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AUSTIN GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

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To our Church Family and Friends,

He's Alive!! He's Alive!! He's Alive!!

What Christ did on Calvary took away all our guilt, past, present, and future for all who accept Him as Savior of their lives! There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ. Having forgiveness of our sins is a great reason to have joy in our lives every day. Christ made the ultimate sacrifice to give us the solution to the problem of sin in all of our lives. It is difficult to understand why so many choose to reject His grace and choose not to believe. The Gospel is the best news that the world has ever received. Christ took our sin and gave us forgiveness. Christ invites us to live in His joy, with the privilege of living in Heaven for all eternity. He gave us hope, when there seemed to be no hope. God sent His only begotten Son to save us. May this Easter be the best that you and your family have ever experienced.

Thanks to each one for your faithfulness and willingness to serve our Lord to the best of your ability. God is doing mighty works in and through our Church. May God bless you.

Thanks for allowing Cindy and I to be a small part of the ministries of our Church.

Library News

Books continue to be added to the church library. Gene and Mary Deese have given *Healthy Living for Seniors: 7 Simple Steps to Better Health*. This book is filled with ideas on how to achieve a healthy lifestyle and improve longevity.

In Lieu of Flowers: A Conversation for the Living explores death and grief "with the curiosity of a child and the wisdom of an old soul" through personal experience and anecdotes of others.

Rice Brooks, the author of *God's Not Dead*, writes, "My aim is to help you evangelize in a way that is uniquely effective for our times—to help you explain to nonbelievers that the best solutions to our 21st century problems are found in a collection of 1st century documents." His purpose is to equip us "to defend the truth of the Christian faith."

Seekers by Erin Hunter, a work of fiction, details the adventures of three bears and their unexpected suffering, all of which set "their paws on a path toward a future they cannot yet imagine."

Finally, a fiction book for juveniles has been added—*Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH*. Mrs. Frisby, widowed, is faced with raising four small children and must move or perhaps be killed. Her youngest son lies ill and must not be moved. Who comes to their rescue? This book has received the Newbery Medal for young readers.

A big thanks to all who generously give to make the church library bigger and better.

Come to the library and check these out!

Brenda Lee, Librarian

2018 Missions Conference

April 6-7, 2018

“Open Hands”

“Hickory Grove Baptist Church”

Second Harvest at Morven UMC

Friday, April 6th

WMU MISSION PROJECT



The Community Shelter is always in need of silverware (not plastic). We would like to make this an on-going project. If you have a set, see a set on sale or come across silverware in a thrift store, we will have a basket in the Welcome center for collection. Thank you.

NC BAPTIST MEN DISASTER RELIEF AND RECOVERY

The surest way to get a blessing is to give a blessing. If you've ever wished you could help someone in a disaster, please come and get certified. You will never be sorry. We are Region 6 and the training date is **April 20, 2018**. There is an early registration for anyone just starting and you can go online or call NC BAPTIST MEN DISASTER RELIEF AND RECOVERY. You can also call Freddy Griffin after 5 PM or Roger Haigler or Jimmy Haigler after 12 PM for assistance. There are so many needs and so many blessings every year: Disaster relief, recovery, rebuild and more. If you can care for children or do laundry or simply listen to a homeowner who has lost so much, there is something you can do. We hope you will.

PRAY TRAIN BLESS

WMU Women's Meeting

DATE: Monday, April 16th

TIME: 10:30 AM

PLACE: Fellowship Hall



FOR: Shelby Beltran

DATE: April 21, 2018

TIME: 11:00-12:30 PM

PLACE: Fellowship Hall

Registered at: Amazon, Bed, Bath & Beyond & Belk

April Fellowship Hall Clean-Up: Prophecy Class

NURSERY WORKERS

1st: Bill & Carol Fowler

8th: Ray & Heather Smith

15th: Janel G. & Emma

22nd: Josh F. & Sandy P.

29th: Michael & Alicia

CHILDREN'S CHURCH WORKERS

1st: Christa & Brandon

8th: Cindy W. & Emily Oster

15th: Amanda G. & Dawn M.

22nd: Debbie J. & Amanda V.

29th: Bill & Carol Fowler

APRIL EVENTS

Sunday, April 1st: Easter Services. 7:00 AM Sunrise Service, 7:30 AM Breakfast, 8:00 AM Sunday School, 9:00 AM Worship
Tuesday, April 3rd through Friday, April 6th: “The Ark” trip we will leave from the church at 7:00 AM.

Friday, April 20th: Region 6 Training

MAY EVENTS

NC Baptist Men Golf Tournament. See Aaron Griffin for details.

Saturday, May 19th: Church-wide Picnic at Cane Creek Park.

Saturday, May 26th: Save the Date for “Union County Churches United”

JUNE EVENTS

Sunday, June 24th - Thursday, June 28th: Vacation Bible School

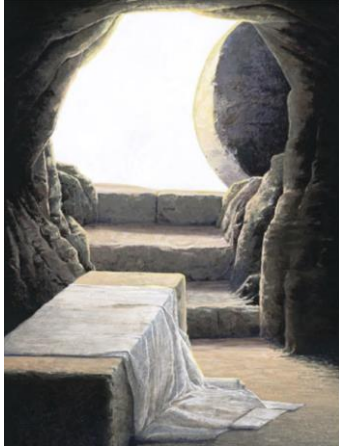
APRIL HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

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

AGBC Student & Youth Newsletter



Empty Is Not a Bad Thing

In our day and age when we hear the word empty, there is hardly ever a positive connotation around the word. When the gas tank on the car gets empty, when our refrigerator gets empty, even when our bank account gets empty, these are all considered to be very bad things. This past Wednesday night as we looked at the Easter scriptures we flipped this paradigm on its head. Empty can actually be a very good thing. Empty can be just what is needed in our lives.

In Luke 24:3 the scripture relays what happens the morning after Jesus was crucified. It states, "Then they went in (into the tomb) and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus." What a shock for these ladies. They came to anoint the body of Jesus with oils and spices, but the tomb was..... EMPTY! How does this apply to our lives and that of the student and youth of Austin Grove? This is the ultimate story of something that seems wrecked, ruined, destroyed, and beyond repair ultimately brought to perfection. The death of Jesus and the tomb his body was placed in was only part of the story. It was for all purposes a minor component of a greater happening to come. Out of the utterly devastating situation that led to the death of Jesus came the real triumph, the EMPTY tomb. He Lives!! God has victory over death. He is in control of the empty, and can make even the direst of situations scream out in evidence of the sovereignty of our Lord and Heavenly Father.

Next time you face an empty situation, whether it be a gas tank, wallet, or even a stomach growling for you next meal; thank God for the EMPTY tomb. Thank our heavenly father for taking your empty and filling it up with Him.

Michael Jordan

