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To Our Church Members and Friends,

Clayton King tells us about a wrong question and a right question. Let me share these two questions with you. "The wrong question: How will I die? The right question: How will I live until I die? And that is indeed the issue to deal with while we still have life to live ahead of us. How will I live right now? And what will I live for before death comes knocking? We die in the same manner in which we live. By the time of our death, it's too late to change anything. Our death will be a reflection of our life. If we live only for ourselves, we lose everything once we draw our last breath. If we live for the kingdom and the gospel and the glory of Christ, we gain everything---we live before we die, and we really live after death!"

I hope we will all think about these words! How are we living today in our lives? It is important how we spend our time. Time is a precious commodity, given by God himself to us all. Stewardship of this time is so important and to that cause we are accountable to God. Far too many folks do not know who Jesus Christ is nor do they care. Christ commanded us to be His ambassadors to carry His Word, wherever life takes us. I wonder how serious we take this command of Christ? We are and we remain accountable to God for how we live our lives. This will never change. Spend your time wisely. It is given to us by God daily. I pray that we are the church that Christ would have us to be in this community and in the world. May He continue to direct our paths and may we continue to hear His voice and may we continue to respond **Yes Lord**.

Thank you for allowing Cindy and I the privilege of serving such a loving and caring congregation. We love each of you very much and are here to serve alongside of you and to carry the love of Christ out into this community and in the world.

May God bless you,
Leon and Cindy



NEW baby blankets and **NEW** teddy bears are being collected for Levine Children's Hospital the month of February.

Please drop off items in the Welcome Center. Thank you.

FEBRUARY CHILDREN'S CHURCH WORKERS

3rd: Debbie J. & Amanda V.

10th: Bill & Carol F.

17th: Roger H. & Volunteer

24th: Carter & Laura D.

FEBRUARY NURSERY WORKERS

3rd: Michael & Alicia J.

10th: Craig & Amanda G.

17th: Sandra H. & Beverly N.

24th: Dustin & Dawn M.

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

February Fellowship Hall Clean-Up

Saved to Serve Class

Ida Mae James WMU Meeting

Watch bulletin for details.

*Happy
Valentine's
Day*

Student Ministry

Thank you for your support! As we stood inside the Gatlinburg convention center and praise music flowed through the speakers, words to the songs flashed up on the screens, and over 2,100 students stood to their feet singing and praising our God, I thought of you. An amazing church that dedicates money to our youth and students to make these things happen. I know God can move anywhere and in anytime in these students lives, but there is so much to be said for the setting of Winter Conference. We have time of corporate worship, the gospel being preached, times of teaching about topics that the youth are facing each day, and "family time" with just our church group. These are such special times where students' lives are changed. These are transformational times where their thoughts are challenged about who God is and how He loves each of us. Relationships with other God loving students are built and strengthened. These relationships will be the ones students rely on for years to come to navigate this journey called life. So yes, you have an impact on our student and youth ministry even if you never set foot into the fellowship hall on Wednesday or Sunday night.

Now comes the request. Ask a youth about Winter conference. Ask them what they loved. Ask them what they learned. Ask them if they got any sleep..... They need to be asked so they will feel more comfortable sharing the great things going on in their lives and about their God. We are striving to make disciples, those that will go and share the gospel of Jesus Christ. As the adults we have a job to help them grow. Let's help get them moving!

I want to close with one thing that Pastor Dan Liam said at winter conference. He is an Australian Asian Pastor. Look him up. He brought a great message, but the main point was that we must never forget the great news of the gospel. It is the one true gospel. It is the only religion where you are not required to climb through works to a "little g god" such as budda, etc.; but rather Christ came down willingly to sacrifice himself for us. To take the punishment we so deserve and give us grace and forgiveness. Don't forget the great news of the gospel. And go share it.

Michael Jordan

Student & Youth Director



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1 Caleb Davis
- 2 Wes Stewart
- 5 Mary Deese
- 5 Kinley Grace Griffin
- 5 Helen Phifer
- 6 Andy Little
- 7 Harriet Smith
- 8 Tommy Phillips
- 9 Roger Haigler
- 9 Millie Preslar
- 10 Louise James
- 10 Holly Morris
- 10 Rick Smith
- 12 Marvin Trull
- 14 Justin Tarleton
- 16 Meghan Edwards
- 16 Brenda Walker
- 18 Julia Smith Godwin
- 18 Walter Haigler
- 20 Diane Griffin
- 20 Esther Haigler
- 20 Gracen Norris
- 21 Juan Figueroa
- 22 Lebron Crowe
- 22 Brandon C. Edwards
- 22 John Griffin
- 22 James Helms
- 23 Janel Griffin
- 23 Barbara Simpson
- 24 Earl James
- 25 Debra Stewart
- 27 Jodi Craiglow
- 27 Allen Edwards
- 28 Kristy Badger



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 8 Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Phillips
- 11 Mr. & Mrs. Avery Haigler
- 12 Mr. & Mrs. Max Haigler
- 14 Mr. & Mrs. James Helms
- 19 Mr. & Mrs. W. D. Phifer

♥ FEBRUARY EVENTS ♥



**Valentine's Banquet
at Rocky River Fish Camp**

DATE: Thursday, February 14th

We will leave from the church at 5:15 PM and eat at 6:00 PM. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. **Sign up deadline is Sunday, February 10th.**

Region 6 Mission Conference

PLACE: Kannapolis First Baptist Church

DATE: Tuesday, February 19th

A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board if you would like to go.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY is February 3rd

Donations will be received at the end of the service for the Community Shelter of Union County.

SISTERS IN CHRIST FEBRUARY MEETING

We will go see the Christian movie "Run the Race". The release date is February 22nd. I am still waiting to hear which local theatre will have show-times.

Second Harvest Food Distribution

Wednesday, February 6th at Wingate UMC



"The Gospel According to Tennessee" A NarroWay Production

DATE: Saturday, February 9th

TIME: 12:00 Show

(Be there at 11:30 AM)

Leave from church: 10:30 AM

TIME: 12:00 Show

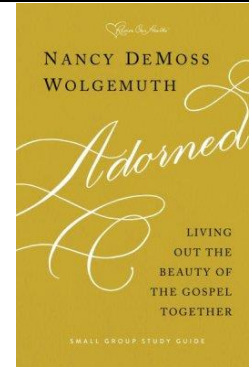
If you are driving, be there at 11:30 AM. If you are riding the bus, we will leave from the church at 10:30 AM.

♣ MARCH EVENTS

Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer:

March 3rd – 10th

ADORNED BOOK STUDY



Starts Monday, March 4th

6:30 PM In the Fellowship Hall

Books have been ordered. See Sheri in the church office to pay for your order. The combo price is \$16.00. Thank you.

Aging Well Conference

Presented by NC Baptist Aging Ministry

LOCATION: North Wadesboro Baptist

DATE: Tuesday, March 5th

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

If we have enough interest, we will make plans to attend.

Second Harvest Food Distribution

Wednesday, March 6th at Marshville First Baptist

Annie Armstrong Mission Study:

Wednesday, March 6th at 6:45 PM



Blood Drive: Sunday, March 10th

Sisters in Christ Retreat Weekend:

March 29th - 30th

MAY EVENTS

Saturday, May 4th • Churchwide Picnic at Cane Creek Park

Saturday May 18th • Union County Churches United

"Praise In The Park"