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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:

**Psalm 78:5-6 records these words.**

<sup>5</sup>He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach their children, <sup>6</sup>so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children.

There are some things that we need to pay more attention to than others. In the daily devotional book I use is an analogy about runners. Glen Schultz from Tennessee writes these words about a relay race. This helps us to relate to the importance of helping our children to see Jesus as their Lord and Savior. It goes something like this:

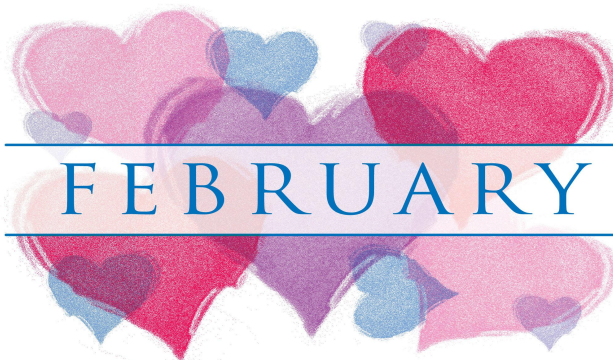
The first runner takes the baton and readies himself in the starting position. He rushes out of the starting box and goes toward his second team mate who is waiting to receive the hand off of the baton, so careful not to drop it. Every Christian parent is involved in an eternal relay race. This race determines whether our children attain the eternal prize. The baton is our faith in Christ. The goal is to pass this baton from our hearts to our child's heart. As the child's birth draws close, parents must set themselves in the starting position, getting ready for the start. With our spiritual lives in order ready for the challenge, the child is born. It is so imperative that we begin early because at birth the child begins to move away from us (it is called growing up). Parents must expend their energy to accomplish one goal-the passing on of their faith to their child. They must get the baton firmly in their child's heart before the child gets too far down the racetrack of life. Parents must run to win this important race!

There is such a great responsibility for us a church to help our parents, children and grandchildren to receive the

gift of salvation and eternal life given to us by Jesus Christ. In 2013, may we seek to do all we can to make our resources and facilities available for the cause of Christ. He must increase in every aspect of our lives.

Thank you for allowing us to be a part of such a great congregation and we continue to co-labor on this His mission field!

*Leon & Cindy*



## “Teach us to love”

O God, perfect us in love,  
That we may conquer all selfishness and hatred of others;  
Fill our hearts with thy joy,  
And shed abroad in them thy peace which passeth understanding;  
That so those murmurings and disputings  
To which we are too prone may be overcome.  
Make us long-suffering and gentle,  
And thus subdue our hastiness and angry tempers,  
And grant that we may bring forth the blessed fruits of the Spirit,  
To thy praise and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

ô Rev. Henry Alford (1810-1871)

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### SUNDAY

Sunday School.....9:45 AM  
Worship Service.....10:45 AM  
Evening Worship.....6:00 PM

### WEDNESDAY

Gospel Project Night( Ignite Kidz & Ignite Youth)í 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



Barbara Faulkenberry in the passing of her sister, Mary Price.

Mott & Phyllis Simpson and Tim & Dana Simpson in the passing of their son-in-law and brother-in-law, Jim Muldrow.

Family of Pat Cook.

Ben & Laura Stoddard in the loss of his brother, Jack Stoddard.

Billy & Delane Bennett in the passing of her cousin, Sherley Tarlton.

Leon & Cindy Whitley in the passing of her step-father, Van Stewart.



**Outreach Ministry Schedule**

Thurs., Feb. 7, 7pm – Team 1(Phyllis Simpson)

Tues., Feb. 12, 10am – Team 2(Frances Knight)

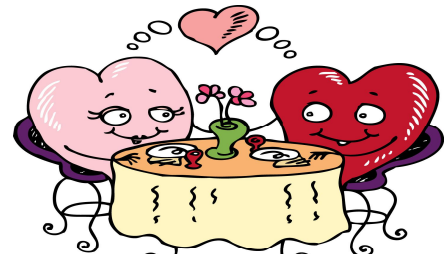
Wed., Feb. 20, 6pm – Team 3(Pat Autry)

Wed., Feb. 27, 6pm – Team 4(Steve/Brenda Walker)



**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



**Valentines Banquet**

**February 9**

**Meal 5:00pm**

**Entertainment – 6:00pm**

**Cost: \$5.00**

Please sign up on bulletin board if you plan to attend. If you would like to help with the entertainment, please see Baxter Jordan.

**Nursing Home Residents**

**Autumn Care**

Lizzie Nance(802)  
Sally Williams(303)

**Rehab. & Nursing Ctr**

Robert Ansley (360)

**Bellaire Health Care Ctr.**

Brenda James

**Jesse Helms Ctr**

Margaret Connell

**Carillon Assisted Living**

Ruth Trull

**Community Health Fair  
East Union Middle School Gym**

**February 9, 2013**

**10am – 2pm**

**Free Screenings**

- Eye Screenings
- Blood pressure screening
- Sickle Cell Anemia Education
- Diabetes Education/Screening
- Many More

## Women's Ministry Meeting

February 12, 7:00pm



For our project, please bring diapers, wipes, baby blankets, 12 oz. baby shampoo/wash for the Crisis Pregnancy Center.

Our Guest Speaker is Gayle Webber.

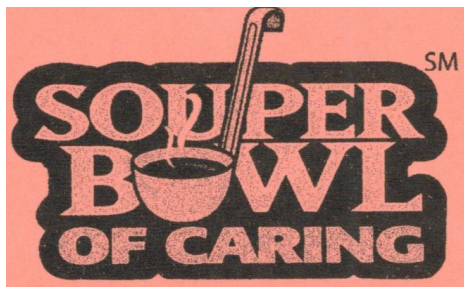
Gayle Webber - Storyteller

Gayle Holton Walker Webber (that name could be a story in itself) is a native Charlottean (not to be confused with a charlatan) but she has called Marshville NC "home" since 2007. She has been an active member of Toastmasters International for six years, holding several officer roles, including President, and she helped to start a new club in Union County.

Gayle was introduced to storytelling through Michael Reno Harrell's "stories in song" and was spellbound the first time she attended the National Storytelling Festival in Jonesborough, TN. In 2008, Michael Reno challenged her to participate in the Bold-Faced Liars' Showdown in Laurinburg, NC. Not being one to turn down a good challenge, she has since competed four times, and was awarded the coveted "People's Choice Award" in 2010. In 2011, she was a featured "New Voice" at the Storytelling Festival of the Southeast.

In addition to Toastmasters, Gayle is a member of the Rocky River Storytellers and the Alzheimer's Association, Western Carolina Chapter Speakers' Bureau. She is an executive assistant for Duke Energy, where she has worked for 28 years, and is married to Carl Webber. Together Gayle and Carl have 8 children and 13 grandchildren ... good story fodder if ever there was any!

*All ladies are invited to join us!!!!*



### SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Share your caring spirit to help the hungry and homeless through the Union County Community Shelter (UCCS) on Souper Bowl Sunday. Every dollar dropped in a basket, bucket or soup pot helps

local people in need feel the power of God's love. That's something to cheer about!!!

All monies collected are fully tax deductible, stay in our county, and support our food and shelter programs. Our ability to meet the needs of our clients depends greatly on the support we receive from this once-a-year fundraiser. To learn more about our UCCS programs, visit [www.unionshelter.org](http://www.unionshelter.org)



### Shelter, Food, Housing Stabilization, and Love

#### Extended Stay and Overnight Shelter, Family Housing, and Case Management

149 Adults Provided Overnight Shelter in the Onsite Homeless Shelter for one or more nights (65% increase)

5,879 Overnight Stays

Of the 76 Case Managed in the Adult Shelter Program, 26% moved into stable, permanent housing!

52 Families assisted with Offsite Emergency

"Housing Support - motels, houses/apts, rental, deposit, arrears, and eviction assistance. (56% Increase)

6,048 Overnight Stays

56% of families stabilized to permanent housing!

300 people received Case Management

services, for both residential and non-residential issues such as budgeting, employment coaching, accessing

community resources, obtaining identification, disability resourcing, etc.

#### Soup Kitchen, Food Boxes, Clothing, Hygiene Kits, and More

34,990 prepared meals served in our Soup Kitchen. (35% increase) Over 60 faith, business, and community volunteer groups assisting!

202 Food Boxes and 181 Hygiene Kits distributed.

398 families received Clothing Assistance one or more times, and 33 non-residential individuals used UCCS for Shower Facilities

Union County Community Shelter  
311 E. Jefferson Street, Monroe NC 28112  
704.289.5300 \* [www.unionshelter.org](http://www.unionshelter.org) \*  
[facebook/unioncountycommunityshelter](https://www.facebook.com/unioncountycommunityshelter)

Rod Davis will be our speaker for the evening service on February 17, 2013. Make plans to join us!

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### Region 6 Missions Rally

Thursday, Feb. 21  
Prospect Baptist Church in Albemarle

Supper – 6:00pm  
Program – 7:00pm

This event is open to men, women and youth

If you would like to go, please sign up on bulletin board by Sunday, Feb. 17.

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### Dominican Republic Mission Trip

March 1 – 9, 2013

See Freddy Griffin for more information.

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### North American Missions Emphasis

Week of Prayer & Annie Armstrong  
Easter Offering

March 3 – 10, 2013

Theme: “Whatever It Takes – Reaching the One”

Our Mission Study will be on Wednesday, March 6

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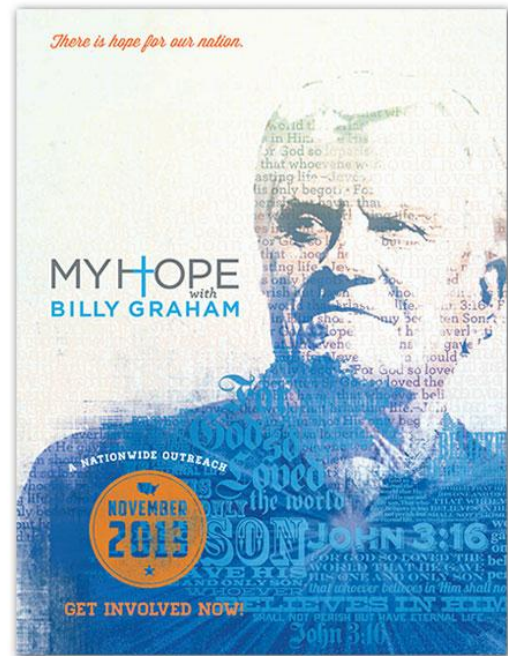
**Transform** is a National LifeWay sponsored training opportunity/Sunday School Conference

Saturday, April 13, 2013

8:30 am until 2:30 pm; Lunch included

Location: First Baptist Church, Indian Trail NC

To all Sunday School Teachers: Please see Steve Little or Brenda Walker for more information. (Detailed information available for teachers from Pre-school through Senior Adults.



*The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association is promoting a nationwide outreach in November, 2013 coinciding with Billy Graham's 95<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration.*

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*My Hope with Billy Graham is a grass-roots effort to reach people across the United States and Canada with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Following a simple biblical model, My Hope with Billy Graham combines the reach and excitement of a nationwide media event with the power of personal relationships. Under the guidance of their local pastors, Christians across these two countries will open their homes to share the Gospel message with friends, family, colleagues, and neighbors using different media programs featuring Billy Graham, dynamic music, and testimonies.*

For more information, go to [myhopewithbillygraham.org](http://myhopewithbillygraham.org)

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**NEEDS THE HOPE OF**  
*Jesus Christ*