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AUSTIN GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

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To Our Church Family and Friends:

2015 is here, I can hardly believe it. Anne Graham Lutz wrote "God has chosen you and me for the purpose of bearing much eternal fruit...fruit that is simply the character of God's Son coming out in us."

As 2014 ends and 2015 begins you may feel a flurry of emotions, some with regrets looking back and yet some with fears and doubts as you look ahead with fearful questions. Issues and anxiety do not leave very much room for hope. You want to feel optimistic and joyful, but how?

Answers can be found not just in trying, but in knowing: Not in doing, but resting in the sweet solitude of God's amazing grace. Sarah Young writes "In Galatians 5, God promises joy as a fruit of his work in us. So instead of trying to manufacture a feeling of joy, look to your Father in heaven and remember His promise. He has already planted joy in your heart by His Spirit. So feeling joyful is not the issue. Rather, quietly sit before God and express to Him your deepest hurts and concerns and ask Him to grow in you His fruit of joy. Then, as Anne says, you will continue to bear fruit--eternal fruit--for Him, becoming more and more like His Son."

Lord help my life show the fruit of the Spirit in everything I do today and all the days of this coming year!

Thanks for allowing Cindy and I to serve you.  
Leon & Cindy

### "The Helper of the Strays"

Tax collectors and the lame,  
blind and mute and lepers came.  
Those with thirst and many sores,  
came to Jesus by the scores.  
"Help me, heal me, Lord," they prayed.  
Jesus knew that all had strayed.  
So he took their sins and loss  
on his shoulders to the cross  
helping, healing all the strays,  
always giving God the praise.     ô MaryAnn Sundby

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### Slow-Down Therapy

1. Slow down; God is still in Heaven. You are not responsible for doing it all yourself right now.
2. Set your own pace. When someone is pushing you, it is OK to tell them they're pushing.
3. Taste your food. God gives it to delight as well as to nourish.
4. Notice the sun and the moon as they rise and set. They are remarkable for their steady pattern of movement, not their speed.
5. Talk and play with children. It will bring out the unhurried little person inside you.
6. Create a place in your home...at your work...in your heart where you can go for a quiet time. You deserve it.
7. Allow yourself to be lazy and unproductive. Rest isn't luxury; it is a necessity.
8. Listen to the wind blow. It carries a message of yesterday and tomorrow and now. NOW counts.
9. Rest on your laurels. They bring comfort whatever their size, age, or condition.
10. Talk slower. Talk less. Don't talk. Communication isn't measured by words.



### SUNDAY

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

### WEDNESDAY

Bell Choir Practice í í í í í í í í ..6:00PM  
Girls On Mission/Ambassadors for Christ...6:30PM  
Prayer Service í í í í í í í í í í ..6:45PM  
Adult Choir í í .....7:30PM

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



Morris & Gerrie Williams in the passing of his sister, Blondell Davis.



*Congratulations to our newlyweds, Josh & Meredith(Whitley) Slaughter. They were joined in marriage on December 13, 2014.*

**Women's Ministry Meeting  
Thursday, January 8  
6:30pm in fellowship hall**

Our guest speaker will be Gloria Barrino, Director of Crisis Assistance Ministry. For our project, please bring items from their needs list below. All women of the Church are invited!



**Anniversaries**

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

**Nursing Home Residents**

**Autumn Care**  
**Joe Chulick(807)**

**Monroe Square**  
**Lynn Crooke**

**Monroe Rehabilitation Center**  
**Robert Ansley (360)**

**Crisis Assistance Ministry  
Needs List**

1333 W. Roosevelt Blvd, Monroe, NC 28110 704-225-0440

**Food Pantry**

- Boxed meals
- Canned meats
- Canned soups
- Canned vegetables
- Peanut butter & jelly
- Cereal / oatmeal
- Rice / grits
- Sugar / flour / corn meal
- Crackers
- Fruit juices & fruit cups
- Paper towels / toilet paper
- Spaghetti noodles and sauce / macaroni / pasta
- Cake & cookie mixes / icing
- Snack Items (granola bars, energy bars, etc.)

**Miscellaneous**

- Dishwashing detergent
- Gift Cards
  - Food / Gas
- Heavy duty paper bags or boxes (to carry food)
- Laundry detergent / softener

**Personal Care Items**

- Body lotion
- Combs / brushes
- Deodorant
- Disposable Razors
- Mouthwash
- Shampoo / conditioner
- Soap / body wash
- Tooth paste / tooth brushes

**Supplies for CAM Office**

- \*Address labels
- Boxes of Kleenex
- \*Computers & computer software
- \*Copiers
- Copy paper
- Folders / 3 ring binders / hanging file folders
- Paper & binder clips
- Pens / pencils
- Printers
- Staplers / staples

*\*Please call for specific needs.*

Please contact Gloria Barrino, Executive Director, at 704-238-0155 if you wish to hold a food drive.

[www.unioncrisis.org](http://www.unioncrisis.org)

# THE GOSPEL STUDENT MINISTRY

"To Know Him and Make Him Known"

## January Events

- Youth Meeting Volunteers ó There is a sign up sheet on the Youth bulletin board for volunteers to provide refreshments & help with the youth meetings on Sunday nights, 5:30 ó 7:00pm beginning in January.
- Crossroads Worldwide Winter Conference - Mandatory meeting for everyone going to Crossroads Worldwide Winter Conference, Sunday Jan. 4 at 6pm in fellowship hall.
- Girls on Mission / Ambassadors for Christ - will be starting a new Bible study called óThe Storyö on Jan 7, 6:30-7:30pm in fellowship hall. We invite everyone to come out and join us.
- Youth on Mission Bible Study- will be starting Jan. 11, from 5:30-7pm in fellowship hall. Everyone from 6th-12th grade is invited to join us. Dinner will be provided, Bible study and so much more.

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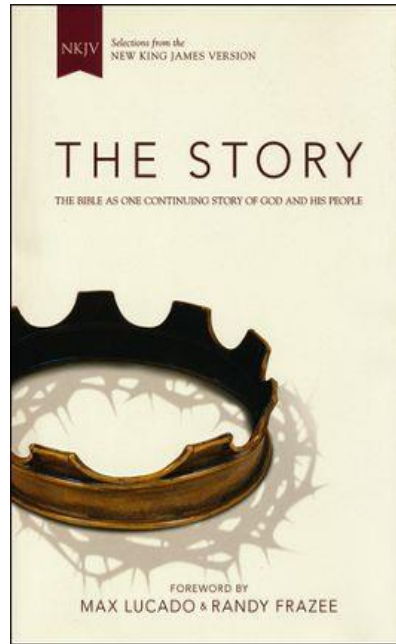


Our Servants for Christ Ministry is still growing in word and deeds.

Christ is blessing us every Monday as we seek to do what He has called us to do. Our Bible study is such a blessing as we study the scriptures, pray and discuss what God has led us to teach on that particular day.

Please continue to pray for us as we seek to do only God's will for us.

Your sister in Christ,  
Mrs. Kay



**"The Story"**  
Bible study  
For children and  
adults begins on  
Wed., Jan. 7.  
Come join us!

Jan 7 - Creation: The Beginning of Life as We Know It  
Jan 14- God Builds a Nation  
Jan 21 - Joseph: From Slave to Deputy Pharaoh  
Jan 28 - Deliverance

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## Mobile Food Pantry

**Morven UMC**  
312 E. Main St.  
Morven, NC

**Wed., January 7, 2015**

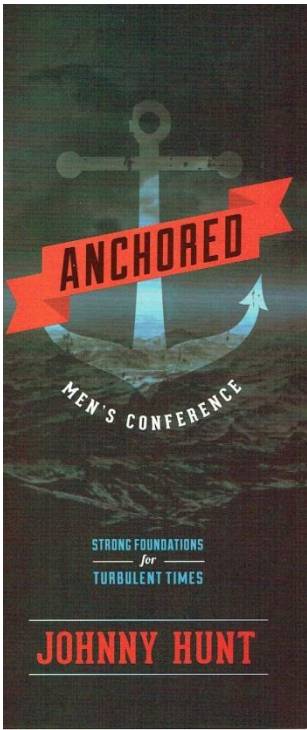
If you would like to volunteer, please call Rev. Larry King, Morven UMC, at (704)851-9940 or Rev. Cindy Lunsford at (828)891-2753. Volunteers need to be at Morven UMC by 8:30am.

The Food Pantry will now be coming to our area (East Union & Anson Counties) on the first Wednesday of each month. Volunteers will be needed. Please let us know if you would like to help.

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Our church is now offering online giving for anyone that would like to make donations in this manner. Go to our website ([www.austingrovebaptist.com](http://www.austingrovebaptist.com)) and look under the online giving tab.



## Johnny Hunt Men's Conference

**"Anchored"**

**March 13-14, 2015**

Prospect Baptist Church, Albemarle, NC

Cost: \$50(includes steak dinner on Friday night, materials & conf. CDs). See bulletin board to sign up.

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## Chip Ingram Conference @ The Cove May 22-24, 2015

If interested in going, sign up on bulletin board.

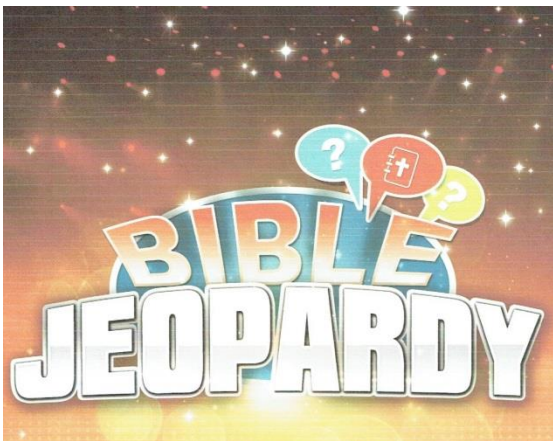
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## Women of Joy Conference

Myrtle Beach in May

See Women's bulletin board for more info.

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**Bible Jeopardy Night  
Coming in early 2015!**

'Twas the month after Christmas, and all through the house,  
nothing would fit me, not even a blouse.  
The cookies I'd nibbled, the fudge I did taste,  
all the holiday parties had gone to my waist.  
When I got on the scales there arose such a number!  
When I walked to the store (less a walk than a lumber).  
I remembered the marvelous meals I'd prepared,  
the gravies and sauces and beef nicely rare.  
The pies and the cakes, the bread and the cheese,  
and the way I never said, "No thank you please."  
As I dressed myself in my husband's old shirt,  
and prepared once again to do battle with dirt---  
I said to myself, as I only can  
"You can't spend the winter disguised as a man!"  
So away with the last of the sour cream dip,  
get rid of the fruit cake, every cracker and chip.  
Every last bit of food that I like must be banished,  
'till all the additional ounces have vanished.  
I won't have a cookie, not even a lick,  
I'll want only to chew on a long celery stick.  
I won't have hot biscuits, or corn bread, or pie,  
I'll munch on a carrot and quietly cry.  
I'm hungry, I'm lonesome, and life is a bore ---  
But isn't that what January is for?  
Unable to giggle, no longer a riot ...  
Happy New Year to all and to all a good diet!

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## Let's Get in Shape!!!

The Old Fellowship Hall is now looking like a gym. We now have a stationary bike, a fitness bargain gym, an ab lounge, a stair climber twister combination, an elliptical, a gazelle edge, 2 treadmills, a weight bench & some weights, some exercise bans and an exercise ball. Exercise classes will be on Tuesdays at 6pm. We will schedule more classes soon but anyone and everyone can use the gym at their convenience in addition to the exercise classes. We want the church to have a gym that they do not have to go to Monroe to use. Thanks to the building & grounds committee for getting the building ready and thanks to all the individuals who donated equipment!!!

