

# THE ACCENT



AUSTIN GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

JUNE & JULY, 2015

5919 Austin Grove Church Road, Marshville, NC 28103



## *To our Members & Friends,*

Can you believe June will soon be gone? Time has a way of getting away so quickly. Many thanks for what God is doing in and through each of you. This summer is going to be a busy one with a lot of varied activities and opportunities to be of service to our Lord.

I came across the following devotion titled, **"Pleasing Him" by Sarah Young:**

**A successful day is one in which you have stayed in touch with God, even if many things remain undone at the end of the day. It sounds almost too good to be true, doesn't it? You rarely reach day's end without a sense of failure to some degree. The various means and measures of worldly "success" pull on you constantly, leaving you in a fragmented, unfocused condition.**

**To avoid confusion, you need a rule of thumb: Seek to please God. When communicating with God is your highest priority, He is pleased. The more you commune with God as you go through a day, the more you walk in His ways. The Light of His Presence illumines the path before you, making sin both obvious and abhorrent. This same Light satisfies your soul. So make this a successful day by staying in communication with God.**

May God bless you and your family as we seek to walk with Him together. Thank you for allowing Cindy and me the privilege of serving this church.

*Leon & Cindy*

## **Abedini beating intensifies calls for release Thursday, June 11, 2015**

TEHRAN, Iran (BP) -- American pastor Saeed Abedini has been "viciously" beaten in the Iranian prison where he is being held for his Christian faith, the American Center for Law and Justice reported June 10, prompting renewed calls for Abedini's release as a condition of any nuclear deal between the U.S. and Iran.



"It is crucial to speak out for Saeed as we approach the June 30th deadline between the United States and Iran," Abedini's wife Naghmeh said in a June 10 Facebook post. She added June 30 is also their 11th year wedding anniversary.

"Naghmeh Abedini is scheduled to be at an October woman's retreat sponsored by

the Baptist State Convention of NC's Embrace Women's Missions and Ministry. Visit [ncbaptist.org/womensretreat15](http://ncbaptist.org/womensretreat15).

Fellow prisoners attacked Saeed Abedini June 3 as he attempted to leave his cell, punching him in the face and demolishing a table he used while studying and reading, the ACLJ reported. Prison guards stopped the attack and a prison doctor determined Abedini did not have any broken bones.

Naghmeh Abedini explained in a second June 10 Facebook post, "Saeed's father was not able to see Saeed last week because of a holiday in Iran, but today he was truly shaken to learn of the beating that Saeed had endured. Saeed's father was also treated horribly and harassed by the prison guards and staff and could only visit Saeed for a short time."

In testimony before Congress June 2, Naghmeh Abedini said U.S. negotiators should discuss her husband and other Americans held captive in Iran during nuclear talks rather than merely mentioning them on the sidelines.

"As I shared in front of our Congress last week, the Iranian government might turn up the heat in the furnace (as in Daniel 3)," Naghmeh Abedini said on Facebook, "but Saeed refuses to deny his faith in Jesus Christ and continues to be a witness in that dark prison. Jesus is with Saeed in that fiery furnace. He wants you to know that he has felt your prayers in his darkest moments. Thank you."

Abedini has been imprisoned in Iran since September 26, 2012, because of his Christian faith. He was sentenced January 27, 2013, on charges he threatened Iranian national security by planting house churches years earlier, and had been under house arrest since July 2012.

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## Announcements & Upcoming Events



### Second Harvest Update

We had 45 new Union County Clients and 8 new Anson County clients for a total of 53 new folks. We had 33 volunteers that signed the paper. Thanks for all the hard, hot work. We served 253 households!  
Ages 0-18: 132; Ages 19-64: 256; Ages 65 and up: 130. See you in July!

### Adult VBS

June 28<sup>th</sup>: Mike Kelly, House Building



**PLACE:** Donald & Susan Griffin's Home at Lake Tillery

**DATE:** Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>

**TIME:** Meet at church at 9:00 AM to ride the bus  
Ladies, please bring a dessert of your choice.  
Our meal will be provided.

### Coming up in July...

Second Harvest Food Bank, July 1<sup>st</sup>,  
Marshville UMC

Deacon Election will be held on Sunday,  
July 12th. Please be in prayer for this  
election.

Blood Mobile, Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 1-5 PM

Ben Davis will be speaking on Sunday,  
July 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM.



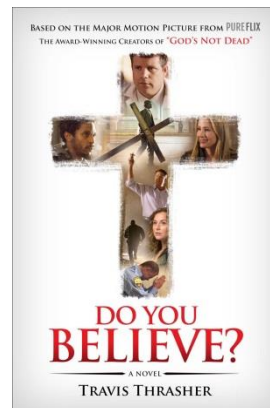
On Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 PM,  
Walter Haigler of Macedonia World Baptist Missions will be speaking.

## Coming up in July (continued)

"Israel & Prophecy" with Sam Nadler,  
Sunday July 19th at 6:00 PM. A Love  
Offering will be received.

### Crossroads Worldwide Summer Camp

**DATE:** We will be attending camp July 20-24.  
Sign- up sheets for upcoming Church-wide  
Children & Youth Summer Events are available  
on youth bulletin board. Please sign up if you  
are interested in attending an event.



**"Do You Believe?" Movie Night**  
Sunday, July 26 at 5:00 PM

### Coming up in August...

#### **"MORE THAN A MONDAY" 7:00 PM**

(Note: Our Sunday Night Services will be moved to  
Monday Nights.)

#### Guest Speakers

August 3<sup>rd</sup>: Rev. Kinney Wallace  
August 10<sup>th</sup>: Rev. Nick Napier  
August 17<sup>th</sup>: Rev. Tommy Preslar  
August 24<sup>th</sup>: Rev. Carol Anthony

#### SUNDAY

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

#### WEDNESDAY

Bell Choir Practice: 6:00 PM  
Girls on Mission/Ambassadors for Christ: 6:30 PM  
Youth: 6:30 PM  
Prayer Service: 6:45 PM  
Adult Choir: 7:30 PM



## JUNE

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- 3 Hannah Napier
- 4 Josh Lemon
- 5 Pam Rivers
- 9 Maggie Collins
- 9 Shannon Earp
- 10 Brandon Knight
- 14 Suzanne Simpson
- 15 Rebecca Edwards
- 15 Kathryn Overcash
- 17 Katie Rivers
- 18 Amanda Ikerd Lynn
- 20 Laurel Preslar
- 21 Donald Griffin
- 24 Kenneth Anderson
- 24 Tommy Edwards
- 24 W. D. Phifer
- 24 David Simpson
- 25 Josh Fowler
- 27 Katherine Dunn
- 27 Kyle Howard
- 28 David Figueroa
- 28 Susie Phillips
- 29 Jackie Byrd
- 29 Vickie Griffin
- 30 Rheanna Hartis

### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

- 3 Mr. & Mrs. Bill Ward
- 3 Rev. & Mrs. Leon Whitley
- 13 Mr. & Mrs. Roger Haigler
- 14 Mr. & Mrs. Donald Griffin
- 14 Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Knight
- 15 Mr. & Mrs. Clinton Oster
- 16 Mr. & Mrs. Earl James
- 18 Mr. & Mrs. R. Ronald Edwards(Doris)
- 25 Mr. & Mrs. Irvin Griffin
- 25 Mr. & Mrs. Dwight Starnes
- 26 Mr. & Mrs. Tom Preslar
- 27 Mr. & Mrs. Joe Haigler

### **BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY LISTING**

*We have updated listings in the church vestibule (pink copies). Please limit one copy per family. Thank you.*

## JULY

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- 1 Dawn Marsh
- 1 Kalyn Misenheimer Beeker
- 1 Doris Smith
- 2 Claudean Huggins
- 3 Eli Dermid
- 5 Taylor Hilton
- 5 Hannah Lacroix
- 7 Kaylan Guffey Maner
- 7 Cody Helms
- 8 Alicia Jordan
- 10 Jim Phifer
- 10 Bill Riggins
- 10 Rev. Leon Whitley
- 11 Dana Simpson
- 12 Craig Griffin
- 14 Gil Collins
- 14 Daniel Figueroa
- 14 Cindy Haigler
- 14 Chris Walker
- 14 Cathy Post
- 15 Jim Guffey
- 15 Stephanie Starnes Traynham
- 17 Chloe Crowe
- 19 Bryson Dermid
- 19 Debbie Jordan
- 19 Cody Kimrey
- 20 John Nassef
- 21 R. Ronald Edwards
- 21 Teddy Griffin
- 26 Terri Wood
- 26 Mary J. Pittman
- 28 Jerry Guffey
- 28 Laura Dermid
- 29 Carter Dermid
- 29 Monica Newsome
- 30 Susan Griffin
- 30 Malinda Lewis
- 31 Becky Griffin

### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

- 4 Mr. & Mrs. Curtis E. Pittman
- 6 Mr. & Mrs. Bill Ivey
- 9 Mr. & Mrs. James Seay
- 10 Mr. & Mrs. Steven Walden
- 12 Mr. & Mrs. Raymond(Heather) Smith
- 13 Mr. & Mrs. Roger James
- 15 Mr. & Mrs. Derrick Compton(Sheila)
- 16 Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Overcash
- 17 Mr. & Mrs. Jack Napier
- 24 Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Jefferson
- 26 Mr. & Mrs. Larry B. Smith, Jr.
- 27 Mr. & Mrs. Dustin Marsh

# THE GOSPEL STUDENT MINISTRY

## JUNE

Monday, June 22-Wednesday, June 24: VBS

## JULY

Wednesday, July 8: Movie & Ice Cream  
6:00-7:30 PM

Saturday, July 11: Lunch/Lake Day at  
Donald & Susan Griffin's House 11 AM-4 PM

Sunday, July 12: Youth Bible Study  
6:00-7:00 PM

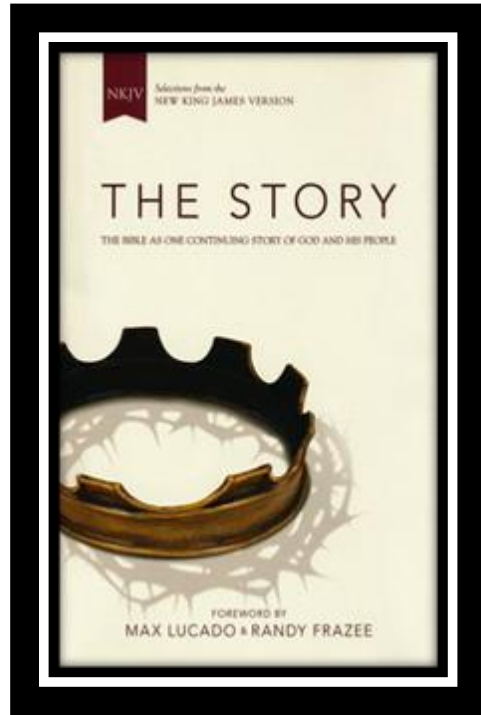
Wednesday, July 15: "The Story" Bible Study  
6:30-7:30 PM

Saturday, July 18: Kannapolis Intimidators  
Baseball Game/Christian Concert 6:05 PM

Sunday, July 19: Crossroads Worldwide  
Youth Summer Camp Meeting 6-7 PM

Monday, July 20-Friday, July 24: Crossroads  
Worldwide Summer Camp, Anderson, SC

Wednesday, July 29: "The Story" Bible Study  
6:30-7:30 PM



## "The Story"

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

June 24<sup>th</sup>: **Lesson 21:** Rebuilding the Walls

July 1<sup>st</sup>: **Lesson 22:** The Birth of the King

July 8<sup>th</sup>: **Lesson 23:** Jesus' Ministry Begins

July 22<sup>nd</sup>: **Lesson 24:** No Ordinary Man  
**Lesson 25:** Jesus, the Son of God

### CHECK THIS OUT...

On our hallway bulletin board, an article featuring Gene & Debra Stewart, "Still Pumping".



Our church offers 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.

## Fourth of July Word Search

B G A L F R O D  
L J U L Y V N E  
U H T R U O F R  
E K K E T I H W

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flag  
fourth  
july  
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white

