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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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Buyer Beware: Two Men, One Ending
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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 nature of God and religious truth; rational, systematic religious questions, esp. those involving the organized religious community. 2. Theology, often formalized, body of opinions, doctrines, and dogmas concerning God and man's relationship to God. 3. Theology, often formalized, body of opinions, doctrines, and dogmas concerning religious study.

Join us on Wednesday Nights in July 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.



“R-E-S-P-E-C-T” was a popular 1965 hit song by the late-great Aretha Franklin. Most everyone reading this article knows that song. That speaks to the power of music and how it connects us to truth. While the song is about a housewife reminding her husband that she deserves a little respect for all she

does and means to her spouse, it’s true for everyone. And, a little respect goes a long way. Respect used to be foundational to an American upbringing. But things have changed, and now respect is hard to find. There are three kinds of respect that I can think of: 1) Self-respect, 2) The respect you show others, and 3) Respect for intangible things like God, country, etc.

In my opinion, all three areas of respect have eroded in this nation. I confess that I have struggled with respecting myself over the years, probably due to my own insecurities. Those insecurities stem from memories of people I respected at the time putting me down or being unkind to me. Self-respect is the hardest of all three, but God continues to work with me here. I am sure I am not alone here.

I was also raised to respect things I couldn’t see, like God, my country, and the faith and beliefs of others, something that has gone out of vogue. I was raised to respect authority: my Pastor, my teacher, my parents, grandparents, police officers, judges, and even a politician (something that is nearly impossible these days). And in most cases, those mentioned above were deserving of my respect. They proved it day in and day out. But even still, the type of respect I was taught had nothing to do with a person earning it. I respected them because of their office or because they were in positions of authority over me. After all, the Bible teaches that “all authority comes from God.” By respecting those whom God placed in authority over me, I am honoring the Lord, who is more than deserving of my respect.

I was raised to respect others, period. Unless someone had seriously harmed my trust in them, I was raised to give everyone the respect they deserved as a human being; This is

biblical too. We are to be in harmony with one another, and mutual respect is one of the bedrocks to maintaining harmony in any group or community. You are to respect me because I am your Pastor, called by God to be a guide and caregiver of you and your faith. I am to respect you because you are a beautiful child of God. You are to respect each other for the same reason. We are all made in the image of God.

Sadly, the world of social media has degraded God’s command to respect each other. Today, we think it is fine to talk disrespectfully to one another. Media personalities hammer this truth home as they berate each other and demonize the other side. It’s always funny to me when a media person says concerning the other side of the political spectrum, “they’re what’s wrong with this country!” No. The person that behaves like the showboats from CNN, Fox News, or MSNBC they’re what is wrong with this country. Where is the Christian practice of mutual respect? Let me be clear, if you are a Christian, you owe everyone you come into contact with, even those you disagree with, mutual respect.

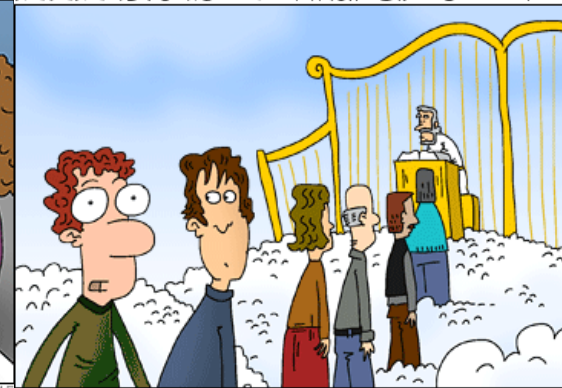
Recently, I was disrespected by a church member. Yes, even a pastor knows what it is like to be disrespected even by those he is called to serve. For me, I sometimes chalk it up to age. I was raised to respect my elders, and sometimes I think some elders were raised to disrespect their younger counterparts. I am a young pastor, but it’s still not a good feeling. I kept thinking, “would Pastor Sorrells (a former pastor at RGBC) ever be talked to like I was just talked to?” Disrespect invites anger and resentment, both dangerous emotions and even more dangerous to Church harmony. Even more recently, I overheard people that I know to be Christian being so disrespectful to each other in conversation—it was sickening. It will never be ok to talk to one another in such a manner, and I will be addressing this type of behavior going forward. I might even sing a line from Aretha. or maybe my grandmother’s line, “if you don’t have something nice to say, don’t say it at all.” Or maybe I will start carrying a bigger stick with me (haha). Just remember, we must treat others with mutual respect, especially those we break bread with in the Body of Christ.

“Laughter is the Best Medicine”

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SIRI ... SAY GRACE



OH MAN I THINK I LEFT THE IRON PLUGGED IN



HOW COME WE ASK FOR DAILY BREAD... WHEN WE COULD BE ASKIN' FOR DAILY DONUTS?

PERSON OF THE MONTH:
SHIRLEY THOMPSON
752 MARSHALL ACRES #111
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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.

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
- Betty Weaver
- Linda Wilson
- Fuchia Allen-Putnam

Now is a great time to send cards to our shut ins!
Contact the church office for Mailing Addresses

MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

Jenny Jenkins
Grand Goave, Haiti



Jenny Jenkins is a Cooperative Baptist Fellowship field personnel serving through medical and relational ministries in Grand Goave, Haiti, where she has worked since the aftermath of the earthquake in 2010. Grand Goave is a rural community approximately 60 miles southwest of Haiti’s capital. Many of the 125,000 people of Grand Goave are farmers, tradesmen, small business owners and educators. Ninety percent of the population lives in the mountains and countryside with limited access to medical care and other services including electricity. Jenny is helping to build a free-standing health center in the mountain village of Magandou.

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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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sept. 7	Shirley Bigham
Sept. 7	Tammy Darnell
Sept. 8	Darrell Kidd
Sept. 9	Bill Spangler
Sept. 9	Linda Wilson
Sept. 10	Brenda Petty
Sept. 21	Pat Weathers
Sept. 23	Brittany McGill
Sept. 23	Elizabeth Dedmon
Sept. 26	Laura McCurry
Sept. 30	Kristyn Dedmon
Sept. 30	Lee Weaver

*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 Health Problems)
- 5/25 The Sharpe Family
- 5/25 Danny Morton (Eye Problems)
- 6/1 Fuchia Putnam (Tammy H.'s Mom, Kristen's Grandmother)
- 6/21 Trish Camp (Oral Surgery August 11)
- 7/6 Jeanne Dedmon (Foot)
- 7/6 Thea McCurry (House fire)
- 7/13 Roy Dedmon (Wound on leg; Treatment)
- 7/13 Mike Sharpe
- 7/27 Eliza Jayne McGill
- 8/2 Trish Pruettt (Covid)
- 8/2 Rick Camp (Rotator Cuff Surgery 8-12-22)
- 8/15 The Family of Gladys Snyder
- 8/21 Shirley Thompson (Fall; broken ribs, fractured vertebrae)
- 8/21 The Justice Household (Covid)
- 8/21 Janice Morton
- 8/21 Matthew Canipe (Unspoken)
- 8/24 Mildred Justice (Covid)
- 8/30 Deb Camp (Covid)
- 8/30 Rev. Richard Stroup (Covid)
- 8/31 Beth Gibson (Ongoing Tests)
- 8/31 Florence Sharpe (Migraines)

Special Requests

- Our Nation
- Mental Health Stigma
- Formula Shortage
- Rev. Jason Ballard & Family (New Associational Missionary)
- Children, Teachers, and Staff of Cleveland Co. Schools

Family and Friends

- Tommy Haymore (Stroke, friend of Marcus)
- Tripp Gault (Health Concerns)
- 10/26 Kathy Callahan (Complications from surgery- Friend of Rick & Trish Camp)
- 12/21 Beverly Maidment (Health Issues; Friend of Rick & Trish Camp)
- 6/1 Rachel & Roger Crow (She has Breast Cancer; He has Alzheimer's)
- 6/29 Steve Justice (Kidney Transplant List)
- 7/6 Ted & Nancy Gibson (Ted, Hospitalized; Nancy, Cancer Recovery)
- 7/6 Cindy Cummins (Janice Morton's Neighbor)
- 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)
- 7/27 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)
- 8/2 The Family of Mike Camp (Rick Camp's Brother)
- 8/2 Amber Skates (Exploratory Surgery; Rick & Trish Camp's "Daughter in Heart)
- 8/3 Kristen Putnam's Father (Unspoken Request)
- 8/3 James Hastings (At Home after surgery)
- 8/3 Tammy Walker (Tests; Janice's daughter)
- 8/3 David Ledford
- 8/3 Shane Carterreli
- 8/3 Craig Ledford (Throat Cancer)
- 8/9 The Family of Jake Long
- 8/9 LeeAnn Long (Jake's Mother)
- 8/9 The Family of Harold Poe
- 8/9 Jean McCoy (At Home)
- 8/17 The Family of Brandi Cunningham
- 8/17 Kathy Moore (Pancreatic Cancer)
- 8/17 Melvin Fisher (Spot found on kidney; cancer)
- 8/21 Kim Minowicz (Colon Cancer)
- 8/21 Betty Pearman
- 8/21 Angie Gault (Cancer treatments)
- 8/24 Hope Brown (Complications from surgery)
- 8/24 Bant Dover (Squamous Cell)
- 8/24 Jennifer Peterson (Recovering from surgery; Janice Morton's neighbor)
- 8/24 Elma Vassey (Tumor removed from back)
- 8/24 Cassie Chambers (Covid)
- 8/30 The Family of Harry Hillsman (Faye Brian's Brother)
- 8/30 Faye Brian
- 8/30 Clay Bryson (Surgery; Lindy's Brother)
- 8/31 Aaron Wess (Covid; Inez's Grandson)

KEEPER OF THE KEYS

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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!



"Worship Notes"

with Teresa Heffelfinger

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

One year I was driving into the parking lot at school on the very first day. All of a sudden, the car jerked and I knew I had been hit. A lady, parked on the side of the drive, had pulled directly into the side of my car. I got out, obviously a little shaken, and said to her - you ran into my car! She said - I didn't see you coming in my mirror. And I said - but I wasn't coming - I was right beside you and you pulled into me.

Sometimes our focus is in the wrong place. We are looking way down the road, planning ahead for what is to come, or we are looking in the rearview mirror, watching where we have been. We miss what is right there, where we are. We need to be more in tune to what is all around us in the present moment. In recent days the term for this has been "mindfulness." Instead of going through the motions of our lives, we need to take time "and smell the roses" so to speak.

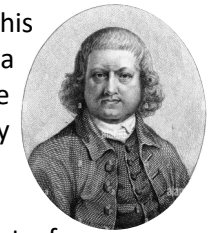
This is not only true in our day to day lives, it is true in our spiritual lives. Consider where your thoughts are as you come to church on Sunday. When I used to teach Sunday School, I would often ask a question to the group - and I would get blank stares in return. Once I woke them up - they would say, well we were thinking about all that happened at home before we got here. The kids, the quarrels, the close calls as we flew to church to try to be on time. Their focus was in the past. Consider when you are sitting in the sanctuary during the prelude, or even as you go through the different acts of the service. Are you thinking - what are we eating for lunch, how long will the line be, who is coming over, what else do I need to do today? Before you know it, the service is over. Before long, if we continue on those paths - we will run straight into the car that is right beside us! In other words, God may need to use something else to get our attention in the moment.

I encourage you to find those times along your journey where you mentally drive a stake in the ground and acknowledge how God is around you and what He is doing in your life. I especially encourage you as you come into His house for Sunday School and worship, to brush yourself off - brush off what has gone before, and tune your mind to what is happening in the moments you are here. Tune into and join in the praises we sing! Open your heart to the prayers and the Spirit of God as He indwells you and those around you. Let the words of the songs penetrate your mind and come from your heart. Put aside all else, and Be still and Know that He is God - if only for that hour! Lunch will take care of itself. Life will go on later. But you will be refreshed, you will be blessed and your life will be rich because you were aware of His presence.



Focus on Hymn History:
"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Robert Robertson's early life was difficult. His father died when he was young, and his mother sent him away to school where he fell into a life of drinking and gangs. As a young adult, a trip to a fortune teller made Robertson think twice about his lifestyle. He attended a revival service led by the evangelist George Whitefield. The sermon deeply moved Robertson and 3 years later he gave his life to Christ.



On May 1758, when he was only 22 years old, Robertson penned "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" for his sermon on Pentecost Sunday. In the following year of 1759, the lyrics of this powerful hymn were included in a small hymnal entitled A Collection of Hymns Used by the Church of Christ in Angel Alley Bishopsgate.

CHOIR MEMBERS

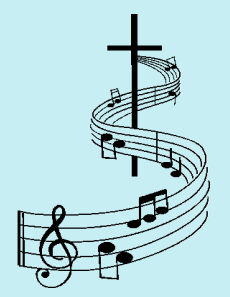
- Allana Bryson
- Lindy Bryson
- Deb Camp
- Myra Dedmon
- Beth Gibson
- Mark Heffelfinger
- Lance Justice
- Brittany McGill
- Marcus McGill
- Janice Morton
- Madison Royster
- Florence Sharpe
- Michael Sharpe

CHOIR PRACTICE

- SEPT. 11 4:30 PM
- SEPT. 18 4:30 PM
- SEPT. 25 4:30 PM

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.



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**

- Sept. 4: Kristen Hutton*
Shaylynn Sharpe
- Sept. 11: Jeanne Dedmon*
Floey Sharpe
- Sept. 18: Dian Pendleton*
Lauren Sharpe
- Sept. 25: Beverly Ledford*
Mildred Justice

* denotes if needed for infant care.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT
NURSERY WORKERS
SCHEDULE**

- Sept. 7: Dian Pendleton
- Sept. 14: Pat Weathers
- Sept. 21: Beverly Ledford
- Sept. 28: Mandy Mauney

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.

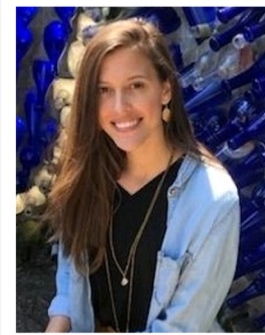


Wednesdays @ 6:00 PM
Location: 2nd Floor
Education Wing
Discipleship & Activities For All Ages

- 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

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



For the month of August, the youth and I finished a 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 discovered several important things.

First, we discussed how God doesn't compare us to others. **When people commend [or compliment and praise] themselves, it doesn't count for much. The important thing is for the Lord to commend them (2 Corinthians 10:18 NLT).** In this verse, we see that it is not about how we measure up in comparison to others. What counts is how God sees us. We know how God sees us from the way Jesus treated people while he was here on earth. Jesus didn't rank the people around him from best to worst. He didn't compare a single person to his own perfections. Instead, he based the way he sees all people on one thing, which is God's love. Next, we discovered that when we stop comparing, we can better celebrate others and ourselves. **A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones (Proverbs 14:30 NIV).** When we compare our lives to someone else's, the jealousy we feel can eat at us and cause the way we see ourselves to break down. We discussed how jealousy affected Saul and how it rotted everything in his life. However, when we keep our eyes focused on what we do have, we'll find more peace. Lastly, we discussed how God wants us to see ourselves the way he does. The students were reminded that they are each formed and created with specific gifts and callings. That is how God sees us, and how he wants us to see ourselves. In Him, we will always be enough!

For the month of September, the students and I will begin a series from the book of James on loving others. The things Jesus taught about loving God and loving others challenged the status quo and changed the world forever. We will look at four ways Jesus invites us to love according to his example.

Students Summer Splash Party 2022!

A Special Thanks to Heinrich & Linda Terhorst for their hospitality!



“Announcements & Highlighted Events”

Brotherhood Ministry Meeting - Saturday, September 10th @ 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! David Weathers will provide breakfast this month. Please RSVP.



Deacon Ordination & Installation - Sunday, September 11th

Every year we install a new slate of deacons, comprised of three individuals. However, we don't always have an ordination service because so many of our serving deacons have long been ordained. This year we will ordain Pat Weathers and Kay Queen. Then, we will install Pat and Kay, along with Rick Camp—who will be returning to active service, as deacons for the 2022-2025 term. Come join us in celebrating God's setting aside of these three individuals for service in our church.



C.A.R.E. Ministry Meeting - Thursday, September 15th @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!



The Women's Ministry Meets - Saturday, September 17th @ 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.



Quarterly Church Conference — Sunday, September 25th After Worship

At Ross Grove, church governance is a family matter. All members are voting members and must make the decisions of the church, led by the Holy Spirit, of course. Church Conference, held quarterly, is where the leaders of the church submit financials, read previous minutes, accept and send forth membership letters, and discuss important matters of the church. These meetings usually last about 30 minutes after the worship service on the 4th Sunday of the first month in the new quarter.



Other Dates to Remember:

- * Sept 4 — Labor Day
- * Sept 7 — Wed. PM Meals Resume
- * Sept 9 — Church Office Closed
- * Sept 14— Trustee's Meeting 7:00 PM
- * Sept 16— Deacon Banquet 6:00 PM
- * Sept 21— Finance Meeting 7:00 PM



September 11, 2022

Wednesday Fellowship Meals

Have you been missing some good fellowship and food? We are starting Fellowship Meals again on **Wednesday, September 7th!** Sitting around the table for a meal is one of the best ways to grow fellowship in the church! Know somebody new? Invite them to come - this is the best way for them to get to know us - and for us to know them. We are going to offer meals for September and October to gauge our participation. It is our hope that the meals will become self-sustaining - meaning - the money we take in for meals, will be enough to support the meals. But that means there needs to be strong participation!

We all know that prices have gone up - we are going to TRY to keep our prices the same. **\$5 for adults (high school age and up) and \$3 for students. Preschoolers eat free.** We will re-assess our prices at the end of October. The first Wednesday of each month will be a birthday celebration!! **So September 7th, if you have a birthday in September, you will be entered into a drawing for a gift card at the Fellowship Meal!**

Reservation slips will be available in the pew racks. You must make a reservation so we will know how much food to prepare. Menus will be posted on the monthly calendar. **Come join us for a GREAT time of Food and Fellowship, September 7th at 5:15 PM!!**

- Sept. 7 Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls & Cupcakes
- Sept. 14 Tacos (Chicken & Beef), Nachos and Cheese, Brownies
- Sept. 21 Baked Spaghetti, Salad, Cookies
- Sept. 28 Hotdogs, Beans, Slaw



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 13 - 31, from 10:30 AM to 7:30 PM** (except Sundays). We will be open on **Sunday, October 30th from 2 - 7:30 PM.** On Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays we will have special activities for children and our families that attend. From Hayrides to face painting - it will be a time everyone can enjoy!

We need folks to man the site, greet folks, assist with loading and unloading pumpkins, etc. We also need some wagons and wheelbarrows to help with shopping for pumpkins. There is something for **EVERYONE.** 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!



Fall is the season for all senses. The feel of cooler temperatures after a long summer, the warm visual colors of reds, oranges and browns, the taste of pumpkin spice in everything, the sound of crunching leaves.

The many elements of autumn either deliver happiness or trigger memories of past joy. While we celebrate the fall joys, we need to thank God for the beauty he shows us every season.

Like spring, fall is a season of transition, a reminder of the value of change, in this case from beautiful, bright summer toward the dark, quiet calm of winter.

The season's holidays remind us to be thankful for our abundance and to enjoy. Our senses lead us to embrace the outdoors— campfires and smores, high school football games, apple cider and hot chocolate, fall festivals, corn mazes and pumpkin patches. Happy Fall!



From Helen's Table

Recipe:

Pumpkin Crunch



INGREDIENTS:

- ⇒ 1 (16 oz. Can) Pumpkin
- ⇒ 1 Cup Sugar
- ⇒ 1/2 Tsp. Cinnamon
- ⇒ 2 Sticks Margarine melted
- ⇒ 1 Small Can Evap. Milk
- ⇒ 3 Eggs
- ⇒ 1 Box Yellow Cake Mix
- ⇒ 1 Cup Chopped Pecans

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix pumpkin, milk, sugar, eggs and cinnamon together. Pour into a 10 x 13 oblong cake pan. Sprinkle dry cake mix over pumpkin mixture. Pat nuts onto cake mix. Spoon melted and cooled margarine over nuts evenly. Bake at 350 degrees for 50-60 minutes.

Topping:

- ⇒ 1 (8 oz.) Cream Cheese softened
- ⇒ 1/2 Cup Powdered Sugar
- ⇒ 3/4 Cup Cool Whip

Mix the softened cream cheese, powdered sugar and cool whip together. Spread over cooled cake.

"A Word from Lindy"

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



Something I have found myself struggling with lately is change. On August 13th I will be moving to Gardner Webb University. Although the school is very close to my home, the unknown is still a little bit scary. Some of the things I am worried about are adjusting to dorm life, new classes, and auditioning for the worship team on campus. Through all of this I think God is teaching me how to trust in Him. I know that He sees ahead and walks with me through everything I face. He has plans for me that I can't even imagine. I hope to be as willing as Jesus' disciples. They were willing to leave their homes, jobs, and families to follow Jesus and share the Gospel with others.

I am planning to major in Discipleship and minor in music. I want to be able to minister to people wherever I go through my music. I know I have to be willing to let God use me wherever He sees fit. Change is not something we should be afraid of, it is something we should be thankful for. God can use "Change" to help us to grow and learn how to be the people He has called us to be. A bible verse that has helped me lately is "Be strong and Courageous, do not be afraid or tremble in dread before them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not fail you or abandon you." Deuteronomy 31:6.

A couple of weeks ago I sang a song called "In Jesus Name" by Katy Nichole. Several of you asked about the song. Here are some of the lyrics:

Verse 1:

I speak the name of Jesus over you
In your hurting, in your sorrow
I will ask my God to move
I speak the name 'cause it's all that I can do
In desperation, I'll seek Heaven
And pray this for you

Chorus:

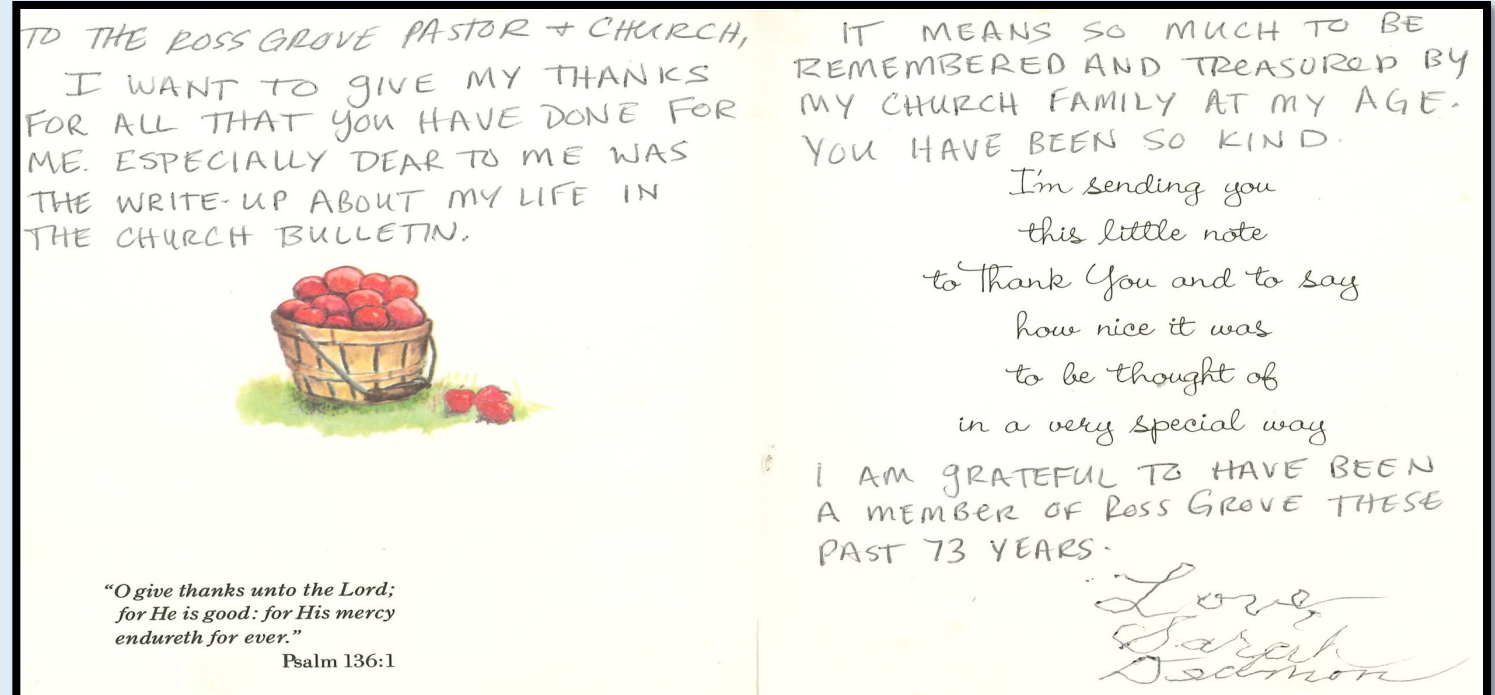
I pray for your healing
That circumstances would change
I pray that the fear inside would flee in Jesus name
I pray that a breakthrough would happen today
I pray miracles over your life in Jesus name, in Jesus name

Bridge:

Come believe it
Come receive it
Oh, the power of His Spirit is now forever yours
Come believe it
Come receive it
In the mighty name of Jesus, all things are possible



A Special Thank You from Sarah Dedmon



"O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good: for His mercy endureth for ever." Psalm 136:1

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