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To My Church Family and Friends,

Over the past year, during our Sunday morning worship and our Wednesday night services we have constantly heard two words: Evangelism and Discipleship. It has occurred to me that if asked to define these two words, some of us might struggle to. So, what do these words mean?

EVANGELISM is the act of sharing the Gospel, the good news about Jesus to bring people to faith.

DISCIPLESHIP is the ongoing process of teaching and mentoring believers to grow in their faith and become more like Christ after they've believed.

Think of EVANGELISM as the starting line, inviting people to start a relationship with Jesus, and DISCIPLESHIP as the marathon, guiding them to maturity through teaching, relationship, and living out their faith. They aren't separate but are two paths of the Great Commission (Matthew 28:1-20), working together to create reproducing followers of Jesus.

EVANGELISM

What it is: Proclaiming the core message of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

Goal: To lead someone to believe in Jesus and accept salvation.

Focus: The initial call to faith, often a shorter-term interaction.

DISCIPLESHIP

What it is: Helping people learn to obey everything Jesus commanded—growing in Christ likeness.

Goal: Spiritual maturity and becoming a full reflection of Christ.

Focus: Long term relationship, teaching, mentoring, and life-on-life transformation.

Key Relationship

-Evangelism leads to discipleship.

-Discipleship includes evangelism as new disciples are taught to make other disciples.

-They are the front and back of the same coin, essential for the mission of making and growing followers of Jesus.

DISCIPLESHIP begins and ends with EVANGELISM. EVANGELISM first—you can evangelize someone but fail to build them into a disciple—but you can't make a disciple unless you evangelize them first.

I thank each of you for your faithfulness. Let's all commit, as a church, to grow the Kingdom through EVANGELISM and DISCIPLESHIP. Roger James

Region 6 Missions Rally – Tuesday, February 17, 2026

Now is the time to sign up and join Baptists on Mission for the Region 6 Rally on [Tuesday, February 17](#) at

New Home Baptist Church, 1617 New Home Church Rd., Peachland, NC 28133

The Missions Rallies are for men, women, and youth, highlighting the variety of opportunities NC Baptists have to be involved in missions across our state, in our nation, and around the world. There will be worship, testimonies, videos, and information on mission opportunities for you and your church.

A meal is provided for the Mission Rally at no charge, but reservations are necessary to ensure an accurate meal count. The cutoff date for reserving a meal for the rally is one week prior to the event. We will start serving the meal at 5:50 pm and the program is from 6:50-8:30 pm.

Questions? Call Tina Holder, Events Coordinator at [800-395-5102](tel:800-395-5102) ext. 5596 to register or use link below.

See you there!

Register at: <https://baptistsonmission.org/bom/region-rallies/region-6-nc-missions-rally-2026---peachland/7451>

Disaster Relief Training

Saturday, April 25th from 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Mooresville, NC

Please make plans to attend if you need to renew your certificate or train for your 1st Basic Training Certificate. See Freddy Griffin if you have any questions. Thank you.

SHARING GOD'S LOVE IN WORD AND DEED



January 21, 2026



BY THE NUMBERS

Homes Completed: 663; Homes in Progress: 262; New Homes Being Constructed: 20

We're excited to see what God has in store for 2026, especially as we continue our efforts in Western North Carolina. Across the region our 5 rebuild centers are ready to welcome your team of volunteers with plenty of jobs already lined up.

We deeply appreciate all the volunteers serving in Western North Carolina - from the teams rebuilding homes, to those coordinating these efforts, as well as the dedicated individuals who prepare meals and maintain our five rebuild centers. Your commitment makes a lasting difference not only for homeowners but the communities you're serving.

Through the ongoing designated financial support of churches and individuals, grants from foundations, the governor and state legislature, God has allowed us to get 663 families back in their homes as winter closes in. As we've said before, these efforts will be a marathon not a sprint and we'll need volunteers for at least the next five years.

Nursery & Children's Church Schedule

| Date | Nursery | Children's Church |
|---------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 2/1/26 | Delane Bennett | Treat & Laura Ann Strickland |
| 2/8/26 | Christa Love & Shelby Hutson | Kristina & Brandon Baucom |
| 2/15/26 | Carter & Laura Dermid | Doris Walden & Rhylan Moore |
| 2/22/26 | Barbara Simpson | Debbie & Baylee Jordan |



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

- February 1st: Box of individual serving oatmeal
- February 8th: Box of individual serving grits
- February 15th: Box of Macaroni and cheese
- February 22nd: Can of corn
- March 1st: 6 pack of individual cups of applesauce

Thank you for your faithfulness in donating to our food ministry. Brenda Walker

February Fellowship Hall Clean Up:

Saved to Serve 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, February 4th at Wingate UMC at 8:00 a.m.

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



Ten Commandments - Murphy, NC Trip

Spring Break 2026 (Week of April 6th)

Interest Sign-Up Sheet is on the bulletin board.

We will have a meeting following worship service on Sunday, February 1st.

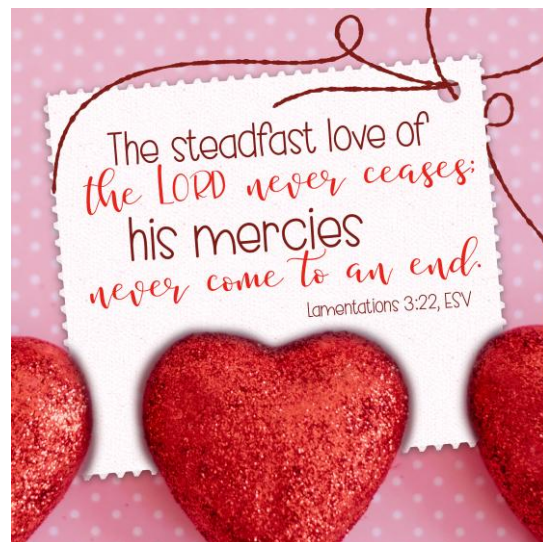
FEBRUARY Birthdays

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 Craighlow, 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 Ashlyn Stewart, Debbie Walker



Anniversaries

No Month of February or 1st Week in March Anniversaries



VALENTINE BANQUET

Saturday, February 14th at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall
Please sign up on the new bulletin board.



Sunday, February 8th

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