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5919 Austin Grove Church Road, Marshville, NC 28103



To Our Church Members and Friends:

I hope each of you had a wonderful summer. It is always good to have time to step away from the everyday rituals of work and family. Everyone needs a break to rethink, reenergize, and hopefully rest. As we begin to get settled back into a new routine, may we be cautious not to allow life to just pass by but to find joy and fulfillment in each day. An actress just announced she has 3 months to live having a brain tumor that is inoperable. One of the things she was quick to remind us was to find something to be thankful for each day and how important it is for our soul to have this attitude. An older saying reminds us to be careful and stop and smell the roses. It is good not to be so busy that we forget the really important things in our lives. Life is so brief and time passes so quickly, pause and say thanks to our Lord and to others as they cross our paths.

It is so good to know the Lord and to have Jesus as our Savior. It is good to be a part of a church family that knows the importance of extending God's love to others in so many different ways. May we continue to serve Him and co-labor together.

May God bless, *Leon & Cindy*



*Heavenly Father,*

*Thank you for this day and your blessings. Thank you for allowing me to come into your house and worship You this morning. Forgive me when I fail to see your blessings and take them for granted. Your word says, if we are burdened and our hearts are heavy, come to you and you will give us rest. I need rest, Father – please fill my heart with your peace regarding all that is burdening my heart. You know what they are, Father, better than I do myself. Please help me not to fear the storms of life, Father – but remember that you are always in the boat with me, protecting me from evil. Thank you for your love and protection, Father – I'm so undeserving – but thankful that you love me anyway. Thank you for taking care of my family and for loving us. In Your name I pray. Amen*

### Churchwide Outreach

The outreach committee is sponsoring an opportunity for our Church to say "thank you" to our teachers at Wingate, Marshville, Union, East Union, and Forest Hills schools. On September 1 we will be collecting money to purchase snacks for our teachers. If you would rather provide a home baked treat you will have that opportunity as well. Suggested items include 2 dozen cookies, brownies, or any other item you wish to make. Home-made items should be placed in a zip lock bag. Money will be collected on September 1; however, the baked goods should be brought in on Sunday, Sept. 8. The baskets will consist of a combination of home-made items and purchased snacks and will be delivered on Monday, September 9. There will also be a note inside each basket from Pastor Whitley thanking the teachers for their dedication and hard work. The baskets will be placed in the teachers' lounge at each school. Each Sunday School class will receive a sign up sheet for the baked goods and an envelope in which to put your donations for purchasing snacks. Your money envelope should be turned in to the Sunday School office on September 1 and baked goods brought to the Welcome Center on Sept 8. Thank you for your help in this outreach opportunity. ☺

### **Staff & Phone Numbers**

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Rev. Rocky Rushing, Youth Director...698-5787  
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Sunday School Office.....624-2929



### **SUNDAY**

Sunday School.....9:45 AM  
Worship Service.....10:45 AM  
Evening Worship.....6:00 PM  
Youth Bible Study.....6:00PM

### **WEDNESDAY**

Gospel Project Night( Ignite Kidz & Ignite Youth).....6:30M  
Prayer Meeting.....6:45 PM  
Adult Choir.....7:30PM

- 2 Rhonda Long
- 3 Gail Knight
- 4 Roger James
- 6 Chris Griffin
- 6 Jordan Judy
- 7 Joe Haigler
- 7 Jerry Knight
- 9 Jamie Lemon
- 9 Jason Lemon
- 9 Alena Moore
- 9 Alicia Moore
- 9 Sadie Phillips
- 11 Carson Guffey
- 13 Trevor Helms
- 14 Ashley Lowery
- 14 Ricky Traywick
- 15 Barbara Dunn
- 15 Gina Frankenberg
- 15 Baxter Jordan
- 15 Roger Long
- 16 Michael Brazell
- 16 Michelle Edwards
- 17 Tyler Griffin
- 18 Rodney Davis
- 18 Jackie Hilton
- 18 Heather Long
- 18 Andrew Oster
- 19 Arthur Davis
- 20 Eugene Deese
- 22 Jeffrey Wayne Griffin
- 22 Leta Outlaw
- 22 Beth Walden
- 24 Lily Griffin
- 25 Sandy Phifer
- 26 Madeline Ivey
- 26 Morris Williams
- 27 Jack Austin
- 27 Michael Little
- 28 Dottie Craiglow
- 28 Jamie Long
- 28 Robin Nassef
- 29 Polly Marsh
- 30 Caleb Figueroa
- 30 Kimberly Griffin
- 30 Betty Little



Rhonda & Roger Long in the passing of his mother, Doris Long

Billy & Delane Bennett in the passing of her aunt, Bessie Baucom Johnson.

Hamp & Pat Autry in the passing of his uncle, Jimmy Griffin



**Labor Day** *Labor Day Picnic*  
**September 3**  
**3:00pm until...**

**Come join us for a day of Fun, Food, Fellowship!**

*Homemade Ice Cream around 3:00pm*

*BBQ Chicken Supper around 5:00pm*

*Please bring side dishes, desserts, tea/soft drinks and invite your neighbors to join us!*

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Ladies Bible Study  
 On the book

The Girls Still Got It (a study of Ruth)  
 by Liz Curtis Higgs

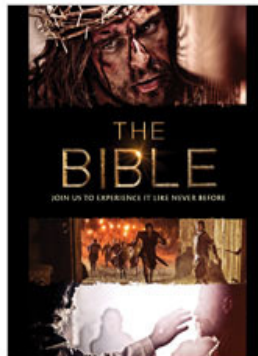


Women's Bible Study

The study will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 & will continue on Tuesdays for approx. 6 weeks.

**Anniversaries**

- 6 Mr. & Mrs. Billy Bennett
- 6 Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Miller
- 9 Mr. & Mrs. Mott Simpson
- 10 Mr. & Mrs. Jim Guffey
- 10 Mr. & Mrs. Tim Simpson
- 10 Mr. & Mrs. Rocky Rushing
- 20 Mr. & Mrs. Tony Phillips
- 27 Mr. & Mrs. Joe Little



**Plan to join us on Sunday evenings at 6:00 for the DVD Study based on the TV Miniseries: The Bible**

**Dates for the study: Sept. 8, 15, 22 Oct. 6, 13 & 20**

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**PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION 2013-2014**

**It's not too late to enroll for our 2013-2014 school year.** We offer half day classes (9am-12pm) for three year olds and (9am-1pm) for four year olds. For more information please contact the Preschool Director, Kelly Preslar at 704-624-2929 or [kpreslar@windstream.net](mailto:kpreslar@windstream.net)



Enroll now for preschool

**Nursing Home Residents**

**Autumn Care**

- Sally Williams(303)
- Leo Edwards(106)
- Carroll Little(216)

**Rehab. & Nursing Ctr**

Robert Ansley (360)

**Jesse Helms Ctr**

Margaret Connell

Austin Grove Family,

It is hard to believe that summer is already over and that the fall season is already here. We have wonderful things in store that I would love to share with you about our student ministry this coming fall. Starting Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup> our Sunday school department will be introducing Lifeway's new Bible Studies for Life literature to our kids and youth during the Sunday school hour (9:45-10:30 each Sunday Morning). Also starting Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> (6:30-7:30pm) we will be starting a new year with our Gospel Project Bible Study (renamed Gospel Night) for Preschool – 12<sup>th</sup> grade. I am also excited to announce our new name and logo for our Student Ministry in the newsletter this month (The Gospel Student Ministry). I want to encourage all parents and students to be involved with both Sunday School and Gospel Student Nights as we strive as a team to dig deeper into the Bible and teach the importance of having a relationship with Jesus Christ. Thank you for all your love and support.

Thank you and God Bless,

Rev, Rocky Rushing (Youth Director)



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**Youth Day @ Wingate University  
Saturday, Oct. 5, 2013**

Cost: \$12.50 includes t-shirt, lunch & football ticket. Please see signup sheet on youth bulletin board if you would like to go.

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**PRAYER IS  
POWERFUL**

**See You At the Pole**

**September 25, 2013**



**Samaritan's Purse Workday**

This will be sometime in December. We need to make reservations in September so we're trying to get an approximate # that would be interested in going. Please see sign up sheet on bulletin board if you would like to participate in this ministry.

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**Shoebboxes in September**

Shoebboxes to be filled for Operation Christmas Child are available to be picked up at the church. We will be collecting them throughout the month of September. Dedication will be on September 29.

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**Churchwide Fellowship  
@ Rocky River Springs Fish Camp  
Thursday, September 26, 2013**

Bus will leave church at 5:00pm. We'll eat at 6:00pm. Please see sign up sheet on bulletin board if you plan to join us.

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*Loaves & Fishes of Union County* is a volunteer organization and has operated for 30 years and is now one of the largest hunger-fighting agencies in the county. A full week of nutritionally balanced meals is provided for each member of the household that is referred. *Loaves & Fishes of Union County* has never had to turn away anyone in need of food.

During the last few months many people in Union County did not receive their food stamps due to problems with a new state-wide computer system. This has caused a tremendous effect on the resources of our local *L & FUC*. The UC Dept. of Social Services is working to correct the problems and help *Loaves & Fishes of Union County* through this challenging time.

*Loaves and Fishes of Union County* is now making a special request of the community for prayers and financial support to meet the current needs. If you would like to help *Loaves & Fishes of Union County* at this time, you can mail a check to PO Box 790, Monroe, NC 28111 or visit their website at [www.LoavesAndFishesOfUnionCounty.org](http://www.LoavesAndFishesOfUnionCounty.org) to make a donation, or drop off a check or groceries to one of their pantries. The food pantry at St. Paul's Episcopal Church at the corner of Windsor and Church Streets is open 10 am – Noon Monday through Thursdays. The L&FUC Office and second pantry is located at the historic Belk building (back entrance) and is open 10 am until 1 pm on Fridays and Saturdays.

# Certificate of Appreciation

## Austin Grove Baptist Church

for attaining the

### Tengchow Challenge

by giving

\$59.52 Per Capita for a Total of \$9,821.50

to the

2012 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering®  
(for International Missions)

*Tom Elliff*

Tom Elliff, IMB President

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**WMU**

*Wanda S. Lee*

Wanda S. Lee, Executive Director, WMU



Boats often found refuge at Tengchow's harbor. Likewise, many Chinese accepted Christ as Lottie Moon began to win their respect.

*U*pon her arrival in China,

Lottie Moon was one of just six Southern Baptist workers there. Finding villagers increasingly responsive to her witness, Lottie became a traveling evangelist.

Monument Street Church is a lasting testimony of her ministry in Tengchow.

In meeting this level of international missions giving, your church has demonstrated its lasting testimony to the cause of Christ.

*L. Moon*