. In addition, Liberty's choir, soloists, and the Liberty Quartet will be sharing in song.

You don't want to miss this year's conference. If you need encouragement and personal revival then look no further. I look forward to seeing you and your friends this summer.

## NOONDAY LUNCHEONS

Each day we will enjoy one of our guest speakers and special music at a luncheon. In past the luncheons have been an opportunity for great food and some sweet fellowship. You will not want to miss any of them! Reservations are required and must be made in advance. Cost is \$4 per meal per day. Call the church office at 706-376-0154 to make your reservation.

## LIBERTY AT THE LAKE



### Sunday, July 9

Methodist Campground  
Recreation - 3:30 PM  
Supper - 6:00 PM  
Worship - 7:00 PM

### Sunday, August 13

Methodist Campground  
Recreation - 3:30 PM  
Supper - 6:00 PM  
Worship - 7:00 PM

We will enjoy a time of fellowship, singing, and preaching at the lake on these two dates. Watch the bulletin for details on the food preparation. Invite friends and neighbors to join us!

## SUMMER MISSION TRIP



**Havelock, North Carolina**

If you **July 1-8, 2006** are

## GOOD NEWS CLUB



intending to help again with this ministry in the upcoming school year see Bro. Andy. The training for workers is **Saturday, August 5th.**

## LIBERTY LIGHT BROADCAST

**7:45 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.**  
**Sunday Mornings**  
**WKLY AM 980**

Continue to pray for and support Liberty's radio program. If you are interested in sponsoring one week or several weeks let Bro. Mike know. The cost for each program is \$29.00. The program may be sponsored by a business or in memory of a loved one.

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## NEW RADIO PROGRAM

Bro. Mike has begun a new radio program during the week. It's a morning devotion that starts at 6:59 AM, Monday - Friday on WKLY. So remember to tune in!

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## OUTREACH VISITATION

**Thursday, July 13 - 7:00pm**  
**Sunday, July 16 - 4:30pm**  
**Thursday, August 10 - 7:00pm**

You have three scheduled opportunities to go visiting, but you may choose to go at another time more convenient to your schedule. Get a partner, pray together, and go out and share the gospel with someone.



## AWANA NEWS!!

### Leader Training

Liberty Baptist  
Saturday, July 22  
9:00-3:00

### Awana Leadership Conferences

Martinez Georgia  
Saturday, August 26  
  
Dacula, Georgia  
Saturday, September 23

If you have never been trained before and you would like to do so see Joan Johnson about the conference at our church. Mark your calendars for the annual leadership conferences!

### Pastoral Staff

Senior Pastor  
Mike Griffin  
376-8118

Assistant Pastors  
Andy Buchanan  
376-0124

Forrest Ferguson  
245-9553

Church Office  
376-0154

## LADIES BIBLE STUDY

### Have you ever had these kinds of thoughts...

*About God... God's ways are too restrictive..*

*About Yourself... I should not have to live with unfulfilled longings...*

*About sin... I cannot walk in consistent victory over sin...*

*About Marriage... If I submit to my husband, I'll be miserable...*

*About Children... All children will go through a rebellious stage...*

*About Priorities... I don't have time to do everything I'm supposed to do...*

*About Emotions... If I feel something it must be true...*

*About Circumstances... My circumstances will never change -this will go on forever...*

Then this is the class for you. "Lies Women Believe and the Truth That Sets Them Free" By Nancy Leigh DeMoss gives an answer to all of these thoughts and more! Cindy and I will begin this study on **Sunday, July 30 at 4:30.**

If you would like to attend please let me know. Books have arrived (cost \$5 each) and you can begin reading. If you are interested in a workbook to go along with the book you will need to let me know. (Cost \$9 each)

This book has been a tremendous encouragement to Cindy and I through the years and we both feel it could be so to you. Come and join us each week!

In Christ, Liza

## AWANA NEWS



# Kick-Off

- Wacky Games
- Sensational Snacks
- Fantastic Fun



**Wednesday**  
**August 9, 2006**  
**6:20 PM**



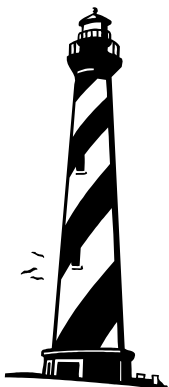
# NEW YEAR

# Begins Soon!

AWANA clubs at Liberty start on:

**Wednesday, August 16**  
**6:20 PM**

We look forward to seeing you there! If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Joan Johnson, 376-7670



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