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To Our Church Family and Friends,

As I start my year as Chairman of your Deacon Body, I am reminded that it is the time of year that New Year's resolutions tend to be forgotten or abandoned. If you made any this year, I hope you have been able to keep them thus far.

I'm going to ask you to join me in a couple of things: rather than resolutions, let's call them commitments. I ask you to: 1) Commit to faithfully attend the services of our church and to invite someone to attend with you, and 2) Commit to praying daily for our church, its leaders, and especially our Pastor Search Committee. 1 Thessalonians 5:17 says "Pray without ceasing." Pastor L. R. Scarborough said, "There are no such things as prayerless spiritual achievements."

In the time since our beloved Pastor was called to his eternal home, we have had nine different pastors speak to us on Sunday morning. Each brought us the message the Lord had for us on that day. Everyone in attendance, saved or lost, has been challenged by each speaker with the gospel and the need for salvation.

The question comes to my mind: What about the lost who haven't heard? Matt Smethurst said "Most lost people in your life have never rejected the gospel. That's because they've never actually heard it." If they have heard and rejected, that is on them. If they have never heard, my friend, that is on us." Let's commit to telling the gospel story. We should ask ourselves, "If not me—then who?"

Thank you all for your faithfulness.

Roger James

40 Days of Prayer

Seeking God During Our Pastor Search Process
Please see weekly bulletins for daily list to pray for.
(Started on Sunday, January 26th.)



Saturday, February 15th • We will eat at 5:00 p.m.
Please sign up on the bulletin board. Thank you. Baxter Jordan



VBS 2025 T-Shirts
Please sign up on the
bulletin board
if you would like a VBS T-Shirt.
Thank you.

Fellowship Hall Clean Up:

Saved to Serve Class

2025 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.

SECOND HARVEST

Wingate UMC • February 5th



The following items are needed for our February Food Ministry. Thank you for your faithfulness in helping feed our hungry neighbors! Brenda Walker

February 2nd: Can of green beans

February 9th: Box of macaroni and cheese

February 16th: Individual packs of apple sauce

February 23rd: Pack of Ramen noodles or individual boxes of cereal (8 pack)

Western NC Needs:

See list posted on the bulletin board.
Thank you.

February issues of *Mature Living*, *Home Life*, *Open Windows*, and *Our Daily Bread* are in the vestibule and Sunday School classes for pick up. Please see Roger Haigler to update the number of each your class needs. Thank you.



Children's Valentine's Party

Wednesday, February 12th

6:45 p.m.

We will serve ice cream 😊.



Date	Nursery	Children's Church
February 2, 2025	Carter & Laura Dermid	Barbara Simpson & Carolyn Smith
February 9, 2025	Sandra Helms	Debbie & Baylee Jordan
February 16, 2025	Barbara Simpson & Madison Stancil	Holly Morris & Katie & Mason Cuthbertson
February 23, 2025	Dwight & Kathy Starnes	Janel Griffin & Roger Haigler
March 2, 2025	Beverly Napier	Cindy Whitley & Kelcey Griffin

Library News

Since last report a number of books and DVD's have made their way into the Austin Grove Church Library. Teddy and Vickie Griffin donated two study DVD's, *The Gospels: The Extraordinary Life of Jesus of Nazareth* and *Acts to Revelation: The World of the First Christians*, both by Dave Stotts. Others contributed a novel by Karen Kingsbury, five study guides by Dr. David Jeremiah, and *Jesus Followers* by Ann Graham Lotz and her daughter Rachel-Ruth Lotz Wright.

Linda Godwin Huffman has again added to our library's collection with a sizable number of books, which include *God, I've Got a Problem*, *15 Minutes Alone With God for Men*, *Winning the Battles of Life*, *Overcoming Hurts and Anger*, *A Woman's Walk With God*, and several health-related books, to name a few. Included in Linda's donation were eleven DVD's of Janette Oke's stories.

Since 2019 Linda has donated more than 300 volumes, DVD's, and wall hangings for our libraries. Thank you so very much, Linda!

Come on down and check out some reading or viewing materials. They are waiting patiently for you!

Brenda Lee

Church Librarian



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1 Caleb Davis
 - 2 Wes Stewart
 - 5 Mary Deese, Kinley Grace Griffin, Helen Phifer
 - 6 Andy Little
 - 7 Harriet Smith
 - 9 Roger Haigler, Millie Preslar
 - 10 Holly Morris, Rick Smith
 - 12 Marvin Trull
 - 14 Justin Tarleton
 - 16 Meghan Edwards, Brenda Walker
 - 17 Jase Godwin
 - 18 Julia Godwin, Walter Haigler
 - 20 Diane Griffin, Esther Haigler, Gracen Norris
 - 22 LeBron Crowe, Brandon C. Edwards, John Griffin,
 - 23 Janel Griffin, Barbara Simpson
 - 25 Debra Stewart
 - 26 Cannon Smith
 - 27 Jodi Craiglow, Allen Edwards
 - 28 Kristy Badger, Samuel Lynn
- 1st Week in March**
- 1 Noah Godwin, Patsy Griffin
 - 3 Amanda Howard Napier, Tyler Stewart
 - 4 Kayla Throckmorton, Bill Ivey, Rian Ivey
 - 5 Kevin Morris, Allison Nassef
 - 7 Steve Little, Ashlyn Stewart, Debbie Walker



**No Month of February or 1st Week in March
Anniversaries**

Region 6 Mission Rally

In February 2025 , Baptists on Mission will host a series of Regional Mission Rallies across the state. These rallies (10 of them) will highlight the variety of opportunities NC Baptists have to be involved in missions across our state, nation and world. Featured will be worship, testimonies, mission videos, and a prayer time for missions. These rallies are for anyone in your church who is interested in missions. A main focus of these rallies will be state, national, international partnerships and projects (including Disaster Relief) and the NC Missions Offering.

Region 6

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

First Baptist Rockingham

201 N. Randolph Street
Rockingham, NC 28379

Meal

5:45 pm

Missions Program

6:50 - 8:30 pm

Please sign up on bulletin board and at:
<https://baptistsonmission.org/bom/region-rallies/region-6-nc-missions-rally-2025---rockingham/7117>



**For Community Shelter
of Union County**

As you exit the service on Sunday, February 9th donations will be received at the doors for the Community Shelter of Union County.