



### MOUNTAIN TOP BOYS HOME

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# Lifetime Rewarded

Once in a lifetime an individual who can make a difference becomes involved with a program such as Mountain Top and forever enhances its future. When Burt Bridges first came to the mountain he began to make a difference.



Burt Bridges was a Boy Scout and today is a poster image of what all young men can become. You may need reminding that a Scout must be: Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean and most important Reverent. All that know Burt and read this can firmly place each of these on Burt. Burt is certainly the man that his mom dreamed that her son would become.

Over nearly thirty years Mountain Top has been a citadel for raising the hopes of young men. However, since Burt's appearance on the board of directors the changes on the mountain have been exceptional. He began by challenging the board to excel. Next he went to work improving the facilities with always an eye on the best interest of the boys.

First came the school building, and then next was a new home for the boys, Dogwood Lodge, a state of the art home that includes a separate apartment for house parents. This departure from the old home allowed a couple on site to create a family atmosphere unlike with the formerly all-male staff. The leadership to move Mountain Top to this was through Burt's ability to expect and motivate those around him to be the best they could be. His tenacity toward the excellence of Mountain Top is special. Those of us that have been fortunate enough to be part of that experience are most grateful.

At the end of the day though, it is Burt who is the single most important factor in the success of Mountain Top. For this we are eternally grateful and award him an Honorary Lifetime Board Member.

Thank you, Burt.

***Burt Bridges shown here in front of stained glass window named for him at Peachtree Road UMC.***

## MOUNTAIN TOP SPEAKERS ARE AVAILABLE

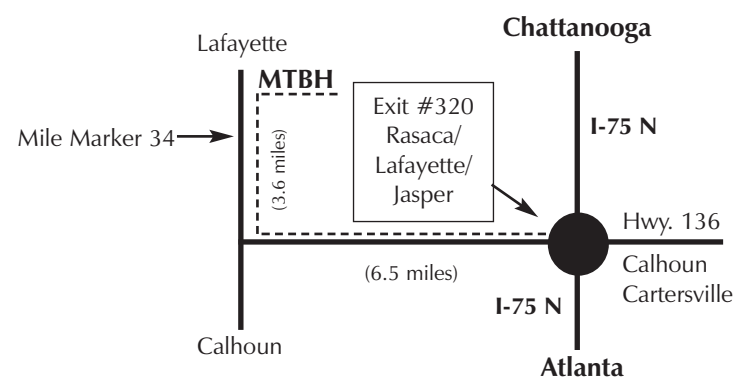
Do you have:

- A Sunday School class that needs a speaker?
- A civic club that requires a program?
- A church group that wants to know more about Mountain Top?
- A missions team that wants to get involved?

Staff and Board Members are prepared to accommodate your speaking needs.

Please contact the Mountain Top office at 706-397-8223 or [davel.mtbh@wildblue.net](mailto:davel.mtbh@wildblue.net) to schedule a speaker.

## Directions to MOUNTAIN TOP



**THE EXPERTS WHO CARE KEEP US ON TARGET**

It is only with the help of professionals who are concerned about Mountain Top that we are able to be successful. Each of these three “takes their work home”. They are each involved in church missions or foster parenting.



**STEVE HUBBARD** as President/CEO of Sheriffs Youth Programs of Minnesota for the past nine years provides leadership to an enormous agency that serves over 1600 children. Services include Residential, Group Care, Shelter, Short Term Consequence, Professional Family Foster Care, Chemical Dependency Treatment, In Home Family Service, After School, and Summer Camp. Steve supervises over 130 employees. Steve serves on an impressive array of professional affiliations including appointments by Minnesota’s governor and leadership positions for Council for Accreditation. Steve earned this position through leadership at the United Methodist Children’s Home in Georgia for twenty-two years. His experience has been an incredible resource for Mountain Top.



**CAROL MCCARTY** serves as administrator with the Georgia Baptist Children’s Home & Family Ministries in Palmetto. She oversees the tremendous Palmetto Campus, Ellijay Group Home, Nelson Price Treatment Center, Jacobs Ladder as well as family foster care. The Palmetto Campus includes the Diagnostic Assessment Center, the Unity Maternity Home as well as emergency and group care for children. Carol administers the International Adoption Program. She may be most proud of Camp Hawkins for children with developmental disabilities. Unbelievably, she also coordinates aid for orphanages in Russia and Guatemala. How she finds time to help Mountain Top we do not know but we are blessed to know her.



**NORMER ADAMS** is Georgia’s primary children’s advocate with the State Legislature as Executive Director for Georgia Association of Homes and Services for Children for which he has served for the past sixteen years. This association includes some one hundred fifty programs. He is our voice toward sensible legislation. Most important to Mountain Top, Normer has always been ready with pertinent advice to solve unimaginable problems. Normer’s strength comes from his background. He has served as Administrator of Christian City for ten years and thereby knows Mountain Top’s problems. He served as a licensed family therapist in private practice and thereby knows the children’s problems. Normer currently serves on a number of boards and thereby knows of the dynamics of volunteer commitment. Normer, thank you so much.

**BOARD MEMBERS**



**WORKER BEES** keep the hive alive. There are no descending votes in this family we call the board. We listen to everyone and form a logical consensus. Each month we will expose those who help behind the scenes and ask for nothing.



**DAVID AUTRY** – Vice President of the Board of Directors. As a Methodist preacher from Walker County, David first came as a volunteer while we were clearing for Dogwood Lodge and he has been an important part of Mountain Top since. As a furniture craftsman he made major pieces that are used daily in both Dogwood and Oak Leaf Lodges. He is preparing lumber he cut from the trees removed from the amphitheatre site for trim to be installed in the chapel. David is seen here with his portable saw mill.

**BONNIE SANFORD** – Secretary of the Board of Directors. Bonnie serves tirelessly every waking hour as a Christian helping others both through her church (First UMC, Marietta) and community agencies. Her friendly and organized nature ground the direction of Mountain Top.

**GEORGE PENNEBAKER** not only brings his experience as a trial lawyer to the board but more important he brings his heart. George won the Dinsmore award this year as an example of evangelism in the United Methodist Church. This is seen not only through his television program and Sunday school class and his Methodist Men projects, but more importantly in his daily casual interaction with people.

**WISH LIST**

**WISH LIST** – Given below are several suggestions (we have more). Gifts of equipment, linens, towels and clothing must be new. Please call our office and we will match you, your civic group, or Sunday school class with current needs. It is only through monetary and “in kind” giving by you that we have survived over the past twenty-seven years. Please call our office at 706-397-8223.

**Landscape Items** – Plants, Pine Straw, Flowers when the drought ends. (We use cistern and well water).

**Linens and Towels** – Mountain Top uses only white so that they can be bleached and inspected.

**Push Mower** – Please, no used equipment. From experience this has proven safer and less costly.

**Work Teams** – Shop Roof Repair, Trail Construction, Landscape (annual items only), etc.

**Office Items** – Paper, Ink Cartridges, Fire Proof Filing Cabinet, etc. We currently have good computers.

