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AUSTIN GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

AUGUST, 2015

5919 Austin Grove Church Road, Marshville, NC 28103

To our Church Family and Friends,

It seems as though summer 2015 just began and yet the calendar says school will be starting in just a few weeks. This has been such a busy summer with so many special services. God has and continues to bless Austin Grove.

In August, "More Than A Monday" services will be held each Monday at 7:00 PM, special music and our choir will be singing at each service. Please make your plans to attend each service. On August 16th we will be ordaining 2 new deacons (Ronald Edwards and Roger James). Please continue to pray for these families and all the other deacons and their families. Pray for our newly elected officers and teachers for our Sunday School and new church year.

Let me share a portion of a devotion I read this week...

Have you looked more into the darkness of the future circumstance rather than the bright way of God's future? Proverbs 3:6 teaches us that when we remember to acknowledge God in all the ways of our lives, He will make our paths straight. Jesus knew of the threat the world offered His disciples after He was taken from them. He told them, "Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Your heart must not be troubled or fearful." John 14:27 HCBS. His peace is sufficient for all circumstances in life. It is sufficient throughout the ages, regardless of the problems we face. It's a matter of our willingness to trust in Him.

Thank you for the privilege of serving together. May God bless each of you.

Leon & Cindy

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Announcements & Upcoming Events

AMERICAN RED CROSS

Thank you for donating blood. We had 3 first time donors and 19 productive units were collected. Thank you also to all who provided cookies and cakes.

On behalf "Word of Messiah" ministries, thank you so much for the love offering totaling \$930.00.

Rebekah J. Weber, Ministries

Coming up this month...

On August 9th Rev. John Wood will be the speaker at our **10:45 AM Service**. Pastor Leon will be speaking at Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Second Harvest Food Distribution

PLACE: Wingate Baptist Church

DATE: Wednesday, August 5th

Deacon Ordination Service

Our Deacon Ordination Service for Ronald Edwards and Roger James will be on Sunday, August 16th at our 10:45 AM Service.

"MORE THAN A MONDAY" 7:00 PM

(Note: Our Sunday Night Services will be moved to Monday Nights.)

Guest Speakers

August 3rd: Rev. Kinney Wallace

August 10th: Rev. Nick Napier

August 17th: Rev. Tommy Preslar

August 24th: Rev. Caroll Anthony



Operation Christmas Child in August

Shoebboxes are available in the vestibule. Our Dedication Service will be on Sunday, August 30 at 10:45 AM.

SUNDAY

Sunday School: 9:45 AM

Morning Worship Service: 10:45 AM

Evening Worship Service: 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

Girls on Mission/Ambassadors for Christ: 6:30 PM

Youth: 6:30 PM

Prayer Service: 6:45 PM

Adult Choir: 7:30 PM



Austin Grove members and friends,

Can you believe it's almost time to begin a new church year? Where has this year gone? At the end of August I will be stepping down from a position I've held for approximately nineteen years and I need to say thank you. I need to say thanks for all the words of encouragement, thanks to all the ladies who have helped me through the years, thanks to those who have been so faithful to attend the various meetings and activities we've had and thanks for the opportunity this has given me to grow spiritually. We have wonderful mission minded people here at Austin Grove and I'm so proud to be a part of that.

In the 2015-2016 church year, I will be assisting our new WMU Director, Britney Smith. I know that God was in our asking and Britney's accepting of this position and I know she's going to bring a new perspective to our WMU. I also know that she is going to need our support. Please do this by words of encouragement, a willingness to help when she asks, and ladies by continuing to attend our meetings and activities so we can keep WMU alive here at Austin Grove.

Now to the ladies who are not a part of any of our women's organizations, you are missing out on some great fellowship. We laugh, we cry, we share and we learn about some of the mission opportunities that are right in our backyard. I would like to invite you to join us. You can find our meetings and activities information in the bulletin. Hope to see some new faces in September and look forward to seeing those whom I've served alongside for all these years.

Love in Christ, Rhonda Long

Coming up in September...

CALABASH, NC MISSION TRIP

DATE: September 13th-19th

If you are interested or planning to go, please see Freddy Griffin.

Guest Speaker, Rod Davis

DATE: September 27th TIME: 6:00 PM



- 1 Dusty Melton
- 1 James F. Smith
- 2 Teddy Anderson Jr.
- 2 Jeremy McAteer
- 2 Elaine Thornsbury
- 3 Abbie James
- 3 Austin James
- 3 Thomas Morris
- 3 Brian Rivenbark
- 4 Judah Dermid
- 4 Craig Walden
- 5 Michael Earp
- 5 Jimmy Haigler
- 6 Terry Ikerd
- 8 Mike Pasciuta
- 8 Denise Simpson
- 10 Stephen Walker
- 11 Ray Smith Jr.
- 12 Polly Haigler
- 12 Matthew Jefferson
- 12 Reid Phifer
- 13 Julia Haigler
- 15 Steve Simpson
- 16 Angela Hopson
- 16 Ashley Ivey
- 16 Tom Preslar
- 18 Kenny Pasciuta
- 20 Gloria Edwards
- 20 Gene Stewart
- 20 Don Post
- 21 Lynn Traywick
- 23 Margaret Pasciuta
- 25 Joe Crowe Jr.
- 25 Heather Smith
- 27 Katie Morris
- 31 Irvin Griffin

Happy Birthday!

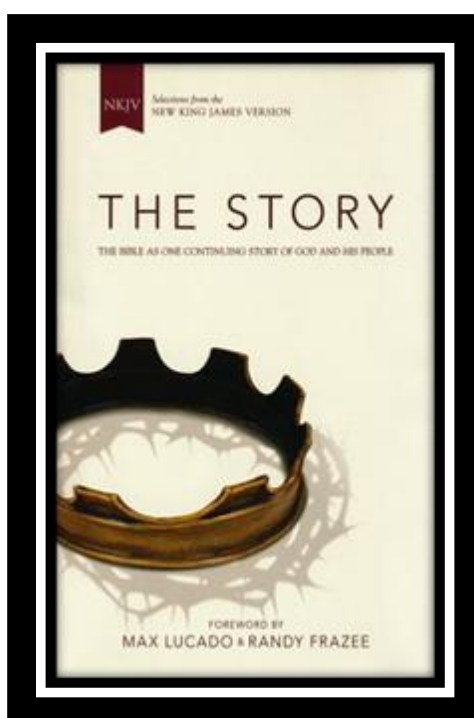


- 1 Mr. & Mrs. Chris Griffin
- 1 Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Trull
- 2 Mr. & Mrs. Billy Fowler
- 5 Mr. & Mrs. Charles Ivey
- 10 Mr. & Mrs. Freddy Griffin
- 18 Mr. & Mrs. Rick Traywick
- 21 Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Rivers
- 31 Mr. & Mrs. Albert Ikerd

Happy Anniversary!



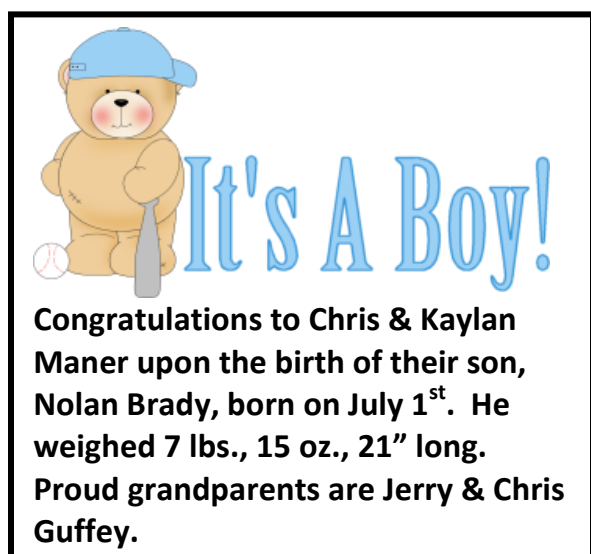
Our church offers online giving for anyone that would like to make donations in this manner. Go to our website: www.austingrovebaptist.com and look under the online giving tab. Also, we have updated our online giving. You can now designate gifts to 10-10-10, Annie Armstrong, Lottie Moon, & Mission Trips.



“The Story”

ADULT BIBLE STUDY
6:45 PM on Wednesdays

CHILDREN & YOUTH BIBLE STUDY
6:30 PM on Wednesday Nights



Congratulations to Zach & Trisha Autry upon the birth of their daughter, Rachel Lynn, on July 20th. She weighs 9 lbs., 1 oz., 21” long. Proud grandparents are Hamp & Pat Autry.

Congratulations to Trent & Laura Ann Strickland upon the birth of their daughter, Emma Rae, on July 21st. She weighs 6 lbs., 9 oz., 20 $\frac{1}{4}$ ” long. Proud grandparents are Albert & Terri Ikerd.

Bible Quiz



Before Job’s great misfortune, how many animals did he own?

- A. 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 yoke of oxen and 500 donkeys
- B. 70 sheep, 30 camels, 50 yoke of oxen and 50 donkeys
- C. 2,000 oxen and 4,000 camels
- D. 250 sheep and 250 goats

Answer: (See Job 1:3.)

Ladies of the Church...

DATE NIGHT at

Charley's

DATE: Thursday, August 20th

TIME: 6:30 PM

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**Minutes of 2nd Quarter 2015
Business Meetings**

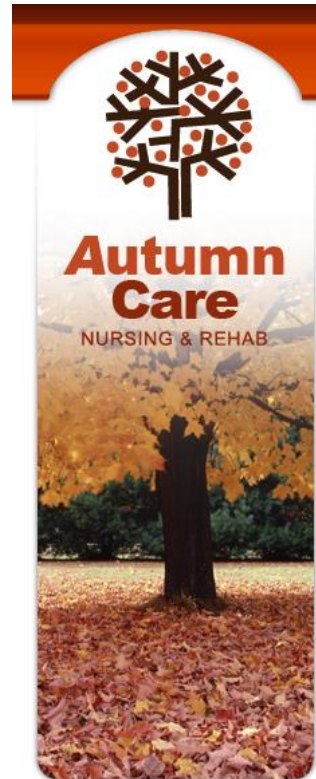
March 29, 2015 – Meeting called to order by Baxter Jordan, Moderator, who called on Pastor Leon Whitley to open meeting with prayer. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the 1st quarter 2015 business meetings as corrected. Rhonda Long, representing the Nominating Committee, presented the recommendation that Steve Little and Brenda Walker continue to serve as co-Sunday School Directors for the 2015-16 year. The recommendation was approved. Steve Little, representing the Building & Grounds Committee, presented the recommendation to replace outside doors in the church building, one door at the old fellowship building and put “panic” locks on remaining doors at a total estimated cost of \$40,591.51 (tax = \$2,395.80). Freddy Griffin, representing the Transportation Committee, presented recommendation that church purchase a smaller bus, that can be driven without CDL license and accommodate no more than 15 passengers, at a cost between \$23,000 and \$30,000. Church will keep old bus for larger groups. Ballots were passed out for voting on doors and bus. (At close of worship service, it was announced that both recommendations were approved). Meeting was closed with prayer by Donald Griffin. Baxter Jordan, Moderator, Phyllis Simpson, Church Clerk

June 14, 2015 – Meeting called to order by Teddy Griffin, Moderator, for purpose of nominating deacons. Nominations were made by secret ballot. Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Meeting adjourned in order. Teddy Griffin, Moderator, Phyllis Simpson, Church Clerk



The Order of the Long Leaf Pine Socie

Congratulations to Tim Simpson who has been awarded *The Order of the Long Leaf Pine*.



**AUTUMN CARE
WORSHIP SERVICE**

DATE: SUNDAY, August 16th

TIME: 9:00 AM



REMINDER...

At 11:00 AM each Sunday Morning all of the children and education wings doors will be locked with the doors in the vestibule and side entrances to the sanctuary unlocked. Please note that you can exit all doors at any time but unless you have a key you will have to enter back at one of the 4 unlocked doors.

No PM Services will be held on Sunday, August 30th.



SCHOOL STARTS BACK AUGUST 24th
Please keep our students in your prayers.