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

**November, 2016**

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*To our Church Family and Friends,*

Helen Keller once said "Keep your face to the sun and you will never see the shadows". She continued and said "I have often thought it would be a blessing if each human being were stricken blind and deaf for a few days at some time during his early adult life. Darkness would make him more appreciative of sight; silence would teach him the joys of sound."

Blessings are continually poured out upon us so often that many times we find it easy to take them for granted. God extends His mercies daily, and every day is new morning. Even when trials, difficult times and even heartaches come, we can and should find reasons to thank God. In a few short weeks we will be celebrating Thanksgiving Day. A time that should not be just one day, but a thankful heart should be found within us every day as believers.

God is good and His power and presence is always with us. Let us celebrate Thanksgiving and not lose the opportunity to tell our loved ones why you are thankful for them.

"Gratitude is one of those things that cannot be bought. It must be born with men, or else all the obligations in the world will not create it."

In Luke 17:17 Jesus said these words, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine?" Be careful that you are not found to be one of the nine this thanksgiving season.

Cindy and I give thanks daily for each of you and your families. Thank you for the privilege of serving this congregation.

*May God Bless, Leon and Cindy*

**The Church Office will be closed on Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup> in observance for Thanksgiving.**

## **Hurricane Matthew Update: Oct. 24, 2016**

There is an urgent need for volunteers to help with Hurricane Matthew relief efforts! Teams are needed to help individuals and families remove the wet furniture, floors, walls, and other items as needed. We will need many recovery volunteers for many months to come. You do not need to be trained; there will be on the job training. Lodging and meals are provided free of charge at our various sites. Youth are also welcomed to participate. Thousands of homes and many thousands of people were affected by Hurricane Matthew and we need volunteers to assist with cleanup for the long term.

Please continue to Pray and Go.

Pray for people who were affected by Hurricane Matthew.

Pray for the volunteers who are going to minister.

If you are interested and able to go and help, please either call 800.395.5102 ext. 5596 or go to our website to sign up:

<http://baptistsonmission.org/HurricaneMatthew>.

You can also get updates on our website and on our Facebook page at:

[www.Facebook.com/ncmissions](http://www.Facebook.com/ncmissions)

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## **Fellowship Hall Clean-up for NOVEMBER:**

Saved to Serve Class

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## **Ida Mae James WMU**

DATE: Monday, November 14th

TIME: 10:00 AM

PLACE: Austin Grove Baptist Church

### 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



### **November**

6: Lebron & Shirley Crow  
 13: Bill & Carol Fowler  
 20: Michael & Alisha Jordan  
 27: Barbara Simpson & Christa



### **November**

6: Kerri Collins & Josh Fowler  
 13: Michael & Alisha Jordan  
 20: Christa & Brandon Love  
 27: Cindy Whitley & Josh Fowler

### **ONLINE GIVING**

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

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1 <i>Dustin Marsh</i>	15 <i>Eric Lacroix</i>
1 <i>Larry B. Smith, Jr.</i>	15 <i>Blair Simpson</i>
4 <i>Donna Ivey</i>	16 <i>Douglas Guffey</i>
5 <i>Carol Frankenberg</i>	17 <i>Sandra Griffin</i>
5 <i>Amanda Jordan Vann</i>	17 <i>J. R. Hopson</i>
6 <i>Dwight Starnes</i>	17 <i>Kelsey Jordan</i>
8 <i>Jenna Matthews</i>	24 <i>Erica Miller</i>
10 <i>Brannon Crowe</i>	24 <i>Hailey Nassef</i>
12 <i>Frances Haigler</i>	24 <i>Carolyn Smith</i>
12 <i>Scott Haigler</i>	24 <i>Sara Weir</i>
13 <i>Benjamin Davis</i>	27 <i>Mattie Simpson</i>
14 <i>Lorraine Phifer</i>	27 <i>Steven Walden</i>
15 <i>Max Haigler</i>	29 <i>Collin David Smith</i>
	30 <i>Jason Vann</i>

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### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

9 *Mr. & Mrs. Gene Deese*  
 12 *Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Simpson*  
 20 *Mr. & Mrs. Jamie Long*  
 22 *Mr. & Mrs. Vinny Pasciuta*  
 25 *Mr. & Mrs. Danny Phifer*  
 27 *Mr. & Mrs. Lebron Crowe*



### **BELL GROUP**

This is for everyone and all ages are invited to join! Practice is on Wednesdays at 6:00 PM in Choir Room. See Susan Griffin for more information.

### **Voter Guides...**

are in the vestibule if you would like one or know of someone else who needs one.

### **WMU DINNER & A MOVIE**

#### **VOTE EARLY LADIES!**

WMU is going out to dinner and a movie on November 8<sup>th</sup>!  
 Sun Valley Café at 5:30 PM and "I'm Not Ashamed" movie starts at 7:00 PM. A MUST SEE!  
 Bus will leave at 4:45 or meet us there!  
 Any questions, call Melissa at 704-621-0412

## **Second Harvest Mobile Food Bank at Austin Grove**

**DATE:** Wednesday, November 2; **TIME:** 8:30 AM

**Please make arrangements to be here if you can.**

We would greatly appreciate it ☺

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### **UNION COUNTY CRISIS ASSISTANCE MINISTRY**

We will be receiving can goods & staple items (sugar, flour, etc.) for the Marshville Office. Please leave in the Welcome Center.

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**Rod & Julie Davis** will be sharing on next Sunday night, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> at our 6 PM Service, giving an update on their work.

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### **People are asking...*IS THIS THE END?***

**Dr. David Jeremiah**

Sign up on bulletin board to purchase a book.

\$14.99

**“Is This The End?”** Dr. David Jeremiah  
Sunday night, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM  
**“The Age of Anything Goes”**



**Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM**

**Theme:** *I Just Got to Thank You Jesus*

*We will be collecting canned food items. Please bring finger food and drinks for refreshments following service.*

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## **Donna Pittman Christmas Toy Store**



**Toy Collection Dates:**

**November 29<sup>th</sup> through December 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Please deliver to the UBA by the 9th. Thank you.**

**Thank you** to each Pastor and Church that has brought supplies to the UBA and placed them on the trailer for eastern North Carolina. The first trailer load was taken last Saturday.

The trailer was brought back to us, and another load is ongoing. The trailer will remain here one more week.

**This final load (at this time) will leave the UBA on Saturday, November 5.** The supplies are being taken to the Red Springs Missions Camp for distribution to the eastern areas so badly hit by Hurricane Matthew.

After November 5, we will let you know if the trailer is set up again in the future to provide any further assistance.

In the meantime, please share the word... **The trailer will be open Friday, October 28, and Monday, October 31 through Friday, November 4 during the workday.**

**Collection includes:**

**WATER, Canned Food, Hygiene Items, Hand Sanitizer Baby Products - Diapers, Formula, Cleaning Supplies, including paper towels. It would be very helpful to have your items delivered in boxes. We are not accepting clothing.**

Thank you! Jean Rollins, Union Baptist Association

AUSTIN GROVE MEMBERS & FRIENDS...Please leave all items in the Welcome Center or deliver to the UBA if you are able. If you would like to give a monetary donation, please put in designated envelopes marked “Flood Victims”. Thank you.

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**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.

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### **DECEMBER EVENTS**

Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>; 6:00 PM **Mission Study**

December 4-11 is Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions

Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>; 6–10 PM

**Samaritans Purse** Work Night

Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>

10:45 AM Adult Choir presents **“One Small Child”**

6:00 PM Children and Youth Christmas Play,  
**“It All Happened in the Country”**



## November 2016 Children & Youth...

Mario, Batman, Robin, Identity thief, and unicorns running around the church.... No, it's not the beginning of a joke or an illustration for a sermon, it was *Trunk or Treat*. As you can tell by the pictures everyone had a great time. We had a very large crowd of children and adults gathered for some fun, food, fellowship, and Candy. Lots and lots of Candy! The night was a success in drawing in many families from our community to our church grounds. We made many connections with parents and students during this time. We hope to see many of them come back for our regular student and youth ministry times. I want to thank all that helped with this event. Thank you for all that decorated their trunks and provided candy. Thank you to all that cooked or bought cakes and goodies for the cake walk and dessert. And thank you to Irvin's Wednesday night meal team for cooking up and serving the hot dog meal. This night would not have happened without each of you.

Now looking forward, we have many events coming up throughout our holiday season that is rapidly approaching. We will have our student Christmas program on December 11<sup>th</sup>. Make plans to be here as it is going to be great. We will have a time on Wednesday night in December for a student Christmas celebration. More details to come. On Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup> we are tentatively planning a Youth (6<sup>th</sup> grade+) Christmas time. Save that entire afternoon for this event.

As we move into the exciting, but also busy time of the holidays, we will strive to follow the scripture as recorded in Matthew 6:33, "But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness." We want each student and youth to continue to learn how to have a closer walk with our Heavenly Father and how to share why we believe what we believe. We feel that by doing so we will equip our students and youth to stand in the face of questions, be bold in a time where Christian values are looked down upon, and have confidence in their faith in the One True God.

**Michael Jordan**

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

