

# THE ACCENT

May 2020



## AUSTIN GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

5919 Austin Grove Church Road, Marshville, NC 28103

Website: [www.austingrovebaptist.com](http://www.austingrovebaptist.com)

E-mail: [austingrovebaptist@windstream.net](mailto:austingrovebaptist@windstream.net)

704-624-2929

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

I know this has been a long ordeal for each of you. Our community has and continues to be so blessed. I want to thank you so much for your faithfulness in looking out for each other and continuing to serve our Lord with your efforts to reach out to one another. Thank you for your continuing support for our church through your tithes and offerings.

As conditions continue to improve, hopefully it will not be much longer until we can once again be united together in worship. Things will be different for a while but please know that our desire is for each and every one to be safe and well. Our online services will continue so that all may be able to worship our Lord. Please continue to take this time to draw closer to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He is still on the throne and is always with us through the high points in our lives as well as the difficult times.

#### **James 4:8**

**Draw nigh** to God, and he will **draw nigh** to you. Never forget that God is with us!

Please call our office with any graduates so we can recognize them. Be sure to remember Mother's Day next week!

We love and miss each of you and look forward to the time when we can once again be together.

Thank you for allowing Cindy and I to serve you. It is a privilege.

***God Bless, Leon and Cindy***



### **Annie Armstrong Easter Offering**

**Received to date: \$5,495.00  
(As of printing)**



**Monday, May 25th**

**U. S. Army**

Teddy Anderson  
Jack Austin, 1957-59  
Billy Bennett, 1954-56  
LeBron Crowe  
Norris Davis  
Rodney Davis  
Jimmy L. Deese  
J. Ronald Edwards, 1966-72 (Reserves)  
R. Ronald Edwards, 1968-70  
Aaron Griffin, 2000-08  
Donald Griffin, (Reserves)  
Freddy Griffin, 1970-76 (Reserves)  
Irvin Griffin, 1965-71 (Reserves)  
Jimmy Haigler, 1967-70  
Randy Hazelwood, 1971-73  
Don James, 1968-70  
Kenneth James, 1963-65  
Matthew Jefferson, 1986-94  
Jerry Knight, 1966-92 (Reserves)  
Jason Lemon, 2011-2013  
Jack Napier, 1967-71  
Dean Phifer, (Reserves)  
Marvin Phifer, 1942-44  
Reid Phifer, 1970-76 (Reserves)  
Curtis Pittman, 1953-55  
Tom Preslar, 1970-71  
Larry D. Smith  
Gene Stewart, 1970  
Lewis E. Throckmorton  
CPT Stephanie A. Starnes Traynham, Ph.D., 2012-present  
Morris Williams, 1953-55

**U. S. Navy**

Jerry Guffey, 1981-85  
Walter Haigler, 2002-06  
Bill Lemmon, 1964-69  
Sherry Little, 1988-91  
Roger Long, 1971-73  
James Seay, III, 1997-present  
Jacob Smith  
JV Walden  
Bill Ward, 1961-66  
John Wood, 1951-55

**U. S. Air Force**

D. A. Davis  
Roger Haigler, 1980-84  
Danny Michael Little  
Steve Little, 1966-70  
Jim Phifer  
W. D. Phifer  
Lewis Sims  
James Smith  
Don Tumas

**U. S. Marines**

Scott Greene, 1998-2006  
Albert Ikerd  
Josh Nash  
Steve Walker, 1964-68

**PRAYER LIST**

**Those Serving Our Nation**

Leah Gordon  
Damie Griffin  
Bryson Griffin  
Lydia Griffin  
Tyler Griffin  
Michael Hagler  
Taylor Hagler  
Josh Lowery  
Carli Pawelski  
James Seay  
Jacob Smith

## DECEASED

Bill Arehart, Army  
Milton Austin  
Mike Brazell, Army, 1976-80  
Joe Chulick, Air Force, 1943-46, 1949-57  
Dowd Collins, Air Force, 1941-44  
Harold Collins, Army, 1941-44  
Arthur Davis, Marines, 1944-46  
DeWill Dawn, Jr.  
Crawford Edwards  
Vann Godwin, Army 1962-63  
Bob B. Griffin  
Boyd Griffin, Army  
Bryant Griffin, Army, 1942-45  
Earl Griffin, Army, 1968-70  
J. C. Griffin, Army, 1953-54  
Seaborn Blair Griffin  
Theodore Griffin, Army, 1941-45  
Wayne Griffin, Army, 1970-80  
James L. Guffey, Army  
Henry Haigler, Army  
J. E. Haigler, Army, 1942  
John Reece Haigler, Marines, 1954-57  
Vernon Haigler, Army, 1953-55  
Erskine Wesley Hargett  
Charles Helms, Army, 1953-55  
Melvin Helms, Army  
Floyd Hill, Army\*  
Charles Lee Huggins, Army, 1953-55  
Bill Lemmon, Navy, 1964-1969  
Charles Ivey\*

Bill James, Army, 1944-46  
J. E. James, Army, 1943-45  
Alfred Lingle  
Benjamin Lingle  
Samuel Lingle  
Jason Bartley Little, Army  
Calvin Mills, Army  
H. E. Mills, Jr., Army  
H. E. Mills, Sr.  
Ritchie Mills, Army  
Ward Morris  
Dennis J. Murphy, Navy, 1941-45  
Floyd Overcash, Marines, 1953-75  
L. T. Phifer, Army, 1944-45  
Marvin Phifer, Army, 1942-44  
Robert Lee Phifer, Army  
Pernay T. Preslar, Army  
Billy Riggins, Sr., Navy-1958-60  
Joe Huey Simpson  
Cliston Stegall, Army, 1950-52  
James Stockton, Navy  
Ben Stoddard, Army, 1947-54  
Herman Tanaw, Army, 1941-45  
John Albert Tanaw, Air Corps  
Margaret Tanaw, Army, 1945-46  
Bruce Tarlton, Army, 1941-45  
Ira Walden  
Horace Webb, Army, 1942  
John D. Wright  
*\*Only known member killed in service.*

Please contact the church office if we inadvertently left off a name. Thank you.

**May  
Birthdays**

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

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

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



**June  
Birthdays**

- 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 Katherine Dunn
- 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

## May Fellowship Hall Clean Up

Saved to Serve

---



### Ladies New Book Study

Zoom Meetings on Monday Nights at 6:30 PM  
If you have any questions, please call Melissa Smith.

---



### CHILDREN'S CHOIR EVERY SUNDAY

(When church resumes.)

TIME: 9:30 AM – 9:45 AM

See Laura Ann Strickland for more details.

---



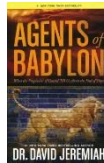
### Men's Weekly Prayer Group

We will resume at a later date.

---

### Agents of Babylon

New Book Study



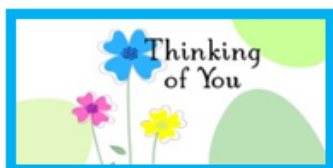
We will reschedule our book study at a later date.

---

### AGBC Service at Autumn Care

Please watch our website and Facebook for updates.

---



Please stay in touch with each other through phone calls, e-mails, text messaging and social media. Also, please remember to send notes and cards to our church family in nursing homes/rehabilitation centers and at



their homes. Please contact the church office if we can be of help. Thank you.

**We have added two new pages to our website. A “Sunday School Bible Studies” page and a “Messages from Rev. Leon Whitley” page. Teachers, if you would like to record your Sunday School class lesson (video yourself from your phone) and send us the link, we will upload it to our website, YouTube and Facebook pages. Thank you.**

---

**Second Harvest Food Bank  
Wednesday, May 13  
Wingate United Methodist Church, Wingate, NC 28174**

---

**Ministry Opportunity  
Marshville Church of God - Children’s Food Bags  
113 Booker Street, Marshville NC**

If you would like to give a monetary donation or donate food, you may drop off on Wednesday or Thursday from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM to Marshville Church of God. If someone does not meet you at your car, please walk up the side walk and knock on the door. Items needed: canned goods such as apple sauce, spaghetti, tuna, chicken, spam, ramen noodles, rice, individual oatmeal packets, and individual packets of grits. If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Walker at 704-292-2984. Thank you.

---



**REMEMBER MOM on Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**

---

## Matthew 6:19-21

*Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*



### **Pandemic Changes Everything...**

COVID has changed the whole world.... Not a real groundbreaking statement there, right. But have we taken a moment to really consider the changes that this pandemic has had on you personally? Some of us are working longer hours, some stuck at home due to the Stay at Home order. No matter which category you fall into, one thing is the same, this isn't what we expected 2020 to be. I have heard so many theories and theologies about the pandemic, but I feel like this pandemic has made us all take a moment and reflect. Reflect on what has been our focus prior to the drastic changes in our social calendars and ability to freely move without worry of becoming sick. Reflect on where were we placing our priority and where do we place it now. In my mind I keep coming back to Matthew 6:19-21 "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Where are our treasures? Where are we focused? No matter your theory on why we are in this pandemic and the response to it, I promise if you really look in the mirror your priority has changed... Take a moment today and reflect. Ask yourself where you will place your priorities as we move into a post pandemic, new normal place. Where will you store up your treasures? **Michael Jordan**

---

## **The NCBAM Hope Line**

The NCBAM Hope Line is in need of volunteers to train to help with the phone calls that we are receiving through the "Hope Line". You do not have to go out of your home to train to help with these calls. We will have the calls transfer to your home number.

If you would like to volunteer to help with the Hope Line, please contact Robert Leonard, with the NCBAM, at his email: [releonard@bchfamily.org](mailto:releonard@bchfamily.org).

**Social Isolation and Loneliness:** Many of North Carolina's aging go weeks without speaking to another person. Others lack quality connections and feel lonely even in a crowd. Health professionals link social isolation and loneliness with numerous health conditions.

**The NCBAM Hope Line:** If you are 65+ and experiencing loneliness or isolation, please call us. Trained staff and volunteers are ready to encourage you with a friendly voice and a compassionate ear, to pray with you, and to remind you that God sees you and loves you.

Share the NCBAM Hope Line with those at risk in your community.

**866-578-4673**

**Monday-Friday**

**9 am - 9 pm**





We want to say **CONGRATULATIONS** to our graduates. We are not sure at this time what we will be able to do as far as a Graduation Recognition as a congregation; however, we do want recognize our Graduates. So, graduates, please email us your information (Name, School, and Future Plans) to [austingrovebaptist@windstream.net](mailto:austingrovebaptist@windstream.net) and Reference email: Graduate Information. Thank you.

2020 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

 KATHY BRANZELL	 WILL GRAHAM	 NICK HALL	 MICHAEL W. SMITH	 ROBERT MORRIS
 RICK WARREN	 HARRY JACKSON	 LUIS PALAU	 ANDREW PALAU	 KANITA BENSON
 BILLY WILSON	 GABRIELLE ODOM	 GREG STIER		

ALONG WITH OTHER LEADERS FROM ACROSS AMERICA!

**NATIONAL BROADCAST**  
MAY 7TH, 8 to 10 PM ET  
ON GODTV, DAYSTAR, MOODY  
BROADCASTING, FACEBOOK LIVE,  
AND MORE

**PRAY**  
GOD'S GLORY  
*Across the Earth*

HABAKKUK 2:14 NIV

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER 

**Please be much in prayer for our nation and its leaders.**