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AUSTIN GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

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To our Church Family and Friends,

I pray that as you are reading this that you and your family are well. It seems like more and more people are coming down with various viruses and/or flu daily.

Sarah Young writes about how you are feeling and how to feel better even when you are sad. Let me share this with you. "Whenever you are feeling sad, God wants you to anticipate feeling joyful again. This takes the sting out of your sorrow because you know it is only temporary. Sadness tends to duplicate itself along the timeline---convincing you that you'll always be unhappy. But this is a lie! The truth is, all God's followers have infinite joy ahead of them, guaranteed throughout eternity! No one can take that away from you."

There are many ups and downs in life. The down times are very difficult, but even being difficult they serve a purpose. Pain and struggle help you change and grow stronger when you trust God in the midst of adversity. As we labor through our earthly struggles, may we keep our eyes on the promised reward: boundless joy in Heaven! May each one feel the closeness that only God can bring to us and may we grow in wisdom knowing that God is with us always! There is a fullness of joy that God brings into each of our lives. It compares to nothing else. John 16:22 records these words: "So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you."

May God bless you!! Thanks for allowing us to serve alongside of you.

Leon & Cindy

WOMEN'S MINISTRY MEETING

Women's Ministry is meeting next on February 19th at 10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Women's Ministry Retreat is March 16th-17th. Please see Melissa Smith for more details. You do not need to spend the night. Cindy James has graciously offered her lake house for those who want to stay. We will have a meeting on March 11th after church to talk about details. Cost for book is \$20.00. Please let Melissa Smith know as soon as possible if you are interested. Thank you!



Sunday, February 4th

All donations will go to the Union County Community Shelter.

Lucille Stewart's New Address

1607 Lantana Dr., Thompson's Station, TN 37179

Second Harvest

DATE: Wednesday, February 7th

TIME: 8:00 AM; PLACE: UMC-Wingate

Volunteer Luncheon will follow

The Anson East-Union Mission Network would like to say thank you for your hard work and commitment serving our Lord Jesus Christ through the Anson-East Union Mobile Food Pantry. For this purpose, you are invited to a "Volunteer Appreciation Lunch" on Wednesday, **February 7th** at Wingate UMC. This event will take place in the Fellowship Hall of the Wingate church after the delivering of food on that day (about noon). We are honored to serve along with you, to the people in our communities in the name of Jesus Christ. Make plans to come and to share a time of fellowship and food! Pastor Hugo Villagrana

"...whatever you did for one of the last of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Mt. 25:40

ADOPT A CHAPLAIN-Chaplain Ministry Needs:

Snacks, Toiletries, DVD's, secular & religious reading material, school supplies and candy. Please drop off items at Michael's office. If you have any questions, please see Aaron Griffin.

Heart Drive for Levine Children's Hospital

In honor of Hunter Baucom and Evan Drake, we are collecting donations for Levine Children's Hospital for Congenital Heart Defects Awareness Week. LCH does a fantastic job of making a family's hospital experience the absolute best it can be and you can help! Here are some ideas:

Mobiles, Toys (light up and play music), Dr. Brown's Bottles for give to families at discharge, itunes gift cards for older patients, Chick-fil-a and Panera Bread gift cards for family use, Books for kids, blankets for all ages, board games, sippy cups, batteries for toys, etc. A complete list is on the bulletin board.

Monday, February 12th is the donation due date.

NCBM: Region 6 Mission Rally

DATE: Tuesday, February 13th

PLACE: Highland Baptist, New London

SUPPER: 6:00 PM; **PROGRAM:** 6:30 PM- 8:30 PM

Your meal is free; however, **you must register one week prior to the rally date** at: 1-800-395-5102; extension: 5596 or online at:

www.baptistsonmission.org (Events/Regional/Mission Rallies)

Coming Events....

MARCH EVENTS

Sunday, March 4th: NAMB Mission Study with Melissa Smith 6:00 PM

Sunday, March 11th Red Cross Blood Drive here at AGBC.

APRIL EVENTS

"The Ark" trip is being planned for the week of April 1st.

MAY EVENTS

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

Saturday, May 26th is the proposed date for our Community Churches Spring Event. More details to follow.

EAST UNION NEEDS OUR HELP

East Union Middle School students are in need of book bags. If you have gently used generic book bags, or can find them at a good price, they can certainly be used. The counselors did ask for blue or black or a bag that either a boy or girl could use. As always, I will be glad to shop for you. Thanks so much. *Brenda Walker*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1 Caleb Davis
- 2 Wes Stewart
- 5 Mary Deese
- 5 Kinley Grace Griffin
- 5 Helen Phiifer
- 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
- 16 Meghan Edwards
- 16 Brenda Walker
- 18 Julia Smith Godwin
- 18 Walter Haigler
- 20 Diane Griffin
- 20 Esther Haigler
- 20 Gracen Norris
- 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
- 28 Kristy Badger

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. Phiifer



VIOLIN PRACTICE IS NOW ON
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT 6:00 PM
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

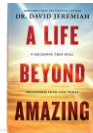


DATE: Saturday, February 17th

PLACE: AGBC Fellowship Hall

TIME: Meal at 5:00 PM; Program at 6:00 PM

Renea Henderson, Christian Comedian will be our entertainment. Please sign-up on the bulletin board if you would like to attend. Thank you.



Book Study Schedule

February 11th at 6:00 PM: "A Life of Compassion"

February 18th at 6:00 PM: "A Life of Generosity"

February 25th at 6:00 PM: "A Life of Integrity"

March 4th at 6:00 PM: "A Life of Humility"

March 11th at 6:00 PM: "A Life of Self Discipline"

February Fellowship Hall Clean-Up:

Saved to Serve Class

CHURCH LIBRARY

"Love the Lord your God with all your mind."



Library News

Need large print? Laura Stoddard has donated eight *Reader's Digest* Select Edition volumes that contain two condensed novels in each one. Some of these include *Dog Gone, Back Soon* and *Lawyer for the Dog* as well as *Forever Friday* and *Sister Secrets*.

In addition, someone has contributed three Christmas DVD's. Kirk Cameron stars in *Saving Christmas*. The other two are titled *The Last Straw* and *Christmas Oranges*. Another DVD, *Smitty: Everyone Needs a Friendly Paw*, features Peter Fonda and Louis Gossett, Jr. *The Letter Writer* is an award-winning "incredibly heartfelt" movie.

Thank you to all of our library donors!

Come by the library and check these out!

Brenda Lee, Librarian

NURSERY WORKERS

February 4th: Cindy Whitley & Emily Oster

February 11th: Amanda G. & Dawn M.

February 18th: Debbie J. & Amanda V.

February 25th: Bill & Carol Fowler

CHILDREN'S CHURCH WORKERS

February 4th: Ray & Heather Smith

February 11th: Janel G. & Kelsey

February 18th: Josh F. & Sandy P.

February 25th: Michael & Alicia Jordan

AGBC Student & Youth Newsletter

There is a pretty popular song right now on Christian radio stations that goes, "I don't want to hear any more, teach me to listen. I don't want to see anymore, give me a vision..... I just want to be different." As twenty-five students, chaperones and myself took off to Gatlinburg for Cross Roads Winter Conference, this message stuck with us. Over the past month we have been challenging the students, asking so how are you different? If you are saved, when you experience a great weekend of worship and praise, if you claim Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior, how are you different from the rest of the world? They have been challenged with the same scripture that I shared with the congregation on January the 28th:

Romans 12:1 - A Living Sacrifice

12 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

If we are different because we are set apart by God, does that show? Are we different enough that if accused of being a follower of Christ, there would be enough evidence to convict us? If not, what are we afraid of? Many times, it is the fear of not being accepted. I challenge each of us to be different. Don't believe fear. We have a heavenly father that loves us beyond any human measure. Stand in faith and be different.

Michael Jordan



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CONFERENCE 2018**

