



**THE ACCENT**

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### *To Austin Grove Members and Friends,*

The origin of this phrase is unclear but first appeared in print dating back to the 1920's.

"If mama ain't happy, ain't nobody happy" phrase brings chuckles from most people and maybe made famous by Jeff Foxworthy.

First of all, you need to know that phrase is not in the Bible.

Second, we need to ask the question if the statement is true. It sounds funny but actually the statement is false.

The reality is we cannot make another person happy. That goal is always moving. We should not make another person's happiness our goal.

However, we should 'look out.....for the interest of others.' Philippians 2:4

What does God say about our actions toward mothers? The fundamental moral obligation is that we "honor mothers" Exodus 20:12, Ephesians 6:2.

We are told "do not despise your mother when she is old." Proverbs 23:22

We can thank Anna Jarvis who suggested the national observance of an annual day honoring mothers.

On May 9, 1914, by an act of Congress, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day. It is a day for 'public expression' of our love and reverence for mothers of our country.

Let us follow the scriptures and honor the memory or your living mother this Mother's Day. May "her children rise up and call her blessed." Proverbs 33:28

*Pastor Tony*

## MARY BLAIR SCHOLARSHIP

DONOR: Woman's Missionary Union of Union Baptist Association

NAME: Named in honor of Mrs. Mott P. (Mary) Blair who gave dedicated service to Woman's Missionary Union of Union Baptist Association.

SCHOLARSHIPS: \$250.00 per semester for Fall and Spring semesters at Wingate University for the Freshman year. Nonrenewable after the Freshman year.

FORMS: 1. Application forms must be filled out in entirety. (See Sheri for an application.)  
2. Application and all recommendations must be post marked by **May 16, 2025**.  
3. Send to: **Mrs. Juanita McClain, 5511 Wallace Branch Road, Marshville NC 28103-8797**

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## Library News

Lately there have been a number of additions to the church library. Steve Walker donated the book, *The Promise of Heaven*, and its accompanying study guide, both by Dr. David Jeremiah. Teddy Griffin has given the accompanying DVD. Larry Smith has provided a copy of Dr. Jeremiah's book, *The World of the End*, along with its study guide.

Other study guides by Dr. Jeremiah include the following:

*Investing for Eternity*

*Searching for Heaven on Earth*

*Where Do We Go From Here?*

*Understanding Biblical Prophecy*

*God, I Need Some Answers*

The above study guides were provided by Larry Smith. As study guides they provide excellent inspirational reading.

An anonymous donor left several novels:

*Redeeming Love* by Rivers

*Peace* by Gray

*Mulberry Hollow* by Hunter

*Harvest Moon* by Hunter

*Finding Us* by Peterson

*The Desire* by Walsh and Smalley

*The Legacy* by Walsh and Smalley

*Firstborn* by Hatcher

*Rosemary Cottage* by Coble

One for children came in: *Favorite Bible Stories for Children*.

All these have been processed and ready for checkout to enhance your spiritual growth.

*Brenda Lee,*

Church Librarian

**A Call to Fasting and Prayer**  
 (1st Thursday of every month)  
**Prayer Gathering for Revival & Spiritual Awakening**  
 DATE/TIME: Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon  
 PLACE: Union Baptist Association  
 (and then the first Thursday of every month)



Date	Nursery	Children's Church
5/3	Brandon & Kristina Baucom	Holly Morris, Katie & Mason Cuthbertson
5/10	Jack & Beverly Napier	No Children's Church
5/17	Debbie Jordan & Amanda Vann	Dawn & Greg Eudy
5/24	Dwight & Kathy Starnes	Cindy James & Teddy Griffin
5/31	Delane Bennett & Baylee	Barbara Simpson & Carolyn Smith

**Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**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.

**May Fellowship Hall Clean Up:** Saved to Serve Class

**SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK**  
 Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>

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

**WMU Meeting**  
 Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> Gather at 9:30 a.m. and meeting starts at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

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

**SECURITY TEAM**

We will have a Security Team meeting on Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in Billy's Classroom. Please let Billy know if there is a problem with that date. Thank you.



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

- 5/3: Snack cakes individually wrapped (ex. Little Debbie)
- 5/10: Box of individual packs of grits or oatmeal.
- 5/17: 4 oz. Bag of instant potatoes
- 5/24: Pack of 4 or 6 cups of applesauce
- 5/31: Pack of individual cups of Jello



High School & College Graduates (or if you know of any 2026 graduates), please submit names to the church office by Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> or sign up on the new bulletin board.



**Save the Date for VBS**

Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>  
through  
Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>

Register at:



*May Birthdays*

- 1 Susette Kimrey, Alyssa Napier
- 2 Matthew Austin Hilton
- 3 Carlos Figueroa, Mott Simpson
- 5 Dale Frankenberg, Joe Little
- 7 Penny Edwards
- 10 Amanda Haigler Poulter, Emily Kelly
- 12 Drake Riggins
- 13 Raylan Love
- 15 Kendall Howard
- 16 Shirley Crowe, Rita Griffin, Kyan Witherspoon
- 17 Nancy Hilton, Marty Little
- 19 Ashley Fowler, Kennedy Hutson
- 20 Donald Hilton
- 22 Sam "Bubba" Langston, Eric Little, Beddie Tarlton
- 23 Cindy James, Larry Smith
- 24 Josiah Davis, Bill Fowler, Baylee Jordan
- 26 Wade Haigler
- 27 Jalen Long, Lane Simpson
- 28 Hailey Earp, Jimmie Seay, Ray Smith
- 29 Luke Preslar, Christa Simpson Love
- 30 Isaac Davis, Avery Haigler
- 31 Eddie Hilton

**First week of June**

- 3 Hannah Napier
- 4 Xaiden Moore, Josh Lemon
- 5 Pam Rivers
- 6 Emily Graham

*May Anniversaries*

- 14 Mr. & Mrs. Chad Griffin
- 18 Mr. & Mrs. Allen Edwards,  
Mr. & Mrs. Rod Davis
- 19 Mr. & Mrs. James Burnette
- 22 Mr. & Mrs. J. Ronald Edwards (Gloria)
- 26 Mr. & Mrs. Christopher (Amanda) Lynn

No first week of June anniversaries.

**June Newsletter items due by May 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you. Sheri**



### Adopt-A-Sign

Please help out our VBS by adopting a sign to put in your yard or wherever to help spread the word about our VBS. The cost is \$15 per sign. Sign up on the bulletin board. Please give money to Julia Godwin. Thank you.

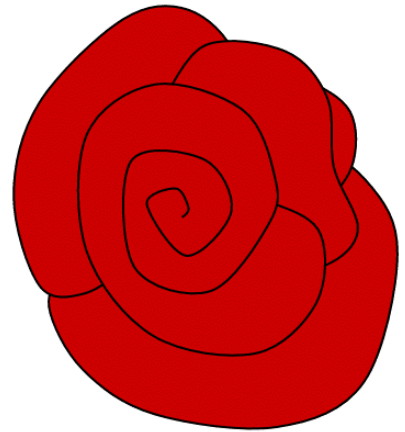


We need donations of paper towel cardboard rolls for VBS. Please drop off in the Welcome Center room. Thank you, Debbie Jordan

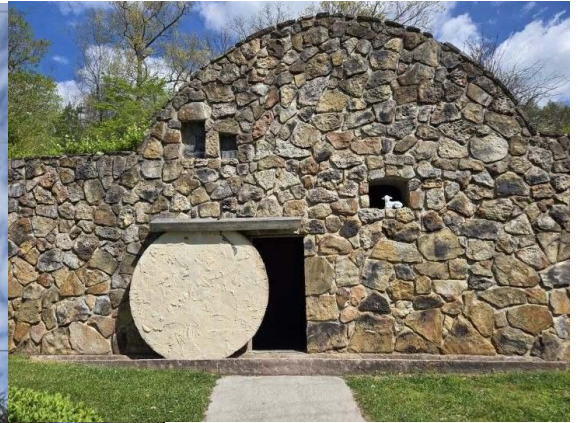
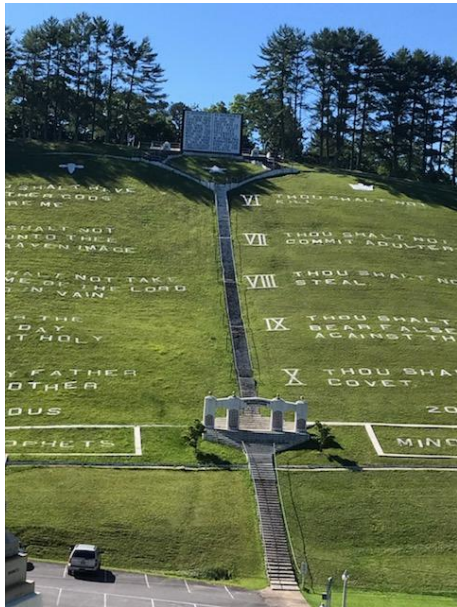
# Mother's Day Word Search

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