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MERRY CHRISTMAS

AUSTIN GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

December, 2015

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To our Church Family and Friends,

Luke 1:30-31 And the angel said unto her, fear not, Mary; for thou hast found favor with God. And behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call His name JESUS. I read in a devotional that Mary could not name the baby she had Jesus because she did not fully understand His destiny. God named Jesus. There is a lesson to be learned as people try to name you when they know so little about you. A word of caution, society is very comfortable placing us in certain categories, yet they do not know what God has planned for your life. God makes all the difference! When Jesus was born people would have whispered that Jesus was the illegitimate child of Joseph. Rumors and whisperings have ruined the reputation of many innocent people yet the assaults and rumors would continue all the days of Christ upon this earth. Jesus came to show us His Father's love for each of us. He came to show and live before us a spirit of peace and good will toward all people. This Christmas season, may we be able to see the life of Christ and how He has affected so many. This small babe lying in a manger would transform the world in which we live. Cindy and I would like to thank each of you for allowing us to serve and be a part of this church family. We are blessed everyday with your love and fellowship. We wish for each of you a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful 2016! Leon & Cindy

Leon & Cindy

Merry Christmas from the Staff at AGBC!

"Christmas Card Delivery"

The mail room is now open for "Christmas Card Delivery" with all proceeds given to the *Lottie Moon* Offering. Please have your cards in no later than **Wednesday, December 16th** to allow everyone time to pick up cards. If you do not have a mailbox, please let us know.

Our Lottie Moon Goal is: \$4,500.00

STAFF & PHONE NUMBERS

Rev. Leon Whitley, Pastor
Church Study: 704-624-3882
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Christmas Cantata



December 13th at 10:45 AM

CHRISTMAS PLAY

CHRISTMAS: WHERE, WHEN AND WHY
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6th at 6:00 PM

LADIES CHRISTMAS PARTY

DATE: December 17th; **TIME:** 7:00 PM

PLACE: Fellowship Hall

Please bring light refreshments/finger foods. Also, bring a pair of Christmas socks for a fun gift exchange!! Can't wait to celebrate our Savior's birth with you!! Britney

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



VIOLIN CLASS

Anyone who has always wanted to play violin but never got around to it...here is your chance. Violin Classes/Practices will begin in January. See Susan Griffin for additional information.

SUNDAY

Sunday School: 9:45 AM

Morning Worship Service: 10:45 AM

Evening Worship Service: 6:00 PM

The War Room Bible Study

Church Offices Closed: Wednesday, December 23-Friday, December 25.

Please turn in all bulletin information for that week and January Newsletter information by December 13th. Thank you.

WEDNESDAY

"BELIEVE" Bible Study



Living the story of the Bible to become like Jesus.

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

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

Adult Choir: 7:30 PM

Mark your calendars...there will be no PM services on December 23rd, 27th, 30th.

NO BELL PRACTICE IN DECEMBER

FHHS Booster Club cordially invites the Senior Yellow Jacket Community to an **Old Fashioned Christmas** Wednesday, December 9th featuring a Country Cookin' Breakfast, Holiday Music, Games & Festivities at 8:30 AM in the FHHS Cafeteria. **Please RSVP to 704-233-4001.**



DECEMBER

Donna Pittman Toy Store

Toy Collection Week: November 30-December 9

If you would like to donate new toys, bring to the UBA before Wednesday, December 9th. Thank you.



AUTUMN CARE ANGEL TREE

We need gifts returned to the Welcome Center (across from the Sunday School Office) no later than **Sunday, December 6th.**

"Lottie Moon"

Join us on December 13th at 6:00 p.m. for a wonderful evening! Retired Sun Valley school teacher, Nora Brooks will portray missionary, Lottie Moon, during a special presentation. Please come join us.

Samaritan's Purse Workday

DATE: Friday, December 18th TIME: 7-10 p.m.

Senior Citizen's Christmas Luncheon

DATE: Wednesday, December 9th

TIME: 11:30 AM; PLACE: Fellowship Hall

Our meal will be catered; however, we are asking that our ladies please bring a dessert. Please sign up by December 1st on bulletin board. Thank you.

Baptism Services: Sunday, December 20th and 27th

Additions to Library

Several items have been added to the church library. Twenty CD's by various artists, including Amy Grant, Kathy Troccoli, Mercy Me, and others, are available for check-out for your listening pleasure.

Newly added DVD's include *You'll Get Through This* by Max Lucado plus *Not a Fan*, which has an accompanying study guide.

Three books have been donated and placed in the library: *Heaven* by Randy Alcorn, *A Revelation in Autumn* by Brunstetter, and *A Squirrel's Tale*, which is a children's book.

These and many more are waiting to be enjoyed by you!

"The War Room" movie is coming here in January.

Date to be announced.

Exercise Class is changing from Tuesday to Thursday at 4:00 PM. Please come join us.

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Our Heartfelt Sympathy....

To Ronald and Doris Edwards and Gene and Mary Deese in the passing of their aunt, Frances Edwards Simpson Williams.

To the Eddie Nash family in his passing.

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| 1 Jack Napier | 15 Sue Austin |
| 3 Freddy Griffin | 16 Mandy Phifer |
| 4 Kristina Deese | Nguyen |
| 4 Charles Ivey | 16 Kenny Stewart |
| 4 Jason Little | 17 Landon Newsome |
| 5 Parker Griffin | 18 Laura Stoddard |
| 6 Carol Fowler | 19 Aaron Griffin |
| 7 Russell Smith | 19 Jacob Griffin |
| 7 Vernon Thornsby | 20 Cody Earp |
| 8 Shirley Griffin | 22 Julie Davis |
| 10 Whitney Baucom | 22 Cynthia Miller |
| 10 Alice Jordan | 24 Carole Helms |
| 13 Stuart James | 26 Lewis |
| 13 Joanne Trull | Throckmorton |
| 14 Eric Helms | 28 Melva Seay |
| 14 Maleah Long Batchelor | 28 Cindy Whitley |
| 14 Brittany Rivenbark | 29 Vinny Pasciuta |
| | 30 Becky Brazell |

Happy Anniversary

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| 5 Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Haigler |
| 7 Mr. & Mrs. Reid Phifer |
| 17 Mr. & Mrs. Andy Overcash |
| 20 Mr. & Mrs. Jack Austin |
| 23 Mr. & Mrs. Joe Byrum |
| 23 Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Edwards |
| 26 Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Craiglow |
| 29 Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Guffey |

NEW ADDRESS for Jacob Smith:

SR Smith, Jacob, W.
Ship 04 Division 804, 3600 Ohio Street
Great Lakes, IL 60088-7103



Congratulations to parents, Chris & Amanda Lynn and grandparents, Albert & Terry Ikerd upon the birth of "Grayson Christopher Lynn, on October 29th. He weighs 7 lbs., 7 oz. and is 19 1/2" long.

Youth and Children's Activities at "THE GROVE"

December 6: 6:00 PM: Christmas Play

December 9: Children & Youth Caroling at Autumn Care

December 13: "Lottie Moon" Reenactment

December 16: Children & Youth Christmas Celebration/Party; 6:00-7:30 PM

December 20: Youth Christmas Celebration: Food & Bowling. We will leave right after Morning Worship and take the van. Please bring a change of clothes. Parents, pick up Youth around 4:00 PM.

December 23 & 30: No Church

December 27: No Youth

Winter Conference: Information packets will be coming out soon. COST: \$50 per child. Please make checks payable to *Austin Grove Baptist Church* and turn in to me at your earliest convenience.

With Love through Christ, Michael Jordan