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To Our Church Family and Friends:

May has been a very busy month and June likewise will be a busy one. Our adult VBS is continuing with our children and youth VBS June 22-25. Please take time to invite your community children and your grandchildren to share in this special week of fun. We will have the opportunity to recognize graduates, and fathers this month. In July we will do something different with our Sunday night service moved to Monday nights (More than a Monday) with special music and a different speaker each night. Please make your plans to attend each Monday night. October 5, 2014 will be our Centennial Celebration, please mark your calendars and plan to be with us for this special service. I want to say thank you to all who have purchased pavers for our cemetery memorial area. This is going to be a great addition to our church.

Eugene Lincoln wrote a poem that I would like to share with you.

*A youth and an old man walked one day,
Said the boy: I think I will go away
From father's farm---don't know just when.
The old man listened, and asked, What then?
I guess I will have some fun in town,
The first few years---then settle down
And get a job and earn a lot.
The old man smiled and asked, then what.
Why, then I will meet the girl of my dreams,
Whose folks have money and then it seems
I will buy a fine home with everything new.
The old man queried what then will you do?
I guess I will invest in bonds and stocks,
That is where they say opportunity knocks:
Maybe by then I will be governor.
And the old man asked, and then what more?
Then I guess I will retire if I please,
And travel, and live a life of ease.
The old man thought as he scratched his head,*

*Then what will you do, my son? He said.
For a moment the lad made no reply,
Then answered slowly I guess I will die.
A deep silence followed as both of them thought
Then the old man asked softly,
My Boy Then What?*

May each of us reflect on then what? Christ made it easy for us to answer that question if we will only trust Him as our Savior.

Thank you for allowing us to be a part of this church family.

Leon and Cindy

Fatherly Reflection

Renowned actor Sidney Poitier once said, "I decided in my life that I would do nothing that did not reflect positively on my father's life." If you're blessed with a dad you admire and respect, how would it affect your life to make such a decision? Would you be inspired to set sound priorities, live with integrity, be a positive role model to the young people you influence? For all of us — children of the only perfect Father — may our prayer and intent be:

God, while earthly fathers are a mix of strengths and flaws, you give yourself to us as our heavenly Father, wholly loving, kind and passionate about our best interests. May we, in turn, seek to reflect positively on you. May my life spread far and wide your love, kindness and passion for the best interests of all, and may others see you in me. Amen.



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SUNDAY

Sunday School.....9:45 AM
Worship Service.....10:45 AM
Evening Worship.....6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

Prayer Meeting.....6:45 PM
Adult Choir.....7:30PM

- 3 HannahNapier
- 4 Josh Lemon
- 5 Pam Rivers
- 9 Maggie Collins
- 9 Shannon Earp
- 10 Brandon Knight
- 14 Suzanne Simpson
- 15 Rebecca Edwards
- 15 Kathryn Overcash
- 17 Katie Rivers
- 18 Amanda Ikerd
- 20 Laurel Preslar
- 21 Donald Griffin
- 24 Kenneth Anderson
- 24 Tommy Edwards
- 24 W. D. Phifer
- 24 David Simpson
- 25 Josh Fowler
- 27 Katherine Dunn
- 27 Kyle Howard
- 28 David Figueroa
- 28 Susie Phillips
- 29 Jackie Byrd
- 29 Vickie Griffin
- 30 Rheanna Hartis



Danny & Helen Phifer in the passing of her sister, Virginia Hagler

Lorraine Phifer and Reid & Sandy Phifer & family in the passing of their husband and father, L.T. Phifer



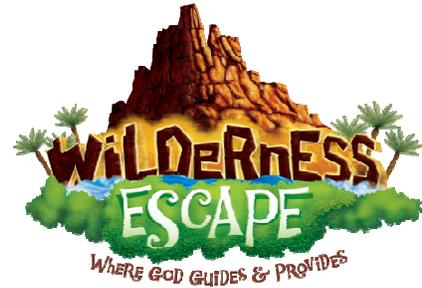
Births in the Church Family

Congratulations to Rocky & Laura Rushing on the birth of their daughter, Leah Ann Rushing. She was born on May 17th at 9:57pm weighing 8 lbs. 4 oz. and measuring 21" long.



Anniversaries

- 3 Mr. & Mrs. Bill Ward
- 3 Rev. & Mrs. Leon Whitley
- 13 Mr. & Mrs. Roger Haigler
- 14 Mr. & Mrs. Donald Griffin
- 15 Mr. Mrs. Clinton Oster
- 16 Mr. & Mrs. Earl James
- 18 Mr. & Mrs. R Ronald Edwards(Doris)
- 22 Mr. & Mrs. Scott Kimrey
- 25 Mr. & Mrs. Irvin Griffin
- 25 Mr. & Mrs. Dwight Starnes
- 26 Mr. & Mrs. Tom Preslar
- 27 Mr. & Mrs. Joe Haigler



Vacation Bible School

June 22 - 25

Supper 5:30PM

VBS 6-9:00PM

Nursing Home Residents

Autumn Care

Leo Edwards (106)
Barbara Wood (404)

Monroe Square

Lynn Crooke

Monroe Rehabilitation Center

Robert Ansley (360)



ADULT VBS

Led by Donald Griffin

June 1 : "To Follow Him More Nearly"

June 8: "Who Am I?"



CONFIRMATION: GOD'S WORD IS THE ABSOLUTE TRUTH

Psalm 31:14 & 15: But I trusted in Thee, O LORD: I said, Thou art my God. My times are in thy hand: deliver me from the hand of mine enemies and from them that persecute me.

On Wednesday, May 21, Pastor Leon spoke from Psalm 31. Verses 14 & 15 and brought back memories for me as I had experienced what God's word promises.

A couple of years ago, I was invited to go on a short vacation with a dear friend. I left a note in my mailbox for the Post Office to hold my mail. We expected to stay 4-5 days, but on the second day my friend needed to return home. I was invited to stay with others, but after a very short pause, I said "I think I need to go home." I didn't know at the time why that decision was made. There were no second thoughts or guesses about changing my plan.

That night I was awakened by a very loud noise. It sounded like broken glass. I was too scared to do anything, but I knew I had to investigate. I didn't turn on any lights but got up and searched the house with a flashlight. I didn't see all the broken glass on the floor of another bedroom. I thought, well it may have come from a business near my home, and I lay back down.

After a few minutes my doorbell rang. I was not about to open that door. I called the Police. They wasted no time in getting to my home. They discovered the broken window and glass scattered throughout the other bedroom. Of course I called Roger and he came and replaced the broken window with a board. He also located the large brick on the floor. The police reported that there had been a car parked at the bottom of the hill a few hundred feet from my front door. There appeared to be foot prints of two people walking to the car.

I believe that because I trust in the Lord the decision to return home was made for me and I was protected from my enemy.

I have finished my cancer treatments. I am free of this illness. Many thanks to all of you for your prayers and support through all of this. We should pray for each other continuously. It is a pleasure to worship with you at this Church.

Polly Haigler



Katie Rivers
Forest Hills High School

Madison Beltran
UNC-Charlotte
Bachelor of Science
Nursing



Ashley Fowler
Elon University
Bachelor of Arts
Political Science & International Studies

Camden Smith
Clemson University
Bachelor of Science
Marketing

Rick Smith
South Piedmont Community College
Associate Degree
Criminal Justice

Peace for today

*May today there be peace within.
May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.
May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.
May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you.
May you be confident knowing you are a child of God.
Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love.
It is there for each and every one of us.
—St. Therese of Lisieux (1873-1897)*

THE GOSPEL

STUDENT MINISTRY

Summer Events

Gospel Night Pool/Dinner Party Fellowship—
Friday, June 20 6pm at Joe & Marty Little's House

VBS June 22-25.

Gospel Night Banana Splint & Dinner/Slip & Slide
Fellowship - Friday, July 11 : 6pm In Fellowship
Hall.

Gospel Night Lake Day Fellowship - Saturday, July
26 at Donald & Susan Griffins Lake House leaving
the church on bus by 11am

Please sign up for events on youth bulletin board
so we can have a head count for each person
attending.

"More than a Monday"

During the month of July, we will move our
Sunday evening services to Mondays. We will have
special music from our choir and others for these
services and our guest speakers are as follows:

July 7 - Rev Victor Dermid Olive Branch Baptist
July 14-Rev Steve Starling Freedom Biker Church
July 21- Rev John Wood
July 28 - Rev Lee Pigg Hopewell Baptist

Make plans to join us for these services!

Centennial Celebration

News/Plans/Announcements.....

Save the Date....October 5, 2014

Order forms for the brick pavers are available on
the table in the vestibule or in the Sunday School
classes. Please write legibly (only one character in
each box -- all letters, punctuation and spaces
count as one character.) Cost of the pavers is
\$18.00. Deadline for orders is June 1.

Library News

For those of you Max Lucado fans, Kelly Martin has donated several books by him to the Austin Grove church library: *It's Not About Me*, *3:16*, *The Eye of the Storm*, and *Cast of Characters*.

Rhonda Long has given a DVD, *Bad Girls of the Bible*, which was the basis for the ladies' Bible study this spring.

Last Sunday Ben and Laura Stoddard donated a baker's dozen—13—books to the church library, which include a couple of daily devotional books, *Rebel With a Cause* (Franklin Graham), *The Man Comes Around: The Spiritual Journey of Johnny Cash*, *Bringing in the Sheaves* (remembering the "good old days") and *Jesus and His Times*, to name some of them.

The books that Kelly donated have been processed and are ready to check out. Ben and Laura's donations are being processed and will be ready soon to read as you continue on your spiritual journey.

Thanks to Kelly, Ben, Laura, Rhonda, and others who contribute books for your reading pleasure and spiritual growth.

Brenda Lee
Church Librarian