

**25 Days till Christmas...continues online until Christmas Day**  
Each day highlights a different person, place, or object in the narrative of Christ's birth through a brief story. See our newsletter for more information.

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### FOOD MINISTRY

**Today:** Box of Macaroni and cheese.  
**December 11<sup>th</sup>:** Box of individual packs of grits or oatmeal.

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December issues of *Home Life & Mature Living* are in the vestibule.

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### Adult Drama Practice Schedule

Today at 3:00 PM, Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM,  
and Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon.

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### Children's Play Practice Schedule

Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM and  
Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM.

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### Deacon Nomination Today

Today we will nominate one candidate to fill the vacancy on the deacon board for the remaining time. Deacon election will be on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>.

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**Donna Pittman Toy Store** - Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM  
Please sign up on the bulletin board if you would like to volunteer. If you would like to give money to Barbara Simpson, she will purchase toys for you or you may donate toys. Drop off toys in the welcome center. Thank you.

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### Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Packing Night

**DATE:** December 10, 2022 **TIME:** 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM  
See Melissa Smith for details. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you would like to volunteer.

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### Christmas Card Deadline

Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

**Children's Christmas Play & Choir Cantata**  
**DATE:** Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> **TIME:** 10:45 AM

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### Fruitcake Factory and Seagrove Pottery Trip

Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> - Leave from church at 9:00 AM  
Eat breakfast before leaving for trip. We will stop for lunch.  
Sign up on bulletin board to join us.

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### Christmas Worship Schedule

**Sunday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>:** No Children's Church  
**Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>:** No Sunday School  
Worship at 10:00 AM and we will dismiss by 11:00 AM

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### New Addresses

**Jack and Sue Austin** - 2173 Wedgewood Dr., Longs, SC 29568  
**Linda McDaniel** - PO Box 335, Marshville, NC 28103

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### Bethlehem Inn

**DATE:** Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> **PLACE:** Fellowship Hall  
**TIME:** 5:00 PM

The play is set in the dining room of the Bethlehem Inn on the night Jesus was born. This will include dinner at the Inn, so everyone that comes will be guests at the Inn that night.  
If you would like to attend our dinner at *Bethlehem Inn* on at 5:00 PM, please drop off your reservation today. **NO CHARGE FOR THE MEAL.** Thank you.

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### Community Senior Citizens' Christmas Breakfast at Forest Hills


Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM  
Must RSVP by December 8<sup>th</sup> 704-296-3025

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**5919 Austin Grove Church Road, Marshville, NC 28103**  
**704-624-2929**

Website: [www.austingrovebaptist.com](http://www.austingrovebaptist.com)  
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**Rev. Leon Whitley, Pastor • Home: 704-753-4768**  
Carolyn Smith, Director of Music  
Susan Griffin, Pianist; Vickie Griffin & Pat Haigler, Organists

**Austin Grove**  
**Baptist Church**  
*It's all about the CROSS.*



*For the*  
**grace**  
*of God*  
*has appeared,*  
*bringing*  
**salvation**  
*to all.*

TITUS 2:11, NRSV

## Our Lord's Day

Sunday, December 4, 2022

### Worship

Welcome Announcements & Prayer		Pastor
Call to Worship	"The Holly and the Ivy"	The Dermids
Hymn #89	"O Come, All Ye Faithful"	Congregation
Children's Sermon		Brannon Crowe
Hymn #86	"O Little Town of Bethlehem"	Congregation
Choir	"Christmas Is Jesus"	
Special Music		
Message	"Grace, Forgiveness and Mercy"	Pastor
Scripture	Titus 2:11-15	Pastor
Invitation Hymn	"Come Just as You Are"	Congregation
Benediction		Pastor

### December Fellowship Hall Clean Up:

Knights for Christ Class, Adult Class #1, Adult Class #5



## OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

### SUNDAY

Week of Prayer for International Missions, Deacon Nomination, Blanket Project blankets due, Box of Macaroni & Cheese due today for food ministry, Reservation form (no charge for dinner) at Bethlehem Inn due today. Please drop in the offering plate.

- 7:00 AM Worship Service available online
- 9:45 AM Sunday School for ALL ages, including Nursery Class
- 10:45 AM Worship Service \*\*Mask Optional\*\*  
91.1 FM in parking lot on Marshville side of church
- 3:00 PM Adult Drama Practice

### TUESDAY

- 10:00 AM Prayer Meeting

### WEDNESDAY

- 7:00 AM Adult Bible Study available online
- 6:00 PM Children's Play Practice, Adult Drama Practice
- 6:45 PM Adult Bible Study, Children & Youth

### THURSDAY

RSVP for Community Senior Citizens' Breakfast at Forest Hills

### SATURDAY

- 10:00 AM Children's Story Time available online
- 8:00 AM Donna Pittman Toy Store at UBA
- 10:00 AM Children's Play Practice
- Noon Adult Drama Practice
- 6:00-10:00 PM Shoebox Packing at Samaritan's Purse

### NEXT SUNDAY

- 7:00 AM Worship Service available online
- 9:45 AM Sunday School for ALL ages, including Nursery Class
- 10:45 AM Worship Service – Children's Play & Cantata  
91.1 FM in parking lot on Marshville side of church

### NURSERY (Ages Birth to 2 Years Old)

**Today:** Beverly Napier

**Next Sunday:** Christa & Brandon Love

Nursery is available during Sunday School at 9:45 AM and on Wednesday Nights.

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH (Ages 3 Years Old thru Kindergarten)

**Today:** Cindy Whitley & Kelcey Griffin

**Next Sunday:** No Children's Church

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**New:** Rev. & Mrs. Leon Whitley, Tara Allison, Jack & Sue Austin, Rev. Eddie Barbee, Bob Barnes, Cecil Brooks, Joe Byrum, Kathryn Byrum, John Clark, LeBron Crowe, Marilyn Davis, Mary Deese, Randy Eason, Jodi Epps, Gayle Faircloth, Barbara Faulkenberry, Deborah Ford (Melva Seay's sister), Bill Fowler, Amy Grady, Clark Griffin, Donald Griffin, Gary Griffin, Jill Griffin, Rita & Freddy Griffin, David Grimsley, John Phillip Grundin, Carson Guffey, Gerald Haigler, Jeff Haigler, Kay Haigler, Polly Haigler, Roy Haigler (Jimmy's brother), Cindy Hasty, Kathy Hazelwood, Jamie Helms, Mike Holland, Brenda Hunnicutt, Albert & Terry Ikerd, Bill Ivey, Frances Knight, Bubba Langston, Beth Lennon (Cindy Whitley's sister), Steve Little, Isaac Marsh, Megan Maske, Willie Maske, Beverly Miller, Rosanne Miller, Jeff Mullis, Sadie Phillips, Tommy Phillips, Kix Soderblom (Alison Phifer Duncan's Grandson), Shelia Sharpe, Evan Sharpe, Tracy Stancil, Kathy Starnes, Kim Starnes, Amelia Stewart, Gene & Debra Stewart, Ashtin Stutts, Doris Thomas, Jerry Thomas, Martha Thomas, Lynn Traywick, Don & Joyce Tumas, Joseph Viers, Diane Vore, JV Walden, John Walker (Stephen Walker's brother), Stephen Walker, Rev. John Wood, Unspoken

**Sympathy:** Edward "Eddie" Pressley (Kathryn Byrum's brother-in-law)

**On Going:** AGBC, Lost in the Community, Our Deacons, Our Church Outreach, Our Service Men & Women, Leaders of our Country, Betty Autry, Dennis Badger, Jr., Lindsay Barmer, Louise Billingsley (Betty Little's sister), Elsie Byrum, Matthew Collier, Mike Croft, Brannon Crowe, Randy Dyre, Billy Fowler, Sr., Pat Haigler, Wade Haigler, Ron Herr, Kyle Hill, Gail Knight, Shelia Mazzurco, Kay McBride, Daniel McQuirt, Doris McManus, Judge Mullis, Brian Oliver, Andrew Oster, Shannon Phifer, Helen Presson, Carolyn Smith, Ruby Stegall, Richard Taylor, Kathy Walker, Ellie Walden, Charles Ray Williams, Our Nation.

**Those Serving Our Nation:** Leah Gordon, Bryson Griffin, Lydia Griffin, Tyler Griffin, Michael Hagler, Taylor Hagler, Josh Lowery, Carli Pawelski, James Seay

**Our Missionaries:** Wycliffe-Rod & Julie Davis, Isaac, Caleb & Josiah Ben & Rachelle Davis, Evan & Carol Smith, Emily Oster

### Nursing Homes/Rehabilitation/Home Prayer List

#### Autumn Care

Nancy Riggins, Room 804

#### Bermuda Village

Frances Haigler, 5157 Garnet Hill Drive, Clemmons, NC 27012

#### Brookdale

Harriet Smith, Brookdale, Room 3, 918 Fitzgerald Street, Monroe, NC 28112

#### Cadence Assisted Living

Kathy Overcash c/o Cadence Assisted Living

5601 Margaret Wallace Road, Matthews, NC 28105