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AUSTIN GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
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To our Church Family and Friends,

Only a few more weeks until we say goodbye to the Summer of 2017. Have you accomplished everything you wanted to do this summer? If not, time is fleeing. The Bible reminds us to be careful to redeem the time. Time is the one thing that we cannot bring back or change. It comes and it goes just as quickly. Be careful to use your time wisely. Part of using time is to have good times, allowing them to shape us and remake us in the image and on the path that God has planned for our lives.

Christ was a good friend to many in His earthly life. He was invited to many banquets and also to just ordinary meals in various homes. It was important for Christ to be involved in lives 2000 years ago and is very important for Him to be involved in our lives day. Yet many times if someone is left out of our plans, it is Christ.

Many times we seem to be convinced that Christ prohibits us from having good times, with family and friends. The truth is, without Christ, the most important ingredient in life is missing. Love. Where would any relationship be if love is not present? It would just be another day, another empty relationship, a lack luster time. Bring His love into the equation and life becomes an adventure, with a new purpose and direction that will take us down the path of life He has planned for us.

Stay on course, always including Christ in your life. He is the Way, He is the Truth, He is the Life in this world and in heaven. We can all have this by knowing Him as Savior of our lives.

Please continue to pray for our church. It is His and He holds it in His hand. Never be afraid to do His work and hear His voice (call). For His call and voice will be true, and will bring life to you in the fullest sense.

Thank you for allowing Cindy and I the opportunity of serving alongside of each of you.

May God bless, Leon & Cindy

**September Fellowship Hall Clean-Up:
Knights for Christ, Adult Class #1, Adult Class #5**



September 3: Sandra H. & Beverly N.
September 10: Dustin & Dawn M.
September 17: Lebron & Shirley Crowe
September 24: Bill & Carol Fowler



September 3: Rita G. & Heather S.
September 10: Kerri C. & Josh F.
September 17: Michael & Alicia J.
September 24: Christa & Brandon Love

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

Looking ahead...mark your calendars for the **Donna Pittman Toy Store** for Saturday, December 9th. They faithfully depend on churches for toys for much need families. If you wish to make a referral, please contact the church office or Pastor Leon for a form to complete. All referrals must be turned in by October 18th. Thank you.



Please e-mail your photos as soon as possible so we can add to our pictorial directory. . **If you need your picture taken, please see Cindy Whitley.** Thank you.

Copies of the 2018 Proposed Budget will be available on Sunday, September 3rd. We will discuss the budget on Wednesday night, September 6th at 6:45 PM in the sanctuary if you have any questions. We will vote on the budget on Sunday, September 10th during the 10:45 AM Service.

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SUNDAY

Sunday School: 9:45 AM

Morning Worship Service: 10:45 AM

Violin Practice: 5:00 PM

Evening Worship Service: 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

Bell Practice: 5:30 PM

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

Youth: 6:30 PM; Prayer Service: 6:45 PM

Adult Choir: 7:30 PM



If you would like to take violin, please let Susan Griffin know ASAP so she can order books. Thank you.

Violin Practice starts back on Sunday, September 17th at 5:00 PM. Bell Practice starts back on Wednesday, September 20 at 5:30 PM. If you have any questions, please see Susan Griffin. Thank you.

Choir Members...we have our Christmas music and will begin practicing. CD's will be available for the whole cantata, and separate CD's for alto, tenor and bass.

Good News Club

Training for new volunteers or if you need a refresher will be on Saturday, September 16th at Faulk's Baptist Church in Marshville. Tentative Start Date: Thursday, October 5th from 2:00 to 3:30 PM and ending near November 16th or November 30 for the Fall Semester. Dates for Spring are still being finalized.

Library News

Debra Stewart, Carolyn Haigler, and Marty Little have added several volumes to the adult section of the church library.

Three of Debra's donated books deal with gardening: *You Can Garden Anywhere, Small and Container Gardening,* and *1,001 Gardening Secrets*. If you are looking for information about health and personal improvement, three of her contributions were co-authored, with one of the authors being Dr. Mehmet Oz: *You: Being Beautiful, You: The Owner's Manual,* and *Staying Young*.

Another book, titled *Make It Last: Over 1,000 Ingenious Ways to Extend the Life of Everything You Own,* would be a helpful one

In addition, three of her donations are autobiographies of Billy Graham, Paula Deen, and Tim Tebow.

Too, Debra has added to the collection of novels by Danielle Steel and Nora Roberts. Another fiction one is *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*, set in Savannah, Georgia.

Carolyn has provided a book by Dr. Charles Stanley, *How to Listen to God*. Then there is a book by Ruth Graham, daughter of Billy Graham and the late Ruth Bell Graham, entitled, *In Every Pew Sits a Broken Heart*. She included in her contribution a work of fiction by Liz Curtis Higgs, *Thorn in My Heart*.

Marty has given *Old Highway 316*, written by Dr. Matthew Chavis, a local chiropractor, who shares his personal testimony of his spiritual journey.

A sincere thank-you is in order to these ladies for their generosity. Currently the books are being processed and should be ready for your reading pleasure by the time you receive this newsletter. *Brenda Lee*, Librarian

Union County Public Library Homebound Services would like to offer delivery service to any shut-ins. If you would like more information, please contact Debbie Purser at 704-283-8184 ext. 228 by September 20th. Thank you.

Thank you...

Cindy and I would like to say thank you for the love offering and meal provided for us last Sunday. Your love and support throughout these many years continues to mean so much to us. We love each of you and look forward to continuing serving the Lord together.

May God Bless, Leon & Cindy

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 4 Mr. & Mrs. Ben Collins
- 5 Mr. & Mrs. Dalton Riggins
- 6 Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Miller
- 6 Mr. & Mrs. Billy Bennett
- 9 Mr. & Mrs. Mott Simpson
- 10 Mr. & Mrs. Jim Guffey
- 20 Mr. & Mrs. Tony Phillips
- 27 Mr. & Mrs. Joe Little

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 2 Rhonda Long
- 3 Gail Knight, Samantha Hilton

- (Birthday List Continued)**
- 4 Roger James
 - 6 Chris Griffin, Jordan Judy
 - 7 Joe Haigler, Jerry Knight
 - 9 Jamie Lemon, Jason Lemon, Alena Moore, Alicia Moore, Sadie Phillips
 - 11 Carson Guffey
 - 13 Trevor Helms
 - 14 Ashley Lowery, Ricky Traywick
 - 15 Gina Frankenberg, Baxter Jordan, Roger Long
 - 16 Michael Brazell, Michelle Edwards
 - 17 Tyler Griffin
 - 18 Rodney Davis, Jackie Hilton, Heather Long, Andrew Oster, Jacob Smith
 - 20 Eugene Deese, Linda McDaniel
 - 21 Joanie Collins
 - 22 Jeffrey Wayne Griffin, Leta Outlaw, Beth Walden
 - 23 Tommy Preslar
 - 24 Lily Griffin
 - 25 Sandy Phifer
 - 26 Madeline Ivey, Morris Williams, Michelle Watson
 - 27 Jack Austin, Michael Little
 - 28 Dottie Craiglow, Jamie Long, Robin Nassef
 - 29 Polly Marsh
 - 30 Caleb Figueroa, Kimberly Griffin, Betty Little

*"Mrs. Linda" our friend who was sleeping in her car in the McDonald's parking lot is now No. 1 on the waiting list at Gatewood in Wingate! **Items still needed:** full size mattress and box springs, loveseat and den chair, and she could use any other household goods you might be able to share. Please contact Brenda Walker if you can help her.*

HURRICANE HARVEY UPDATES...

In-Kind and Cash Donations are needed for Disaster Relief Efforts

Thank you for your willingness to donate items to those affected by the recent disaster. Our most pressing need at this time is monetary donations. You can click on the following link to make a donation to Disaster Relief.

You can make a credit card donation by calling Kecia Morgan at 1.800.395.5102, ext. 5613 or mailing a check to: NCBM, PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512 Memo line: Disaster Relief Hurricane Harvey

Or give online at: www.baptistsonmission.org/hurricaneharvey

As a reminder, contributing to the North Carolina Missions Offering, <http://www.ncmissionsoffering.org> supports all NCBM ministries.

Cash donations are the best form of help for disaster relief efforts. If, however, you would like to donate other items, please follow the list below. Please do not deviate from the list.

There are 3 types of collections we are accepting:

1. Hygiene Kits: Use a 1-gallon sealable/Ziploc plastic bags and fill with a variety of the following.

- Soap, Lotion, Shampoo, Deodorant, Washcloth, Comb/brush, Facial tissue, Shaving cream/razor, Toothbrush/toothpaste, Feminine hygiene products

2. First aid kits: Purchased (for up to \$10 each) at grocery and drug stores.

3. Diapers and formula

We are NOT accepting Water, Bleach and clothing

All donations need to be delivered to our Red Springs Missions Camp in Red Springs, NC or our Shelby Mission Camp in Shelby, NC for distribution. For Red Springs please contact Larry Osborne at 910-843-

7700 or 919-264-4397 to schedule your delivery. For Shelby please contact David Brown at 704-487-5599 or 919-422-9990.

If you have other items that you feel NCBM Disaster Relief could use during this time of disaster please email Mary Mountz at mmountz@ncbaptist.org with the item, age of item, working condition of item and any other information you feel is needed.

Hello, the email below from Richard Brunson is the latest on our NCBM Hurricane Harvey Response. Please thank your churches for their prayers, their generosity to the NC Missions Offering or directly to NC Baptist Men which makes this response possible, and for their willingness to go as a volunteer when possible.

As you can tell, we will be sending a great many assets and volunteers in the days ahead, so please pray specifically for God to use them as His hands and feet. Let me remind you that we will send trained and untrained volunteers.

Many of you have already told me of your gifts of in-kind items or of donations. You are who makes any response of Baptists on Mission possible.

From: **Richard Brunson**

Subject: NC Baptist Disaster Relief is going to Texas to assist NCBM Disaster Relief is going to assist in Nederland, TX (near Beaumont). This region of TX has suffered quite a bit of flooding from Hurricane Harvey and they need our help. The initial feeding plan calls for @ 40,000 meals a day for the Beaumont/Nederland area. We will prepare up to 30,000 of those meals while a kitchen from another state will provide the rest.

We are sending a Type 1 team which includes cleanup/recovery, shower unit, laundry unit, generator, Medical Reserve Corps team, Chaplaincy, assessment and a host of support teams/equipment to meet the needs. This team will get us setup and create a place for additional volunteers to participate over the weeks to come.

The Site Coordinator departed today while the rest of the teams and equipment will depart Friday and the following days.

Volunteers should continue to sign up using the website www.baptistsonmission.org/hurricaneharvey.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS



"I LOVE MY CHURCH"

**Austin Grove Baptist Church
Marshville, NC**

**Adult T-shirts \$5.95 for S-XL; \$8.95 for 2X;
\$9.95 for 3X, 4X, 5X; Color: Blue Dusk**

**Children T-Shirts: \$5.95 for S (6-8); M (10-12); L (14-16);
Color: Dark Heather**

Please fill out form and place payment in the envelope on the bulletin board. Orders due: Sun., Sept. 17, 2017

Saturday, September 2nd: Churchwide Clean-up Day. We will be cleaning up grills, Sunday School Rooms, Fellowship Hall, etc. Please be here at 8:00 AM.

Sunday, September 3rd: **No Evening Services.**

Monday, September 4th: Church Office Closed. Labor Day Picnic here at AGBC. Please bring fixins, dessert and a drink. We will have ice cream at 2:00 PM and the meal will begin at 5:00 PM.

Monday, September 4th: Labor Day-Office Closed.

Tuesday, September 5th: **Seagrove, NC Pottery Trip**

We will be leaving at 7:30 AM. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you are interested in going.

Wednesday, September 6th: Second Harvest at Mt. Beulah . If you have any questions, concerns or wish to volunteer, please email tschumpert@gmail.com. All left over food from the Mobile Food Pantry is divided between Anson Crisis Ministry and Union Crisis Ministry. Please direct people in need to those two resources after or before the Mobile Food Pantry.

Monday, September 11th The Ida Mae James WMU will be meeting in the **Sanctuary at 10:00 AM**. This will be an Officer Election time and a planning time for the new year.

Mondays, September 11th, 18th, and 25th WMU will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 AM on to continue to work on our "It's A Girl Thing! Period." mission projects. Please come join us!

Wednesday, September 27th: SEE YOU AT THE POLE

September Mission Project: Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes are available in the Adult Sunday School Rooms and also in the vestibule. **PLEASE NOTE: NO TOOTHPASTE OR CANDY.** Shipping costs \$9 and can be paid online. Also, if you would like to track your shoebox you may do so online at www.samaritanspurse.org. Our Dedication Service will be on Sunday, October 1st at our 10:45 AM Service. Please return all shoeboxes by October 1st. Thank you.

September 2017 Student and Youth Newsletter

"And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Matthew 25:39.

The above verse was the focus of our Youth time recently. God's word is very clear. If you take a look around our world recently you can see examples of each end of this spectrum. We see polar opposites of hate and what I can only describe as pure love for one another. The images of flood water filled Texas pour across our TV screens, social media newsfeeds, and even images sent from some of our church member's families. You don't have to look too hard to see how many people are reaching out to assist those in the flooded area. These are their neighbors. Not a second thought is given to what they look like, how much money they have in the bank, or what type of car they drive. They are showing the love that Christ placed in our hearts as His creation. I have no doubt that if this was in our community each of our church members would be doing as much as possible to help anyone in the flooded areas. Thankfully, it is not in our area. Without such extreme circumstances, are we showing Christ love through us? At Austin Grove we have many ministries that we are showing Christ love. What we challenged the youth, and now our congregation, is to find practical ways to do this on a daily basis. One opportunity that I want you to know about is something easy to participate in. The student and youth ministry will have a booth at the Boll Weevil Festival in Marshville on September 16th. We are simply going to be there to give out waters and prayer. We want the community to understand that Austin Grove is a place that believes in Jesus Christ and we care about our community. What a more practical way than to quench a thirst with water and quench the soul by praying over members of our community. We will be there

from 8am – 4pm. Please join us for any amount of time you can. Even if you don't feel comfortable leading a prayer with someone, your presence speaks volumes to a community that is looking for a reason to have hope. Just let me know when you want to join us.

Another practical way the students and youth have impacted our community for Christ is by participating in the United Way Day of Caring. We were able to assist a community member with yard work that due to a health issue could no longer keep it up. These students amazed me at how hard they worked and the change that they made to the property and the pride of the individual we helped out. Way to go students and youth!! I am so very proud of each of you for what you are doing in the name of Christ.

Michael Jordan



Feed the Children Mission Project thru the UBA: Saturday, September 23rd

Winter Conference Deposit Due: Sat., September 30th