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**AUSTIN GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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**March, 2017**

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*To our Church Family and Friends,*

Thank you so much for your faithfulness and service to our Lord! We have had a lot of mission projects that we have supported and been involved in this past month. What a joy it is to serve our Lord.

We have a number of activities and special services during March and April. Be sure to pay close attention to your bulletin and newsletter. Easter is just around the corner with a number of activities and volunteer opportunities.

Let me share a short devotion from Sarah Young. "I am your joy! These four words can light up your life.

Since I am always with you, the joy of My presence is continually accessible to you. You can open up to my presence through your trust in Me, your love for Me. Try saying, Jesus You are my Joy. My Light will shine upon you and within you as you rejoice in Me, your Savior.

Ponder all I have done for you and all that I am to you. This will lift you up above your circumstances. When you became my follower, I empowered you to rise above the conditions in your life. I filled you with My Spirit, and this Holy Helper has limitless Power. I promised that I will come back and take you to be with Me in heaven---that you may be where I am forever. Relax in My presence, and hear Me saying, Beloved, I am your Joy."

God has been and continues to be so good to our Church and its family members. We have seen God's healing power at work in so many lives. We have felt His comforting hand during periods of loss and the joy that He brings into our lives each and every day. Please continue to pray daily, seek to stay closer to Him than you have ever been before. **God is so good! God is so good!**

Thanks for allowing Cindy and I to be a part of this Church.

*May God Bless, Cindy and Leon*



**5<sup>th</sup>: Dustin & Dawn Marsh**  
**12<sup>th</sup>: Lebron & Shirley Crowe**  
**19<sup>th</sup>: Bill & Carol Fowler**  
**26<sup>th</sup>: Ray & Heather Smith**



**5<sup>th</sup>: Kerri Collins & Josh Fowler**  
**12<sup>th</sup>: Michael & Alicia Jordan**  
**19<sup>th</sup>: Christa & Brandon Love**  
**26<sup>th</sup>: Cindy Whitley & Emily Oster**



## **Is This The End?**

**Continues at 6:00 PM on Sundays**

**March 11<sup>th</sup>: Chapter 7**

**March 19<sup>th</sup>: Chapter 8**

**March 26<sup>th</sup>: Chapter 9**

## **"BREATHE"**

**Ladies Book Study**

Each Monday in March (6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>) and Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

See Melissa Smith for more details.

## Dinner & a Movie



### Ladies Night Out: Dinner and Movie

**DATE:** Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>

**PLACE:** Dinner at Sun Valley Cafe and movie, The Shack, at Sun Valley Theaters.

**COST:** This is a \$5.00 Tuesday movie!  
Sign-up sheet on bulletin board.

If The Shack is a book you are not familiar with, please make sure to read the synopsis beside the sign-up sheet. This will help you decide if this movie, based on the book, is one you'd like to see.

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### LIBRARY NEWS

The church library keeps growing! Carolyn Haigler recently donated close to 50 books for your reading pleasure. About half of those were written by well-known fiction writer, Karen Kingsbury.

Others included in this donation are several Christmas-themed inspirational books plus four by Max Lucado.

All of these have been processed and ready to be checked out.

As a matter of information, there may be changes in the works for the crowded library. Stay tuned.

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### Fellowship Hall Clean-up for March:

Knights for Christ, Adult Class #1, Adult Class #5

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**Ida Mae James WMU**

DATE: TBA; TIME: 10:00 AM

PLACE: Austin Grove Baptist Church

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### ONLINE GIVING

Our church offers online designated giving for anyone that would like to make donations in this manner.

Please go to: [www.austingrovebaptist.com](http://www.austingrovebaptist.com)

## MARCH 2017 STUDENT & YOUTH MINISTRY

**Anddddd there goes February.** We are already moving into March and we are busy as ever with the student and youth ministry. Our next major event will be coming up on March 5<sup>th</sup> as we celebrate **YOUTH SUNDAY**. If you are a parent of a student or youth, please ensure they are present this Sunday morning. It is going to be a great morning. The next event will be our Easter Event "Walk with Jesus." Make your plans now to attend on April 9<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. This event will take you through 5 different scenes from the Easter story. You will be able to truly get a feeling of the events of Jesus crucifixion to three days later when the tomb is found empty. It will be an experience you don't want to miss. We do this for a second year in replacement of a traditional Easter Egg Hunt because we want out students, youth, and community to understand the true meaning behind Easter, The resurrection of our Savior, Messiah, Jesus Christ. If it were not for this event, nothing else would be important.

We are still in our final planning stages for our youth summer camp time at Cross Roads Summer Conference. We will take 25 or more to Anderson, SC for this conference. It is going to be a blast. It seems like a long time away, but as quick as this year is going, it will be here in a blink of an eye.

The youth would like to thank those that have provided meals for the Sunday night youth times. Thanks John and Pearl Woods, The Phebian Class, and all others that have provided. If you would like to sponsor a Sunday night meal please let me know. Eating together is biblical, and it sets a great tone for the youth to fellowship and build relationships that will last. Having a fellow Christian to be able to lean on, talk to, relate to is so vital during this phase of their lives.

Thank you all for the support, prayers and love you show for the student and youth ministry of Austin Grove Baptist Church. **Michael & Alicia Jordan**



**ANNIE ARMSTRONG CHURCH GOAL: \$4,580.00**

**Week of Prayer: March 5-12**

## Alaska Mission Trip

A trip for the summer is being planned...possible dates 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> week in July (TBD).

See Freddy Griffin for information.

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### CARDS FOR THE TROOPS

Please return cards for the troops to the visitor center before April 7<sup>th</sup>. Thank you. Melva Seay

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### SAVE THE DATE....

**Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>: Eat-out at Rocky River Springs Fish House**

We will leave the church at 5:00 PM; Eat at 6:00 PM. Please sign up on bulletin board and please check if you will be riding the bus.

**Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>: Youth Sunday**

Week of Prayer for North American Missions

6:00 PM Mission Study

**Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>:**

**Sharing Hope in Crisis Seminar**

**PLACE:** Westover Church, Greensboro, NC 27410

**TIME:** 8:00 AM to 4:15 PM

*Equipping God's People for Ministry*

Most everyone knows someone who is suffering with a personal tragedy, yet most people don't know what to say!

**The Billy Graham Rapid Response Team** invites you to attend this one-day seminar to help you provide appropriate spiritual care and emotional support for people struggling with grief following a personal crisis. The subject matter of this seminar will include...Biblical view of suffering ◊ Effects of Trauma ◊ Places of Grief ◊ Listening Skills ◊ Ministry of Hope ◊ What to say and what not to say

To purchase a ticket (\$45) please use the following link:  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sharing-hope-in-crisis-seminar-greensboro-nc-registration-31233349790>



**Daylight Savings Time reminder...**spring forward...move your clocks up one hour before going to bed tonight.

**Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>:** Red Cross Blood Drive 1:00-5:30 PM

To schedule a life saving appointment, please contact Beverly Napier at [banapier@windstream.net](mailto:banapier@windstream.net) or go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code

"Austin Grove"

**Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>:** MAKE YOUR GROUP GROW Sunday School Conference with Josh Hunt. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board.

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### Coming in April...

Baptist Children's Homes of NC  
**Food Roundup!**

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### MAY EVENTS

*May 4, 2017*

*Save  
the  
Date*

Union County Crisis Assistance Ministry Annual Meeting/Dinner presents "A Dinner with Miss Clara" from the movie **War Room!** See Ladies Bulletin Board

for more information.

**Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>:** Church-wide Picnic at Cane Creek

**Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>:** Sam Nadler from Word of Messiah Ministries will be with us at 6:00 PM. Please mark your calendars.

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## VBS: June 19-22

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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1 Patsy Griffin, Billy Tarlton
- 3 Mandy Howard
- 4 Kayla Throckmorton, Bill Ivey, Rian Ivey
- 5 Kevin Morris, Allison Nassef
- 7 Steve Little, Ashlyn Stewart, Debbie Walker, Jennie Ward
- 9 Kerri Collins
- 10 Clark Griffin, Jeremy Knight, Meredith Whitley
- 11 Kay Haigler, Matthew Simpson
- 12 TJ Griffin
- 13 Kenneth Earp
- 14 Renee Guffey
- 15 Kevin Edwards
- 16 Angie Nash
- 17 Amy Oster
- 19 Ben Stoddard
- 20 Ellie H. Collins, Karen Knight, Allen Traywick
- 23 Sean Carter, Carolyn Haigler, Austin Miller, Camden Smith, Sherry McManus
- 27 Phillip Edwards
- 29 Brenda Hartis, Jennifer Napier, Andy Newsome
- 31 Amanda Guffey, Dylan Charles Ivey, Floyd Overcash

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 14 Mr. & Mrs. Billy Riggins
- 22 Mr. & Mrs. Steve Little
- 31 Mr. & Mrs. Gene Stewart

**"Youth Meal" Sign-Up Sheet** is located on the bulletin board in hallway behind sanctuary. We need volunteers 😊 Thanks!

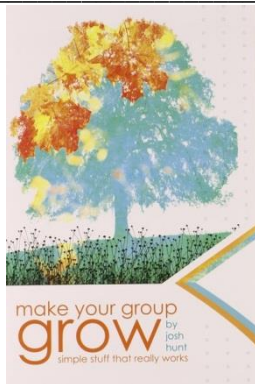
**"Church to Family"  
Partnerships for Hurricane Matthew  
Recover Efforts  
Baptists C.A.R.E.**

*(Churches Assisting Recovery Efforts)*

Many people in eastern North Carolina have been affected by Hurricane Matthew. NCBM is working to set up a plan to partner NC Baptist churches, associations or volunteers with Hurricane Matthew affected families. Our desire is to assist as many people as possible by partnering churches with families who have been affected. If your church is interested in helping, one way is to partner with a family who has been flooded during Hurricane Matthew.

Prayer should be an important aspect of this partnership. Call the UBA for a "Church to Family" partnership form and more guidelines for partnering with an affected family or visit <http://unionbaptist.com/ministry-teams/nc-baptist-men-brotherhood/nc-baptist-men-events>.

A church, Sunday School class, WMU group or Baptist Men's group can join in this effort.

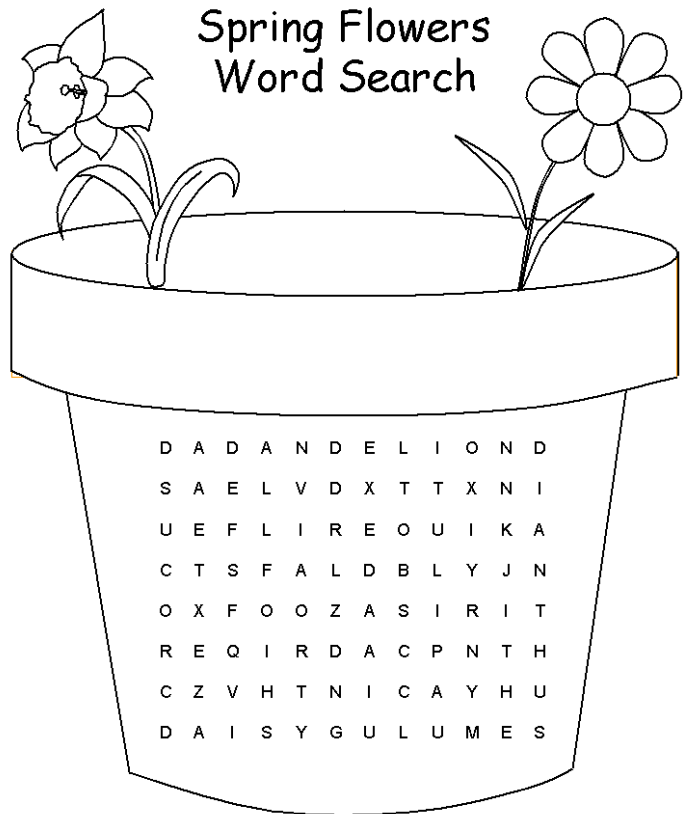


**"Make Your Group Grow"**

Sunday School Conference with  
Josh Hunt  
Tuesday, March 14, 2017  
6:30-9:15 pm

Lakeview Baptist Church  
For more information, see his web page at [www.joshhunt.com](http://www.joshhunt.com).

**Please sign up in the church bulletin board.**



AZALEA	DAISY	HYACINTH	ROSE
CROCUS	DANDELION	IRIS	TULIP
DAFFODIL	DIANTHUS	LILAC	VIOLET

**SUNDAY**

Sunday School: 9:45 AM  
Morning Worship Service: 10:45 AM  
Adult Violin Practice: 5:00 PM  
Evening Worship Service: 6:00 PM

**WEDNESDAY**

Violin Practice: 5:30 PM; Bell Practice: 6:00 PM  
Girls on Mission/Ambassadors for Christ: 6:30 PM  
Youth: 6:30 PM; Prayer Service: 6:45 PM

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