

THE ACCENT

AUGUST 2020



AUSTIN GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

5919 Austin Grove Church Road, Marshville, NC 28103

Website: www.austingrovebaptist.com

E-mail: austingrovebaptist@windstream.net

YouTube Channel: Austin Grove Baptist Church

704-624-2929



To Our Church Family and Friends,

How sweet it is to be back in God's house. The reflection of God's love was evident as our folks entered into His sanctuary. We look forward to the day when all will feel safe and ready to return to God's House. Please help us to pray God's safe-keeping of our folks and our community.

Greg Laurie used an illustration in one of his books that goes like this: A cathedral in Germany displays an engraving which says, "Thus speaketh Christ our Lord to us: You call me Master and obey me not. You call me light and see me not. You call me the way and walk with me not. You call me life and don't live with me. You call me wise and follow me not. You call me fair and love me not. You call me rich and ask me not. You call me eternal and seek me not. If I condemn thee, blame me not."

Greg goes on and says "It's easy to say I love the Lord. He's so good! But does your love affect the way you live? That's what it boils down to".

Could it be that we have denied Him or turned our back on Christ from time to time? If that is so, it would be a great day to come back to Jesus with all of our being! God longs to throw a great homecoming party for each of us, just like the one arranged by the father in the story of the prodigal son. God wants to greet us in a full sprint, throwing His arms around us, smothering us with kisses, and saying Welcome home, sons or daughters! I have missed you. I love you. Welcome home!

Our Father loves each of you so much. Do you return that love to Him?

May God bless each of you and may you feel his presence at all times in your life.

Thank you for the privilege of serving you as your pastor.

Leon and Cindy



AUGUST

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1 Dusty Melton
- 2 Teddy Anderson Jr., Jeremy McAteer,
Elaine Thornsbury, Colton Williams,
Cayden Williams
- 3 Abbie James, Austin James, Thomas Morris,
Brian Rivenbark
- 4 Judah Dermid, Craig Walden
- 5 Jimmy Haigler
- 6 Terry Ikerd
- 8 Denise Simpson
- 10 Stephen Walker
- 11 Raymond Smith
- 12 Polly Haigler, Reid Phifer
- 13 Julia Haigler
- 15 Steve Simpson
- 16 Ashley Ivey, Tom Preslar
- 17 Jeremy Napier
- 20 Gloria Edwards, Gene Stewart, Don Post
- 21 Lynn Traywick
- 25 Joe Crowe Jr., Heather Smith
- 27 Katie Morris Cutherbertson
- 30 Isla Godwin
- 31 Irvin Griffin

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 1 Mr. & Mrs. Chris Griffin
- 1 Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Trull
- 2 Mr. & Mrs. Billy Fowler
- 5 Mr. & Mrs. Charles Ivey
- 10 Mr. & Mrs. Freddy Griffin
- 18 Mr. & Mrs. Rick Traywick
- 21 Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Rivers
- 31 Mr. & Mrs. Albert Ikerd

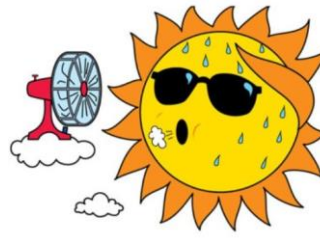
SEPTEMBER

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 2 Rhonda Long
- 3 Gail Knight, Samantha Hilton
- 4 Roger James
- 6 Chris Griffin, Clair Lynn,
Eden Strickland
- 7 Joe Haigler
- 7 Jerry Knight
- 9 Jamie Lemon, Jason Lemon,
Sadie Phillips
- 11 Carson Guffey
- 13 Trevor Helms
- 14 Ashley Lowery, Rick Traywick
- 15 Gina Frankenberg, Baxter Jordan,
Roger Long
- 16 Michelle Edwards
- 17 Tyler Griffin
- 18 Rodney Davis, Jackie Powell,
Heather Long, Andrew Oster,
Jacob Smith
- 20 Linda McDaniel
- 21 Joanie Collins
- 24 Lily Griffin
- 25 Sandy Phifer
- 26 Madeline Ivey, Morris Williams
- 27 Jack Austin, Michael Little
- 28 Dottie Craiglow, Jamie Long, Robin Nassef
- 29 Polly Marsh
- 30 Caleb Figueroa, Kimberly Griffin, Betty Little

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 4 Mr. & Mrs. Ben Collins
- 6 Mr. & Mrs. Billy Bennett
- 9 Mr. & Mrs. Mott Simpson
- 10 Mr. & Mrs. Jim Guffey
- 27 Mr. & Mrs. Joe Little



**Please keep our children and all school staff
in your prayers as school starts back.**

**So do not fear,
for I am with you;
do not be dismayed,
for I am your God.
I will *strengthen* you
and *help* you;
I will *uphold* you with
my righteous right hand.**

-Isaiah 41:10

August is here.....How is 2020 going by so fast, yet also creeping? This pandemic has caused a lot of being in the feelings of overwhelmed, fatigued, and even some fear. I want to point us all back to Isaiah 41:10 So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

What a promise we get when we live in God's word. What confidence we can have even in the face of the unknown of this pandemic when we immerse ourselves in the life bringing words of the Bible instead of consuming everything on social media and news outlets. Please take time to disconnect from the guessing, hypothesizing, and prognosticating from men who have such a limited knowledge of this world. Take time to reconnect with the maker of heaven and earth, our Heavenly Father for the answers. Lean into His comfort through His word.

Michael Jordan, Student & Youth Director