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A Monthly Publication to Keep You In The Know About the Grove. Ross Grove Presents...

Great things are happening at Ross Grove Baptist Church. We will use this monthly newsletter as a medium to share the wonderful things that have happened over the past month, as well as a place to post information about future events. Each month, our Pastor will share his thoughts and dreams for our church and some of the important things he has encountered while serving our wonderful congregation. The other staff members will share with us as well. You will see from this document that a lot of love went into making it. You will also notice that Ross Grove is a church busy spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ. Perhaps this newsletter will inspire you to look in on us sometime in the future. You will find that you are more than welcome here if you do. We believe God loves us freely and lavishly, so the least we can do is love another. Members and readers are encouraged to share this publication with others. If you want to contribute or add anything to this publication or want to see something special, please drop us a line by email at info@rossgrove.org or call us at (704)482-6051. Corrections are welcomed.



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UPCOMING WED. PM BIBLE STUDY TOPIC

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Hard Questions
theology n. -pl. -gies 1. The study of the principles of God and religious truth; rational, philosophical questions, esp. those relating to the nature of religious concepts. 2. A body of opinions, esp. those relating to God and man's relationship to God. 3. The study of the principles of religious study.

Join us on Wednesday Night in August for a special series delving into all your theological questions. You know, those pesky questions we all have but are too afraid to ask! Come Join us for some answers and lively conversation.

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

@ 11:00 AM
 In Person in our Main Sanctuary
 Or watch live on our Church Facebook page.



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“From the Pastor’s Desk”

with Rev. Marcus McGill
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Every month our Pastor shares his thoughts about God, life, church, & many other things.



July flew by us faster than any time I can remember. Usually, the hot days of summer drag on unless you are a kid going back to school. And, August is here, which means that school starts back in Cleveland County on August 17th, August 18th for Gardner-Webb University undergrad students. We must remember to pray for our students, faculty, and staff. I also want to mention that Allana Bryson, Lindy’s mom, will not be returning to her fourth-grade classroom. Congratulations to her on her retirement! Mrs. Allana and Lindy have been helping care for Eliza this summer, allowing me to come into the church and get some work done. Eliza doesn’t know yet, but she will be heading to daycare at First Baptist towards the end of August. That will be a hard adjustment for all of us.

As I began writing this article, I approached it the same way as I do a sermon. I asked the Lord, “what do you want me to say to your people?” This time, I feel God has given me a challenge for all of you. Ross Grove is at a turning point. God has guided us through the growing season of having a new pastor who was wet behind the ears. Then He guided us through the dark days of the pandemic and sustained us. Today, God is revealing a new heading for our journey. We are going forward, of that I am sure. One can see the progress we are making. As a leader, I have to be patient; our people can only go so fast. God will only go so fast, and He sets the pace, not you or me.

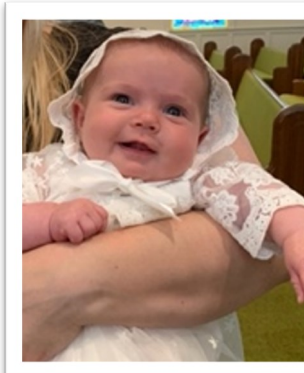
What will this new trajectory look like to us? I do not know. God hasn’t revealed that part to me yet. All I know is that I feel it in my bones. It’s like the change of a strong wind. Spiritually, I see an old wind vein circling in the wind, and now it is pointing in one direction. Perhaps one of you can interpret this vision from God. I take it to mean that we have been circling the camp, seeing the wounded, gathering supplies, and now the horn has been blown, and we have been given orders to march.

Here’s the Divine message to all of us: God is about to do something new that will cause growth and spiritual blessing for all involved. We will see His anointing at every turn, but it all comes with a warning. And here is the warning: Everyone will have a job to do, and no one will be

free to wander aimlessly. From top to bottom, the old to the young... everyone. Furthermore, God is warning us that we all have one job, in particular, to guard the unity of our church.

The devil is not God. His vision is limited. He is not omniscient or omnipresent. But from his seat in the airwaves, he can probably see more than we can, and what he sees is troubling him. He doesn’t want Ross Grove to succeed because if it does, many families will succeed also. He doesn’t want your families to worship God, love one another, and go forward in God’s will for us all. He wants us to gossip, suffer, and be disjointed in strife. So, while God is doing this “new thing,” Satan is doing everything to dismantle it before it has a chance to get going. Don’t be the one that lets the devil in and gain a foothold. Don’t be the reason that God moves on from us. Someone needs to hear this message and remember it just before they speak in anger, before they begin to share gossip, or before they propagate lies. No one has done anything like this that I am aware and I am not trying to single anyone out; This is an invitation to be a part of something grand. Let us join hands together and walk into the “new day” that God is unveiling at Ross Grove!

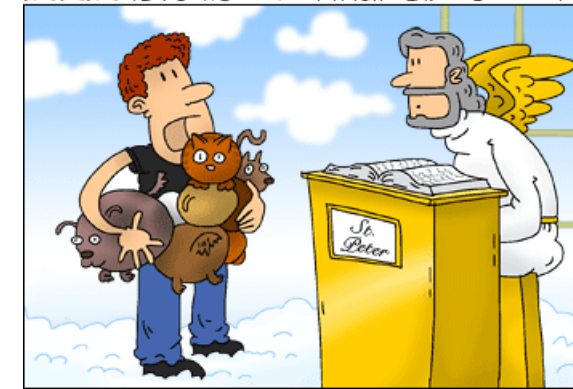
A Message from Eliza Jayne...



Wonders never cease! Daddy is getting the hang of this thing after all! He doesn’t compare to my time with mommy, but all-in-all, it’s not that bad. And, I have this new friend that comes to play with me a few days a week. Her name is Miss Lindy. You may know her... she is that girl that gets up on Sunday mornings and sings and plays that box with strings. When she comes over, daddy goes to church, and we stay home and do all kinds of fun things. We paint our nails, we curl our hair, we sing, and we talk about boys. Shhhh... Don’t tell daddy!

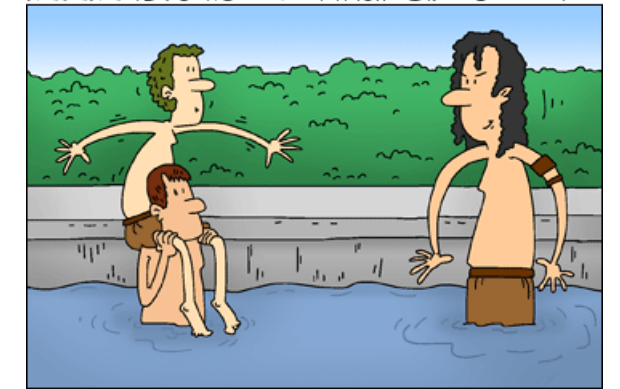
“Laughter is the Best Medicine”

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LOOK AT ALL THESE PUPPIES AND KITTENS THAT I HAVE ... HOW CAN YOU NOT LET ME IN?

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GOLIATH WINS AT SUMMER FUN

PERSON OF THE MONTH:

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The **Person of the Month** is a church member for whom we should pray. You may wish to call, send a card or visit them to share your love and concern.



MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

Brock Langley
Anchorage, Alaska

Hi! We are the Langleys. My name is Brock, and my wife is Megan. We have a goofy golden doodle dog named Teddy. In our free time we enjoy hiking, biking, taking our dog for long walks or bike rides, and being outdoors in general.

Our primary objective is to help students know Christ. We want to LEAD college students and others in the academic community to faith in Jesus Christ, CONNECT them to like-minded believers and to the local church, DEVELOP them as disciples and leaders and TEACH them how to live a missionary lifestyle.

Mosaic Campus Ministry is about helping students achieve excellence in all areas of their lives and enabling them to play vital roles in their churches, on their campus and in their community. Mosaic Campus Ministry is a student organization affiliated with the Chugach Baptist Association, the Alaska Baptist Convention and the North American Mission Board to minister to college students at the University of Alaska, Anchorage (UAA).



The **Missionary of the Month** serves either home or abroad to share the gospel of Jesus Christ. Please pray for them and learn about their particular ministry.

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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Stephen Sharpe	8/3
Steve Weaver	8/4
Jordan Yancey	8/4
John Porter	8/7
Sharon Morrison	8/8
Todd Weaver	8/8
Lisa Humphries	8/12
Caleb Royster	8/12
Jane Pace	8/19
Macy Yancey	8/30



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Ronald & Linda Mills	8/2
Mark & Teresa Heffelfinger	8/4
Mike & Florence Sharpe	8/10
Rick & Patricia Camp	8/26

*Did we forget a birthday or anniversary?
If so, it was unintentional.
Please contact our Administrative Assistant
by email:
rossgrovebaptistchurch@gmail.com.

PRAYER LIST

Ross Grove Church Family:

- 5/4 Joel Greene (Peak Resources Cherryville)
- 5/17 Evan Thompson (Continued Recovery)
- 5/18 Macy Yancey (Continued Tests)
- 5/25 The Sharpe Family
- 5/25 Danny Morton (Eye Problems)
- 5/25 Janice Morton (Thyroid)
- 5/25 Linda Wilson (Home recovering from Surgery)
- 6/1 Fuschia Putnam (Tammy H.'s Mom, Kristen's Grandmother)
- 6/21 Trish Camp (Oral Surgery August 11)
- 6/22 George Gibson (Hospital)
- 6/22 Michael Jones (Travel concerns)
- 6/22 Linda Terhorst (MRI)
- 7/6 Jeanne Dedmon (Foot)
- 7/6 Thea McCurry (House fire)
- 7/13 Roy Dedmon (Wound on leg; Treatment)
- 7/13 Mike Sharpe (Mt. Holly)
- 7/13 George Ray Pendleton (Test)
- 7/19 Jane Pace (Covid)
- 7/20 Florence Sharpe (Arm)
- 7/27 Eliza Jayne McGill

Special Requests

- Ukraine and Their Missionaries
- Our Nation
- Our Farmers
- Healthcare Workers
- Mental Health Stigma
- Formula Shortage
- Rev. Jason Ballard & Family (New Associational Missionary)

Ross Grove Shut-in Family

- Shirley Bigham
- Mary Sue Blanton
- Trish Camp
- Joan Dedmon
- Roy Dedmon
- Sarah Dedmon
- Joel Greene
- Joanne Lewis
- Ronald & Linda Mills
- Vicki Royster
- Gladys Snyder
- Betty Weaver
- Linda Wilson



Family and Friends

- Tommy Haymore (Stroke, friend of Marcus)
- Tripp Gault (Health Concerns)
- 10/26 Kathy Callahan (Complications from surgery- Friend of Rick & Trish)
- 12/21 Beverly Maidment (Health Issues; Friend of Rick & Trish Camp)
- 4/12 Charles Boone (Aortic Stenosis, cong. heart failure; Kristen's Grandfather)
- 5/11 Josh & Ashley Tipton (Pregnancy)
- 6/1 Rachel & Roger Crow (She has Breast Cancer; He has Alzheimer's)
- 6/7 The Family of Eric Levi Travers (Great-Nephew of Flo Sharpe)
- 6/8 Catherine Mellon (Thyroid)
- 6/15 Ethan Martin (Home from the hospital; David's Nephew)
- 6/15 James Hastings (Fell; Has to have open heart surgery)
- 6/24 Cindy Carver (Heart Surgery; Janice Morton's Sister)
- 6/29 Brittanie Sharpe (Pregnancy Complications; scheduling C-Section)
- 6/29 Angie Gault (Cancer; Chemo; Radiation)
- 6/29 Steve Justice (Kidney Transplant List)
- 6/29 The Family of JoAnn Mauney
- 6/29 Sue Dover (Infusion; Low Iron)
- 6/29 Ethan (Hip Replacement)
- 6/29 The Family of Donald Ross
- 6/29 Sue Ross (Stomach Bug)
- 7/6 Harold Poe (Hospitalized; Cancer Treatments, Pneumonia)
- 7/6 Ted & Nancy Gibson (Ted, Hospitalized; Nancy, Cancer Recovery)
- 7/6 The Family of Fran Evans (Weedee Evans Mother)
- 7/6 Cindy Cummins (Janice Morton's Neighbor)
- 7/6 The Family of Hazel Harmon
- 7/13 The Family of David Tucker (Weedee Evans Brother-in-Law)
- 7/13 Raymond Vernon (Heart Surgery; Friend of Deb Camp)
- 7/13 Pam Denison (Shoulder Rehab; Thomas Hutton's Grandmother)
- 7/13 Johnny Boone (Covid; Inez's Brother)
- 7/13 The Family of Calvin Johnson
- 7/13 Morgyn McGill (Covid)
- 7/13 Terry & Lisa (Covid)
- 7/20 Johnny & June Jameson (Johnny-Melanoma Cancer; starting infusions)
- 7/20 Sandra Morehead (Proceedings for Kidney Transplant; Marcus's neighbor)
- 7/20 Sherry Lee (Skin cancer; nose)
- 7/20 Jenny Peterson (Cancer diagnosis)
- 7/20 Mrs. Dyer (Rehab; White Oak)
- 7/20 Jon McGill (Back surgery; Marcus's Dad)
- 7/26 Mike Camp (White Oak Manor- Kings Mtn; Rick Camp's Brother)
- 7/27 Lisa Pendleton (George & Dian's Daughter in law)
- 7/27 Sam Richardson (Cancer)
- 7/27 Cheyenne McNeilly (Blood Disorder, hospital; Danny & Carrie Howell's niece; friends of Myra Dedmon)



“Worship Notes”

with Teresa Heffelfinger

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Every month our Minister of Music shares thoughts about worship and all things musical!

Several of you have shared with me that you have enjoyed hearing the organ during our worship services. So I thought I would share some background about that.

As most of you know I grew up in church. It was the center of our family life growing up, and then as Mark and I grew our family, participation in church continued to be an important part of our lives. I have also shared that my first position of service in the church was playing the piano when I was in the 8th grade and I have served in many capacities in music programs throughout the years. I began taking piano lessons when I was in the first grade from Mrs. J. W. Long, who was our church pianist at the time and later was the church organist. I took piano from our Minister of Music, Rev Phillip Duncan, who was instrumental in instilling in me my love of music and serving in the church. In high school, I ventured out a little and took organ lessons for about a year from our church organist at the time. During all those years, I listened to my mom play the piano at home and at church. When they needed someone to fill in, in either position, for a service, for a funeral or whatever, they called my mom. Music came very naturally to her. She played by ear but she also knew how to read music. She could sing beautifully, which you may have seen evidence of on Facebook, even during her last weeks of life. We always had a piano at home, and at some point she talked Dad into buying an organ. It was a small, Wurlitzer, two keyboard organ, with one octave of pedals. My sister and I loved to mess around with the organ, play duets, and mostly, listen to mom, who nearly daily, sat down to play one or the other as she went about her daily activities.

In going through some of mom's things in recent weeks, my sister and I have been sorting through the music. We found that she had quite a big collection – and that she had gathered music from others as well to add to her collection. Specifically, we found quite a bit of organ music. Finding those pieces that mom had played for years piqued my interest once again in playing the organ. On many of the books and pieces, written across the front, is the name of my first piano teacher and several of the organists that played while I grew up.

So I have enjoyed coming to the organ from time to time, seeing the pages that my mom and others who shaped my life have used to serve and praise the Lord. I know that organ music is not typically a part of more contemporary church music. But something about the music, the notes, and the playing of the instrument that brings about worship – for me – and I hope, for all of you!

CHOIR MEMBERS

- Allana Bryson
- Lindy Bryson
- Deb Camp
- Myra Dedmon
- Beth Gibson
- Mark Heffelfinger
- Lance Justice
- Brittany McGill
- Marcus McGill
- Janice Morton
- Madison Royster
- Florence Sharpe
- Michael Sharpe

CHOIR PRACTICE

AUG. 14TH
AUG 21ST
AUG 28TH

PSALM 150: 3-5
Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre, praise him with tambourine and dancing, praise him with the strings and pipe, praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals.



CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Marcus E. McGill, Pastor
Teresa Heffelfinger, Minister of Music
Lindy Bryson , Music Ministry Intern
Madison Royster, Student Ministry
Helen Williams, Administrative Assistant

A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS!

KEEPER OF THE KEYS

Jeanne Dedmon
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DEACON OF THE MONTH

Greg Gantt
704-473-6581

ACTIVE DEACONS

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Tammy Darnell 704-692-4356

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Mike Sharpe 704-718-3206

Donald Weathers 704-600-7377

Todd Weaver 704-419-3711

Inez Wess 704-482-6424



Focus on Hymn History:
“Follow On”

Follow On” is not a song we sing much anymore. It is not in our current hymnal. But its story is one that can speak volumes to us in the midst of difficult circumstances. William Cushing was born in Massachusetts, became a Christian as a child and grew up to become a faithful pastor in several New York cities. In 1870, his wife passed away and his health became severely impaired at only 47 years old. He suffered paralysis that affected his voice and he was no longer able to preach. Depression set in. Cushing prayed for God to give him a way to continue to serve. He began writing songs for children and eventually wrote around 300 hymns. He said of this hymn, “It was written with the prayer and the hope that some heart might be led to give up all for Christ.” The verses go like this -

Down in the valley, with my Savior I would go, Where the flowers are blooming and the sweet waters flow; Everywhere He leads me I would follow, follow on, Walking in His footsteps til the crown be won. Down in the valley with my Savior I would go, Where the storms are sweeping and the dark waters flow; With His hand to lead me I will never, never, fear, Danger can not frighten me if my Lord is near. Down in the valley or upon the mountain steep, Close beside my Savior would my soul ever keep, He will lead me safely in the path that He has trod, Up to where they gather on the hills of God.

STUDENT MINISTRY



Student Sunday School
For All Ages
9:45 AM
Location: 2nd Floor
Education Wing



Nursery Is Provided
During Sunday School,
Morning Worship, &
Wednesday Night Services
(Ages Infant - PreK)
Location: Ground Floor
Education Wing

**SUNDAY MORNING
NURSERY WORKERS
SCHEDULE**

- August 7: Kristen Hutton*
Shaylynn Sharpe
- August 14: Jeanne Dedmon*
Floey Sharpe
- August 21: Dian Pendleton*
Lauren Sharpe
- August 28: Beverly Ledford*
Mildred Justice

* denotes if needed for infant care.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT
NURSERY WORKERS
SCHEDULE**

- August 3: Dian Pendleton
- August 10: Pat Weathers
- August 17: Beverly Ledford
- August 24: Mandy Mauney
- August 31: Brittany McGill

REMEMBER:

All nursery workers rejoin their Sunday school class or worship service after 30 minutes if no one needs nursery services. If you arrive late, see Kristen Hutton.



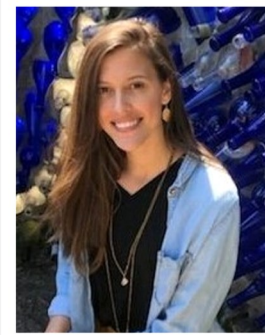
Wednesdays @ 6:00 PM
Location: 2nd Floor
Education Wing
Discipleship & Activities For All Ages

- GROVEkids I
(Grades: K - 2)
- GROVEkids II
(Grades: 3 - 5)
- GROVeteens I
(Grades: 6 - 8)
- GROVeteens II
(Grades: 9 - 12)

“Student Grove”
with Madison Royster, Youth Ministry

students@rossgrove.org

Every month our Minister of Students gives us an inside look at Youth Ministry



For the month of July, the students discussed our unique family structures, quirks, traditions, values and struggles. It is not always easy to be happy with our families. However, the bible is full of guidance on how to love each other well. We just have to be willing to apply those at home! According to John, we can't fully understand what it means to love apart from God. The origin of love comes from God, and he gave us the ability to feel love. However, God took it a step further by demonstrating love by his actions. He revealed his love for us through Jesus, who suffered and died, forgave us before we ever asked to be forgiven, and made it possible for our relationship with God to be restored. Just like Jesus loved us with his actions, the students were encouraged to love each other with our actions. By the end of this series, we had discussed ways to love like Jesus did, **love with your words, love with your actions and love through forgiveness.**



For the month of August, the youth and I will begin a new 3-week series on comparison. Social media makes it easy for us to compare ourselves to others. Middle School can be tough to navigate for students because they care a lot about how others perceive them. They are comparing themselves with their friends, siblings, what they see on Instagram or Facebook and more. During this series, students will be reminded how God made them and that they don't need to be anyone other than themselves. August is a big month for our youth! Students are returning to school. I hope you all will join me in keeping our Ross Grove students in your thoughts and prayers as they prepare for the new school year!

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

name: Addie

age: 11 birthday: June 10th

grade: 6th fav. subject: Math

siblings: 2 sisters & 1 brother

favorite food: Sushi

favorite color: Neon Purple

hobbies: Softball

favorite bible story: The Coat of Many Colors



“Announcements & Highlighted Events”

Brotherhood Ministry Meeting - Saturday, August 13th @ 9:00am

The men of the church will be gathering for a breakfast meeting to talk about the future and the wonderful ministry opportunities that lie ahead for the men of this church. As the old saying goes, “where there’s food, there will be hungry men waiting.” We will provide the food, send us the men who are hungry to do the Lord’s work! Rodney Dedmon will provide breakfast this month. Please RSVP.



Nominating Committee Meeting - Tuesday, August 9th @ 4:30pm

It's that time of year again! It has been said that the Church Nominating Committee is the most important committee in the church. This is because the Nominating Committee finds volunteers from within our church that will strongly affect the direction and energy of the church. Pray for them as they study the membership of the church and offer up a new slate of volunteers for the upcoming 2022-23 church year.



The Women's Ministry Meets - Saturday, August 20th @ 10:00am

The women of Ross Grove do not just rest on their laurels, they gather together to pray, sing, eat, and organize new missions. Each month there will be a new program and a wonderful meal. It is sure to be a meaningful time of fellowship for all who attend. Bring a friend or a neighbor and join in. This event is for ladies of all ages and meets in the RGBC Fellowship Hall.



C.A.R.E. Ministry Meeting - Thursday, August 18th @ 2:00 PM



The C.A.R.E. Ministry will begin meeting again every third Thursday at 2:00 PM . We have a time of devotion and prayer for members who have birthdays and anniversaries the following month. Cards are handmade, handwritten, and signed by ones attending. See Dian Pendleton if you'd like to get involved!

Blessings of the Backpacks and Back to School—Sunday, August 14th

Students, bring your backpacks on Sunday, August 14th for a special service to pray for the new school year. We will have special pray for the students, teachers, bus drivers, counselors, parents, and all others who will be impacted during the school year.



Local Benevolence Fundraiser Meal - Saturday, August 27th 4:00 PM– 7:00 PM

We will be having a Drive Thru Baked Spaghetti Meal to raise money for our Local Benevolence Fund. We hope that you will be able to join us for this event. There are many ways you can donate to this fundraiser— you can donate to help cover the cost of the food— you can volunteer to help prepare and work the day of the fundraiser— or just simply donate to our Local Benevolence Fund. If you would like to help out the day of the fundraiser meal, feel free to contact Teresa Heffelfinger or call the church office at 704-482-6051.

Other Dates to Remember:

- * August 3 — Deacon's Meeting 7:00 PM
- * August 6 — Student Summer Splash 2:00 PM
- * August 10 — Trustee's Meeting 7:00 PM
- * August 17 — Back to School
- * August 21 — Deacon Elections
- * August 28 — Deacon Training 4:00 PM

Don't Miss the Fundraiser Meal for Local Benevolence!

Ross Grove Baptist Church will be sponsoring a meal in order to raise funds for our local benevolence designated account. One of our families has been overwhelmed with medical expenses due to a degenerative illness. Due to the inability to work, insurance has not been paying for treatments. We hope to be able to assist this special family during this difficult time.

The event will be held Saturday, August 27th. The drive-through event will be open between 4 and 7 PM. Our menu is Baked Spaghetti, Salad, Dressing, Garlic Bread and Dessert. Suggested donation for the meal is \$8 per plate. Initially we are in need of donations of cakes, brownies and monetary donations to cover the cost of the food. If you can prepare a cake or brownies, please contact Dian Pendleton or Pat Weathers. We will also need some folks to work the drive-through line on the day of the event and do some food prep on that day. If you can assist with this, please contact Teresa or the church office.

The biggest need is for folks to SHARE - INVITE - and COME! We are preparing for 300 plates. Please get the word out, share our facebook post and place flyers in places you go.

This is the church at work!



Ross Grove Pumpkin Patch



It is Pumpkin Time! Who doesn't enjoy finding that special pumpkin - for carving, for decorating, for baking! For the first time - Ross Grove will have our very own PUMPKIN PATCH! We need EVERYONE's HELP! There are two main goals for our pumpkin patch. First, we are raising funds for our youth and children's ministries - to send our young folks to camp next year and to assist in our annual live Christmas story. Second, and most important, we hope to continue to increase our connection to the community and bring folks to our church campus. We are partnering with PumpkinsUSA and their many years of experience to have a successful event.



Our patch will be open October 14 - 31, from 10 AM to 7 PM (except Sundays). Many activities are being planned to make this a fun, engaging time for families, and children of ALL ages. We need folks to man the site, greet folks, assist with loading and unloading pumpkins, etc. There is something for EVERYONE. More information will be provided in the weeks ahead. We hope everyone will find a way to be involved in this special event! Please see Madison or Teresa if you have a question or would like to volunteer.

"Office News"

with Helen Williams, Administrative Assistant

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Every month the Administrative Assistant works with you to accomplish the goals of our church!



It is that time of year again that we start planning for the new church year. It never occurred to me the amount of time and preparation is put into electing new Deacons, to preparing a new church budget, to filling all the spots needed for Sunday School Teachers, Directors of various committees, and so much more. Pray that God will put you where you need to be of service to him. If you are being led to teach a class, to sing in the choir, Wednesday night fellowship meals, or to be a helper at any of the openings that are available, please let the Nominating Committee know or call the office and I will gladly forward the information to the committee.

Each of you has been blessed with one of God's many wonderful gifts to be used in the service of others. So use your gift well. If you have the gift of speaking, preach God's message. If you have the gift of helping others, do it with the strength that God supplies. Everything should be done in a way that will bring honor to God because of Jesus Christ, who is glorious and powerful forever. Amen. 1 Peter 4:10-11

From Helen's Table



Recipe:

Easy Meatloaf

INGREDIENTS:

- ⇒ 2 Pounds of Ground Chuck
- ⇒ 2 Eggs
- ⇒ 1 1/2 Cup Bread Crumbs
- ⇒ 3/4 Cup Ketchup
- ⇒ 1 Tsp. Accent Seasoning
- ⇒ 1/2 Cup Warm Water
- ⇒ 1 Pkg. Lipton Dry Onion Soup Mix
- ⇒ 8 Oz. can Tomato Sauce
- ⇒ 1 Cup Brown Sugar

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Mix together the ground chuck, eggs, ketchup, bread crumbs (I use Great Value Plain Bread Crumbs), accent, water and onion soup mix until thoroughly mixed.

Press into a 9 x 13 baking pan or dish. Bake for 30 Minutes.

Mix together the tomato sauce and brown sugar together.

After meatloaf has baked for 30 minutes, take out and spread the tomato sauce mixture over the meatloaf.

Put back in the oven for another 30 minutes.

“A Word from Lindy”

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Every month our Intern shares her thoughts, ideas, and experiences so far at Ross Grove.

“He Ain't Never Done Me Nothin' but Good”. I had so much fun learning this song with Kevin and Kris Dedmon and singing it at church. The lyrics made me think about how good God has been to me throughout my life. I can look back now and see all of the many doors He has opened for me. One of those doors being led here to serve at Ross Grove. Another door is being able to attend Gardner-Webb University in a few short weeks. Going to Gardner Webb will allow me to further my ministry and be able to continue to serve at Ross Grove. I am so thankful for the opportunities the Lord has given me. There is nothing we could ever do to deserve the love and the gifts that God so freely gives us. This month I encourage you to reflect on all the doors God has opened for you and the ways He has provided for you. Even when we cannot see, He is always working in our midst.



Join Us For The Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 14th

August is here! For many families that means school is just around the corner! Shopping for school supplies, books, and fall clothes becomes a part of everyone's schedule. Here at Ross Grove, on Sunday, August 14th, we want to celebrate and bless the beginning of another school year.



Students, preschool through adult, bring your backpacks to the worship service at 11:00. The service will lift up children and students of all ages, dedicating them to God's glory as we begin a new school year. Teachers, aides, principals, administrators, secretaries, cooks, librarians, janitors, and bus drivers...come to church to be blessed, affirmed in your vocation, and encouraged as you serve children and families in your daily work!

We all are called to support, encourage, and pray for the children who are members of the fellowship we all share with Christ Jesus.

Join us for this Celebration Sunday! If you would like to donate school supplies, we will make sure a child in need receives your donation.

“Our Upcoming Deacon Elections” by Amanda Mauney, Chair

Moving toward the last days of summer, we await the ending of our current church year. Anticipating the new year, we prepare by seeking new leaders for service, among these, the election of deacons.

The term “deacon” means to minister or serve. Within the Baptist church, deacons are a group chosen for devout attributes which assist the pastor and reach out to the community. Nowadays, the role of deacon may encompass a variety of services while ministering to the church body in practical ways.

The church constitution provides a detailed description of the qualifications, expectations, and method of election for the role of deacons. This information can be found in Article IV, pages 7-11. A brief description says that a deacon 1) must be 18 years of age, 2) must be a church member for at least one calendar year prior to service, 3) must be an active participant in worship services and a regular attender of other church services, 4) must attend all deacon and finance meetings, 5) should tithe on a regular basis, and 6) must commit to 3 years of service. The method of election for 2022 stipulates the following dates. On **August 7**, the congregation will receive a list of church members who meet the described qualifications. On **August 14**, the congregation will receive a sample ballot for consideration and prayer. On **August 21**, the congregation will receive the official ballot for election of the deacons. Should the three vacancies not be filled on that day, another voting will take place on **August 27**.

Please give serious consideration and thought as you contemplate your nominations and selections for deacons. Deacons serve a vital role in the church and are an integral part of its function. Please make the process a matter of regular prayer. Pray that God, through you, will add the people of His choice to the role of special officers at Ross Grove. Remember that a church is only as strong as its leadership. Choose them carefully and wisely.

“News from the Nominating Committee” by Linda Terhorst, Chair



It is that time of year again! Time for the Nominating Committee to do its work to fill all of the volunteer positions that make up the ministering teams of Ross Grove. By now, you have heard the Pastor tell the joke, “Ring... Ring...,” “Who’s there?” “It’s the Nominating Committee!” [silence] That’s the end of the joke because the person pretends to lose the call. At fifty-five times, did you know that Nominating Committee is the most mentioned entity in our Church Constitution? That means it is pretty important work. Without the Nominating Committee, the church would cease to provide all its ministerial offerings.

Here’s what the Church Constitution says about us: The Nominating Committee “will be charged with the prayerful responsibility of recommending church members to fill all other offices of the church for the remainder of the current and coming year,” meaning we fill upcoming positions and also fill any vacancies that come up in the middle of a church year when it has already begun. Our work started in April as the Deacons selected the first three members. Then those three members met to prayerfully recruit the up-and-coming Sunday School Director, the Brotherhood Chairman, and the Chairwoman of the Women’s Ministry (WMU) sometime around June. After the church confirmed all six members, we did a lot of praying and studying the church membership and the needed positions.

This year, we compiled a survey to see where folks felt led to serve in the congregation. We’ve been meeting to match volunteers to needed positions. What can you do to help? Simply say, “YES!” Here’s how you can pray: pray that God would inspire church members to take up the cause of Christ in our church and volunteer. Pray that God would send us more future members that have a heart for Him and want to serve. Finally, pray that Jeanne, Beverly, Pat, George Ray, Greg Gantt, and myself will be filled with God’s wisdom and direction on making these vital matches to fulfill the ministry of our church. Finally, remember the Pastor has challenged us all by telling us that “no one retires from the Lord’s Army,” “no one should ever be too busy to serve the Lord,” and “we can all rest when we are with the Lord in Heaven!” With this in mind, you’ll be hearing from us!