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To Our Church Members and Friends:

Eleven men traveled to Galilee, where Jesus had directed them to the top of a mountain. They worshipped Him and yet in some of their hearts there was doubt, filled with uncertain thoughts, what happens now. Jesus would say to them what is called the The Great Commission. In the last statement Jesus tells them "And lo I am with you always even to the end of the Age." Jesus reminded them as He continues to remind us that He walks with us, comforts us, and yes even guides us by His

Hand.

God has blessed us with every opportunity so that we will make right decisions in this life here on earth. He gives us the ability to choose to follow Him which means eternal life for us. It is conditional. We must decide to follow Him, to Hear Him, to give our Life to Him. Over and over Jesus reminded His disciples that He is the Way, He is the Truth, no one will come to His Father except they come by Him. May we choose to walk on the path He has provided for us. The one and true Word of God provides instruction for salvation, but also for living on this earth. The Holy Spirit is here for our benefit to help us not to be ashamed of the gospel of Christ and to give us the strength and encouragement needed daily to walk with Him.

May we tell our Lord, we love you with all our hearts and souls! Lord may our lives provide glory and honor for you. For you alone, are worthy.

Thank you Lord!! Thank you Lord!!

Thanks to each of you for carrying out the Great Commission. Keep loving, caring and telling the story of our Lord with every step that we take. May God bless each of you as we seek to serve Him together.

Leon & Cindy

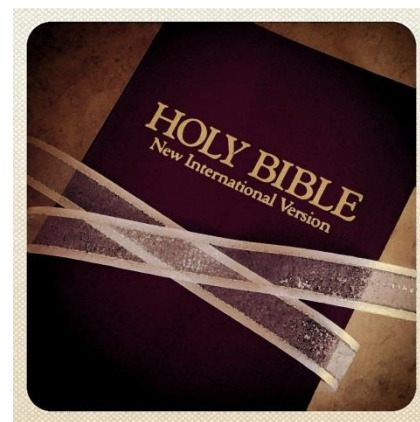
Unwrap the gift

At church one Sunday, I noticed a woman carrying a Bible neatly wrapped in colorful ribbon, like a package. My first thought was that she must be giving it to someone as a present.

Throughout the next few weeks, however, I realized it was the woman's own well-used Bible. Whenever a worship service or Bible study ended, she carefully rewrapped the Scriptures with that shimmery strand.

What a great reminder that God's Word is a precious, practical gift meant to be opened and reopened regularly.

o Stephanie Martin



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

- 1 Caleb Davis
- 3 Gloria Pearce
- 5 Mary Deese
- 5 Kinley Grace Griffin
- 5 Helen Phifer
- 6 Andy Little
- 8 Tommy Phillips
- 9 Roger Haigler
- 9 Millie Preslar
- 10 Louise James
- 10 Rick Smith
- 12 Marvin Trull
- 14 Justin Tarleton
- 15 Christina Pasciuta
- 16 Meghan Edwards
- 18 Faye Burnette
- 18 Julia Smith Godwin
- 18 Brenda Walker
- 20 Vann Godwin
- 20 Diane Griffin
- 21 Juan Figueroa
- 22 Lebron Crowe
- 22 Brandon C. Edwards
- 22 John Griffin
- 22 James Helms
- 23 Janel Griffin
- 23 Barbara Simpson
- 24 Earl James
- 27 Jodi Craiglow
- 27 Allen Edwards



Births in the Church Family

Congratulations to Nick & Jenn Napier on the birth of their daughter, Ella Grace Napier. She was born on Jan. 17 weighing 7 lbs. 2 oz. and 20 %long. Proud grandparents are Jack & Beverly Napier!

Congratulations to Zach & Trisha Autry on the birth of their son, Ridsen Matthew Autry. He was born on Jan. 27 weighing 7 lbs. 13oz. and 20 %long. Proud grandparents are Hamp & Pat Autry!

Women's Ministry Meeting Thursday, Feb. 13, 2014 6:30pm in the fellowship hall

Special guest speakers, Wayne & Gail Baucom, will be reporting on Venezuela missions. For our project we will be taking a love offering for the Backpacks of Hope program.



Anniversaries

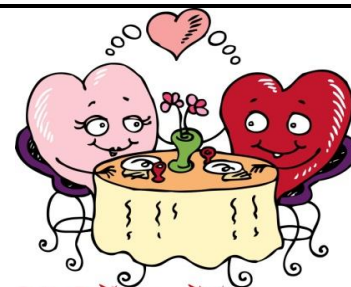
- 8 Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Phillips
- 10 Rev. & Mrs. John Wood
- 11 Mr. & Mrs. Avery Haigler
- 13 Mr. & Mrs. Max Haigler
- 14 Mr. & Mrs. James Helms
- 19 Mr. & Mrs. W. D. Phifer



Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday, February 2



We will collect a special offering for the Union County Community Shelter to help provide meals & shelter for the homeless in our community.



Valentines Banquet

February 8

Meal 5:00pm

Entertainment to follow

Cost: \$5.00 each

Please sign up on bulletin board if you plan to attend.

Nursing Home Residents

Autumn Care

Leo Edwards(106)
Barbara Wood

Brian Center

Judith Griffin

Kindred Transitional Care & Rehabilitation

Robert Ansley (360)

Jesse Helms Ctr

Margaret Connell

THE GOSPEL STUDENT MINISTRY

February Events

- Youth Super Bowl Fellowship – Feb.2, 6pm at the parsonage. Pizza will be provided. Please see signup sheet on youth bulletin board.
- Children & Youth Luncheon/ Extreme Ice Skate. – Feb.16th, 12:30-1:30pm Lunch in fellowship building and Church Bus leaving for Extreme Ice Skate at 1:30 and returning to church by 5pm. Please see signup sheet on youth bulletin board. Please Note: Bring a change of warm clothes for the Ice Rink.
- Youth Trip to Sun Valley Theater to see "Son Of God" – Fri. Feb.28th We will be buying tickets before we go. Please sign up on youth bulletin board by Feb. 23rd if you are planning on attending this event.

Autumn Care Service

Sunday, February 9

9:00 am

Please come help out with the service!

UBA Winter Session
Tuesday, February 4
6:00pm
Calvary Baptist Church, Monroe

All visitors & messengers are invited

Escape Plan Men's Conference
with Rev. Johnny Hunt
Friday, March 14, 5:30-10pm &
Sat., March 15, 7:30-10:30am.
Prospect Baptist Church, Albemarle

Cost-\$50 (includes Friday night meal & materials). Please sign up on bulletin board by Feb. 9 if you would like to go.

Region 6 Missions Rally
Monday, Feb. 10
Hopewell Baptist Church, Monroe
Supper - 6:00, Program – 6:50

If you would like to attend, please see sign up sheet on bulletin board by Feb. 2.



Mission study will be on Sunday, March 2 during evening service.

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Library News

Do you need a good book to read, a DVD or videotape to watch, or a cassette tape to listen to during the cold days and nights of winter? Recently 100+ books in addition to the audio-visual items listed have been donated to the Austin Grove Church Library. They are all ready to be checked out and enjoyed.

Margaret Connell, well-known Bible study course teacher, has donated close to 80 of the books to the library. She is Bill Riggins' aunt and currently resides in The Jesse Helms Center. Many of her books are studies in various books of the Bible. Others were written by the late evangelist, Oliver B. Greene. All of these would contribute to one's spiritual growth.

For light reading Phyllis Simpson has given close to 20 fiction books. Bill and Jennie Ward presented a copy of *Robert's Rules of Order* while Marty Little has donated *Mysterious Ways: Touched by Heaven*, published by Guideposts. Also, Earl James has given an 84-page autobiography, *Briefs of My Long Life's Memory*, by the late Rev. J. C Meigs, who was pastor at Austin Grove from 1944-1951. The newest addition comes from Rev. Leon Whitley, *You'll Get Through This*, by Max Lucado, based on the series of sessions we have just finished watching.

From time to time there are books left on the library desk with no name as to the contributor. A heartfelt thanks to ALL the known and unknown donors.

Brenda Lee
Librarian



Vacation Bible School

June 22 - 25

Mark your calendars and make plans to join us!



T-SHIRTS

T-shirts are in! If you ordered one, please check your Sunday School class.

T-shirts are
\$7.95 for S-XL
\$10.95 for 2X-3X

Churchwide Meal at Rocky River Springs Fish Camp

Thursday, March 6

Bus will leave the church at 5:00pm. We will eat at 6:00pm. Please sign up on bulletin board if you plan to go.

Casting Crowns Concert (also performing *For King and Country & Laura Story*)

**@ Bojangle's Coliseum in Charlotte NC
Friday, March 7 at 7:00pm**

The tickets are \$22.50. If you signed up to go, please give your money to Melissa Smith.

ADULT VBS

Led by Donald Griffin

May 4 & 18

June 1 & 8