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March 2026

AUSTIN GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

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To My Church Family and Friends,

As stated in the Constitution and Bylaws of Austin Grove Baptist Church, Article VI, is “congregational in government.”

In a properly called Business Conference on February 22nd, members voted to call Tony Medlin as the next full time Pastor of our church. The vote exceeded the 90% majority necessary for a call.

I thank each of you for supporting your Pastor Search Committee during this process. They felt your prayers.

Now what? Here are Tony’s first six-month goals for our church:

1. Develop a Mission Statement that can be memorized by everyone in the congregation.
2. Train deacons and their wives in all methods of making a visit.
3. With leadership input, develop a calendar of all functions and activities.
4. Encourage evangelism and/or spiritual growth in all activities and functions of the church.
5. Recruit team for a new Sunday School class (Outreach Leader, Care Leader, Prayer Leader, Record Keeper, Assistant Teachers.)
6. Work with VBS leadership to expand prayer and outreach to the whole church to reach children with the gospel.
7. Send out articles to those in any leadership role.
8. Gather people to attend Josh Hunt at First Baptist Indian Trail April 18 & 19 for training of Sunday School Leadership.
9. Begin to train Sunday School Leadership by developing Care Leaders and Outreach Leaders in each class.

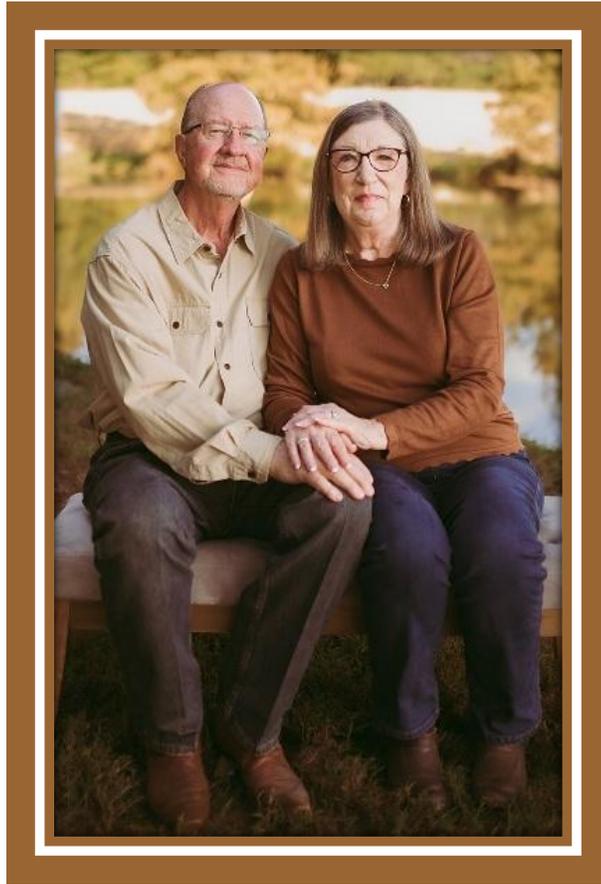
Several years ago, working with colleagues on a plan to improve our business, I read the book GOOD TO GREAT by Jim Collins. Key concepts of how to take a good organization and make it great are:

1. Get the right people on the bus.
2. Get them in the right seat on the bus.
3. Then figure out where to drive it.

In the case of Austin Grove Baptist Church (or any church) we will learn through “prayer without ceasing” where the Lord wants to take us.

If you are a member of this church, you have a choice--will you be on the sidelines or the front lines? If you are not a member, I invite you to join us on our journey.

I hope to see you on the bus! **Roger James**



To the Members of Austin Grove:

Thank you for your vote of confidence asking me to lead the church.

Will you pray that “His path will be straight, so the people who sit in darkness may see a great light” through the efforts of Austin Grove Baptist Church.

I pray that each member will find fulfillment in serving Jesus through your spiritual gifts and talents.

Join me in praying **Isaiah 64:1** “**Oh, that You would rend the heavens! That you would come down!**

May God visit His people and do a great work among His people. Then His people will arise and say, “Surely the Lord is in this place.”

This is my prayer. Will you join me by making this your prayer?

Tony

Disaster Relief Training

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



Date	Nursery	Children's Church
3/1	Delane Bennett & Bailee Jordan	Trent & Laura Ann Strickland
3/8	Sandra Helms & Rhonda Long	Julia & Davis Godwin
3/15	Jimmy & Julia Haigler	Cindy Whitley & Kelcey Griffin
3/22	Stephen & Brenda Walker	Chloe & Jacob Griffin
3/29	Carol & Bill Fowler, Joshua Fowler	Kerri Collins & Joyce Griffin



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

March 1st: 6 pack of individual cups of applesauce

March 8th: Can of green beans

March 15th: Can of chicken noodle soup (any brand) or a 4 oz. pack of instant potatoes

March 22nd: Pack of 4 cups of pudding

March 29th: Box of macaroni and cheese

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

March Fellowship Hall Clean Up:

Knights for Christ, Adult Class #1,
and Adult Class #5

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.



Children's Easter Celebration

Wednesday, April 1st at 6:00 p.m.
Watch bulletins for more details.

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

Family Night Meal

Wednesday, March 18th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall



Ten Commandments - Murphy, NC Trip

April 13th-April 15th

We plan to leave around 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. and stop for breakfast at Biscuitville. Holly is working on getting you the hotel information so that you can book your own room. Watch bulletins for updates. Thank you.

MARCH Birthdays

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1 Patsy Griffin, Billy Tarlton, Noah Godwin
 - 3 Mandy Howard, Tyler Stewart
 - 4 Kayla Throckmorton, Bill Ivey, Rian Ivey
 - 5 Kevin Morris, Allison Nassef
 - 7 Ashlyn Stewart, Debbie Walker
 - 9 Kerri Collins
 - 10 Clark Griffin, Jeremy Knight, Meredith Whitley Slaughter
 - 11 Ellie Norris, Matthew Simpson
 - 12 TJ Griffin
 - 14 Renee Guffey
 - 15 Kevin Edwards
 - 17 Amy Oster
 - 20 Karen Knight, Allen Traywick
 - 21 Nikolas Hutson
 - 22 Mason Vann
 - 23 Sean Carter, Carolyn Haigler, Austin Miller, Camden Smith, Sherry McManus
 - 27 Phillip Edwards
 - 28 Emmett Conley Marsh, Bryant Love
 - 29 Brenda Hartis, Jennifer Napier, Andy Newsome, Kingston Napier, Rush Whitley
 - 31 Amanda Guffey, Dylan Charles Ivey
- 1st Week in April**
- 1 Scott Kimrey, Amanda Griffin
 - 2 Addison Paige Jordan
 - 4 Jacob Collins, Johnathan Hargette
 - 5 Shelby Hutson, Wendy Phifer
 - 6 Elijah Crowe
 - 7 Charles McRae, Phyllis Simpson, Mike Walden

MARCH Anniversaries

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- 14 Mr. & Mrs. Billy Riggins
 31 Mr. & Mrs. Gene Stewart

No 1st Week in April Anniversaries

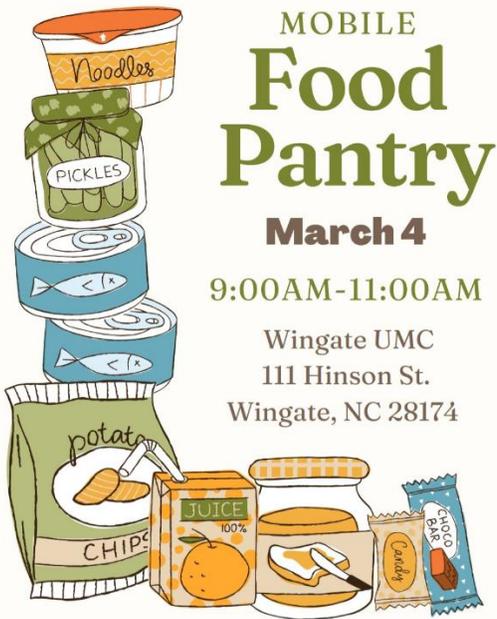


**Spring Forward one hour on
 Saturday night, March 7th**

Sunday March 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



MOBILE Food Pantry

March 4

9:00AM-11:00AM

Wingate UMC
111 Hinson St.
Wingate, NC 28174



Save the Date for VBS

Monday, June 8th – Thursday, June 11th

T-Shirt sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Children's t-shirts are paid for by church.

Adults will need to purchase if they want one. \$11.00 each.

WMU Meeting

Saturday, March 28th at 9:30 a.m.
in the Fellowship Hall.



March 20th

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, March 29th

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 5th

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service

7:15 a.m. Breakfast

8:00 a.m. Sunday School

9:00 a.m. Worship

HOP Auction

Support House of Pearls Ministry



Support the Mission.

Donate to the Auction.

Turn Your Products or Services into Purpose for Pearls.



March 12th, 2026,
Lee Park Church
2491 Morgan Mill
Rd. Monroe, NC

Become a Sponsor!

Contact: (704) 400-7211
(704) 324-0028

Wmarkhill@frontier.com

Houseofpearlsministry@gmail.com

Doors open @ 5:30 PM

Dinner served @ 6:30 PM

Auction starts @ 7:00 PM

Please contact Mark Hill who is over the Auction. Contact him ASAP for RSVP. There are only so many seats available.

Sunday, March 1st – Sunday, March 8th: Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer

AAEO WORD SEARCH

The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering helps missionaries in North America share the gospel of Jesus Christ in North America. Find and circle the words from the word bank below and then pray that God will bless and multiply the gifts given to the offering.

X O F F E R I N G G R P I M
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WORD BANK

Annie Armstrong

Bible

Church

Gospel

Jesus

Missionary

Missions

North America

Offering

Prayer