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AUSTIN GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

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5919 Austin Grove Church Road, Marshville, NC 28103



To Our Church Family and Friends:

Billy Sunday (1862 -1935) had some Sunday sayings. Let me share some of these with you.

ōLetø quit fiddling with religion and do something to bring the world to Christ.

If you want to drive the devil out of the world, hit him with a cradle instead of a crutch.

Iøm against sin. Iøll kick it as long as Iøve got a foot, and Iøll fight it as long as Iøve got a fist. Iøll butt it as long as Iøve got a head. Iøll bite it as long as Iøve got a tooth. And when Iøm old and without fist and footless and toothless, Iøll gum till I go home to Glory and it goes home to perdition.

Live so that when the final summons comes, you will leave something more behind you than an epitaph on a tombstone or an obituary in a newspaper.

The Lord is not compelled to use theologians. He can take snakes, sticks, or anything else, and use them for the advancement of his cause.

I believe that a long step toward public morality will have been taken when sins are called by their right names.

Your reputation is what people say about you. Your character is what God and your wife know about you.ö

Easter 2014 is just a few weeks away. It reminds us, who we are and what we need to be doing. Jesus sought to teach the disciples to convey the Gospel to all people. He taught them to use simple terms to convey His message, so even a child could understand. I think sometimes we get caught up in terms and thoughts that many do not understand or care to understand. We lose sight that Jesus used terms like Follow me, Come, Believe, Trust, Confess, Turn, Teach, Preach, and Be Baptized. These are simple words that mean so much with eternal outcomes in our lives. This Easter may we be reminded of who Jesus is and how he taught and what it means to know and to trust Jesus as Savior of our lives.

May God bless each of you,
Leon & Cindy



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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)í í í í í í í í .í .6:30M
Prayer Meeting.....6:45 PM
Adult Choir.....7:30PM

- 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
- 8 Emma Griffin
- 8 Michael Knight
- 9 Linda Edwards
- 9 Melissa A. Smith
- 9 Clinton Oster
- 9 Joyce Overcash
- 10 Tanner Griffin
- 10 Jay Walker
- 14 Frances Knight
- 15 Reagan Mullis
- 15 Rev. John Wood
- 16 Jerry Craiglow
- 17 Danny Phifer
- 19 Madalyn Zambarda
- 20 MacKenzie Newsome
- 20 Doris Stockton
- 22 Britney Autry
- 23 Robert Ansley
- 23 Steve Crowe
- 23 Brandy Nash
- 24 Jessica Hilton
- 24 Maddison Hilton
- 25 J. Ronald Edwards
- 27 Kelcey Anne Griffin
- 28 Ginny Pasciuta
- 29 Carolyn Daniels
- 29 Kathy Starnes
- 30 Miranda Hayes Wilson
- 30 Angie Jefferson
- 30 Josh Nash
- 30 Dakota Riggins
- 30 Dalton Riggins



Billy & Toni Riggins & family in the loss of his aunt, Margarette Connell.

Wade Haigler and Sarah Traywick & families in the loss of their brother, Ray Haigler.



Births in the Church Family

Congratulations to Abby & Josh Evans on the birth of their son, Camron. He was born on Feb 27 weighing 8lbs. Proud great-grandmother is Jackie Byrd.



Women's Ministry Meeting
Thursday, Apr. 10, 2014
7:00pm in the fellowship hall

We will have a candy making class led by Dottie Craiglow. Please bring your favorite snack food. For our project we will be collecting donations for the %Food Roundup+for Baptist Children's Homes. Please sign up on bulletin board if you plan to attend so we will know how many to prepare for.



Anniversaries

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

Nursing Home Residents

Autumn Care

Leo Edwards (106)
 Barbara Wood (608)
 Francis Knight (307)

Monroe Square

Lynn Crooke

Kindred Transitional Care & Rehabilitation

Robert Ansley (360)

Clear Creek Nursing Home

Beverly Martin



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, April 13 - regular service times

Wed., April 16 - no service(moved to Thursday)

Thursday, April 17 - Holy Communion Service 7pm

Easter Sunday, April 20 - Sunrise Service 6:45am;

Breakfast 7:00am; Sunday School 8:00am;

Morning Worship 9:00am; No Evening Service

UBA Spring Session
Tuesday, April 22
Austin Grove Baptist Church
Refreshments: 6pm
Session: 7pm

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My Testimony

A Blessing Recalled

Back in early March I cranked up my riding mower to service it to get it ready for the upcoming mowing season. To my surprise-oil sprayed everywhere, almost. I knew I had a serious problem on my hands. Was I going to have to go shopping for a new lawn mower? I hoped not.

My next door neighbor happened to be outside, and I called him over to get his assessment of the situation. He volunteered to transport the mower to the repairman since my trailer needed repairing and was not street-worthy. He also agreed to pick it up when the repairs were finished. I assured him that I would pay him for his trouble.

He picked up the lawn mower (the repairman had re-sealed the valve cover and tightened the crank case bolts, among other things) and brought it home for me. Just before I was about to back the mower off his trailer, I handed him a couple of bills. He said, "No, that's too much." He insisted that I take one bill back. So I did. He further stated, "I shouldn't charge you anything. You mowed my grass for me while I was in jail."

I had totally forgotten about that. His statement really affected me. Tears came to my eyes. I must say, I was speechless as I choked up. The Lord spoke to me and reminded me of the passage in Matthew 25: "When saw we thee a stranger and took thee in? Or naked and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the king shall answer and say unto them, 'Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.'"

While he was in jail, I noticed that his wife was mowing their acre with a push mower in the sultry days of late summer in 2005 and that stretched into early summer of 2006, I feared that she would have a stroke or heart attack mowing, and I certainly didn't want that to happen when I could do something about it. I felt led to spare her.

We never know what we do for others will mean so much to them for a long time.

The month of April is %food roundup+ for Baptist Children's Homes of NC. All size cans of food can be used; however, most campuses prefer #10 cans(family size). Gift cards to Wal-Mart, Sam's Club, Food Lion, etc. are also greatly appreciated. We will be collecting items April 2 . 27. Collection boxes will be placed throughout the church. Please give gift cards to Brenda Walker.



Homeless Shelter Schedule

We will be feeding at the homeless shelter on the dates listed below. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact the church office or Beverly Napier at 704-624-2859.

April 13	July 13	October 12
May 4	August 10	November 9
June 8	September 14	December 14

Centennial Celebration

News/Plans/Announcements

Save the Date .October 5, 2014

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. Deadline to turn them in is April 30.

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

There will be a service at the Old Union County Courthouse West Side Lawn 12:15 - 12:30pm

High School & College Graduates

If you know of any members of the church that will be graduating from high school or college this year, please contact the church office with their name & address, school they are graduating from & degree.

SALUTING
OUR
VETERANS



Veteran's Banquet

Saturday, May 17 @ 5:00 PM

Please see sign up sheet on bulletin board.



Vacation Bible School

June 22 - 25

Mark your calendars and make plans to join us!



Exercise
CLASS

Physically
Active
Christians

We are planning to start an exercise class in the near future and are asking for donations of good used exercise equipment to go in the old fellowship hall. If you have any equipment you would like to donate, please contact the church office or Beverly Napier.

Pastor Saeed Abedini is a formerly devout Muslim who became a Christian after he encountered Jesus Christ in his Tehran bedroom more than a decade ago. In Iran, he established nearly 100 house churches in 30 cities before moving to the United States with his wife, Naghmeh, an American citizen. He returned to Iran with the government's permission to build an orphanage. Since 2012, he has been imprisoned in two notoriously brutal facilities and tortured for his faith in Christ. Despite his suffering, Pastor Saeed continues to boldly proclaim the Gospel to prisoners and guards and has led dozens to Christ.

Naghmeh has remained vigilant in her efforts to free her husband, speaking before the U.N. and on national television. The ordeal has even opened opportunities for her to proclaim the Gospel over the airwaves in the heart of Iran.

**Will you stand
with Pastor Saeed and
Naghmeh in prayer?**

Please pray:

- That his release would be imminent
- That God will safeguard his physical and emotional well-being
- For Naghmeh and their children, that God will sustain them and provide for their needs
- That the Lord will continue to open doors for Pastor Saeed to share the Gospel
- That God will be glorified through his imprisonment

Visit **SaveSaeed.org**
for more information
and to sign a petition
demanding his release.

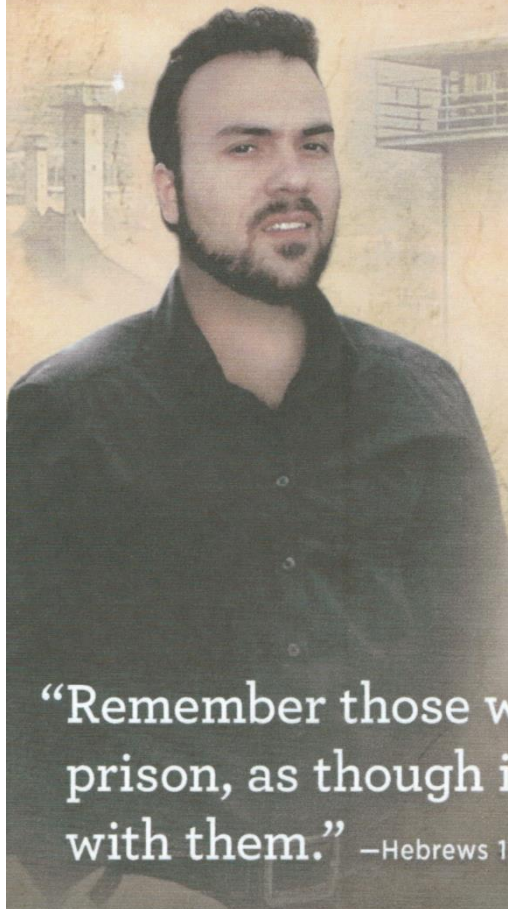


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Pray for Pastor Saeed Abedini.

“Remember those who are in
prison, as though in prison
with them.” —Hebrews 13:3, ESV



2014 Food/Supply Roundup

MOST NEEDED ITEMS: (in bold)

- Canned Fruits
- Paper Products (Towels, toilet paper)
- Household cleaning products (i.e. bleach, Comet, Lysol, Windex, Pinesol, Pledge, Tilex, etc.)
- Fruit Juice (Apple, Orange, Grape, Cranberry)
- Laundry Detergent
- Bottled Water
- Dry Cereal
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Pasta (Spaghetti, Lasagna, Macaroni)
- Canned Tomatoes (diced, sauce, paste)
- Pancake Mix and Syrup
- Soups (All types & condensed)
- Sugar (Granulated & Brown)
- Splenda
- Popcorn, Kettle Corn
- Apple Sauce
- Fruit Pie Filling (Cherry, Peach)
- Beverage Mixes (Tea, Tang, Kool-Aid, Lemonade, Cider Mix - All Sugar Free)
- Bottled Water
- Vegetable Oil, Shortening, Olive Oil, Pam Cooking Spray, Bakers Choice
- Canned Sweet Potatoes, Canned Yams
- Canned Meats (pink salmon, tuna, roast beef, chicken - packed in water)
- Stuffing Mix
- Gravy Mixes
- Hamburger Helper (all types)
- Pickles (Sweet & Dill)
- Refried Beans
- Hot Chocolate Mix
- Snack Foods with & without sugar (Fruit Rollups, Fruit Cups, Beef Jerky, Cheese Nips, Pretzels, etc.)
- Health Snack Foods (Dried Fruit, Nuts, Raisins, Cranraisins)
- Individual Cookie Packs
- Jello
- PopTarts
- Rice
- Instant Potatoes
- Banana Muffin Mix
- Bisquick Mix
- Kidney Beans
- Baked Beans
- Pickle Relish
- Cranberry Sauce
- Mac & Cheese
- Corn Meal
- Jiffy Mixes, Corn Muffin Mix
- Potatoes
- Hush Puppy Mix
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly, Jams, Preserves (Strawberry is their favorite)
- Pizza & Pizza Dough Mix
- Saltine Crackers, Ritz Crackers, Graham Crackers
- Sauces (A-1, Steak, BBQ, Texas Pete, Cheese, Worcestershire)
- Spices and Seasonings (including Salt & Pepper)
- Teriyaki Sauce, Sweet and Sour Sauce
- Dishwashing detergents
- Laundry pre-treating products (i.e. Shout, Spray and Wash)
- Brooms, Mops, Scrub Brushes, Dust Pans
- Foil and Plastic Wrap
- SOS Pads
- Fabric Softener (Dryer Sheets)
- Sanitary Pads & Tampons
- Hand Lotion
- Shampoo
- Body Wash
- Soap
- Razors
- Shaving Cream/Shaving Gel
- Dental Floss
- Hair brushes
- Deodorant
- Conditioner
- Tooth Paste
- Tooth Brushes
- Diapers (Sizes 3's, 4's, & 5's)
- Baby Wipes
- Bug Repellent
- Wasp/Hornet Spray
- Sunblock 30+
- Batteries (AA and AAA)
- Disposable Gloves (Latex & Non-Latex)

OTHER NEEDED ITEMS:

- Brownie & Cookie Mix
- Canned Vegetables
- Hot Dog Chili
- Coffee (Regular & Decaf)
- Coffee Creamer
- Sweetened Condensed Milk
- Evaporated Milk
- Flavorings (Vanilla, etc.)
- French Fried Onions
- Honey
- Ketchup
- Mustard
- Oatmeal
- Parmesan Cheese
- Puddings, Pudding Cups
- Salsa
- Vinegar
- Paper Products (Cups, Plates, Bowls, Plastic Ware)
- Copy/Printer Paper
- Trash Bags (large & small)
- Zip-Loc bags (Sandwich, Snack, Quart & Gallon Sizes)
- Band Aids
- Rubbing Alcohol/Peroxide

Gift Cards are greatly appreciated to buy perishables and items not received. (i.e. Wal-Mart, Sams Clubs, Food Lion, Lowes, Ingles)

We can use all size cans, however most campuses prefer #10 cans (family size).

Please check for expired dates on food.

Please help our volunteer truck drivers by packing your church's donations in small, sturdy boxes.

Questions?
Contact Alan Williams at
1-800-476-3669 ext. 1277
or awilliams@bchfamily.org

Also visit
www.bchfamily/foodroundup