

# THE ACCENT

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## AUSTIN GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

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

In the early 1900's, A.B. Simpson wrote these words. "God wants us here on earth for some higher purpose than mere existence. That purpose is to represent Him to the world, to be the messengers of His gospel and His will to men and women, and by our lives to exhibit to them the true life and teach them how to live it. He is representing us in heaven, and our one business is to represent Him on earth. We are just as truly sent into this world to represent Him as if we had gone to China as the ambassador of the United States government. Although we may be engaged in the secular affairs of life, it is simply that we may represent Christ here, carry on His business and use our means to further His cause. He came here from another realm with a special message, and when His work was done He was called to go home to His Father. Lord, help me to represent Thee worthily...and carry music in our heart through busy street and wrangling market."

**Who is your "one" or the family that God has brought across your path? I pray you will take seriously the call God has placed upon our lives to tell others the Good News about Christ. They are many people in Union County that if Jesus were to return today, they would be lost for all of eternity. Let others see Jesus in your life today.**

By the time you read this Cindy and I will be enjoying the gift of Time you gave to us at Christmas this past year. I am not sure how I will handle laying aside the daily tasks of life, I will let you know later. This is the first time in 40+ years in ministry that I have been afforded this opportunity. Thank you for providing this time away for us. Thank you for allowing Cindy and I to be a part of this fellowship for all these years. I will back in the pulpit on June 23<sup>rd</sup> ready for VBS to begin.

*God bless, Leon & Cindy*

### Student and Youth Newsletter

Sabbatical- A leave, A Retreat, A Time Out. There are so many more definitions that could be added for this word, but I will stop there. In western society, we have an extremely hard time finding, or more appropriately making time for time out. We even use a time out as a punishment for our children as they grow up when they do not act appropriately. Just recently the World Health Organization declared burnout as a true medical condition. It has an ICD-11 code, for all my healthcare friends that know what that means. For all others, it means that it is recognized in medicine as a legitimate medical condition. With this development, I can only assume that we are not moving toward a culture where rest is celebrated as much as 50-80 hour work week.

When I heard that the deacons, with the church's approval, were giving our pastor a sabbatical, I was excited for Leon and Cindy. Why? Because God set the example that we all should follow. Genesis 2:2 "And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done." For our pastor to have a time of leave, a retreat, a time out, this will only help him to be who God has called him to be. The rejuvenation and rest will give him the strength to continue to shepherd us, God's church, through the good and challenging.

But what about you? Are you worn down? Are you able to be who God is calling you to be? Or are you burning the candle at both ends and somehow also in the middle? In Mathew 11:28 it is written; "Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." You and I may not be at a place where we can take several weeks away, but we are all in a place where we can go to our Lord. We can lay the burdens down at His feet because He has promised us that we will be taken care of. If He feeds the birds of the air, how much more valuable are you to our God than they? Matthew 6:26. So this week find time for a Sabbath. Find a few minutes, maybe a few hours if you can. Talk with the one that made the universe. Lay your troubles at His altar. And give him the glory for the rest that will come.

**Michael Jordan**



## Library News

Linda Huffman, a friend of the librarian, has donated in the teens of books, mostly inspirational ones. Three well-known ones by the late Evangelist Billy Graham are included in this donation: *The Secret of Happiness*, *How to Be Born Again*, and *Peace With God*.

Others that might be of interest to readers are *If I Should Die Before I Wake*, *When Godly People Do Ungodly Things*, *Fingerprints of God*, *When Angels Speak*, *You Can Soar Like an Eagle*, and *Extraordinary Answers to Prayer*, to name a few.

Two biographies for youth—*Abraham Lincoln* and *Eleanor Roosevelt* – will be added to the library from this donation.

Some time ago someone left a large envelope filled with letter cutouts. These will be very useful for bulletin boards.

All of the above items are much appreciated. The books have been processed and await your reading pleasure. Visit your local library!

Brenda Lee, Church Librarian



## Children's Church Workers

2<sup>nd</sup>: Amanda G. & Heather S.

9<sup>th</sup>: Debbie J. & Amanda V.

16<sup>th</sup>: Bill & Carol F.

23<sup>rd</sup>: Roger H. & Janel G.

30<sup>th</sup>: Carter & Laura D.

## Sunday Morning Nursery Workers

2<sup>nd</sup>: Brandon & Christa Love

9<sup>th</sup>: Janel G. & Emma

16<sup>th</sup>: Josh F. & Sandy P.

23<sup>rd</sup>: Michael & Alicia J.

30<sup>th</sup>: Craig & Amanda G.

## Sunday Evening Nursery Workers

2<sup>nd</sup>: Phyllis Simpson

9<sup>th</sup>: Julia Haigler

16<sup>th</sup>: Cindy Whitley

23<sup>rd</sup>: Sandra Helms

30<sup>th</sup>: Beverly Napier

## Ida Mae James WMU Meeting

See Bulletin for details.

## Second Harvest Food Distribution

Forestville UMC

5238 Vintage Road, Lilesville, NC



- 3 Hannah Napier
- 4 Josh Lemon
- 5 Pam Rivers
- 6 Emily Graham
- 9 Maggie Collins
- 10 Brandon Knight
- 14 Suzanne Simpson
- 15 Rebecca Edwards
- 15 Kathryn Overcash
- 16 Elijah Haigler
- 17 Katie Rivers
- 18 Amanda Ikerd Lynn
- 20 Laurel Preslar
- 21 Donald Griffin
- 22 Melissa Estridge
- 24 Kenneth Anderson
- 24 Tommy Edwards
- 24 W. D. Phifer
- 24 David Simpson
- 25 Josh Fowler
- 27 Kyle Howard
- 28 David Figueroa
- 29 Jackie Byrd
- 29 Vickie Griffin
- 30 Rheanna Hartis



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 3 Mr. & Mrs. Bill Ward
- 3 Rev. & Mrs. Leon Whitley
- 13 Mr. & Mrs. Roger Haigler
- 14 Mr. & Mrs. Donald Griffin
- 14 Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Knight
- 15 Mr. & Mrs. Clinton Oster
- 16 Mr. & Mrs. Earl James
- 18 Mr. & Mrs. R. Ronald Edwards (Doris)
- 25 Mr. & Mrs. Irvin Griffin
- 25 Mr. & Mrs. Dwight Starnes
- 26 Mr. & Mrs. Tom Preslar
- 27 Mr. & Mrs. Joe Haigler

## June Schedule

**(While Pastor Leon is on Sabbatical.)**

- June 2<sup>nd</sup>:** AM: Graduate Sunday, M. Jordan;  
PM: M. Jordan
- June 9<sup>th</sup>:** AM: Ben Collins  
(Deacon **Nomination**, please be prepared to write down two names.)  
PM: Rod Davis, Missions Update
- June 16<sup>th</sup>:** AM: Rev. John Wood  
PM: (Father's Day, no evening services.)
- June 23<sup>rd</sup>:** AM: Rev. Leon Whitley  
PM: VBS (June 23<sup>rd</sup> – June 27<sup>th</sup>)



### Graduate Sunday is June 2<sup>nd</sup>

Our Graduates are:

David Figueroa, Jacob Griffin, Madalyn Griffin,  
T. J. Griffin, Jalen Long, Hannah Napier,  
Madison Stancill

### June Fellowship Hall Clean Up

#### All Classes

Knights for Christ, Adult Class #1, Adult Class #5,  
Prophecy, Saved to Serve

### 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.

#### DEACON NOMINATION

Please be much in prayer for our Deacon **Nomination** which will be on Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. Be prepared to write down two names.



You're are invited to a

#### TWIN BOY Baby Shower

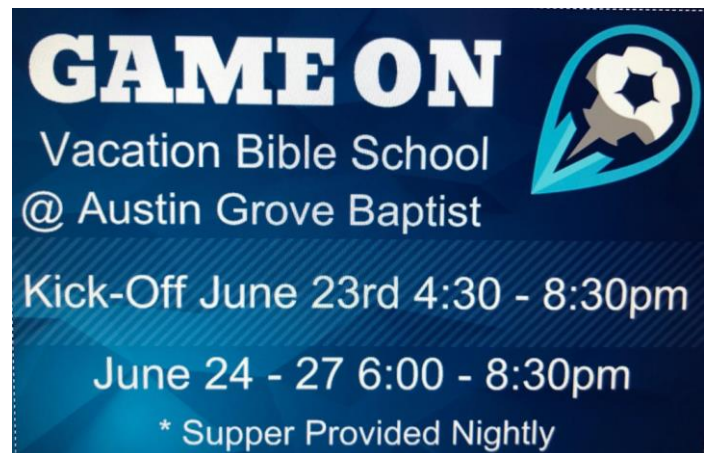
**FOR:** Sarah and Chad Williams

**DATE:** Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>

**TIME:** 2:00 – 4:00 PM; **PLACE:** Fellowship Hall

**Registered at:** Amazon & Target

**Gift cards are welcome**



**GAME ON**  
Vacation Bible School  
@ Austin Grove Baptist

Kick-Off June 23rd 4:30 - 8:30pm  
June 24 - 27 6:00 - 8:30pm  
\* Supper Provided Nightly

#### Supper Provided Nightly

Sunday's supper will be at 6:00 PM.

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!

