

# THE ACCENT



## July 2019

### AUSTIN GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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A man by the name of Bill Ascol who was born the same year that I was in 1952 wrote this based on Luke 5:1-11. Let me share it with you.

“When Jesus told us to go, He assumed we would go; that His disciples would be willing to let the world know the Good News of His dying to save us from sin. He saved us so that we would go fish! You know Jonah decided not to follow his Lord with a hateful rebellion he ran from His Word, But the Lord convinced Jonah to tell the good news, He saw the light in the gut of a fish! When Simon had finished a dull fishing trip the Lord Jesus said Simon, get back in your ship drop your nets in the water and see what I do. And the boat nearly sank—full of fish! Saul of Taurus was hunting down Christians one day when Jesus showed up and He stood in his way when the Lord finished speaking, Saul was a new man. He stopped hunting and started to fish! He said, come and I’ll make you a fisher of men. Follow me and life won’t be the same again. Will you drop what you’re doing and follow the Lord? He called you so that you would go fish! Go fish! Tell the world Jesus saves, Go Fish! That He’s risen from the grave. Go Fish and He’s coming again. He saved us so that we would go fish! Go fish! Show the love that He gives. Go fish! Share His love with your world. He loved you so that you would go fish! He sought you so that you would go fish! He bought you so that you would go fish! He caught you so that you would go fish!”

Thanks to our Church for allowing us to have the gift of time as we were away for this past month. It gave us some time together as a couple and also time to be with our Lord and reflect on the blessings that God has given to our family all these many years. It is sometimes good

to reflect and pause to say thank you to one another but also more importantly to our Lord. It is a privilege to serve our Church and walk alongside of each of you as we journey down the road called life. Thank you from the bottom of our heart for each one that makes up this body of believers called Austin Grove Baptist Church.

*Leon & Cindy*

### **Student and Youth Newsletter**

Matthew 19:14 records “Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” And that is what just happened at Bible School 2019 at Austin Grove. We had an average attendance in the 80’s for the week. What a week it was. Games, great food, and the gospel was proclaimed every night. We had three students give their lives in faith of Jesus Christ. Three more brothers in Christ. Three souls saved from the pits of hell. Rejoicing we say every ounce of energy poured into bible school was worth it. Who knows how many seeds were planted during this week. I cannot say Thank You enough to Heather Smith for organizing it, Amanda Griffin and Alicia Jordan for co leading with Heather. And to each and every volunteer, Thank You!!! It was a long tiring week, but it was a week with eternal impact! Thank you!

Next week is Crossroads Summer Camp for our youth. Please be in prayer for safe travels and open hearts for this week. And energy for myself, Alicia, Clinton, Emily, and Janel as we herd the cats (youth) all week. It is sure to be a great time. Can’t wait to share the experience that we have! Michael Jordan.

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**Second Harvest Food Distribution: Marshville UMC  
July Fellowship Hall Clean Up: Prophecy Class**

### Austin Grove Friends,

Sorry we are so late in getting this update info to you. It has been an extremely busy few months, as you'll see in our letter ... & we are only 2/3 of the way there, in our 'moving scenario!!! BUT, we are so aware of God's grace, His gifts to us & His patience with us. And we are so thankful that we are doing this move now – instead of 5 years from now (energy wise)! So, we are good & feeling ever so thankful!!!

Thank you so much for upholding us with your recent support gifts. They are so very helpful!!! May God continue to bless you richly! Blessings! Evan & Carol

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#### Children's Church Workers

7<sup>th</sup>: Sarah W. & Josh F.; 14<sup>th</sup>: Michael & Alicia

21<sup>st</sup>: Christa L. & Julia G.; 28<sup>th</sup>: Cindy W. & Kelly M.

#### Sunday Morning Nursery Workers

7<sup>th</sup>: Sandra H. & Beverly N.; 14<sup>th</sup>: Dustin & Dawn Marsh

21<sup>st</sup>: Lebron & Shirley C.; 28<sup>th</sup>: Brandon & Carol F.

#### Sunday Evening Nursery Workers

7<sup>th</sup>: Phyllis Simpson; 14<sup>th</sup>: Julia Haigler

21<sup>st</sup>: Cindy Whitley; 29<sup>th</sup>: Sandra Helms

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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

1-Nolan Maner, Dawn Marsh, Kalyn Beeker, Doris Smith, Dawn Marsh

3-Eli Dermid

5-Taylor Hilton, Hannah Lacroix

7-Kaylan Maner, Cody Helms

8-Alicia Jordan

10-Billy Riggins, Jim Phifer, Rev. Leon Whitley

11-Dana Simpson

12-Craig Griffin

13-Wade Simpson

14 Gil Collins, Daniel Figueroa, Cindy Haigler,

Chris Walker, Cathy Post

15 Jim Guffey, Stephanie Starnes Traynham

16 Karlee Jo Estridge

17 Chloe Crowe

19 Bryson Dermid, Debbie Jordan, Cody Kimrey

20 John Nassef, Rachel Autry

21 R. Ronald Edwards, Teddy Griffin, Emma Strickland

24 Tyson Stewart

26 Terri Wood,

27 Debra Anderson

28 Jerry Guffey, Laura Dermid

29 Carter Dermid

29 Monica Newsome

30 Susan Griffin, Malinda (Mindy) Lewis

31 Becky Griffin

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

6 Mr. & Mrs. Bill Ivey

9 Mr. & Mrs. Jimmie Seay

10 Mr. & Mrs. Steven Walden

12 Mr. & Mrs. Raymond(Heather) Smith

13 Mr. & Mrs. Roger James

15 Mr. & Mrs. Derrick Compton(Sheila)

17 Mr. & Mrs. Jack Napier

26 Mr. & Mrs. Larry B. Smith, Jr.

27 Mr. & Mrs. Dustin Marsh

### Open Windows

If you would like to continue receiving an *Open Windows* Guide for Personal Devotions, please sign up on the bulletin board.

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**Deacon Election:** Sunday, July 14th at 10:45 AM

#### Nominees are:

Gil Collins, Ronald Edwards, Roger Haigler, Roger James

You will be voting for two.

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### BLOOD DRIVE

DATE: Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>; PLACE: Fellowship Hall

TIME: 1:00 – 5:00 PM

If you can bring cookies or cakes it would be greatly appreciated. Please see Sandra Helms to sign up. Thank you.

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**Finance Committee Meeting on Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM.**

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**The Finance Committee would like to have a Church-wide Meeting on Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary.**

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### UBA Summer Session

DATE: Tuesday, July 23, 2019

PLACE: Faulks Baptist Church TIME: 6:00 PM

Covered Dish Meal, followed by the business session at 7 pm.

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### Men's/Boys Meal

DATE: Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup> TIME: 5:00 PM

PLACE: Pier Restaurant in Marshville

Our Guest Speaker, Scott Ward, UBA Men's Director. Come join us for good food and fellowship.

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### Coming In August...

**Region 6 Missions Celebration on Tues. August 13<sup>th</sup>**

TIME: 6:00 PM-8:30 PM; PLACE: 1st Baptist Church, Troy

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### Men/Boy's Fishing Trip to Lake Tillery

DATE: Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>

TIME: 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM; COST: \$50 per person

I have 12 spots available. We will eat dinner at Farmhouse Buffet afterwards. I would love to fill all 12 spots. If you have any questions about these men's activities, please contact Aaron Griffin.

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### More Than A Monday

August 5<sup>th</sup>: Rev. Carey Snellings,  
Philadelphia Baptist Church, Stanfield, NC

August 12<sup>th</sup>: Rev. Lee Davis, Euto Baptist Church, Marshville

August 19<sup>th</sup>: Rev. Jeremy Hood,  
Ebenezer Baptist Church, Monroe, NC

August 26<sup>th</sup>: Rev. Gary Underwood,  
Lakeview Baptist Church, Monroe, NC

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**We will be collecting school supplies the month of August.**

### September Events

Labor Day Picnic: September 2<sup>nd</sup>

Samaritan's Purse Dedication Sunday: September 29th