



# THE ACCENT

November 2023

## AUSTIN GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

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*To Our Church Family and Friends:*

Isacc Watts writes "How sad our state by nature is! Our sin, how deep it stains! And Satan binds our captive minds fast in his slavish chains."

The Apostle Paul wrote to the early church at Corinth "Though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh" II Corinthians 10:3. Paul reminds us that our battle is not like the world's battles, rather, it is a battle of ideas, fought on the battlefield of our mind, hearts and souls. Our enemy (the devil's) strategy is to tempt us to deny God's truth and to deceive and discourage God's people so they lose faith in the goodness and providence of God. Satan stirs up physical wars between nations and peoples, but even those wars begin with thoughts.

II Corinthians 10:5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

Our thoughts and directives must be tested by the Word of God!

With all the tensions and conflicts in this world, please continue to pray for Israel! And please always remember God's Hand is at work all the time. He has been with us and is with us and He will forever be with us. Be not discouraged for the same Jesus who ascended back to be with Our Father will at His given time send Him back to deliver us from and bring us to Heaven to live with Him for all of eternity. God has got this!

Thank you for allowing Cindy and I to serve you.

*Leon and Cindy*





Date	Nursery	Children's Church
Nov. 5 <sup>th</sup>	David & Megean Simpson	Tony & Billy Riggins
Nov. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Sandra Helms	Debbie & Baylee Jordan
Nov. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Sandra Helms	Janel Griffin & Roger Haigler
Nov. 26 <sup>th</sup>	Beverly Napier	Cindy Whitley & Kelcey Griffin
Dec. 3	Christa & Brandon Love	Julia & David Godwin

**November Fellowship Hall Clean Up:**  
  
Saved to Serve Class

The Fall *Open Windows* and *November* issues of *Mature Living* and *Home Life* are in the vestibule for pick up.

**THE CALVIN GILMORE PRESENTS**  
**CHRISTMAS SHOW OF THE SOUTH**  
 THE CAROLINA OPRY CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

**Myrtle Beach, SC Trip**  
 Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>; 1:00 PM Show  
 Tickets \$34.00 per person

We will take the bus. If you are interested in going, please sign up on the bulletin board ASAP.

**SECOND HARVEST**  
 We will be hosting Second Harvest on **Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**First Church of God Marshville**  
 Update for Community "Back to School Backpack Ministry"  
 Total Applications Completed: 156  
 Total Adults: 0  
 Total Youth: 156  
 Total Backpacks Provided for God's Children: 156  
 We give all the Glory to God for His ministry.

**Senior Trip 😊**



**Amish Country**  
 If you are interested in going to the Amish Country during Spring Break 2024. Please sign up on bulletin board. Contact Holly Morris for more details.

**Thank You!**

A special thank-you to Brannon Crowe, Chris Griffin, Baxter Jordan, Jimmy Haigler, Roger Haigler, Rev. Leon Whitley, Jacob Griffin, and Larry Smith for constructing the much-needed ramp for Mrs. McAfee, who taught biology for many years at Forest Hills High School. Her husband served as principal at East Union Middle School. She says, "I like it, my family likes it, and my neighbors like it. It is wonderful." Now she doesn't have to crawl up her front doorsteps anymore.

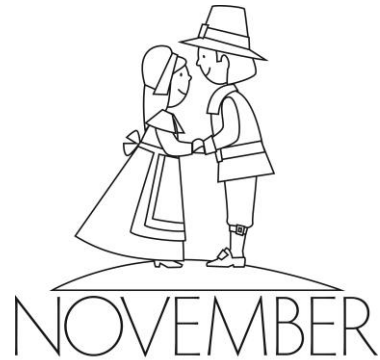
Brenda Lee



- 1 Dustin Marsh, Larry B. Smith, Jr.
- 4 Donna Ivey
- 5 Carol Frankenberg, Amanda Vann
- 6 Dwight Starnes
- 8 Jenna Matthews
- 10 Brannon Crowe
- 12 Frances Haigler
- 12 Scott Haigler
- 13 Benjamin Davis
- 15 Max Haigler, Eric Lacroix, Blair Simpson
- 16 Douglas Guffey
- 17 Sandra Griffin, J. R. Hopson, Kelsey Jordan
- 24 Erica Miller, Hailey Nassef Cramner, Carolyn Smith, Sara Weir
- 27 Mattie Simpson, Steven Walden
- 29 Collin David Smith
- 30 Jason Vann

**1<sup>st</sup> Week of December Birthdays**

- 1 Jack Napier, Allison & Parker Ivey
- 2 Grey Gordon
- 3 Freddy Griffin
- 4 Kristina Deese, Charles Ivey, Jason Little
- 5 Parker Griffin
- 6 Carol Fowler, Kelly Martin
- 7 Russell Smith



**NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**  
**November Anniversaries**

- 2 Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Simpson
- 20 Mr. & Mrs. Jamie Long
- 25 Mr. & Mrs. Danny Phifer
- 27 Mr. & Mrs. Lebron Crowe

**1<sup>st</sup> Week of December 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversaries**

- 5 Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Haigler
- 7 Mr. & Mrs. Reid Phifer



**Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**

- 6:00 PM Thanksgiving Meal
- 6:45 PM Baptist Women, Baptist Men, Youth & all ages of children's groups met.

**Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**

We will not have services.

**Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

- Please, notice the earlier times.
- 9:00 AM Sunday School for ALL AGES
- 10:00 AM Worship Communion Service

**Wingate Lions Club**

- Sponsors Spaghetti Dinner**
- DATE: Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>
- TIME: 5:00 – 7:30 PM
- PLACE: Wingate Community Center
- COST: \$10.00 per plate, includes salad and beverage.

## NOVEMBER FOOD MINISTRY NEEDS

Thank you for your contributions to helping feed the children in our community.

November 5 <sup>th</sup>	Can of green beans
November 12 <sup>th</sup>	Can of corn
November 19 <sup>th</sup>	12 pack of instant grits
November 26 <sup>th</sup>	6 pack of individual applesauce

### Library News

Mission Friends, led by Tracy Stancil and Barbara Simpson, honored the church librarian with two children's books, *Feeling Special* and *The Great Adventure*, both written by Jennifer Kurani. In the first one the question is asked, "How can Turtle learn to feel special?" The second one answers the question, "Will Turtle ever find his great adventure?"

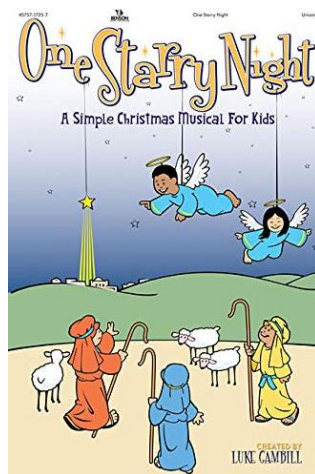
They also designed their own special thank-you notes for the librarian.

These books will be placed in the Children's Library for others to read and enjoy.

Thank you, Mrs. Tracy, Mrs. Barbara, Claire, Easton, Wade, Raylan, and Asher.

These books will be placed in the Children's Library for other children to read and enjoy.

Brenda Lee  
Church Librarian

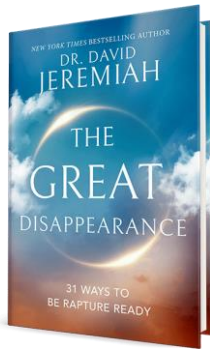


**Children's Musical**



**Adult Choir Cantata**

**Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**



### ***The Great Disappearance* Book Study Dates**

Wednesday November 1<sup>st</sup>: "A Great Day"  
Wednesday November 8<sup>th</sup>: "At Any Moment"  
Wednesday November 29<sup>th</sup>: "The Noah Factor"  
Wednesday December 6<sup>th</sup>: "Will Children Be Raptured?"  
Wednesday December 13<sup>th</sup>: "Live Like You Were Dying"

2024 wall calendars/pocket calendars are in the vestibule for pick up.

#### **Veterans Pavers**

If you would like to purchase a Veterans Paver for \$100.00, please pick up a form in the envelope on the bulletin board. Make checks payable to : **Friends of the Marshville Veterans Memorial** and give form along with check to Barbara Simpson or Teddy Griffin.

#### **Children's Play Practice**

Wednesday nights at 6:45 PM  
See Debbie Jordan for more information.

#### **SHOEBOXES COLLECTED TO DATE: 109**

If you haven't filled a shoebox and would like to, we have shoeboxes available and we will deliver your filled shoebox to Samaritan's Purse. Please contact Pastor Leon. Thank you.

#### **Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.**

Fall Back one hour...remember to set clocks back Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.



#### **Operation Christmas Child**

#### **Shoebbox Packing Night in Charlotte**

**DATE:** Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> **TIME:** 7-10 PM

Please sign up on the bulletin board.



#### **Donna Pittman Toy Store - Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**

Contact Teresa Polk at 704-634-0530 if you would like to volunteer.

Toy donations can be dropped off anytime here at the church.

#### **FELLOWSHIP HALL RESERVATIONS**

REMINDER...If you or your Sunday School Class wants to use the Fellowship Hall, please be sure to schedule with Sheri. Thank you.

## Mission Opportunity