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

You have heard me say many times throughout these years it is all about Jesus! And it truly is as our lives are based on Christ. James Francis wrote an essay about the “One Solitary Life” telling us about who Christ is and let me share with you his description of Christ.

“Twenty wide centuries have come and gone and today He is the centerpiece of the human race and the leader of the column of progress. I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever were built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned, put together have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as has that One Solitary Life.”

Christ is more than just a name. He was a real person who lived in human history, and no one can ever erase that or dispute it. The life of Christ is recorded in the Bible for all to see and learn of Him. He rose from the grave and lives. We need to have a personal relationship with Him. He loves us, and continually seeks to have interaction with us, always wants to talk with us through prayer, circumstances and events in our lives. He truly wants to fellowship with us, not just a few times but ongoing with every day and year that passes in our lives.

To love and to know Christ should be our goal in life, and to share Him with others that cross our paths. Open your Bibles to discover Him and know what He did for us! This is why even in a pandemic we open our hearts and voices to praise Him.

God is in control. Please never lose sight. He is Lord of all!

May God bless and keep you and your families safe and well.

Leon and Cindy



## **JULY**

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- 1 Dawn Marsh, Nolan Maner, Dawn Marsh,  
Doris Smith, Kalyn Beeker
- 3 Eli Dermid
- 5 Taylor Hilton
- 5 Hannah Lacroix
- 7 Kaylan Guffey Maner
- 7 Cody Helms
- 8 Alicia Jordan
- 10 Jim Phifer
- 10 Bill Riggins
- 10 Rev. Leon Whitley
- 11 Dana Knight
- 12 Craig Griffin
- 13 Wade Simpson
- 14 Gil Collins
- 14 Daniel Figueroa
- 14 Cindy Haigler
- 14 Chris Walker
- 14 Cathy Post
- 15 Jim Guffey
- 15 Stephanie Starnes Traynham
- 16 Karlee Jo Estridge
- 17 Chloe Crowe
- 19 Bryson Dermid
- 19 Debbie Jordan
- 19 Cody Kimrey
- 20 John Nassef
- 20 Rachel Autry
- 21 R. Ronald Edwards
- 21 Teddy Griffin
- 21 Emma Strickland
- 24 Tyson Stewart
- 26 Terri Wood
- 26 Mary J. Pittman
- 27 Debra Anderson
- 28 Jerry Guffey
- 28 Laura Dermid
- 29 Carter Dermid
- 29 Monica Newsome
- 30 Susan Griffin
- 30 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
- 24 Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Jefferson
- 26 Mr. & Mrs. Larry B. Smith, Jr.
- 27 Mr. & Mrs. Dustin Marsh

## **AUGUST**

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

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

## Library News

The Austin Grove Baptist Church Library is bursting at the seams with two recent donations with a variety of books. Linda Huffman, a friend of the librarian, gave 91 books while Debra Stewart donated 82.

Linda's books are mostly inspirational and biblically related. She also donated a DVD entitled, *Escape from Hell*. She also included several books for children and youth.

In Debra's contribution are 16 books written by Danielle Steel, several novels by Nora Roberts plus a number of self-improvement ones pertaining to diet and medical cures.

The libraries (adult and children's) now contain close to 4,000 volumes, which do not account for the DVD's.

All of these recently donated ones have been processed and are ready to be checked out for your summer reading.

Brenda Lee

Church Librarian

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Hey all!!

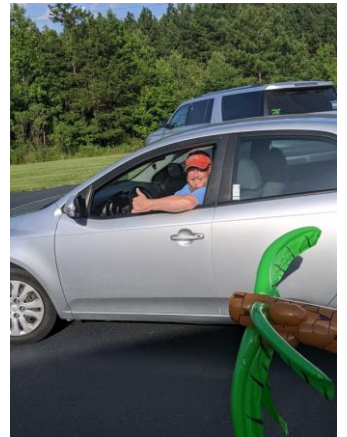
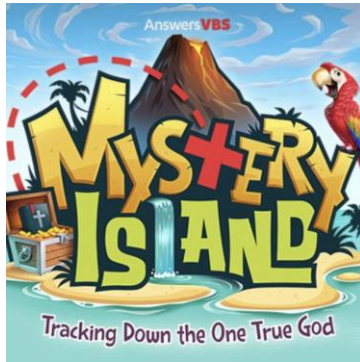
I hope by the time you read this you have had a chance to participate in our VBS. Virtual Bible School that is. No, we didn't get to do it at the church. No, I didn't get to act so silly that the young students love it, and the youth act like I am cringe worthy but secretly want to have as much fun as I am..... But we still were able to have VBS. If you haven't had a chance to go through the videos, jump on it. They are amazing. I want to thank Heather Smith and Alicia Jordan for leading this with love and passion. No other churches in our area are doing anything close to this! Thanks to all that helped stuff supply bags (Cindy Whitley, Aaron, Kimberly, Lilly Griffin, Addison and Kelsey Jordan), record the videos (Baxter Jordan), Edit and make the videos amazing (Emma Griffin), and of course those in the videos too (Preacher Leon, Ray Smith, Aaron Griffin), and doing all the posting of the videos (Cindy Whitley). As you can see, it was a massive effort to make this happen. We hope that you have enjoyed our first ever Virtual Bible School.

Michael Jordan

Student and Youth Director



**VIRTUAL  
VBS  
2020**



**Thank you to EVERYONE who had a part! We appreciate YOU!!**