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“Happy New Year” to every member, guest, and friend at Austin Grove Baptist Church.

You may be reading this a few days before the ball drops in Time Square, but 2025 is complete and 2026 is upon us, ready or not.

Let's review 2025 in the life of our church:

-We began the year continuing to grieve the loss of our beloved Pastor Leon and marveling at the many things he did for us that we didn't realize until it wasn't happening.

-Many of you stepped up to fill the void and made sure all the mundane jobs got done and our brothers and sisters in Christ were cared for.

-We dedicated the Whitley House as a home to be used by the House of Pearls and welcomed the residents into our fellowship. We do love our Pearls!

-Tony reminded us that every believer has spiritual gifts and challenged us to learn our gifts and, more importantly, to use them to glorify God and build His Kingdom.

-We had a Baptismal Service where five new believers made a public proclamation that Jesus is their Lord and Savior, and one made a public recommitment of their faith. We welcomed eight new church members in addition to those baptized.

Now, as we move into 2026, I challenge us to build on the accomplishments of last year. Evangelism is a core value, not a one-time effort. May we continue to invite the unchurched, unsaved, and backsliders that we come in contact with.

Let's celebrate the accomplishments of 2025 and work towards greater accomplishments in 2026.

I love and appreciate each of you. Roger

Nursery & Children's Church Schedule

Date	Nursery	Children's Church
1/4/26	Beverly & Jack Napier	Dawn & Greg Eudy
1/11/26	Debbie Jordan & Amanda Vann	Carter & Laura Dermid
1/18/26	Dwight & Kathy Starnes	Holly Morris & Katie Cuthbertson
1/25/26	Kristen & David Jackson	Chloe & Jacob Griffin

January 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.



The following items are needed for our Food Ministry.

Your donations help tremendously.

January 4th: Can of pasta (15 oz.)

January 11th: Can of green beans or corn

January 18th: Box of snacks: oatmeal cakes, Swiss cake rolls, or any of your choice.

January 25th: Can of chicken noodle soup (any brand)

SECOND HARVEST
Watch bulletins for details.

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

Baby Dedication

We are planning a Baby Dedication for January 11th.

Please sign up by Sunday, January 4th.

If you would like to participate, please sign up on the new bulletin board.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 2 Brittany Crowe, Laura Ann Strickland, Shane Michael Jordan
- 5 Matthew Oster
- 6 Chris Guffey, Nathan Baucom
- 8 Delane Bennett, Brandon Baucom
- 9 Anna Edwards, Jacklyn Edwards, Eddie Rivers
- 10 Khoury Nassef, Kathy Hazelwood
- 11 Toni Riggins, Hunter Smith
- 12 Tommy Traywick
- 14 Barbara Faulkenberry
- 15 Lindsey Faith Nassef
- 16 Asher Simpson
- 17 Teresa Hilton, Easton Strickland
- 18 Benjamin Collins, Lainey Preslar
- 19 Laikyn Nicole Newsome, Cary Preslar, Morgan Lapinsky
- 21 Kaylan Haigler, Alexandria Miller
- 23 Sandra Helms, Jay Tiffany, Kris Tiffany
- 24 Brittany Edwards, Beverly Napier, Trent Strickland
- 25 Lisa Tarleton
- 26 Aidan Figueroa, Emily Oster, Michael Jordan
- 29 Amber Griffin Witmore
- 30 Pearl Wood
- 31 Cameron Williams

First week of February

- 1 Caleb Davis
- 2 Wes Stewart
- 5 Mary Deese, Kinley Grace Griffin, Helen Phifer
- 6 Andy Little
- 7 Harriet Smith



91st Baptist Men's Day

Sunday, January 25th



Happy Anniversary

- 3 Mr. & Mrs. Roger Long
- 7 Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Hartis
- 7 Mr. & Mrs. Baxter Jordan
- 14 Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Walker
- 26 Mr. & Mrs. Wade Haigler
- 26 Mr. & Mrs. Don Post

February 1st Week

- 8 Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Phillips

Please don't forget to turn in your updated Church Membership Information Sheet and email an updated picture to austingrovebaptist@windstream.net.
Thank you! Sheri



Wednesday, January 21st at 6:00 p.m.



Ten Commandments - Murphy, NC Trip

Spring Break 2026 (Week of April 6th)
Interest Sign-Up Sheet is on the bulletin board.



HURRICANE HELENE UPDATE

Looking to serve in Western NC? We have 5 rebuild centers designed to assist homeowners affected by Hurricane Helene; East Flat Rock, Swannanoa, Burnsville, Spruce Pine and Boone. Each facility can house and feed volunteers as they work on homes in the surrounding communities.

Options include - Construction; general construction skills, hanging and finishing drywall, flooring, electrical, plumbing, even people without construction skills who are willing to help wherever needed - Serve on a cooking team preparing hot breakfast and suppers for teams - General housekeeping and maintenance at the rebuild centers. Sign up at [Baptists on Mission - Get Involved - Helene Rebuild](#).

12/2/2025: Completed 630 home rebuilds with 260 in progress. We have just begun building 13 new homes.

Helene donations are purchasing building materials that will be used to help get families back in their homes. With volunteers providing the labor we can double or even triple the number of families we can get back in their homes. Throughout the process volunteers are providing hope, not only through the construction process by providing a listening ear, a smile, a prayer and encouragement to the family that they are not forgotten.

We will be working for the next 4-5 years to help with rebuild efforts. You don't need to be trained to serve. We're grateful to the more than 30,000 people who have volunteered since the storm hit our state.

Initial Helene Response

Baptist disaster relief volunteers have been working since Helene hit. We started with mass feeding, and along with our partners with NC Emergency Management, Red Cross and Salvation army were able to provide almost 500,000 hot meals.

Next came chainsaw jobs, mud-outs and tear outs of homes that had been flooded. Volunteers from 48 states assisted in tearing out flooring and drywall, to stop the spread of mold and give encouragement with conversations, smiles and prayers. Over 5000 jobs were completed.

DONATE

100% of all financial gifts go directly to assist those impacted by the storm. After clicking the donate button, be sure to put Helene in the comment section and 100% of your contribution will be used to help a family get back in their home. Would you challenge your church or Sunday School class to help a family get back in their home? A gift of any amount will help!

Thank you for helping us offer hope to families affected by this massive storm. Please continue to pray for everyone impacted by Hurricane Helene.

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In the New Testament, followers of Christ are called by many names. Use the hints to fill in the blanks. Need help? Check an NIV Bible for the missing letters.

D _____ s
(Acts 6:7)



C _____ n P _____ e
(1 Peter 2:9)



S _____ s of C _____ t
(1 Corinthians 4:1)

C _____ s
(Acts 11: 26)

B _____ s and S _____ s
(1 Thessalonians 4:9-10)

B _____ s
(Acts 5:14)

W _____ s
(Acts 1:8)

