

THE ACCENT



AUSTIN GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
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To our Church Family and Friends,

I have quoted the words of Dr. David Jeremiah below...
"They are not pleasant words...Broken. A mess. Selfish. A sinner. Dead. But all of those words described me—and you—before Jesus. Just consider your own..."

- Brokenness. Romans 3:10-18 is the Apostle Paul's summary of how lost and hopeless humanity was (and is) outside of God's saving love.
- Selfishness. Without Christ, we are selfish and following our own way, as the Apostle Paul says, having "exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature" (Romans 1:25).
- Abuse. We are all users and abusers of creation and each other when we refuse the love of God—as Romans 1:21-25 makes clear.
- Death. Ephesians 2:1 says we were "dead in trespasses and sins."

Calamities, indeed! But by the love and sacrifice of God, we are no longer in danger...instead we are home, safe in His embrace."

As we approach Easter we can find hope in all of the circumstances, sin and indifference that many times we find ourselves wrapped up in all because of what Jesus did for us over 2000 years ago on the Cross hope and forgiveness is ours. He took our shame and sin and all that goes along with it to Calvary so today we may find forgiveness and yes His amazing Grace that He will apply to our lives if we will only ask. Easter 2017 will be in just a few weeks. Give your heart, life and your sin to Jesus for he alone can forgive and give us eternal life. Because He arose, we can find the assurance of His love, care and willingness to provide for us a new home in Heaven that He has prepared for us. It is not His will that any would perish but that all might have eternal life. The choice is ours to make. What will your choice be?

Thank you for your faithfulness! May God bless.

Leon & Cindy



2nd: Janel Griffin & Emma
9th: Carolyn D. & Sandy P.
16th: Michael & Alicia Jordan
23rd: Craig & Amanda G.
30th: Sandra H. & Beverly N.



2nd: Amanda G. & Dawn M.
9th: Debbie J. & Amanda V.
16th: Bill & Carol Fowler
23rd: Roger H. & Janel G.
30th: Rita G. & Heather S.

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

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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

LIBRARY NEWS

More donations keep coming in to the church library. Melva Seay contributed some colorful children's books, 21 in all. Some of the titles include *Princess Pigtoria and the Pea*, *Taylor Swift: Her Song*, *Arthur's First Sleepover*, *Tooth Trouble*, *The Pout-Pout Fish in the Big-Big Dark*, *The Speckled Monster: How the Smallpox Vaccine Was Discovered*, and *Manfish: A Story of Jacques Cousteau*. Children are sure to enjoy these!

Carolyn Haigler has donated a half dozen more books. For those of you who are fans of Patsy Clairmont, Barbara Johnson, Marilyn Meberg, Luci Swindoll, *The Joyful Journey* will appeal to you. They share wisdom and laughter in the joy of the journey of life. You won't want to miss *God Uses Cracked Pots* by Patsy Clairmont, too. Included in Carolyn's donation is Ruth Bell Graham's *Legacy of a Pack Rat*. In it she shares "a lifetime of poems, experiences, memories, and meditations that will bring laughter, tears, and joy to readers."

A Tale of Three Trees is a "must-read," too.

The church library is expanding to relieve the overcrowding in the existing library. Some time ago in conversation with the church secretary, she suggested using the vacant classroom across the hall for the children and youth portion of the library. That move is in the works now. Most of the children's books have already been moved. A yellow child-size table and blue chairs plus a colorful rug add to the décor of the newly established children and youth library.

New shelves will be built for both the children and adult library. This change and expansion is currently a work in progress. God provides!

FREE CHILDREN'S VHS TAPES are available on a cart in the doorway to the library.

--Brenda Lee



Is This The End?

Sunday, April 2nd 6:00 PM Is This The End? "Translated Before the Tribulation"

APRIL EVENTS

Sunday, April 2nd 6:00 PM Is This The End? "Translated Before the Tribulation"

Wednesday, April 5th Second Harvest at Morven UMC

Friday, April 7th Cards for the Troops... please return cards for the troops to the visitor center.

Sunday, April 9th

10:45 AM Adult Choir Cantata

3:00-7:00 PM "Walk with Jesus" Easter Event

Wednesday, April 12th

NO Wednesday Night Services

Thursday, April 13th

7:00 PM Communion

Friday, April 14th Office Closed (Please turn in all bulletin information by Monday, April 10th)

Easter Sunday, April 16th

6:30 AM Sunrise Service

7:00 AM Breakfast

8:00 AM Sunday School

9:00 AM Worship

Tuesday, April 25th UBA Spring Session at First Baptist, Weddington; 6 pm Fellowship; 7 pm Session

Ida Mae James WMU

DATE: TBA; TIME: 10:00 AM

PLACE: Austin Grove Baptist Church

Our New ANNIE ARMSTRONG GOAL IS: \$5,210.00

Total Received as of March 26th: \$3,828.62

Baptist Children's Homes of NC

FOOD ROUNDUP 2017

"Do you eat everyday?" was the question asked by a child the day she came to live at a Baptist Children's Home.

The UBA is receiving donations April 10th - 21st. All donations left at our church need to be turned in by Wednesday, April 19th.

Most needed items: canned fruit, paper products, household cleaning products, fruit juice, laundry detergent. A complete listing of items needed is on the bulletin board. **Food Roundup!**

Application Forms for the Mary Blair Scholarship are available for freshmen entering Wingate University in the Fall of 2017. Please see Rhonda or Melissa for a form.

Alaska Mission Trip

We will be leaving on Saturday, July 1st and return date up to individuals. See Freddy Griffin for information.

April Fellowship Hall Clean Up: Prophecy Class

APRIL

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1 Scott Kimrey
1 Amanda Griffin
2 Addison Paige Jordan
4 Jacob Collins
4 Johnathan Hargette
5 Shelby Beltran
5 Wendy Phifer
6 Elijah Crowe
7 Charles McRae
7 Mike Walden
7 Bill Ward
7 Gerrie Williams
7 Phyllis Simpson
8 Emma Griffin
8 Michael Knight
9 Linda A. Edwards
9 Melissa A. Smith
9 Clinton Oster
9 Joyce Overcash
10 Linda G. Edwards
10 Tanner Griffin
10 Jay Walker
14 Frances Knight
14 William McDaniel
15 Reagan Mullis
15 Rev. John Wood
16 Curtis E. Pittman
16 Jerry Craiglow
17 Danny Phifer
18 Ayla Dermid
18 Joey Estridge
19 Madalyn Zambarda
20 MacKenzie Newsome
20 Doris Stockton
22 Britney Smith
23 Steve Crowe
23 Brandy Nash
24 Jessica Hilton
24 Maddison Hilton
25 J. Ronald Edwards
27 Kelcey Anne Griffin
28 Ginny Pasciuta
28 Helen Elizabeth Hilton
29 Carolyn Daniels
29 Kathy Starnes
30 Miranda Hayes Wilson
30 Angie Jefferson
30 Josh Nash
30 Dakota Riggins Norris
30 Dalton Riggins

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

8 Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Griffin
12 Mr. & Mrs. Michael Knight
13 Mr. & Mrs. Juan Figueroa
26 Mr. & Mrs. Michael Jordan
27 Mr. & Mrs. Mike Brazell
29 Mr. & Mrs. Gil Collins
29 Mr. & Mrs. Eric Lacroix
30 Mr. & Mrs. Teddy Griffin

**BUS FUND RECEIVED as of March 26th:
\$6,910.00**

MAY EVENTS

Wednesday, May 3rd: We will observe National Day of Prayer

Wednesday, May 3rd: UBA Youth Ministry Event at Cuthbertson High School Auditorium 1400 Cuthbertson School Road, Waxhaw, NC. Guest Speaker: Josh Gardner with Clayton King Ministries; Music: The Lift (FBCIT)

May 4, 2017



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.

Sunday, May 7th: AGBC at Autumn Care at 9:00 AM

Saturday, May 20th: Church-wide Picnic at Cane Creek

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

VBS: June 19-22



**If you are interested in a
FREE Smoke alarm,
please sign up on the bulletin board.**

For more information, please contact:

Jimmy Haigler at 704-221-2481 or

Steve Little at 704-320-6535

APRIL 2017 STUDENT & YOUTH MINISTRY

Jesus replied “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.” John 12:23-25

Easter time is here. The bunny rabbits, chocolate eggs, and peeps are all around. The problem is none of these things have one inkling of a connection to the real reason we celebrate Easter. There were no bunnies hopping around at the foot of the cross as Christ said “It is finished” and drew his last earthly breath. Mary didn’t bring chocolate eggs or Peeps to the tomb to anoint Messiah’s body. Yet, we as a society allow these things to permeate throughout all this time of year. I type this not to say that any of these are heretical, profane, or sacrilegious. I want you to fully grasp what it says in John 17:14, to live in this world but we are not part of it. As a Christian our values are so far to the opposite end of the spectrum of the worldly values that we should stand out as different. I heard it said this way this past week, “If you haven’t been asked why you are different, you probably really aren’t.”

With this all in mind, what are we presenting for our students and youth? Our community? We are presenting the gospel! We will have *Walk with Jesus* on Sunday, April 9th from 3 pm – 7 pm. It will start at the entrance to the children’s wing. A new group will start the journey through the Easter story approximately every 15 minutes. Please come join us for the second annual Easter event. We will not have an Easter egg hunt, but will help everyone hunt for Messiah’s desire for your life. Please make a point to come join us.

As we also continue to guide our students and youth into a focus on Christ, we have had a great time on Wednesday and Sunday nights. We recently had a fun night where we played games, made s’mores, and tied it all back together to the real reason of Easter. The students and youth learned why it is so important that Christ rose again, and the power he has over Sin and Death. We thank every person that has taken time to support

the student and youth ministry in so many ways. The impact that this ministry is making cannot be measured solely in number of those in attendance, but also the impact those that attend are making in other lives. I am so proud of the students, what they are learning, and how they are showing Christ to their world. **Michael Jordan**

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



Celebrate the
resurrection of
our Lord!

Happy
EASTER

