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**AUSTIN GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
5919 Austin Grove Church Road, Marshville, NC 28103

**May, 2017**

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## To our Church Family and Friends,

*But cling to the Lord your God as you have done to this day. Joshua 23:8*

Sarah Young writes: "When the journey you are on feels overwhelming, the very best thing you can do is cling to Me. At such times the future seems unreal---unreachable—and the past feels remote, but this can actually be a blessing. My followers tend to waste vast quantities of time and energy thinking about past and future matters. Thus they neglect the present---where they actually live---and My Presence, though I am always near. Sometimes you may feel as if you can hold on to Me no longer. I remind you, though, that you have been able to cling to Me to this day. You have powerful backup because the Holy Spirit lives in you. He can give you supernatural strength, far beyond your own. In addition to this, My hand has an eternal grip on yours. Though your strength to keep holding on may run out, Mine never will. So do not fear, for I—your God—am with you. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."

May has come so quickly, at least in my mind. Mom and Dad always told us to not wish our lives away, that time passes soon enough, so redeem all the days of our lives, for these are a gift from God himself to us. I want to thank each of you for your faithfulness to our Lord and to the ministry of our Church. Because of each of you, we are able to do mighty things in and about this community.

Please make your plans to come together, for our annual picnic at Cane Creek Park on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

On the 21<sup>st</sup> Sam Nadler will be with us sharing God's Word at 6:00 pm. A special Memorial Day service will be held at the centennial rock in the cemetery on Sunday morning, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. Our local VFW will be presenting the program.

Please check your bulletin and newsletter for other activities and events.

Thank you for allowing Cindy and I to serve with you in such a wonderful Church family.

Leon and Cindy



**7th: Dustin & Dawn Marsh**  
**14th: Lebron & Shirley Crowe**  
**21st: Bill & Carol Fowler**  
**28th: Ray & Heather Smith**



**7th: Kerri Collins & Josh Fowler**  
**14th: Michael & Alicia Jordan**  
**21st: Christa & Brandon Love**  
**28th: Cindy Whitley & Emily O.**

**May Fellowship Hall Clean-Up: Saved to Serve Class**

## ONLINE GIVING

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

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## 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

**Ida Mae James WMU**

DATE: TBA; TIME: 10:00 AM

PLACE: Austin Grove Baptist Church

**ANNIE ARMSTRONG GOAL: \$5,210.00**

**Total Received as of April 23<sup>rd</sup>: \$7,515.00**

**Thank you so much!!**

**Alaska Mission Trip**

We will be leaving on Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup> and return date up to individuals.

**BUS FUND RECEIVED as of April 23<sup>rd</sup>: \$8,320.00**



**High School and College Graduates, if you would like to participate on Graduate Sunday, please sign up on the bulletin board. Thank you.**



**June 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**We need workers in the following classes:**

Babies + 1 & 2's; 3 & 4 year olds;

K5 and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade (rising); 4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade;

Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Grade and up → Youth.

Please sign up on the bulletin board or see Vickie Griffin. Thank you.



**EUMS & MARSHVILLE ELEM. NEEDS PROCTORS**

**East Union: May 26, 31, June 1, 2 from 8 AM – 12:30 PM.**

**Marshville Elem.: May 31 & June 1 from 8 AM–12:30 PM.**

Please contact Beverly Stewart to volunteer:

704-320-8232

**MAY EVENTS**

**Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>:** We will observe National Day of Prayer at 6:45 PM

**Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>:** UBA Youth Ministry Event at Cuthbertson High School Auditorium 1400 Cuthbertson School Road, Waxhaw, NC. Guest Speaker: Josh Gardner with Clayton King Ministries; Music: The Lift (FBCIT)

**Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>:** Union County Crisis Assistance Ministry Annual Meeting/Dinner presents "A Dinner with Miss Clara" from the movie War Room!

**Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>:** AGBC at Autumn Care at 9:00 AM

**Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>:** All Summer Camp Money Due.

**Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>:** Mother's Day Service, No PM Service

**Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>** 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Hospice of Union County Golf Tournament: **Purchase a sign in honor or memory of a loved one.** For \$150, we will display a 24" x 24" sign at Providence Country Club during the tournaments opening ceremony along with other times throughout the year. If you would like to participate, forms are located on the bulletin board. Forms must be mailed to Hospice of Union County by Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you.

**Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>:** Family Night Meal

**Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>:** Church-wide Picnic at Cane Creek, Shelter 2. We will start eating at 1:00 PM.

**Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>:** Sam Nadler from *Word of Messiah* Ministries will be with us at 6:00 PM. Topic:

"Messiah in the Passover" Luke 22; Ex 12 - God provides redemption through faith in His atonement, the Lamb. Please mark your calendars. We will be receiving a Love Offering.

**Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>:** Memorial Day Service, No PM Service

**Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>:** Memorial Day-Office Closed

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS...VBS: June 19-22**



**Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>**

**MAY**  
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- 1 Suzette Kimrey
- 1 Kay McBride
- 1 Alyssa Napier
- 2 Matthew Austin Hilton
- 3 Carlos Figueroa
- 3 Mott Simpson
- 5 Dale Frankenberg
- 5 Joe Little
- 7 Penny Edwards
- 9 Hampton Aтры
- 10 Amanda Figueroa
- 10 Emily Kelly
- 14 Regina Pasciuta
- 15 Kendall Howard
- 16 Shirley Crowe
- 16 Rita Griffin
- 17 Nancy Hilton
- 17 Marty Little
- 19 Ashley Fowler
- 20 Donald Hilton
- 22 Sam "Bubba" Langston
- 22 Eric Little
- 22 Beddie Tarlton
- 23 Cindy James
- 23 Brad Lacroix
- 23 Larry Smith
- 24 Josiah Davis
- 24 Bill Fowler
- 24 Baylee Jordan
- 26 Wade Haigler
- 27 Jalen Long
- 28 Hailey Earp
- 28 Jimmie Seay
- 28 Raymond Smith
- 29 Luke Preslar
- 29 Christa Simpson Love
- 30 Isaac Davis
- 30 Avery Haigler
- 30 Danielle Lacroix
- 31 Eddie Hilton

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

- 14 Mr. & Mrs. Craig Griffin
- 18 Mr. & Mrs. Allen Edwards
- 19 Mr. & Mrs. James Burnette
- 20 Mr. & Mrs. Joey Estridge
- 22 Mr. & Mrs. J. Ronald Edwards (Gloria)

**May 2017 Student & Youth Ministry**

He is Risen!! So many Facebook, Instagram, and Snapchat posts just a few days ago proclaimed this message. So many sharing their faith so openly in celebration of the Easter Season. Now several days have passed. We have gone back to business as usual. Back into the same ol' same ol' of the daily grind. I am guilty of this just as many are. Then I read a post from one of the evangelist that I follow on Facebook. Trey Bradley posted "Yesterday we celebrated the resurrection. Today let's show the resurrection through our action!! #LiveIt" This got me doing some reflecting on my post-Easter actions. Am I living as a child of the One True God? Am I living as someone that knows that Jesus has not just beat, but annihilated death? Or, am I living a life that the world would have me to live? A life not in celebration of the victory I have through Christ, but beat down by the sin that He has overcome. We had such a great Easter Event called "Walk with Jesus". I didn't get to see the last scene until Easter morning. What truth was spoken through Mary (Carol). Salvation is the gift that God provides through Jesus Christ. An amazing gift there for the taking. Once we follow Christ we cannot allow ourselves to go back to living as if we are just part of this world. As it says in 1 Peter 2:9 "You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation; that you should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light." Are you living like you are chosen? Are you living and proclaiming the gospel?

As I mentioned above, we had an amazing Easter Event "Walk with Jesus" So many helped put this event on. Thanks go to Alicia Jordan, Kelsey Jordan, Toni and Billy Riggins, Teddy and Vickie Griffin, Amanda Griffin, Cindy and Leon Whitley, Debbie and Baxter Jordan, Emily Oster, Ray and Heather Smith, Christa and Brandon Love, Bill and Carol Fowler, Emma Griffin, Jacob Griffin, and Dottie Craiglow (aka bread maker extraordinaire). This would not be possible without all that you did! Thank you for serving God through this event.

We have many things coming up over the next couple of months with our Student and Youth ministry. There is a place for everyone that wants to help. Talk to me or look at the calendar of events



outside my office. Love to have you, and we appreciate all that support this ministry.

**Michael Jordan**

