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To Our Church Members and Friends,

I want to share a paragraph from David Jeremiah with you. "The real miracle of Christmas is repeated every time someone makes the life-changing decision of receiving God's offer of eternal life. Jesus always operates in a timely way, and the Bible says, "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. II Corinthians 6:2." The right gift at the right time demands the right response. If you know Him as Savior, look for a timely moment to share Him with others. If you don't know Him, now is the time to receive the great gift of God's mercy—the Messiah, the Lord Jesus. Pray to Him today—now—and receive Him as your Savior and Lord."

Christmas is upon us. It is and should be one of the most joyous of occasions to celebrate the birth of Jesus our Lord and Savior. For this child brought to us the opportunity to have eternal life. He brought to us a peace that we could never find or realize anywhere else. He extends a love to each of us that is not deserved but is offered to us freely. It came with a great price, one that Christ was willing to pay on our behalf. Christ has brought strength, counsel, power, victory, grace, love, mercy, direction to our lives, a sure path that leads us to God Himself, and a hope that could never be found or seen ever before. What a great Lord we serve!

This year 2018, make it the best Christmas you or your family has ever had. It is not the gifts, decorations or the food. Christmas is all about Jesus. Lord, help us not to lose sight of You.

Thank you Church, for serving our Lord as a body of believers, ministering in so many ways. Each one is so important, giving our Lord the praise and honor. God thank you for the ministry that is being done through this congregation. Lord we praise you in all things. God bless each of you and your families. May God bless you.

Thanking God always for each of you.

Merry Christmas, Leon and Cindy

Student Ministry Newsletter Article

I Love Christmas! The trees, the music (and boy do we have a great cantata of praising Christ coming up), and the parties. What I love the most is that during this time, more than any other, the question is asked by many, "What does Christmas and the baby in the manger have to do with me?" It should be one of the easiest times to share the gospel. For students, youth, and you, this should be an opportunity that we seize during the holiday season. If you hear someone say or write Merry X-Mas, instead of getting upset take a moment and tell them the story behind X-Mas, which is Christmas. There has never been a time where more people are aware of the birth of our savior, Jesus Christ. Don't let the opportunity to help them dig deeper into their faith pass you by. Mark 16:15 demands that we "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every person." Start with your teammate at work, another person in the PTA, or a complete stranger in line behind you at Chick-fil-a. This year let us fully place Christ at the forefront of our Christmas.

As this year is coming quickly to a close, I covet your prayers for our youth as we prepare for Winter Conference. Soon we will head up the mountains to Gatlinburg for Cross Roads Winter Conference. During January 18-21 weekend, please lift a prayer for safe travels. We have 16 students and 5 adults going this year. Some students have never experienced something like CRWC. Pray that all our students and leaders will be open to what the Lord has in store for them. I greatly appreciate it even now. We are thankful for the support of a loving and caring church that supports the student ministry of Austin Grove.

**Michael Jordan,
Youth Director**



**SAMARITAN'S PURSE SHOEBOX
WORK NIGHT**

**Friday, December 10th
7:00 PM-10:00 PM**

We will leave from the church at 5:15 PM



**The Donna Pittman
Christmas Toy Store
Toy Collection Week
November 26-December 5**

**If you would like to donate new toys,
bring them to the UBA before**

**Wednesday,
December 5, 2018.**

**Please leave price tag on toys
or write the price on the toy.**

DONNA PITTMAN TOY STORE: Saturday, December 8th

Once again it is that time to collect toys for the UBA toy store.
If you would like Barbara Simpson to shop for you, please give her money today. If you would like to volunteer to work at the toy store, please sign up on the bulletin board. Also, remember to leave the price tags on toys and mark toys and or bags "Donna Pittman Toy Store" All toys must be turned in by December 2nd. Thank you.



**All gifts must be turned in Sunday,
December 2nd. Please return gifts to the
last room on the right side of the adult
hallway. The Autumn Care Christmas Angel**

**Party will be on Thursday, December 20th at 2:00 PM in the
chapel.**

**You can read all about Emily Oster's YWAM Missions on
her Blog Link at: <https://thecalltogo.wordpress.com/>**



On Tuesday, December 4th we will go to see the Speedway Christmas lights. We will be leaving from the church at 4:30 PM and stopping for supper on the way. Please sign up on bulletin board. Restaurant: TBD

**Week of Prayer for Lottie Moon: December 1st – 8th
Mission Study: Wednesday, December 5th at 6:45 PM**



**Our Christmas Program
Sunday, December 9th at 6:00 PM**

**On Sunday, December 9th we will be collecting new
and/or gently used shoes and coats for our
Souls4Souls Challenge. We will be distributing all
items collected through our Shoe and Coat Ministry
throughout the school year. Thank you.**

**All Christmas Cards Due by Sunday, December 16th.
New Christmas Card Lists are available in the
Adult Sunday School Classes and in the Vestibule.**



*Senior
Christmas Party*

**DATE/TIME: Tuesday, December 11th at 11:30 AM
PLACE: AGBC Fellowship Hall
Come and enjoy the fun! We will have BINGO and
door prizes. You do not need to bring any desserts!
Please sign up on the bulletin board. Thank you.**



**Sisters in Christ invite all women to A Christmas Party!
December 13th at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.
Bring a \$10 gift to exchange and a pair of "FUN"
socks! Ham and rolls will be provided, please bring a
side dish. Thank you, Melissa Smith**

"The Coming Messiah"

**Adult Choir Cantata
Sunday, December 16th at 10:45 AM**

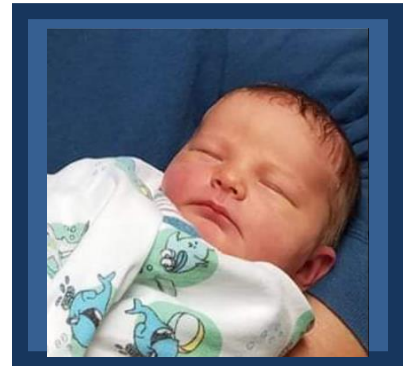
**Needs for the Donna Pittman
Christmas Toy Store**



Please donate new toys or monetary gifts for the Christmas Toy Store. Leave price on the toys.

Anyone who would like to volunteer to work with the Toy Store, call Teresa Polk, 704-283-8932.


Finger foods and desserts are needed for the Toy Store shoppers. You may bring these on Friday, December 7 before 4 pm.



***Congratulations to
Dalton & MacKenzie Riggins
upon the birth of their son,
Asher Gatlin***

***Born on October 23rd, 2018
7 lbs. 11 oz., 20 3/4" long***

Proud Grandparents are Billy & Toni Riggins



85th Baptist Men's Day
Sunday, January 27, 2019

Theme: "Known By Love"
Scripture: **John 13:35**

"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

Library News

More Austin Grove church bulletins have been organized and placed in white, three-ring binders. The total set covers the years 1995 – 2014. The one for 1995 is partial while the other years have complete sets. They are available in the library for your perusal. They will enlighten your memory of the past here at Austin Grove.

Also, two anonymous donors have provided a number of books to the church library. These are currently being processed and will soon be ready for your reading pleasure. Come see the variety of books in the church libraries and check them out to read. Brenda Lee, Church Librarian



UBA WINTER SESSION
Tuesday, January 22, 2019

Fellowship & Refreshments: 6 pm
Session: 7 pm

Shiloh Baptist Church
2301 Rocky River Road North
Monroe NC 28110

Doctrinal Sermon:
Rev. Terry Smith (Silver Star Cowboy)

**All visitors and messengers
are invited to attend.**



East Union is collecting Box Tops.

If you have any to donate, please call Beverly Stewart at: 704-261-5321. Thank you.

IDA MAE JAMES BREAKFAST & MISSION PROGRAM

The Ida Mae James WMU will meet Friday, December 7th at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Breakfast will be served. We will fix fruit baskets for shut-ins and have a mission program. Ladies, please bring your designated fruit.

The FHHS Athletic Booster Club, FFA and Fellowship of Christian Athletes cordially invites the Senior Yellow Jacket Community to an Old Fashioned Christmas on Thursday, December 13th at 8:30 AM in the FHHS Cafeteria. Country Breakfast, Holiday Music, Games & Festivities Please RSVP to FHHS at 704-233-4001



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1 Jack Napier
- 3 Freddy Griffin
- 4 Kristina Deese
- 4 Charles Ivey
- 4 Jason Little
- 5 Parker Griffin
- 6 Carol Fowler
- 6 Kelly Martin
- 7 Russell Smith
- 8 Shirley Griffin
- 10 Alice Long
- 10 Whitney Baucom
- 10 Alice Jordan Long
- 13 Stuart James
- 13 Joanne Trull
- 14 Eric Helms
- 14 Maleah Long Batchelor
- 14 Brittany Rivenbark
- 15 Sue Austin
- 15 Nick Napier
- 16 Mandy Phifer
- 16 Kenny Stewart
- 17 Landon Newsome
- 18 Laura Stoddard
- 19 Brandon Love
- 19 Aaron Griffin
- 19 Jacob Griffin
- 20 Cody Earp
- 20 Olivia Whitley
- 22 Julie Davis
- 22 Cynthia Miller
- 24 Carole Helms
- 26 Lewis Throckmorton
- 28 Melva Seay
- 28 Cindy Whitley
- 29 Vinny Pasciuta
- 30 Becky Brazell



- 5 Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Haigler
- 7 Mr. & Mrs. Reid Phifer
- 13 Mr. & Mrs. Wes Stewart
- 17 Mr. & Mrs. Andy Overcash
- 17 Rev. & Mrs. John Wood
- 20 Mr. & Mrs. Jack Austin
- 23 Mr. & Mrs. Joe Byrum
- 23 Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Edwards
- 26 Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Craiglow
- 29 Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Guffey

December Fellowship Hall Clean-Up

Knights for Christ, Adult Class #1, Adult Class #5

DECEMBER CHILDREN'S CHURCH WORKERS

- 2nd: Volunteers
- 9th: Christa & Brandon Love
- 16th: Cindy Whitley & Volunteer
- 23rd: Amanda G & Dawn M.
- 30th: Debbie J. & Amanda V.

DECEMBER NURSERY WORKERS

- 2nd: Lebron & Shirley Crowe
- 9th: Bill & Carol Fowler
- 16th: Ray & Heather Smith
- 23rd: Janel G. & Emma
- 30th: Josh F. & Sandy P.

Coming In JANUARY

We will host Second Harvest Food Ministry,
Wed., Jan. 2nd (tentative)

Sanctity of Human Life, Sunday, January 20th

UBA Winter Session at Shiloh Baptist Church,
Tuesday, January 22nd

85th Baptist Men's Day, Sunday, January 27th



Merry Christmas
From the Staff of AGBC!