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**AUSTIN GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH**      **January, 2017**  
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*To our Church Family and Friends,*

## **2017...What will it bring?**

What a great service on Christmas morning. Thanks to all who participated and those who came to worship. God is so good!! I hope that every part of your Christmas was good. I know some had health issues and tests done while others are awaiting surgery, Still God is good. I am convinced that God has a message for each of us, each and every day. Each day God says this is what I have in store for you. We need only to be obedient to His command. When we obey Him, we begin to worship Him. I want to be a better worshiper, how about you? I want to worship Him more! I want worship to be a constant part of my life and I think most of us do.

Lord, I want to move from where I am to truly worship you. Please develop in me the things that will make me more complete. Father, give me a sincere desire to be closer to you. Help me to want everything you have for me, leaving nothing out. Help me to recognize my on spiritual needs and God I pray that I will have a spirit within me to expect to hear from you each and every time I pray. Lord I realize that sometimes, maybe most, my will is not your will, and help me God to be willing to submit my life to your will more faithfully. God please build my faith with every day you grant me breath. God help me to expect you in my life every moment. I want to bow down before you and humble myself before you. I want a heart God that chooses to celebrate your power, glory, and grace. Lord help me to be the kind of person who gives back to you because you have been so good to me. God help me to act upon your will and direction as you guide me. Help me to say yes to you more times than ever before. God help me to connect with you more and more as time goes along.

In 2017 Lord I want to worship you in a deeper sense than ever before.

It is so good to be a part of this fellowship. Thank you as we continue to serve alongside of each other.

**Leon & Cindy**

## **CHILDREN & YOUTH**

In Hebrews 10:37 it is recorded, for in just a very little while, "He who is coming will come and will not delay." We are now past the Christmas holiday where we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, but don't stop looking, anticipating, awaiting, expecting the coming of Jesus Christ. The gospel promises us that Christ left this earth, but He is going to return. He goes to prepare a place for each one that trust in Him as Lord and Savior. These truths continue to resonate in the student ministry at Austin Grove. As we begin our second quarter of Answers in the Bible curriculum we will stay focused on the Why behind our faith. We will continue to help the students understand the basis of our theology, and why they can trust in the One True God.

January is going to be a big month for our Youth. We will have a group of 29 attending the Clayton King Winter conference in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. The youth are so excited to make this trip again this year. The theme is Go Deeper, Grow Stronger. With speakers like Clayton King, Trey Bradley, Naeem Fazal, and Trip Lee, it is going to be a great time of gospel sharing that I am sure the youth will want to share with the congregation. As we prepare for this trip I ask that you lift the youth group up in your prayers. Please pray specifically for safety in travel, for all those going (including adults) to be open to what the Lord has in store for them. Pray that the words that are said will inspire and motivate the youth to walk closer than ever before. Pray that they find the boldness to share the gospel in their schools and our community. I know that this will be a great trip. It would not be possible without our church. Thank you for all that each of you do for our corporate body so that we may do all that we are able to do.

If you can sponsor a Sunday night youth meal, there is a new sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the back hallway. Thank you in advance for your help in providing these meals.

**Michael Jordan**

**LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING**

**OUR CHURCH GOAL: \$5,440.00**

*Received to date: \$12,306.00*

**STAFF & PHONE NUMBERS**

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**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

**Fellowship Hall Clean-up for JANUARY:**

Prophesy

**Ida Mae James WMU**

DATE: January 9<sup>th</sup>; TIME: 10:00 AM

PLACE: Austin Grove Baptist Church



1<sup>st</sup>: Dustin & Dawn Marsh

8<sup>th</sup>: Lebron & Shirley Crowe

15<sup>th</sup>: Bill & Carol Fowler

22<sup>nd</sup>: Michael & Alicia Jordan

29<sup>th</sup>: NEED VOLUNTEER



1<sup>st</sup>: Kerri Collins & Josh Fowler

8<sup>th</sup>: Michael & Alicia Jordan

15<sup>th</sup>: Christa & Brandon Love

22<sup>nd</sup>: Josh Fowler & Cindy Whitley

29<sup>th</sup>: Amanda G. & Dawn M.

**ONLINE GIVING**

Our church offers online designated giving for anyone that would like to make donations in this manner.

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- 2 *Brittany Crowe, Laura Ann Ikerd Strickland, Shane Michael Jordan*
- 5 *Calvin Hartis, Matthew Oster*
- 6 *Nathan Baucom, Chris Guffey*
- 8 *Billy Bennett, Delane Bennett, Cathy Lacroix*
- 9 *Anna Christine Edwards, Jacklyn Taylor Edwards, Eddie Rivers*
- 10 *Khoury Nassef, Kathy Hazelwood*
- 11 *Toni Riggins, Hunter Ray Smith*
- 12 *Tommy Traywick*
- 14 *Barbara Faulkenberry*
- 15 *Pat Autry, Lindsey Faith Nassef*
- 18 *Benjamin Collins, Kyle Gordon*
- 18 *Lainey Preslar*
- 19 *Laikyn Nicole Newsome, Cary Preslar, Morgan Zambarda*
- 21 *Kaylan Haigler, Alexandria Miller*
- 23 *Sandra Helms, Jay Tiffany, Kris Tiffany*
- 24 *Brittany Edwards, Beverly Napier*
- 25 *Lisa Tarleton*
- 26 *Aidan Figueroa, Emily Oster*
- 27 *Wayne Griffin*
- 28 *Michael Jordan*
- 29 *Amber Griffin*

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

- 3 *Mr. & Mrs. Roger Long*
- 3 *Mr. & Mrs. Morris Williams*
- 7 *Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Hartis*
- 7 *Mr. & Mrs. Baxter Jordan*
- 14 *Mr. & Mrs. Steve Walker*
- 22 *Mr. & Mrs. Cary Preslar*
- 26 *Mr. & Mrs. Wade Haigler*
- 26 *Mr. & Mrs. Don Post*

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

**Phone Tree Forms** are located on the table in the vestibule. Please help us update all our records, including email and texting capabilities, by filling out and returning to the secretary's mailbox or Pastor Leon. We have several email addresses and phone numbers that are no longer deliverable, so please make sure we have your correct information. Thank you so much. **DEADLINE EXTENDED: PLEASE TURN IN ALL FORMS BY SUNDAY, JANUARY 15. THANK YOU.**

**Second Harvest Mobile Food Bank**

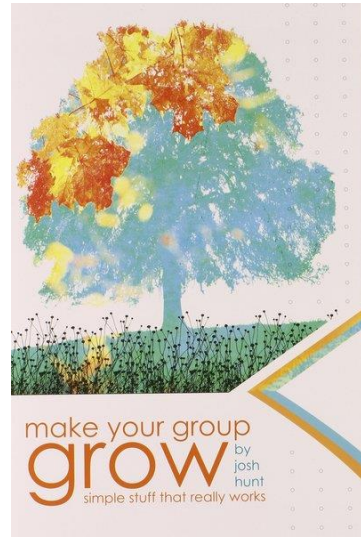
**PLACE:** Austin Grove Baptist Church

**DATE:** Wednesday, January 4th; **TIME:** 8:30 AM

**Please make arrangements to help if you are able.**

We would greatly appreciate it☺

**"Youth Meal" Sign-Up Sheet** is located on the bulletin board in hallway behind sanctuary. We need volunteers☺ Thanks!



**"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](http://www.joshhunt.com).

Please sign up in the church bulletin board.



**Souper Bowl Sunday**

**February 5, 2017**

Your congregation can contribute to a special "Souper Bowl" offering to help the homeless and hungry right here at home. The Union County Community Shelter greatly depends on the support they receive from this once-a-year fundraiser. Every dollar donated goes to the Union County Community Shelter. More information in the February UBA newsletter.

(State Conference Cont.)

**Region 6 Missions Rally**

**Monday, February 6, 2017**  
6:00-8:30 pm

**Hopewell Baptist Church**  
8900 Concord Hwy., 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. The main focus of this rally 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, but reservations are necessary to ensure an accurate meal count.

**DEADLINE TO SIGN UP ON BULLETIN BOARD**  
**1/25/16**



**UBA WINTER SESSION**

**Tuesday, January 24, 2017**

**Fellowship & Refreshments: 6 pm**  
**Session: 7 pm**

**Trinity Baptist Church**  
2613 Concord Highway  
Monroe NC 28110

**Doctrinal Sermon:**  
**Rev. Douglas Rumley (New Salem)**

**All visitors and messengers**  
**are invited to attend.**



**83<sup>rd</sup> Baptist Men's Day**

**Sunday,**  
**January 22, 2017**

**"Reconciled"**

*"And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;"*

2 Corinthians 5:18