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To our Church Family and Friends,

David Jeremiah tells of a man named Andrew Murray, who said that sometimes he had so much to do that he had to add an extra hour to his prayers.

Have you ever been like that? One of the most important times in our day should be the time, we spend with God. Many times the end of our day is filled with fatigue, frustration and failure. If we are not careful, less time will spent with God, and we simply give in to other things or obligations, or maybe just go to bed. Could it be that there are times when we short change ourselves by not standing and speaking with God. Satan loves it when we get so distracted that we choose to obey the flesh or the world instead of spending time with God.

What I have found and heard others to attest that when I talk with the Lord, I go away with energy, and a much clearer direction for my life. Sometimes in just a few minutes, my outlook, attitude and faith is changed in a moment of time, speaking with God. Sometimes, I need God to just let His power, and Holy Spirit to be unleashed into my soul and heart. God is a difference maker and I think we can say He is a Day or Night changer. By the time you read this, Baptist Men's Day has blessed our hearts and lives. Thank you church for giving so openly and freely to Lottie Moon offering and surpassing our goal. Our youth have gone to Winter Conference and many blessing continue to be seen in their lives and the lives of their leaders. We have had one of youth to go to LA (Emily Oster) and minister in various capacities. Make your plans to be at the Valentine's Banquet. It will be a great night of fun, fellowship and entertainment.

Thank you for all the work you do in the Name Of Jesus! And for the opportunity to walk alongside of each of you and your families.

Leon & Cindy

ABOUT STEVE...



Steve Brogan showed his uncle, Bill Spake, an interest in ventriloquism at age seven. Uncle Bill was a professional entertainer and would teach Steve his skills as a ventriloquist when he was home. Steve chose to have a personal relationship with Christ at age eleven at his grandmother's church. Grandma Spake was a huge spiritual influence on Steve for the rest of her life. At the age of fifteen, Steve began using ventriloquism in children's worship as a tool to reach children with the Gospel. He also became very active in Bible Studies and Bus Ministry. God led Steve to become a Children's Pastor and he held that position for 15 years.

Steve graduated from Campbell University in North Carolina and still returns to perform for incoming freshmen classes. After many years of performing, teaching Bible Study and leading youth and children's worship, Steve has not lost his first love – that of entertaining and teaching all ages that laughter is truly a gift from God and that our "life choices" provide us a way to show God our love for Him.

Steve Brogan has developed the talent God gave him to the level of a skilled professional and has won national awards in ventriloquism throughout the years. He now performs for hundreds of events a year and incorporates laughter into teaching spiritual truths about God and His love. "I feel very fortunate to be able to make people laugh for my living," says Steve. "I not only enjoy my work, but get paid to have fun, watch others laugh and teach about God's great love for us. What kind of job could be better?" It's safe to say, Steve Brogan knows what his future holds: it seems to be working with dummies. **Steve will be the entertainment at our...**

♥ Valentine's Banquet ♥

Saturday, February 11th

Meal: 5:00 PM (\$2.50 per person)

Entertainment: 6:00 PM

**Bring the kids! Door Prizes! Come join us!
A sign-up sheet is on bulletin board. Thank you!**

HEART DRIVE FOR LEVINE'S CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Josh and Nikki Baucom are members of Midway Baptist Church and they are collecting donations for Levine Children's Hospital. Their son, Hunter, was born on November 25, 2014 with a congenital heart defect. At three weeks old, Hunter went into severe heart failure. While at LCH, Hunter was put on a ventilator, coded three times. The surgeon made the decision to transfer him to Duke University where he underwent two open heart surgeries, one to attempt to repair the mitral valve and one to replace the valve as the repair did not work. On the day Hunter turned six months old, he finally got to sleep in his own crib again.

He continued to be monitored by his cardiologist and last October Josh and Nikki were told that the valve wasn't working properly and it was time for the valve to be replaced. So, on December 2, 2016, they made the nervous drive back to Levine Children's Hospital for a third heart surgery. The surgery went wonderfully but soon after Hunter returned to ICU, the amazing medical staff quickly realized that something wasn't right. Hunter returned to the operating room that night for his fourth surgery to repair another heart issue. After two weeks in the hospital Hunter returned home and is now enjoying playing with his toy cars, and chasing his dog around. The Baucoms want everyone to know that God has greatly blessed their family through Levine Children's Hospital. The medical staff at LCH had prayed for and with them, they saw doctors ride toy cars to make their patients laugh, nurses play hide-and-peek, and rushed to the room every time the code alarm went off and through God was able to get Hunter back. It was obvious that the staff doesn't just see patients as sick kids but as children who want to have fun and still have a sense of normalcy inside a scary hospital room. The Baucoms feel that it is their turn to give back and hope that you will pray about making a difference in the life of a child and their family while admitted at LCH. Having been on the receiving side they personally know the difference it makes when a child's hospital stay is made easier.

The Heart Drive is in honor of Hunter Baucom and Evan Drake (another LCH patient) as a way of giving back and thanking God for his wonderful works. If you are interested in helping, a list of ideas are listed below. Please keep in mind that the LCH requires all donations to be new and unused and there are children of all ages, including teenagers. Donations will be collected until Sunday, February 12th and donated on February 14. There is a collection box located in the visitor's center across from the church office.

Socks (all sizes), Blankets for children and their parents, fun pillow cases, stuffed animals, play mats for playing on the floor, toys, button/zip up pajamas, books for kids, books for parents (such as Chicken soup series), board games, coloring books and crayons, arts and craft supplies (play dough, craft kits, color by number, etc.), sippy cups, batteries for toys, children appropriate DVDs, Thank You notes, monetary donations (checks can be made payable to Levine Children's Hospital and given to Barbara Simpson).



5th-Carolyn D. & Sandy P.
12th-Michael & Alicia Jordan
19th-Craig & Amanda G.
26th: Sandra H. & Beverly N.



5th-Debbie J. & Amanda V.
12th-Bill & Carol Fowler
19th-Roger H. & Janel G.
26th-Rita G. & Heather S.



Is This The End? Continues...

5:00 PM

February 5: Chapter 3

6:00 PM

February 12: Chapter 4

February 19: Chapter 5

February 26: Chapter 6

CHILDREN & YOUTH

They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green, it has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit. Jeremiah 17:8

The above passage was just one of the many points that the youth heard at Crossroads Winter Conference over the MLK weekend holiday. The theme for the weekend is Go Deeper, Grow Stronger. That is exactly what each one in attendance did. It was a great experience to have 29 going to worship and fellowship together. I want to say thank you for the leaders that went. They were: Heather Smith, Clinton and Amy Oster, Kimberly Griffin, Teresa Hilton, and Alicia Jordan. The youth had the word of God poured into their lives and hearts from the great pastors, speakers, and staff of Clayton King Ministries. We will have a conference review time with the church soon so those that went can have an opportunity to share their story.

Now moving on as we go into 2017. January has come and gone. We have big plans for the youth and student ministry. This year we will again forgo the traditional Easter egg hunt for something that has more eternal impact than an egg stuffed with chocolate. We will again hold a drama that will be open to all the community. Be on the lookout for details as the time draws closer. We will continue in our curriculum of Answers in the Bible. This is an apologetics based curriculum that teaches our students the why behind our faith and how to articulate what we believe and the proof that it is the one true God that we serve. I love to see the growth in understanding of the scripture as we progress each week. God is working through the leaders and the students' lives.

I want to close by thanking each of you, our church, for the support of the last year. We have seen great growth in the student and youth ministry that would not be possible without you. To make disciples takes moms, dads, grandmas, grandpas, aunts, and uncles that are willing to ensure that these students get to church. You are making an impact in their lives. An eternal impact. And if you are one that I have talked to about some that you wish would come, but you just can't convince their parents; Don't give up. God can move mountains; He can move hearts too. Keep praying and asking. We want every student and youth that we can possibly have. Not for the purpose of bragging about how big and great our student ministry is, but to expose them to the gospel, create disciples, and win lives for God. I

love each of you, my friends, brothers, and sisters in Christ.

Michael & Alicia Jordan



Fellowship Hall Clean-up for FEBRUARY:
SAVED TO SERVE CLASS

Ida Mae James WMU

DATE: Watch Bulletin; TIME: 10:00 AM
PLACE: Austin Grove Baptist Church

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1 Caleb Davis
- 3 Gloria Pearce
- 5 Mary Deese
- 5 Kinley Grace Griffin
- 5 Helen Phifer
- 6 Andy Little
- 7 Harriet Smith
- 8 Tommy Phillips
- 9 Roger Haigler
- 9 Millie Preslar
- 10 Louise James
- 10 Holly Morris
- 10 Rick Smith
- 12 Marvin Trull
- 14 Justin Tarleton
- 15 Christina Pasciuta
- 16 Meghan Edwards
- 16 Brenda Walker
- 18 Faye Burnette
- 18 Julia Smith Godwin
- 18 Walter Haigler
- 20 Diane Griffin
- 20 Esther Haigler
- 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
- 25 Debra Stewart
- 27 Jodi Craiglow
- 27 Allen Edwards

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 8 Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Phillips
 - 11 Mr. & Mrs. Avery Haigler
 - 12 Mr. & Mrs. Max Haigler
 - 14 Mr. & Mrs. James Helms
 - 19 Mr. & Mrs. W. D. Phifer
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"Youth Meal" Sign-Up Sheet is located on the bulletin board in hallway behind sanctuary. We need volunteers 😊 Thanks!

"Church to Family"

**Partnerships for Hurricane Matthew
Recover Efforts
Baptists C.A.R.E.**

(Churches Assisting Recovery Efforts)

Many people in eastern North Carolina have been affected by Hurricane Matthew. NCBM is working to set up a plan to partner NC Baptist churches, associations or volunteers with Hurricane Matthew affected families. Our desire is to assist as many people as possible by partnering churches with families who have been affected. If your church is interested in helping, one way is to partner with a family who has been flooded during Hurricane Matthew.

Prayer should be an important aspect of this partnership. Call the UBA for a "Church to Family" partnership form and more guidelines for partnering with an affected family or visit <http://unionbaptist.com/ministry-teams/nc-baptist-men-brotherhood/nc-baptist-men-events>. A church, Sunday School class, WMU group or Baptist Men's group can join in this effort.

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The Union County Community Shelter (UCCS) in Monroe is kicking off their annual Souper Bowl of Caring fundraiser from January 18 until March 12. It's that time of year again where millions of fans get excited for Super Bowl Sunday, during which millions of dollars are raised for a game that lasts only a few hours. The Souper Bowl of Caring is a way that we can raise thousands of dollars for our own community to help tackle hunger and homelessness. Souper Bowl of Caring will aid the hungry and homeless for days, weeks, months, and even years to come, not just a few hours on a Sunday afternoon. The Souper Bowl of Caring has become an annual tradition for many congregations, schools, service clubs and businesses, nationwide to impact hunger and homeless charities; charities like the Union County Community Shelter.

Sunday, February 5th



REGION 6 NC MISSIONS RALLY 2017

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2017
6-8:30 PM

HOPEWELL BAPTIST CHURCH
420 HOPEWELL CHURCH ROAD
MONROE NC 28110

This rally will highlight the variety of opportunities NC Baptists have to be involved in missions across our state, in our nation, and around the world. Featured will be worship, testimony, mission video, and a prayer time for missions. These rallies are for men, women and youth- everyone interested in missions is encouraged to attend. A main focus of these rallies will be state, national, international partnerships and projects (including Disaster Relief) that are supported by the NCMO.

A meal is provided for the NC Mission Rallies at no charge.



"Make Your Group Grow"
Sunday School Conference with
Josh Hunt
Tuesday, March 14, 2017
6:30-9:15 pm
Lakeview Baptist Church
For more information, see his web page
at www.joshhunt.com.
Please sign up in the church bulletin board.



LOVE OFFERING

On Sunday Morning, February 19th we will receive a love offering for Lebron & Shirley Crowe. February 5th makes 186 days in the hospital for Brannon awaiting a heart transplant. Please continue to be in prayer for this family.

WMU MEETING

DATE: Thursday, February 9th ♥ TIME: 6:30 PM

♥ "The Most Perfect Love" ♥

Come join us! Also, please come prepared to give a love offering for someone in need. Thank you.

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



Baby "Boy" Shower for Dawn Marsh

DATE: Saturday, February 18

TIME: 10:00 – 11:30 AM

PLACE: Fellowship Hall

Registered at: Babies R Us and Target

Alaska Mission Trip for the summer is being planned...possible dates 1st or 2nd week in July (still to be determined).
See Freddy Griffin for information.



You are invited to the 50th Anniversary Celebration

for

Fvery & Kay Haigler

Sunday, February 26, 2017

Two-thirty until Four-thirty in the afternoon

Austin Grove Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

MARCH EVENTS

Thursday, March 2nd: Rocky River Springs Fish House

We will leave the church at 5:00 PM; Eat at 6:00 PM.

Please sign up on bulletin board and please check if you will be riding the bus.

Sunday, March 12th: **Red Cross Blood Drive** 1:00-5:30 PM

MAKE YOUR GROUP GROW

Sunday School Conference with Josh Hunt on Tuesday, March 14

More Information and sign up sheet located on bulletin board.

MAY EVENTS

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

Sunday, May 21st: Word of Messiah Ministries, Sam Nadler will be with us at 6:00 PM.

Please mark your calendars.

JUNE EVENTS

Mark your calendars for VBS: June 19th – 22nd

We need your assistance...the drapes and old blinds that were replaced in your Sunday School Classrooms are in the classroom beside the choir room. If you would like to reuse or get them back, please pick up by Wednesday, February 8th.
Thank you.

Breathe
making room for sabbath
By Priscilla Shirer

March Women's Book Study

A sign-up sheet is on the Women's bulletin board. Come join us!

Valentine's Day Word Search

C D H P Y E F S R A Y S G U H
K H C E M G N T O M F E L K M
D A O D A U S N S K L S T U T
P N S C G R M L E I O S G X D
P O E G O T T N S W W I R X H
V C L I E L D D U C E K A C F
F E G Y R Q A C Q A R V O R O
W U L H Q F A T T X S O O Z H
C A N D Y R L T E T M O N L O
U J L Y D F I Z D S S G M G Q

CANDY
CARD
CHOCOLATE
CUDDLE
FLOWERS
FRIEND
HEART



HUGS
KISSES
LOVE
ROSES
SMOOCH
SNUGGLE

Happy
Valentine's
Day

NUMBER TO KNOW

41.4

The number of residents in Union County who identified religiously as Protestants was 41.4 percent, according to a survey done by usreligiouscensus.com. The category breaks down into Evangelicals (28.6 percent), Mainline Protestants (10.8 percent) and Black Protestants (2.0 percent). Another 8.8 percent of Union County identified as Catholic and 49.3 percent said they had no religion.

YOUR MISSIONARIES TO AFRICA
Walter & Shannon
HAIGLER



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Dear Pastors, Family, and Friends,

Happy New Year! Thank you for your continued prayers and support for our family. During the month of November I went to Uganda. While in Uganda I attended a conference where seven nationals surrendered to full time service. I was also able to see a radio ministry that has been used greatly to assist in church planting. I went to meet with several missionaries to learn and to assist with the needs in East Africa. The need there is great with wickedness all around.

As I mentioned last month, Shannon was diagnosed with a medical condition that requires continued treatment. I also went to search for treatment options for Shannon's medical condition. Unfortunately the treatment needed is not available, and at this time, for medical reasons, we are unable to return to East Africa as a family. However, our pastor and I are in prayer and planning about short-term mission trips to assist in the efforts of church planting in East Africa.

Over the past few months while living in Connecticut, we have been burdened for the people in and around New England. New England has almost 15 million people and only a few Bible-believing Baptist churches, and most are very small. There is a great need, and we have been in prayer and counsel about what part God would have for us in reaching this region .

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." Proverbs 3:5-6 The Lord directed our path to a small congregation of just under 20 members in this region. This congregation has been struggling due to severe health issues of their pastor. Pastor Harmon has faithfully served this congregation; however he was recently diagnosed with a rare cancer. I preached for this congregation in January and have been asked to help them for the entire month of February. Please pray for Pastor Harmon and his people at this time as he undergoes for treatment. Please pray for our family as we work to assist these believers through this difficult time.

We certainly appreciate your support, and most definitely your prayers for our family. I believe that the year of 2017 will be a great year with great opportunities to reach the lost with Christ. I look forward to updating you in March with details of our work with Pastor Harmon, and this congregation, and of the future work for our family.

In His Wonderful Service,
Haiglers
Haigler Family