

# THE ACCENT

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

I wanted to share a few insights to what happened between the Old Testament and the New Testament. David Jeremiah reminds us that during that 400 years from Malachi to the birth of Jesus Christ many things happened. This period of time is called the silent years or the Intertestamental Period. During the Babylonian exile the Jews begin to use the Aramaic language, which has a lot of similarities to the Hebrew language. Alexander the Great defeated the Persians during this time and he freed a number of the Greek cities from the Persian rule, and once again they were now governed under Greek rule. The Greek language and culture once again was free to spread all throughout the region. The New Testament was on the horizon as Jesus was born and it would be recorded in the Koine Greek or common man's language.

One of the problems that was present when Jesus was born was that the Roman Empire was continuing to grow and flourish, eventually claiming Judea and Jerusalem. Roman governors were appointed and Pontius Pilate was one of them, who would issue the order to crucify Jesus. The Jews longed for the Messiah who was prophesied to come and to deliver them from the oppression that they were under. Jesus came, but he did not come in a manner that they had desired. He was not to be a political king or one who would overthrow the existing government. Yet, Jesus would have an impact that would change the world forever.

Charles Spurgeon wrote this "There are times when solitude is better than society, and silence is wiser than speech. We should be better Christians if we were more alone, waiting upon God, and gathering through meditation on His Word spiritual strength for labour in His Service. We ought to muse upon the things of God, because we thus get the real nutriment out of them."

This silent period must have seemed all too long, but God was and is still in control!! Many say today, I long for the return of Jesus, and I along with others long for that day. Will it be today? Tomorrow? We do not know the hour or time but just as it was between the O.T. and N.T. God had not left His throne and His hand remains on the hearts and lives of His people. On this day, God is still at work in the lives of His creations, so in this world there are and will continue to be trials and tribulations, but be brave for God's hand and power and grace are and will never cease to be with us. Do Not Fear!! His love and hand is present.

Do Not Dismay for He is with us and has never left us!!

Thanks for allowing Cindy and me to serve with you as we continue on this journey of life.

*May God bless, Leon and Cindy*

 **Pink Sunday**  **October 10, 2021** 



Amina is a 70-year-old grandmother who lives alone and was barely surviving on her government stipend when Send Relief partners arrived in her European village. After being gifted with 25 chickens, Amina gained the security of knowing she had a consistent source of food. She also started a small business selling eggs from her home!

The Send Relief Gift Catalog features dozens of practical ways you can meet needs and change lives for people like Amina.

Visit [SendRelief.org/Catalog](https://SendRelief.org/Catalog) to learn more!

A collaboration between the **International Mission Board** and **North American Mission Board**, Send Relief is here to help you make a difference in your community and the world around you—because compassion ministry opens doors to the gospel.

Sharing the love of Jesus is central to everything we do at Send Relief. Whether it's responding to natural disasters, caring for refugees and displaced families, fighting human trafficking at home and abroad, supporting adoption and foster care efforts and strengthening communities facing economic and physical crises, our goal is the same.

With your help, we have raised millions of dollars to serve vulnerable people across the globe. By equipping you and your church at ministry centers and working with international partners, you help bring the hope of the gospel to dozens of countries, and, because of your generosity, hundreds of community development projects are completed every year.

But the need is still great! Pray, give and serve alongside us to reach the nations with the hope of the gospel!

Bryant Wright, President of Send Relief

**Gift Catalogs have arrived! See Pastor Leon.**



**Daylight Savings Time  
ends on November 7<sup>th</sup>.**



### Sisters In Christ

I would love to start having meetings again monthly, but I feel like we are all taking precautions to stay healthy for us and our loved ones. Please know that I'm always a text or phone call away. Let's keep each other in our prayers and stay healthy, happy, and safe!

God Bless 🙏💜, Melissa Smith, 704 621-0412

**HAPPY anniversary OCTOBER**

- 1 Mr. & Mrs. Carter Dermid
  - 2 Mr. & Mrs. Jason Vann
  - 4 Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Collins
  - 7 Mr. & Mrs. Hampton Autry
- November 1<sup>st</sup> Week No Anniversaries**



**167th UBA ANNUAL SESSION - Tuesday, October 26, 2021**

Mt. Harmony Baptist Church 2817 Mt. Harmony Church Rd., Matthews  
Evening Session: 6:00 pm (Please note earlier starting time)  
\*Only messengers are allowed to vote\* \*\*No meal or refreshments\*\*

**Second Harvest**

DATE: **Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**  
TIME: 8:00 AM  
PLACE: Peachland UMC



**Pictorial Directory Update**

You still have time to send in your information. Please contact the church office or Cindy Whitley to have your picture made. Thank you.

**Thank You for Your Faithfulness Meal**

**Young Adults:** Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> following Morning Worship; **Churchwide:** Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>

**NURSERY WORKERS (10:45 AM Service)**

- October 3<sup>rd</sup>: Christa & Brandon Love
- October 10<sup>th</sup>: Hannah Napier & Hunter
- October 17<sup>th</sup>: Debbie Jordan & Amanda Vann
- October 24<sup>th</sup>: Marty Little
- October 31<sup>st</sup>: Kimberly & Aaron Griffin
- November 7<sup>th</sup>: Sandra Helms

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

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH WORKERS (10:45 AM Service)**

- October 3<sup>rd</sup>: Carolyn Smith & Barbara Simpson
- October 10<sup>th</sup>: Beverly Napier
- October 17<sup>th</sup>: Cindy Whitley
- October 24<sup>th</sup>: Christa Love & Julia Godwin
- October 31<sup>st</sup>: Carolyn Smith & Barbara Simpson
- November 7<sup>th</sup>: Kimberly & Aaron Griffin

**The Donna Pittman Christmas Toy Store 2021**

DATE: Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> TIME: 8:00 AM  
Referrals are due by Friday, October 15  
Volunteers are needed to work 2-hour shifts.  
See Barbara Simpson for more details.  
Please leave toy donations in the Welcome Center Room. Thank you.

**October Fellowship Hall Clean Up: Prophecy**

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICES**  
Adults meet at 6:45 PM.  
Children and Youth meet at 6:30 PM.  
Online viewing will still be available.



**Women's Retreat**

The retreat will be the weekend of October 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>  
See Melissa Smith for more details.



**Wednesday, November 17th**

6:00 PM Thanksgiving Meal  
6:45 PM Thanksgiving Service



## Trunk or Treat & Hot Dog Supper

**DATE:** Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>

**TIME:** 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

**PLACE:** Parking Lot & Supper/Costume & Best Decorated Trunk Contest will be under the picnic shelter

**No Scary Mask or Outfits**

All candy must be prebagged and given out by the adults at the vehicle (If you need bags, reach out to us). Contests: (Under Picnic Shelter) Costume & Best Decorated Trunk.

There will be no games/tractor rides, etc....

\*\*We will not have our regular Wednesday night services. \*\*

If anyone would like to donate candy for our *Trunk or Treat*, please do so by Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>.



## Library News

Six books have been donated anonymously to the church library. They are (with author's name following the titles):

*Help, Lord! I'm Having a Senior Moment Again* (O'Connor)

*Abundant Life Bible* (NLT)

*From Parkinson's to a Poet* (Eddins)

*Good and Evil* (Pearl)

*40 Days With Jesus* (Young)

*Precious and Dearly Loved* (Marsh)

The author of *From Parkinson's to a Poet* hails from Jefferson, SC.

Brenda Lee



## Happy October!

The year is quickly getting away from us. There is no way that we should be less than 100 Days from Christmas.

As I was working from home, looking out the window, I noticed how the leaves were changing colors. I started thinking about how we all go through seasons in life. We must make the best of what we have during that season. Just as the leaves are changing colors, the immense beauty starts to shine through. Do the same with your daily walk with the Lord by studying harder, praying more intensely, and telling others about the beauty Jesus has put in your life. Remember, you may be the only person in someone's life that tells them about Jesus! Aaron

## YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS CALENDAR - OCTOBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
					Samuel Viers B-Day Carter & Laura Dermid Anniversary	Chris Lynn's B-day
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Youth 6pm Ava Morris B-Day		Young Adult Discipleship 6pm	Youth/Children 630 pm Silas Dermid B-Day		Youth Bonfire	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Youth 6pm		Yong Adult Discipleship 6pm	Youth/Children 630 pm	David Godwin B-day		Pack Food Boxes UBA 8am - 1030am Leave Church at 700am will take to lunch afterwards
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Youth 6pm		Young Adult Discipleship 6pm	Youth/Children 630 pm			Chimney Rock State Park (Youth & Young Adults)
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Youth 6pm	Racheal Viers B-Day	Young Adult Discipleship 6pm	Trunk or Treat 530pm		Grayson Lynn B-Day	Thank You For Your Faithfulness Meal

### HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAY!!

- 1 Samuel Viers
  - 2 Christopher Lynn
  - 3 Ava Morris
  - 6 Griffin Brazell, Janice James, Carli J. Herring, Silas Dermid
  - 7 Jeremy Tarleton
  - 9 Jessie Smith Jeffries
  - 10 Jaron Long, Kelly Preslar
  - 12 Doris Edwards
  - 16 Avery Little, Tyler Stewart
  - 17 Tim Simpson
  - 20 Kimberly Rivers
  - 21 Michael Ivey, Tara Throckmorton, Beverly Stewart, Amber Ewing
  - 23 Janet Haigler, Brenda Lee, Asher Riggins, David Wyatt Mullis, Justin Starnes, Gayle Throckmorton, Nancy Riggins
  - 24 Wyatt Griffin, Sarah Traywick
  - 25 Pat Haigler, Kerstyn Helms, Rachel Viers
  - 28 Brenda Moore
  - 29 Grayson Lynn
  - 30 Autumn Thompson
  - 31 Kim E. Griffin
- November 1<sup>st</sup> Week**
- 1 Dustin Marsh, Larry Smith
  - 4 Donna Ivey
  - 5 Amanda Vann, Carol Frankenberg
  - 6 Dwight Starnes