

**Troup Transformation
The Master's Plan**

Taking Troup County into the 21st Century

**Daniel 11:32 The people that do know their God will be strong and do exploits!
Exploits are memorable, monumental, brilliant, and heroic acts or deeds. Let's Take Action.
Seek ye the Lord while He may be found.**

Mission: To unite the Christian Community in LaGrange/Troup County to strengthen the church and its influence. To position the church through unity and union to receive spiritual blessings and supernatural power. To seek the strategies of God for the fulfillment of His plan for LaGrange/Troup County. To bring forth leadership submitted to the voice and direction of God. To develop and implement the **Master's** plan for our city and county. To bring forth transformation in LaGrange/Troup County in the Name of Jesus and by the Spirit of God by touching heaven and changing earth. To prepare the way of the Lord for the advancement of the Kingdom of God upon the earth. To provide a spiritual covering to protect this area.

A. In August, 2002 Dutch Sheets was speaking in a meeting at Callaway Auditorium and the Lord released a prophesy over the city of LaGrange. Dutch Sheets is a pastor of a church in Colorado. The Lord called him to hold meetings in all 50 states and prophesy the word of the Lord over each state. This took approximately 1 ½ years. The prophesy in LaGrange was before the Lord led him to do the United States tour. This prophesy stated the following:

1. "The Lord said I am coming again with my winds. I am coming with my fire. **You're in the kiros (strategic opportune season)** right now of the blowing of the breath. The Lord wants to breath on this region.
2. God wants to bring a **further connecting of the church in this region**. It's only when we're in one accord that He comes.
3. There will be a new and a **fresh release of a spirit of coming together, of one accordance, of harmony. You will become a greater unit**. You will do it in Jesus name. The Lord says, **there is a strategy that is coming** that is going to bring the release in the natural that has now happened in the spirit. **I will give the strategy. You must follow through with the strategy, the Lord says.**
4. I am bringing revelation that will at one point begin to permeate this region. **And this region will be known as a forerunning region for that which heals racism, for that which heals the wounds of society**. I call this a healing region in the spirit because from HERE I will heal the breach, says the Lord. And even now I am birthing revelation. I am lifting the veil.

5. I am going to do it because you have asked me to do it, and I want to do it. And because I have found a few who have gone ahead and become forerunners in the spirit for this.
6. So now, you allow me to do the next phase of this. The Lord says after this shift that takes place, when it reaches this fullness of the new phase of the next season within the next year, you shall see great harvest begin to come. And then, says the Lord, there will begin to be a fullness of harvest released. And you will move into a phase where you will see me begin to tear down strongholds outside the church. And I will begin to change the thinking of the world. **And I will begin to draw them to you like a magnet. They will come to you from all around—the north, south, east, and west, yes from every direction. They will come to you.** They will be drawn to what they see happening and I will begin to draw them in. I will only draw them in when I have finished this process, but **when I have finished it, I will begin to draw them in. And yes, I will preserve them. I have prepared this, I will begin to draw them in and I will first draw them, they will come as a trickle—the twos and threes and families, but the Lord says, you had better get ready church because there is coming a time when the multiplication comes and I will begin to draw them first by the dozens and then by the fifties and the hundreds. And you will see multitudes beginning to come to me, the Lord says.**
7. I'm going to snap you into place more fully the church, then I am going to begin to snap the members in that are not yet a part of it, but I have chosen them. **I know who they are. They are mine. They are mine, and they are coming in. There is no power that can stop me and I'm going to snap them in.** And the prodigals are going to be snapped in, the husband and wife are going to be snapped in, the children are going to be snapped in.
8. I'm coming to break that stronghold of perversion. I'm coming to break that stronghold of addiction. I'm coming to break that stronghold of pride and deception. I'm coming to break the stronghold of rejection. I'm coming to break the stronghold of materialism. And you are going to see when that happens that **churches are going to double within a matter of just a few short months and then they are going to double again and you better get ready, the Lord says, and prepare for the harvest that's coming because the Lord says, it is coming.**
9. This is a season, the Lord says, that you are moving into where there will be abundant grace to change and there will be abundant grace even when you make mistakes because I do not require of you perfection, the Lord says. I require from you a perfect heart—a heart that chooses to follow me fully and I am not even limited to doing things through your successes, the Lord says. I can even work when you mess up and I can fix those mistakes, and I will fix

your mistakes. So do not move in fear. Do not hold back in fear that you will not do it perfectly. There will not be grace for rebellion for this.

10. I hear the Lord say, do not resist the new anointing of intercession that I am bringing in prayer. There is coming another push in the spirit. There is coming a new intensity, the Lord says. Do not resist that which I am trying to bring even the travail and the warfare that will begin to take place. **And I will lead you to stand and make declarations and be strong in the face of adversity. And when you make that decree in the spirit, you will see the sword of the Lord be released against that spirit and against that strategy. And the Lord says that I will in this season disintegrate the plans of the enemy. You will see his plans shatter. There will be great destruction and debris in the spirit as I totally annihilate and dismantle his plans. It is the sound of war. It is the shout of a King. Jesus. It is the roar out of Zion.**

11. Dutch prayed and thanked God for extending His scepter and giving us the keys so the world will see the Lord. He said, I kept hearing the state, not just LaGrange—the strategic nature of this state. I hear the Lord saying that when you pray, you must direct your prayers out from here and not just here. You must pray for Atlanta and Columbus. You must begin to network intercession more around this state. The Lord is saying there must come a greater networking of intercession in the state of Georgia. And there will be a linking of the state of Georgia. God says, I want this state blanketed with day and night intercession. I want it linked and I want city praying for city and region praying for region and county praying for county. So, the Lord, says, I'm going to build a net connected across this state.

B. In the January 29, 2007 Prophecy over Courts of Praise **and the church in LaGrange** the following things were stated:

1. The Lord says **I have made a Covenant with this church and this city** and my plans will surely come to pass.
2. This is a New Day. I am about to do something new, something wonderful.
3. I will bring you into the “valley of decision. **For I have already made My decision, this city is mine says the Lord, and I am giving it to you! Put on your war mantle and take it says the Lord!**
4. As you begin to seek Me, I shall bring the foreigner to you. And as you do this, **I will bring five churches together to go to war—to birth this victory for this city** and then you will begin to see Me add to you who have already gathered because they will see that you are all of one accord, seeking me with a pure heart.

5. And your name, Courts of Praise, will be a dwelling place for My Presence, and many will come to know me, here, from many nations, for I have chosen you to be my “Courts of Praise”, says the Lord!

C. Prophecy given by Dr. Don Crum on August 13, 2001 concerning LaGrange College:

LaGrange is a port of entry for revival in this area and LaGrange College is instrumental in this move. God’s people are to call forth a changing in the spiritual soil into holy ground. God’s people are commissioned to call forth what earlier generations had for this college.

This is what the Sovereign LORD says: On the day I cleanse you from all your sins, I will resettle your towns, and the ruins will be rebuilt. The desolate land will be cultivated instead of lying desolate in the sight of all who pass through it. They will say, “This land that was laid waste has become like the garden of Eden; the cities that were lying in ruins, desolate and destroyed, are now fortified and inhabited.” Then the nations around you that remain will know that I the LORD have rebuilt what was destroyed and have replanted what was desolate. I the LORD have spoken, and I will do it. Ezek. 36: 33-36

LaGrange College will be marked by the undeniable presence of God. It will be a place where true revival fires burn. It will be a place destined to be in the High praises and worship which will go into all the ends of the earth. It will become a place where Jesus is famous (Matt. 4: 23-24)...His fame went throughout all Syria. It will be a place where not only education is imparted, but spiritual impartation occurs (of passion for God).

LaGrange College is a mission sending base.

Speak positive declarations when you ride by.

Note from Paula Gutzman: LaGrange College is the primary institution for redemptive gifts to bring this community into revival. The Methodist Church is a well. It was the true beginning of the evangelicals. It carried anointing.

D. Seek the strategies of God for the fulfillment of His plan for LaGrange/Troup County. Go into the Throne Room and **receive the strategies of God to build a city that glories Him**. Develop and implement the **Master's** plan.

1. Host a meeting of **Christian leaders** in areas of civil government (County Commissioners, City Council), business and finance, education, cultural, family, religion and media.
2. Share the vision and strategies to bring forth the Master's plan with these leaders. Let them know that this plan is the starting point. Pray together and brainstorm for further development of the plan.
3. Identify each area of the city that we as God's people need to influence.
4. Identify and select a strategy(s) for each area.
5. Identify resources (people, money, connections, etc.) needed to accomplish the strategy.
6. Select a leader and team for each area of influence and develop, implement, and evaluate the strategy.

Areas of Influence:

I. Civil Government:

A. County Commissioners, City Council, Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Authority.

1. Identify Christian leaders who truly have an interest and skills to offer in these areas who will commit to support these boards/organizations for at least 1 year.
2. Attend planning meetings, interact with the leaders to learn what actions are needed by the Christian community. Identify strategic leaders in the churches and solicit their support.
3. Begin to support or join these boards and organizations. Secure placement to have influence.
4. Share vision and strategies to bring forth the Master's plan with the leaders of these boards/organizations. Let them know that we have seen their influence and the hand of God upon their lives through the leadership they have demonstrated in our community. Let them know we want to support their efforts.

B. Sheriff's Dept. & Police Department:

1. Work on drug and alcohol prevention with Sheriff's Dept. & Police Dept.
2. Identify successful substance abuse programs and promote them.
3. Invade drug infested areas of the city/county. Reach out to those who are using and/or selling drugs with love and attempt to win them to Jesus. Set up a support group for them that meets their needs. Celebrate Recovery offered by 7 churches so there is a meeting offered every night of the week.
4. View the Kentucky transformation video and plan an intervention for our city/county. See Bobbie Hart's vision from June, 1998.

II. Business & Finance:

A. Development of Downtown

1. Christian community develop and implement the **Master's** plan.
 - a. Christian community set the vision for downtown development and work toward setting the standards.

- 1. Serve in positions of leadership and beginning to share the Master's plan with others in positions of authority.**

- 2. Christian businessmen and churches develop, place, sponsor, and encourage Christ-centered businesses downtown.**

- a. First Baptist Church – pizza parlor and coffee shop
- b. Child care center—day or night time—
Emphasis on imparting God's word to the children or pre-teens who stay there.
- c. First Place Health Center: A place where families can eat or take home nutritionally sound meals to their families at a reasonable price. A place that serves foods from all food groups. There are not enough restaurants that serve vegetables and other wholesome foods.

The First Place Center could be based on the Christ-center Weight Management Program offered at the First Baptist Church. It could be like Weight Watchers and have meetings where the people who are participating in the program could come and weigh in and review their Bible Study for the week.

It could provide a place for exercise—walking or modeled after Curves. Maybe

the downtown gym would offer reduced rates for those participating in this program.

- d. A place like Jim Bob's.
- e. A place where Christian youth bands play. A place for Christian karaoke and other Christian talent can be presented.
- f. A Christian dance studio—teach Israeli dance, creative dance for church presentations, sign language for worship songs, tambourine & flag patterns for Christian presentation.
- g. Arts & Crafts –
- g. Gymnastics & Cheerleading
- h. Christian Counseling Office

3. Make friends of non-Christian business owners in an effort to win them to Christ. Some of these businessmen are going through rough times in their families, finances, etc. We can look for an opportunity to influence them for Christ. Share the vision when appropriate. Some of these owners were raised by Christian parents.

B. Workplace Ministry:

1. Prayer before starting to work. Pray for each other's needs and for the people you will serve during your business hours.
2. Have a Bible study together at lunch once a week.
3. Create opportunities to show love for others giving God the credit.
4. Build relationships that provide an opportunity to share your faith.
5. Reach out to the community with your efforts. Promote this movement in the community.

5. Host a First Place Christ-Centered Weight Management Program for employees and others.

C. Business by the Book: Divine Direction

1. Hold monthly meetings for the community with guest speaker like Truett Cathy with Chick-fil-a to tell of their success in business with the strategy of putting Christ first in the workplace.

E. Connect with a Christian Business Management organization

These organizations provide direction, guidance, and support to Christian businesses.

III. Education

A. Board of Education – School Systems

The Churches need to adopt schools. There are approximately 20 schools in the Troup County School System. There are approximately 5 private and Christian schools. There are approximately 180 churches in Troup County. **This would provide a spiritual covering for the schools.** I believe it would protect them from the enemy. Businesses have adopted schools and it is time that churches adopt them, too.

We need to know the areas we can serve. This is a great place for the elderly and the servant leadership program at LaGrange College to participate. Ask the Board of Education to outline the things we can do to have a Christian influence in the school and commit to doing those things. There are probably many things we can do. We need to focus on what we can do, and not on the things we cannot. We need to have a **can-do attitude**.

It is my understanding that as long as activities are student led there is a lot of freedom.

Support Character Education and promote it in other communities. Explore what can be done with summer programs.

E-mail teachers and principals words of encouragement on a regular basis. Send donuts or other desserts to the school staff from your church.

There are Christian clubs in the middle and high schools. We need to support the leaders of these clubs. They plan projects for their clubs and their projects might coordinate well with projects of the Master's plan. We could help support these clubs financially.

Youth pastors can eat lunch with students. This is a great way to form relationships.

Some prayer teams may pray for the schools on site when students are not on campus.

Solicit support from retired teachers in the community.

B. LaGrange College:

Ask the college how the church can help them reach their goal of promoting Christian Education.

- a. Coordinate the servant leadership program to promote the **Master's** plan.
- b. Reach out to Christian organizations on campus such as the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and solicit their support of the **Master's** plan on campus.
- c. Reach out to the fraternities and sororities.
- d. Reach out to the students on campus to provide support and a church home away from home.
- e. Implement Impact Bible studies with multiplication as the goal.

IV. Family

A. Housing Authorities:

1. Summer or year round programs for children—Bible School, Arts, teach about the dangers of drugs, etc.
2. Help moms be better moms through Home Extension services, help with budgeting, cooking classes.

B. Safety net for those who fall through the cracks.

These are places of opportunity for the Christian community to serve. These are possible places to connect the elderly and the student leadership program at LaGrange College.

Note: If large amounts of money are needed, would it be possible to have another penny tax to cover ministry needs of the community?

- a. Christian Counseling--places to minister to people and teach them how to live.
- b. Christian day care for babies and elderly
- c. Housing – DASH; how to secure low interest loans for low income families.
- d. Job training – West Georgia Technical College
- e. Job search – Teach people to identify their skills –job placement Labor Dept.
- f. Homeless & substance abuse-Max Riley & Ark Refuge
- g. Boys & Girls Club
- h. Need facility for women to receive substance abuse treatment and life skills teaching. Explore becoming a Wellspring Living, Inc. franchise partner. 2007 seminar dates for Atlanta – August 24-25 and October 26-27. Cost of seminar \$350/per person.
- i. Basic homemaking skills—cooking, caring for children, parenting classes.

V. Media

A. Promote the vision in the community.

- a. Murals-The people who do know their God will be strong and do exploits! (Maybe a picture of a torch runner)
- b. Billboards, bumper stickers, etc.
- c. Newspaper, radio, TV 33, Diane Colson show, Internet
- d. Encourage people to report the things of God in the media.
- d. Encourage Christians becoming part of the Writers Guild.

VI. Culture (Promotion of the Arts, Entertainment, Role Models, etc.)

- a. Hold major events where children and teens perform Christian dance, skits with the presentation of art such as pieces coming together to make the face of Jesus, and instrumentals. Might have the bands from all the high schools come together and perform modern Christian music with lively choreographed movements.
- b. Initiate a community effort to promote Christian values in all areas of art presented in LaGrange/Troup/County.
- c. Initiate Christian activities downtown:
 1. Sponsor Christian youth bands playing on the square during the weekends. There are a number of Christian youth bands in the area. Young people need a place to go downtown that is safe and wholesome. I feel sure people would hear the music on the square and come and listen. Churches would need to provide adult oversight and be ready to minister to the people God brings.
 2. Encourage prayer warriors who also like to exercise to walk the square and pray over the city at the same time. There are walkways around the square that make excellent places to walk. I believe this would be a powerful, strategic way to impact our city/county/state/nation/nations for the Lord.

3. Position youth and adults in the breezeways between the Lazy Peach and O la la's on weekends to talk to one another about the Lord and minister to whoever the Lord brings. Another idea is to have someone playing a guitar and the group singing Christian songs. This might draw people in.
4. Ask stores in downtown area to play Christian instrumental background music.
5. Set up a place where young people can come and chat on the Internet with the goal of influencing people for Christ.

VII. Religion

A. Churches begin to empower their members.

Jesus intended for all of us to minister. He sent all of us out to preach the gospel, lay hands on the sick and see them recover, and cast out evil spirits.

- a. Give the members tools to minister (equip the saints). The fields are too white with the harvest to leave all the work for the pastors.

Impact Bible studies are an easy way for members of the church to begin to disciple others. These are basic 12-week Bible studies that teach you that Jesus used a method to spread the gospel that brought great multiplication. It was based on the principle of small groups.

For example, one Christian has a Bible study group with 12 people in it and they study together for 1 year. Then, each one of the 12 starts a Bible study group with 12 people in it. The first person's efforts would multiply 12×12 to 144. The next time this happened the first person's efforts would expand 12×144 to 1,728 in a 2 year period. $1,728 \times 12 = 20,736$. $20,736 \times 12 = 250,832$. This is the way the gospel spread all over the world.

The Bible studies are easy to lead. The workbooks teach the lessons during the week. Participants come together once a week for sharing and fellowship. You can provide a meal or people bring a dish.

Ask Ken Adams, author of Impact Bible Studies to kick-off rally.

- b. Identify and Take Down Strongholds in the Area:

1. See Jeremiah 31 Prayer Pattern