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To Our Church Family and Friends,

God knows the feelings that all of us experience good, not so good, helplessness (figurative or literal). In the midst of what seems like insurmountable problems, God is always there to help us through the pains and circumstances that we encounter.

God allows storms so that we may experience His presence in ways that we might not otherwise. The times sometimes are tough, and we may experience fear, but God is always with us! Be sure to stay close to God and His protective hand and we will arrive safely. Be careful to always look to God for the peace that He can only bring into our lives and the shelter that can help to deflect, shield, and defend our lives.

Acts 27:44

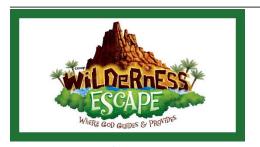
"44 And the rest, some on boards, and some on broken pieces of the ship.

And so it came to pass, that they escaped all safe to land."

Please begin inviting folks to our VBS this year and to our Sunday School and worship services (online and in person). We are seeing more and more of our folks returning to our services with each week that passes.

Thank you for your faithfulness!! God continues to bless us here at Austin Grove.

Thank you for the privilege of serving this congregation and community. Leon & Cindy



2021 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Come join us for Vacation Bible School Thursday, June 24th - Sunday, June27th Hours: Thursday-Saturday 6:00 PM - 8:15 PM Sunday right after morning worship until 3:00 PM. Invite your friends!!

Please sign up on the bulletin board to volunteer.

If you have questions, please see Julia Godwin, Christa Love, Kimberly or Aaron Griffin.

ATTENTION Security Committee: If you would like to volunteer to help with security one or more nights during Vacation Bible School, please sign up on the bulletin board. Thank you. Billy Riggins

We need Children's Church volunteers. Please sign up on the bulletin board. Thank you!







Tanner Griffin

Averie Stancil



Khoury Nassef

Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and he will establish your plans. Proverbs 16:3

Congratulations!! We are proud of you!!

June Fellowship Hall Clean Up: Knights for Christ, Adult Class #1, Adult Class #5



Nursery

NURSERY WORKERS (10:45 AM Service)

May 30th: Sandra Helms June 6th: Shirley Crowe June 13th: Beverly Napier June 20th: Christa Love

June 27th: Kimberly & Aaron Griffin

July 4th: Sandra Helms

A nursery is available during Sunday School at 9:45 AM and 10:45 AM Worship Service.

"Thank You for Your Faithfulness" Meal

(Reservation Sheets will be in bulletins on June 13 & June 20)

DATE: Thursday, June 24th – Saturday, June 26th

TIME: Delivered around 5:00 PM

MENU:

We will deliver three meals during the week of VBS. Thursday-Spaghetti, Friday-Tacos; Saturday-Hamburgers

HOW THEN CAN WE BE FRIENDS? A Philippians Study Guide

SISTERS IN CHRIST and any women that would like to join us for a study on the Book of Philippians. More information to come. We will begin the study after Easter. The book is \$13 plus shipping. Melissa can order or you can order your own. See bulletin board for more details.

Second Harvest

DATE: Tuesday, June 1; **TIME:** 8:00 AM **PLACE:** Forestville UMC Vintage & Clark Mtn. Rd., Lilesville, NC 28091

If you would like to go on a summer mission trip, please see Freddy Griffin for additional information.





With Grateful Hearts, We Thank You

To all the members, parents, youth, and families of Austin Grove Baptist Church,

Thank you for entrusting us as Youth Directors. There will be lots of things/events that compete for your/their time, but we pray that you as parents take the time to encourage your youth to participate in youth activities. We will be guiding, leading, and teaching the leaders of tomorrow. We will be giving them opportunities to serve our community, learn their talents, develop leadership, as well enjoy Christian fellowship. We also have great/fun things in store; White Water Center, water park trips, Carowinds, hiking to a beautiful waterfall and so much more! We look forward to this great opportunity to SERVE YOU!

Thank you for this opportunity, Aaron & Kimberly Griffin



JUNE

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

JULY 1st Week

- 1 Dawn Marsh, Kalyn Misenheimer Beeker, Nolan Maner
- 3 Eli Dermid
- 5 Taylor Hilton
- 7 Kaylan Guffey Maner, Cody Helms



June

- 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

July 1st Week

6 Mr. & Mrs. Bill Ivey

LIBRARY NEWS

The following books have been donated to the church library for check out.



Billy Graham Was the World's Best-Known Evangelist—Loved and Admired by Millions. But Very Few Knew Him Personally.

Pastor and bestselling author Greg Laurie was one of those fortunate few, blessed with an insider's view of Billy Graham's world for more than two decades.

With the same painstaking research and eye for detail that distinguishes his previous biographies, *Steve McQueen: Salvation of an American Icon* and *Johnny Cash: The Redemption of an American Icon*, Laurie now turns to the life of his beloved mentor, offering the intimate perspective of a disciple and friend.

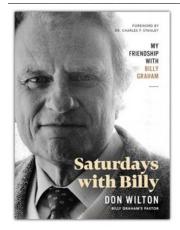
As a strapping North Carolina farm boy, Graham surrendered his life to Jesus at a camp meeting led by a blustery itinerant preacher, but he never lost the mischievous twinkle in his eye or his fun-loving air.

Laurie sheds light on Graham's lesser-known struggles—such as a broken heart before he met the love of his life and a crisis of faith from which he emerged stronger than

ever. From the evangelist's private challenges and public successes to his disappointments and joys, *Billy Graham: The Man I Knew* provides a vivid portrait of one of history's most remarkable Christian lives.

Author Bio

Greg Laurie, the senior pastor of Harvest Christian Fellowship, one of the largest churches in America, has written more than seventy books. Featured on the syndicated radio program *A New Beginning* and on a weekly television show on the Trinity Broadcasting Network, he serves on the board of directors of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. He and his wife, Cathe, have two children and five grandchildren.



Discover a beautiful friendship between Billy Graham and his friend and pastor, Don Wilton. This handsome gift book, complete with color photos, looks behind the scenes of Graham's life, which continues to inspire us in our own spiritual journeys.

Most Saturdays for 15 years, Don drove the long road to meet with Billy at his home in Montreat, North Carolina. There the two friends spent hours talking about family, politics, sports, and their spiritual lives.

Now, in Saturdays with Billy, Don shares:

- More than 20 heartwarming stories of his times with his friend, illuminating the qualities in Billy's character that were true to the end and revealing the heart of the man whose light still shines
- A quote from Billy before each chapter, as well as dynamic color photography

throughout

Just as Billy's words changed Don's life, they have the power to change ours--a testament to a man who leaned on God's grace into eternity.

Author Bio

Don Wilton has been the senior pastor of the First Baptist Church of Spartanburg, SC, for over 27 years. He is the founder and president of The Encouraging Word, reaching people in all 50 states and internationally through television, radio, and the Internet. He has authored many books including *Totally Secure*, *The Absolute Certainty of Life After Death*, and *When God Prayed*. Dr. Wilton is a highly sought-after Bible expositor and is a frequent speaker for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, The Cove, Samaritan's Purse, and universities and seminaries around the world. Don and his wife, Karyn, have three grown children who serve the Lord in ministry. They are the proud "Chief" and "Duckie" for eight grandchildren.