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

**November, 2017**

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## ***To our Church Family and Friends,***

Lord, We ask for you to show us your glory. Please open our eyes that we may behold your presence in our lives. As we see you may it change us forever more. Help us to keep our eyes upon you and help us to live all the days of our lives for you. Help our lives to always bring glory and honor to you with our thoughts, actions, and words. Help our objective to always be glory to you Lord! Help me to always celebrate you in every way possible.

As we begin this special time of the year. Help me to be thankful for the blessings that you send our way. Help us to remember, when God carried out the plan He had all along to send Jesus His only begotten Son to show us just how much that you love us. Please help to keep us thankful always.

I hope each of you will have the greatest Thanksgiving that you have ever had this year. I hope that within our hearts, God will help us to begin the preparations for the celebration of the birth of Christ. Lord, help us to realize what Christmas really means. Help us not to compromise with the world's standards and make Christmas just another day. For Christmas is not just another day. It is a day that all the world looked for and even the angels rejoiced and desired for us to know the peace that God himself brought to this earth. He did it for all of us. Please never lose sight of this!

Thank you for being the church that you are and for allowing us to be a part of such a sweet fellowship.

*Leon & Cindy*

## **November Fellowship Hall Clean-Up:**

### **Saved to Serve Class**



**5<sup>th</sup>: Sandra H. & Beverly N.**  
**12<sup>th</sup>: Dustin & Dawn M.**  
**19<sup>th</sup>: Lebron & Shirley C.**  
**26<sup>th</sup>: Bill & Carol F.**



**5<sup>th</sup>: Rita G. & Heather S.**  
**12<sup>th</sup>: Kerri Collins & Josh Fowler**  
**19<sup>th</sup>: Michael & Alicia J.**  
**26<sup>th</sup>: Christa & Brandon L.**

## NOVEMBER

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

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

### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

- 2 **Mr. & Mrs. Adam Norris**
- 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**

#### SUNDAY

Sunday School: 9:45 AM  
Morning Worship Service: 10:45 AM  
Violin Practice: 5:00 PM  
Evening Worship Service: 6:00 PM

#### WEDNESDAY

Bell Practice: 5:30 PM  
Girls on Mission/Ambassadors for Christ: 6:30 PM  
Youth: 6:30 PM; Prayer Service: 6:45 PM  
Adult Choir: 7:30 PM

### **ONLINE GIVING**

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

Please go to: [www.austingrovebaptist.com](http://www.austingrovebaptist.com)

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#### **Thanksgiving Holiday Office Hours:**

We will be closed on Thursday, November 23 & Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. All bulletin items are due Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

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#### **Annual Hospice Basket Auction**

It's that time of the year again to help with the Hospice Fundraiser! WMU is looking for Sunday School classes to put together their own baskets or sponsor a basket. Money will be collected thru Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. Thank you so much for your annual support.

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East Union is collecting **Box Tops** all month long in October for the Fall submission and we would like to continue collecting throughout the year. The school gets \$.10 for every Box Top submitted.

We hope to have a designated place for these here at the church soon. Please turn any Box Tops in to Beverly Stewart 704-320-8232. Thank you for your support with our schools.

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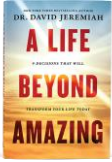
**CHURCH DIRECTORY:** Please e-mail your photos as soon as possible so we can add to our pictorial directory.

**If you need your picture taken, please see Cindy Whitley.**

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#### STAFF & PHONE NUMBERS

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**A Life Beyond Amazing** Book Study  
\$14.00 each  
Please sign up on the bulletin board.

**Book Study Schedule**

- November 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM: "A Life of Love"
- January 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM: "A Life of Joy"
- January 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM: "A Life of Peace"
- January 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 PM: "A Life of Endurance"
- January 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM: "A Life of Compassion"
- February 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM: "A Life of Generosity"
- February 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM: "A Life of Integrity"
- February 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM: "A Life of Humility"
- February 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM: "A Life of Self Discipline"

**Donna Pittman Christmas Store** sign-up sheet for volunteers is on the bulletin board. Please turn in your toys to the Welcome Center, or if you'd like us to shop for you, please give money to Barbara Simpson. Thank you.

*Angel Tree gifts for Autumn Care residents need to be here no later than Sunday, December 3rd.*

**NOVEMBER EVENTS**

- Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>:** We will be hosting Second Harvest here at Austin Grove. We will need as many volunteers as possible in order to be a good host.
- Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Rocky River Springs Fish House Church-wide outing. We will leave the church at 5:00 PM and we will be eating at 6:00 PM. Thank you.



**Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>:** "Shop Til You Drop" Trip to Charlotte Premier Outlets. We will leave from the church at 8:30 AM and stop for breakfast at Biscuitville. **Please sign up on the bulletin board.**

**Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM** We will be showing the movie, **Facing DARKNESS**. In the spring of 2014, the Ebola pandemic was sweeping across West Africa. One organization stepped up with people and resources to provide compassion and care in the Name of Jesus. But when the deadly virus infected its own medical personnel, including Dr. Kent Brantly, the epic crisis truly hit home for Samaritan's Purse and its leader Franklin Graham. **FACING DARKNESS** tells an incredible true story of faith, determination, and prayer ... and of how God performed a miracle!

**Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>:** Ida Mae James meeting at 10:00 AM

**Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>:** Family Meal Night at 6:00 PM

**Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>:**

**HOUSE OF PEARLS ANNUAL FUNDRAISING BANQUET**



UNION COUNTY AGRICULTURAL CENTER  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2017 6:30 – 8:30 PM  
Silent Auction Opens at 6:00 PM  
Speaker – Trey Robison – Union County District Attorney  
Music by Hosanna of Union County  
Live Auction by Don Hall  
Pearl Testimonies • Silent Auction • Special Music  
Photo Booth  
Tickets may be purchased on **House of Pearls** Facebook page.

Look for the mygiving.com link under their Facebook post.

**Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>:** 2017 Community Thanksgiving Services at 6:00 PM; Christ Bible Discipleship Worship Center  
1019 Unarco Road, Marshville, NC 28103



**DECEMBER EVENTS**

**Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Donna Pittman Toy Store toys and Autumn Care Angel Tree gifts are due.

**6:00 PM:** International Mission Study

**Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>:** Second Harvest at Bethel Community Center

**Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>:** 10:45 AM Adult Christmas Cantata 6:00-8:30 PM "A Night in Bethlehem" Event

**Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>:** **Operation Christmas Child-Samaritan's Purse** from 6:00-10:00 PM. If you would like to volunteer, please sign up on the bulletin board.

**JANUARY EVENTS**

We will be hosting the UBA Winter Session here at Austin Grove on Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>.



# Youth & Student Ministry

“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it.” Hebrews 13:2

Let me paint the picture for you. Excitement in the air. The aroma of hot dogs inviting all around to a feast. Enough candy to quench even the strongest sweet tooth. One direction you see superheroes, the other way Minions, and all kinds in between. Welcome to Trunk or Treat at Austin Grove, and if you missed it, boy did you miss a great time. We are ecstatic at the turn out. We had approximately 250+ students and families on our campus. While the students rode hay rides, walked past expertly decorated vehicles, and chowed down on the delicious Hot Dog meal and desserts; Hebrews 13:2 kept resonating in my mind. There were many that passed through that I would consider a stranger to me and probably you. What they experienced was nothing less than Austin Grove hospitality...better yet make that the hospitality of those who love Jesus Christ and their neighbors. Thank you to all those that decorated a trunk, brought a dessert, worked in the kitchen, gave hay rides, and many other things that made this night possible. Statistics will tell you that if you get people from the community to come onto your campus for events, they are more likely to return for church services. They see the love that you all poured out and they see what the love of Christ looks like. I challenge each of us to never neglect to show hospitality to strangers, and to love your neighbor as yourself.

Michael & Alicia Jordan

