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AUSTIN GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH 5919 Austin Grove Church Road, Marshville, NC 28103

November, 2014

To Our Church Family and Friends:

Thank you for your support and participation in the Centennial Celebration. It was a wonderful day in the life of our Church. This only happened when the whole body stepped forward and did whatever it took to make this day successful.

In one of my devotional times I read an article that is written as a letter from Jesus to us as His children. Let me share a portion of this with you.

"Before you knew me, you were a slave to sin. In order to redeem you, to deliver you from this bondage, I paid the full penalty for your sins. The

price was astronomical: the sacrifice of my own blood! So now you belong to Me, and you will live with Me throughout eternity. Since you were bought at such an immeasurable price, I want you to glorify Me in your body and in your spirit. You glorify Me in your body by taking good care of yourself and abstaining from immorality. Your life is a precious gift from Me, and I want you to live it fully, in ways that bring Me glory and give you healthy pleasure. You glorify Me in your spirit by delighting in Me above all else. This is a most joyful pursuit! The world contains much beauty and many sources of enjoyment, but I outshine them all. As you orient your spirit toward Me, I bless you with the Joy of My Presence. This pleasure is independent of your circumstances; it flows from the fountain of My eternal Love. Because you are My redeemed one, I take great delight in you. I quiet you with My love; I rejoice over you with singing!"

Live everyday for Jesus, giving Him the glory for all things are His. Let Jesus direct your thoughts, steps, even your motives, for He requires us to give Him our all in all. Are you all in for Jesus? If not won't you let Him come into your life today and start a new life for Him with eternity in Heaven as your destination!

Thanks for allowing Cindy and I to serve along side of each of you in service to our Lord.

Leon & Cindy



Give Thanks Always

Full many a blessing wears the guise of worry or of trouble; Far-seeing is the soul, and wise, who knows the mask is double. But he who has the faith and strength to thank his God for sorrow Has found a joy without alloy to gladden every morrow.

-Ella Wheeler Wilcox



Evening Service......6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

Bell Choir Practice	6:00PM
Girls On Mission	6:30PM
Ambassadors for Christ(Boys Bible Study)	6:30PM
Prayer Service	6:45PM
Adult Choir	7:30PM

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- 10 Brannon Crowe
- 12 Frances Haigler
- 12 Scott Haigler
- 13 Benjamin Davis
- 14 Lorraine Phifer
- 15 Max Haigler
- 15 Eric Lacroix
- 15 Blair Simpson
- 16 Douglas Guffey
- 17 Sandra Griffin
- 17 J. R. Hopson
- 17 Kelsey Jordan
- 24 Erica Miller
- 24 Hailey Nassef
- 24 Carolyn Smith
- 24 Sara Weir
- 27 Mattie Simpson
- 27 Steven Walden
- 29 Collin David Smith



<u>Anniversaries</u>

- 9 Mr. & Mrs. Gene Deese
- 12 Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Simpson
- 20 Mr. & Mrs.Jamie Long
- 22 Mr. & Mrs.Vinny Pasciuta 25 Mr. & Mrs.Danny Phifer
- 27 Mr. & Mrs.Lebron Crowe





Bill Lemmon family

Gene & Mary Deese in the passing of her aunt, Geneva Helms, and cousin, Jimmy Purser.

Morris & Gerrie Williams in the passing of her brother, Alvin Hasty.



Congratulations to our newlyweds, Trent & Laura Ann (Ikerd) Strickland. They were joined in marriage on September 27, 2014.



Wed, October 29

5:30 – 8:00pm. Everyone is asked to please bring drinks & desserts. We also need cakes for the cake walk. We will be having a hot

dog supper, cake walk, hayride, games, costume contest, family pumpkin contest. Make plans to join us for all the fun & fellowship!

Churchwide Meal @ Rocky River Springs Fish Camp Thursday, November 6 6:00pm Bus will leave church at 5pm. Please sign up on bulletin board by Wed., Oct. 29.

Women's Ministry Meeting Thursday, November 13 6:30pm in fellowship hall Our guest speaker will be Katie Greene, founder of

KatiesKidz. A love offering will be taken for this ministry. All women of the Church are invited!

Seniors Oyster Stew Thursday, November 13 11:30am



All Seniors are invited to join us.

Parent-Child Dedication Service will be held on Sunday, November 16 during morning worship.



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Nursing Home Residents

<u>Monroe Square</u> Lynn Crooke

Monroe Rehabilitation Center Robert Ansley (360)



November Events

- Girls on Mission Bible Study and Ambassadors for Christ Boys Bible Study will take place Wednesday Nov. 5, Nov.12, and Nov.19 (6:30-7:30pm).

- Children/Youth Trip to Concord Mills Mall – Sat. Nov. 8. We will be leaving the church at 10:30am for our shopping trip. We will need adult chaperones on this trip. Please sign up on youth bulletin board if you would like to go.

- Crossroads Worldwide Winter Conference is coming up Jan. 16 - 19th. Total cost is \$125 per person which includes conference cost, 3 Breakfasts, and hotel stay. You will need money for shopping, 3 Lunches & dinners on this trip. You must be signed up and all money turned in by Nov . 23rd. Please let Rocky know ASAP if you are planning on going with us.

Please sign up for events on youth bulletin board so we can have a head count for each person attending. Please contact Rev. Rocky Rushing at 704-698-5787 or <u>Rocky1573@gmail.com</u> if you have any questions pertaining to these events.

Coming Soon.....'Heaven' DVD by Billy Graham

Aspire to Inspire Before you Expire GOD "PRECIATES" YOU!

"Heaven It's Not What You Think" (Chip Ingram Series) Continues on Sunday evenings at 6:00

Oct 26 – What's Heaven Like(part 1) Nov 2 – What's Heaven Like(part 2) Nov 9 - A New Home for the New You(part 1) Nov 16 – A New Home for the New You(part 2)



Sunday, November 2 @ 2:00am Remember to turn your clocks back!

Hospice of Union County Holiday Auction Saturday, November 8 First Baptist Church in Monroe Event begins at 8am and will include a Silent & Live Auction. Items available for bid include beach and mountain vacation rentals, spa & golf packages, gift baskets and jewelry. All proceeds will go to support families in need of services provided by Hospice of Union County and Hospice of Anson County. For more information or to donate an item, contact Wayne Berg at 704-292-2130 or Wayne.Berg@carolinashealthcare.org



Sunday, November 23 6:00PM Christ Bible Discipleship Worship Center



Week of Prayer & Mission Study for International Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

November 30 – December 7 Our Mission Study will be on Wednesday, December 3

Field personnel under appointment	4,842
(7/21/14)	
Career/apprentices	4,176

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ISC/Journeymen/Masters/GC2	666
Field personnel added 2013	476
Career/apprentices	257
2-yr. ISC/Journeymen/Masters	219
Overseas baptisms 2013	114,571
Overseas churches 2013	28,008
Overseas church membership 2013	853,020
New churches 2013	6,192
People groups engaged by IMB personnel (6/1/14)	901
Unreached People Groups not Engaged (6/1/2014)	3,052
World population 2014 $(1/1/14)$	7.0 billion
LMCO receipts for Christmas 2013	\$154 million
LMCO goal for Christmas 2014	\$175 million
IMB budget for 2014	\$299 million
World Hunger/General Relief 2013 receipts	\$5.5 million





Christmas Play Practice will be on Sundays at 4: 30pm. Our Christmas play will be on Sunday, December 7 at 6pm. Christmas Program Mark your calendars!



Samaritan's Purse We collected 88 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Thank you so much to all those who participated!

Our workday for the

Operation Christmas Child warehouse in Charlotte has been scheduled for Monday, December 8 in the

evening. More details to come soon.

Donna Pittman Christmas Toy Store – December 13

@ UBA beginning at 8am. New toys/gifts are needed for ages birth – 16 year olds. Please leave prices on them. Donations can be left in Welcome Center & will be taken to the association office the week of Dec. 8. Volunteers that would like to work at the store can sign up on the bulletin board. Contact Barbara Simpson @ 624-5489 with any questions.



Our choir's Special Christmas music will be presented on Sunday, December 14 during morning worship.



For a Conference: Monday, October 27

Thanksgiving: Thursday & Friday, Nov. 27-28

Christmas: Thursday & Friday, Dec. 25-26

New Year's Thursday, January 1