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To Our Church Family and Friends:

Someone sent me the you tube link and I found the manuscript of Paul Harvey "If I were the Devil" which aired April 3, 1965 To many you will not remember who Paul Harvey was, but many of you will remember his insights to our lives and the lives of the nations of this world. Please take time to read this and see just how true so many of these predictions of his came true these 49 years later. His radio shows and commentaries hit a nerve week after week as they were aired all across this United States and many other countries.

"If I were the Devil...if I were the Prince of Darkness, I would want to engulf the whole world in darkness. And I'd have a third of its real estate and four-fifths of its

population, but I wouldn't be happy until I had seized the ripest apple on the tree -- thee. So I'd set about however necessary to take over the United States.

I'd subvert the churches first, I'd begin with a campaign of whispers. With the wisdom of a serpent, I would whisper to you as I whispered to Eve: "Do as you please." To the young, I would whisper that the Bible is a myth. I would convince them that man created God instead of the other way around. I would confide that what's bad is good, and what's good is "square". In the old I would teach to pray after me, "Our Father which art in Washington."

And then I'd get organized. I'd educate authors in how to make lurid literature exciting so that anything else would appear dull an uninteresting. I'd threaten T.V. with dirtier movies and vice versa. I'd peddle narcotics to whom I could. I'd sell alcohol to ladies and gentlemen of distinction. I'd tranquilize the rest with pills.

If I were the devil, I'd soon have families at war with themselves, churches at war with themselves, and nations at war with themselves. Until each in its turn was consumed. And with promises of higher ratings I'd have mesmerizing media fanning the flames.

If I were the Devil, I would encourage schools to refine young intellects but neglect to discipline emotions -- just let those run wild. Until before you knew it, you'd have to have drug sniffing dogs and metal detectors at every school house door. Within a decade, I'd have prisons overflowing, I'd have judges promoting pornography -- soon I could evict God from the courthouse, then from the school house, and then from the houses of Congress. And in His own churches I would substitute psychology for religion and deify science. I would lure priests and pastors into misusing boys and girls and church money.

If I were the devil, I'd make the symbol of Easter an egg, and the symbol of Christmas, a bottle.

If I were the Devil, I would take from those who have and give to those who wanted, until I had killed the incentive of the ambitious.

What do you bet, I couldn't get whole states to promote gambling as the way to get rich. I would caution against extremes in hard work, in patriotism, in moral conduct.

I would convince the young that marriage is old fashioned, that swinging is more fun, that what you see on T.V. is the way to be. And thus I could undress you in public, and I could lure you into bed, with diseases for which there is no cure.

In other words, if I were the Devil, I'd just keep right on doing what he's doing.

Paul Harvey, Good Day."

It is a sad and scary situation that we find ourselves in today. There are so many things we let pass by without saying anything or giving thought to, yet there are so many things that when they were coming to pass, it just was not worth saying this is not right or standing up to something that we knew had a possibility of not turning out well for our children and grandchildren. May we read this and turn back the clock to remember these things and may we look forward with a resolve to right these things to the best of our abilities in the eyes of our friends, families, and our Lord. May God forgive us for not staying vigilant on the watch for our generation and the generations to come. All is not lost for God is on His throne and we are in His hands. Guard well that which God has placed before us to be the best steward of His blessings.

Thank you for allowing us to serve you

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SUNDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

GospelNight(Ignite Kidz & Ignite Youth).....6:30M
Prayer Meeting.....6:45 PM
Adult Choir.....7:30PM

- 1 Patsy Griffin
- 1 Billy Tarlton
- 3 Mandy Howard
- 4 Kayla Throckmorton
- 5 Allison Nassef
- 7 Steve Little
- 7 Ashlyn Stewart
- 7 Debbie Walker
- 7 Jennie Ward
- 9 Kerri Collins
- 10 Clark Griffin
- 10 Jeremy Knight
- 10 Meredith Whitley
- 11 Kay Haigler
- 11 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
- 20 Karen Knight
- 20 Allen Traywick
- 23 Sean Carter
- 23 Carolyn Haigler
- 23 Austin Miller
- 23 Camden Smith
- 23 Sherry Stewart
- 27 Phillip Edwards
- 29 Brenda Hartis
- 29 Jennifer Napier
- 29 Andy Newsome
- 31 Amanda Guffey
- 31 Dylan Charles Ivey
- 31 Floyd Overcash



Betty Sue Carnes family

Teddy & Vickie Griffin in the loss of her aunt, Margaret Cloer.

Eric & Bennett Taylor & family in the loss of their wife & mother, Angela Taylor.



Births in the Church Family

Congratulations to David & Julia Godwin on the birth their son, David "Jase" Godwin. He was born on Feb. 17th weighing 6 lbs. 11 oz. and was 20" long. Congratulations also to proud grandmother, Carolyn Smith!

Churchwide Meal at Rocky River Springs Fish Camp

Thursday, March 6

Bus will leave the church at 5:00pm. We will eat at 6:00pm. Please sign up on bulletin board if you plan to go.

Casting Crowns Concert

(also performing *For King and Country & Laura Story*)

@ Bojangle's Coliseum in Charlotte NC
Friday, March 7 at 7:00pm

Church Leaders Recognition

Wednesday, March 19 6:00pm

Everyone is invited to our family night meal in the fellowship hall where we will be recognizing our church leaders. Please sign up on bulletin board if you plan to attend.



Anniversaries

- 14 Mr. & Mrs. Billy Riggins
- 22 Mr. & Mrs. Steve Little

Nursing Home Residents

Autumn Care

- Leo Edwards(106)
- Barbara Wood (608)

Monroe Square

- Judy Griffin
- Lynn Crooke

Kindred Transitional Care & Rehabilitation

- Robert Ansley (360)

Jesse Helms Ctr

- Margaret Connell



Women's Ministry Meeting
Thursday, Mar. 13, 2014
7:00pm in the fellowship hall

We will be working on our church scrapbooks to help prepare them for our centennial celebration. For our project we will be taking a love offering for "Adventures in Missions".

Adventures in Missions

Manila is a home to over 15,000 women and children trapped in sex trade. This ministry has established a safe house in Manila for women and children that have been rescued from bondage. This safe house provides opportunities for nurturing, discipleship, healing and an education in a loving & Christ-centered home.

For more information on this ministry, see Barbara Simpson.

Mission study will be on Sunday, March 2 during evening service.

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The "Annie" of the Offering



Each year, we honor the life and work of Annie Walker Armstrong (1850-1938) when we give to the annual offering for North American missions named after her. As a tireless servant of God and a contagious advocate and supporter of mission efforts throughout the world, Annie Armstrong led women to unite in

mission endeavors that ultimately led to the formation of Woman's Missionary Union, for which she served as the first corresponding secretary.

Annie believed in Christ with all her heart, but it was her hands that expressed that belief in tangible ways. She spent a great amount of time typing and handwriting letters in support of missions. Many of these letters were quite lengthy and all were filled with conviction that more could and should be done in our mission efforts. In 1893 alone, she wrote almost 18,000 letters! Annie also never hesitated to use her hands to reach out to hug a child or distribute food and clothing and the Word of God to those in need. Her hands held her own Bible as she studied to know how best to share God's love with others. And, most important, Annie was a woman of prayer, folding her hands in prayer to intercede for the missionaries and for those they were helping discover Christ.

Annie rallied churches to give more, pray more, and do more for reaching people for Christ. As we continue to unite to make her vision a reality in North America today, we can be confident that her legacy will also be ours.

Ladies Bible Study

Our study will be on the book, *Bad Girls of the Bible and What We Can Learn From Them* by Liz Curtis Higgs. It begins on March 25 & continues approximately 6 weeks on Tuesdays at 6:30pm. Cost of the book is approximately \$15. Please sign up on the bulletin board by March 9 if you would like to participate.

Mary Blair Scholarship

Applicants must be a member of a church in the UBA, and a high school graduate enrolling as a freshman at Wingate University in the fall of 2014. Applications & more info are posted on the bulletin board. Applications must be turned in by May 2.



Dominican Republic Mission Trip

March 7 – 17

Please keep our mission team in your prayers as they prepare for their trip.

Pentennial Celebration

News/Plans/Announcements.....

Save the Date....October 5, 2014

If you haven't already submitted the names & addresses of former members and past attendees of Austin Grove that you would like to be invited to our Centennial Celebration, please get those to Sarah Traywick or Brenda Lee by Sunday, March 16. Include email addresses, too, if you have them.

The ladies will be working on the church scrapbooks to help prepare them for the Centennial Celebration at the March Women's Ministry Meeting on March 13 at 7pm in the fellowship hall. If you'd like to help, please join them.

Last call for recipes for our cookbook.....If you have recipes that you would like to have included in the cookbook, please leave them in the folder on the Women's bulletin board as soon as possible.



Vacation Bible School

June 22 - 25

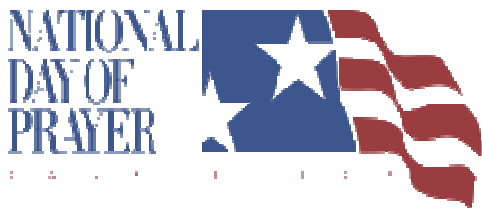
Mark your calendars and make plans to join us!

ADULT VBS

Led by Donald Griffin

May 4 & 18

June 1 & 8



Thursday, May 1, 2014

Theme for 2014 is **One Voice, United in Prayer**

"So that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."
Romans 15:6

In recognition of the National Day of Prayer, we will move our Wednesday evening service from April 30 to Thursday, May 1



"UNITED IN PRAYER" T-SHIRT ORDER

See bulletin board if you would like to order a t shirt. Please sign up by Sun Mar 16

T- shirts are
\$8.95 for S-XL
\$11.95 for 2X-5X