

# THE ACCENT

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## AUSTIN GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Let me share with you a brief passage of Charles Spurgeon. "Blessed and happy are they who have a sweet faith in Jesus, intertwined with deep affection for Him, for this is a restful confidence. These lovers of Jesus are charmed with His character and delighted with His mission; they are carried away by the loving-kindness that He has manifested, and therefore they cannot help trusting Him because they admire, revere, and love Him...

We love Him and He loves us, and therefore we put ourselves into His hands, accept whatever He prescribes, and do whatever He bids. We feel that nothing can be wrongly ordered while He is the Director of our affairs, for He loves us too much to let us perish or suffer a single needless pang.

Faith is the root of obedience, and this may be clearly seen in the affairs of life. When a captain trusts a pilot to steer his vessel into port, he manages the vessel according to his direction. When a traveler trusts a guide to conduct him over a difficult pass, he follows the track which his guide points out. When a patient believes in a physician, he carefully follows his prescriptions and directions. Faith which refuses to obey the commands of the Savior is a mere pretense and will never save the soul."

Oh how I love Jesus! A beautiful hymn and great theology. To love Christ with all of our being. Let me challenge each of us to walk close, hear Him more clearly and obey His Words for these are gifts that Jesus gives to us every day. Let's walk closer to Jesus all the days of our lives.

***May God bless each of us as we seek to follow Him,***

***Cindy and Leon***

### Student and Youth Newsletter

#### Open Your Eyes....

So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." John 20:25

Soon after the resurrection of Jesus Christ, He made many appearances. He appeared to his disciples, but one was not with them. Thomas, also known as Didymus, was missing from the group. When the others told Thomas about their time with the resurrected Savior, he did not believe. His eyes and heart were so closed to the idea that Jesus could be alive that he refused to believe unless he could see where the nails were placed.

We cast stones, even if just in our mind, at Thomas for even questioning who Jesus is and that He was raised from the dead, but we are not that different from Thomas. We want proof of what we are asked to believe in. If we are going to go to a shop, restaurant, a hotel we seek proof of good things before we go. We search reviews on the internet. We ask friends about their experience. Only after we are satisfied that we have "seen" (or heard) enough are we willing to commit. So, we really shouldn't think so badly of Thomas. What we must do ourselves and help this lost and dying world to do is to "see" the proof of God all around us. But how can we do this? We can't take them to Christ hands and feet and stick their fingers in the holes as Thomas did. No, but we are the body of Christ, we are the church. This world can't see Christ, but they can see the body of Christ, His church. How are we showing the world Christ love? Are you showing the world the grace that Jesus freely gives to each of us? Are we pointing those we meet to the One and Only, Alpha and Omega, resurrected Savior Jesus Christ? **Michael Jordan**



### Sunday Morning Nursery Workers

- 5<sup>th</sup>: Dustin & Dawn Marsh
- 12<sup>th</sup>: Lebron & Shirley Crowe
- 19<sup>th</sup>: Bill & Carol Fowler
- 26<sup>th</sup>: Ray & Heather Smith

### Children's Church Workers

- 5<sup>th</sup>: Sarah W. & Josh F.
- 12<sup>th</sup>: Michael & Alicia Jordan
- 19<sup>th</sup>: Christa L. & Julia G.
- 26<sup>th</sup>: Cindy Whitley & Kelly M.

### Sunday Evening Nursery Workers

- 5<sup>th</sup>: Julia Haigler
- 12<sup>th</sup>: Cindy Whitley
- 19<sup>th</sup>: Sandra Helms
- 26<sup>th</sup>: Beverly Napier

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### **Ida Mae James WMU Meeting**

See Bulletin for details.

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### **Second Harvest Food Distribution**

Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at Wingate UMC at 8:00 AM

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### **Sisters in Christ "Adorned" Book Study**

**DATES:** Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>

**TIME:** 6:30 PM **PLACE:** Fellowship Hall

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### **Ladies Night Out**

May 21, 2019

6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall

Food, Fun, Friends, Fellowship and Inspiration!

No Cooking & No Cleaning...JUST ENJOY!

All ages encouraged to attend.

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- 14 Mr. & Mrs. Craig Griffin; Mr. & Mrs. Chad Williams
- 18 Mr. & Mrs. Allen Edwards, Mr. & Mrs. Rod Davis
- 19 Mr. & Mrs. James Burnette
- 22 Mr. & Mrs. J. Ronald Edwards (Gloria)



- 1-Kay McBride, Susette Kimrey, Alyssa Napier
- 2-Matthew Hilton
- 3-Mott Simpson, Carlos Figueroa
- 5-Joe Little, Dale Frankenburg
- 7-Penny Edwards
- 9-Hampton Autry
- 10-Amanda Figueroa, Emily Kelly
- 13-Raylan Love
- 14-Regina Pasciuta
- 15-Kendall Howard
- 16-Shirley Crowe, Rita Griffin
- 17-Nancy Hilton, Marty Little
- 19-Ashley Fowler
- 20-Donald Hilton
- 22-Bubba Langston, Eric Little, Beddie Tarlton
- 23-Cindy James, Brad Lacroix, Larry Smith
- 24-Billy Fowler, Baylee Jordan, Josiah Davis
- 26-Wade Haigler
- 27-Jalen Long
- 28-Jimmie Seay, Ray Smith, Hailey Earp
- 28-Ray Smith
- 29-Christa Love, Luke Preslar
- 30-Avery Haigler, Issac Davis, Danielle Lacroix
- 31-Eddie Hilton

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**2019 High School & College Graduates**, please sign up on the bulletin board for Graduate Recognition Sunday.

Date: TBA

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**Mary Blair Scholarship** details/applications are available in the church office. Deadline to return to UBA: 5/3/19

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## Nominating Committee Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> • TIME: 6:00 PM

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## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

We will observe the National Day of Prayer on Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:45 PM here at AGBC.

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National Day of Prayer: May 2, 2019

**Love One Another**

PLACE: Old Union County Courthouse Monroe,

TIME: 12:15-12:45 PM

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Union County Churches United

"Praise In The Park"

DATE: Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> TIME: 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

FREE for EVERYONE.

Invite your friends and neighbors.

If you would like to help, please see Baxter.

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### I LOVE MY CHURCH T-SHIRTS

A T-Shirt sign-up sheet (along with payment envelopes) is posted on the bulletin board. All orders must be turned in by SUNDAY, MAY 5<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

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## May Fellowship Hall Clean Up

Saved to Serve Class



## Churchwide Picnic

DATE: Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>

PLACE: Cane Creek Park, Shelter #3

TIME: We will start eating at 1PM

When you get to the entrance gate, tell them you are with Austin Grove Baptist Church and they will let you in.

Baxter Jordan has a food item sign up sheet and also, if you are able to, please bring a finger food type of dessert such as brownies, cookies or cupcakes. Thank you.

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**AGBC at Autumn Care on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM**

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## JUNE EVENTS

### Good News Club Fund Raising Golf Tournament

PLACE: Rolling Hills Country Club

DATE: Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>

See Bulletin Board for more details.

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### Vacation Bible School

Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> - Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup>

We want you to be on **TEAM JESUS** with us! If you are willing to volunteer, please sign up on the bulletin board or see Heather Smith, Alicia Jordan or Amanda Griffin. Thank you!