



THE ACCENT OCTOBER 2025

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To My Church Family and Friends,

Our church is having a baptismal service on November 2nd. I praise God for that. But sadly, it is difficult for me to remember when the last baptismal service was held in our church.

Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Baptism does not accomplish anything in itself, it is a public, outward sign that a person's sins have already been washed away by the blood of Christ's cross. Acts 2:41 says, "Then those who gladly received His word were baptized."

What did Jesus say about baptism? Matthews 28:19, "Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Let's challenge ourselves as a church to follow the Great Commission. Baptisms follow conversions. We will only have baptisms in this church after we do the work, after we tell the story of the saving grace of Jesus Christ and challenge the lost among us to accept that saving grace.

Jesus gave two ordinances to the church—Baptism and the Lord's Supper—together they tell the story of Christ's atoning work. Believers can observe the Lord's Supper any time—some churches do it every service. In the Supper, the death of Christ is acknowledged and proclaimed, whereas in baptism His burial and resurrection are depicted. The new believer is buried in a watery grave and raised as a symbol of his trust in the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ for the atonement of sin.

Let's challenge ourselves as a church to increase the number of baptismal services we observe. Our goal is not to increase the attendance at Austin Grove—to fill the pews. Our goal is to fill the pews in Heaven and share eternity with our friends and neighbors who have joined us in accepting His saving grace.

Roger James

Nursery & Children's Church Schedule

Date	Nursery	Children's Church
10/5	Dwight & Kathy Starnes	Holly Morris & Katie Cuthbertson
10/12	Christa Love & Shelby Hutson	Debbie & Baylee Jordan
10/19	Hannah Napier & Hunter Canup	Janel Griffin & Roger Haigler
10/26	Sandra Helms	David & Julia Godwin

October Fellowship Hall Clean Up:

Prophecy Class

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

Wednesday, October 1st
8:00 a.m.
Peachland UMC

October issues of *Mature Living*, *Home Life*, and *Our Daily Bread* are in the vestibule for pick up.



The following items are needed for our Food Ministry.
Your donations help tremendously.

October 5th: 15 oz. can of veggies

October 12th: 15 oz. can of pasta

October 19th: box of individual packs of grits

October 26th: box of individual packs of oatmeal

November 2nd: Box of individual snacks such as oatmeal cakes, Swiss rolls (kind of snack doesn't matter as long as individually wrapped.)



Fall Fest Hot Dog Supper & Trunk or Treat
Wednesday, October 29th at 6:00 p.m.



Deacon Nominations will be held on Sunday, October 12th. Our current deacons are: Irvin Griffin, Stephen Walker, Gil Collins, Roger Haigler, Roger James, Rick Traywick, and Baxter Jordan.

Note: Irvin Griffin and Stephen Walker will be going off and we will be electing 2 to serve for 3 years.



Veterans List

Please look over our Veterans lists posted on the bulletin board and make any necessary changes by the last Sunday in October.



Wednesday, October 8th at 6:00 p.m.

UBA 171st Annual Session

DATE: Tuesday, October 28th

TIME: 6:00 p.m. – Meal; 7:00 p.m. Session

PLACE:

Provision Church

3020 New Salem Road, Monroe, NC 28110



We will wear PINK on Sunday, October 12th to show support for everyone affected by breast cancer.

Piedmont Community

Breast Cancer Walk

Saturday, October 18th

Piedmont High School

8:00 a.m. Gates Open

9:00 a.m. Walk



- 1 Mr. & Mrs. Carter Dermid
- 2 Mr. & Mrs. Jason Vann
- 4 Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Collins

November

No 1st Week Anniversaries



Sunday, November 2nd: Baptism Sunday

Wednesday, November 5th: Austin Grove hosting Second Harvest at 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, November 19th: Thanksgiving Meal at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 13, 2025: Donna Pittman Christmas Toy Store



Donna Pittman Christmas Toy Store

Please drop off toys in the Welcome Center room. All toys are due in by Sunday, December 7th. If you would like to give a monetary donation, please give to Barbara Simpson or put in offering envelope marked for Donna Pittman Toy Store. If you would like to volunteer to help at the toy store, please feel free to call Teresa Polk at: 704-634-0530. Thank you.



Fall back, not behind!
CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS and
join us on time for worship.

Sunday, November 2nd

Don't forget to turn your clocks back on Saturday night, November 1st.



Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Ministry

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Shoebox Ministry!
We are so blessed to have such a wonderful church family/friends!



Moose Café & Grandad's Apples 'N Such Trip

Thursday, October 9th

Meet at the church at 7:30 AM

We will stop at Wal-Mart to pick up our Monroe members then drive straight to Moose Café for lunch. Afterwards, we will go to Grandad's Apples 'N Such. 😊

Please sign up ASAP on the bulletin board. Thank you.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 2 Christopher Lynn
- 3 Ava Morris
- 6 Silas Dermid, Carli J. Herring
- 9 Jessie Smith Jeffries
- 10 Jaron Long
- 12 Doris Edwards
- 14 David Godwin
- 16 Avery Little, Tyler Stewart
- 17 Tim Simpson
- 20 Kimberly Rivers
- 21 Michael Ivey, Tara Throckmorton, Beverly Stewart, Amber Ewing
- 23 Brenda Lee, Asher Gatlin Riggins, David Wyatt Mullis, Justin Starnes, Gayle Throckmorton, Nancy Riggins
- 24 Wyatt Griffin, Wyatt Mullis, Sarah Traywick
- 25 Pat Haigler
- 29 Grayson Lynn
- 30 Autumn Thompson
- 31 Kim E Griffin

November 1st Week Birthdays

- 1 Dustin Marsh, Larry B. Smith, Jr.
- 4 Donna Ivey, John Dermid
- 5 Carol Frankenberg, Amanda Vann
- 6 Dwight Starnes