



AN OUTREACH MINISTRY OF
SMITH GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
<http://www.smithgrove.org>

Sunday School 10:00 AM
Morning Worship 11:00 AM
Evening Worship 6:00 PM
Wednesday Service 7:00 PM

- **NURSERY PROVIDED** -

Radio Ministry
Saturday 8:00 AM
WPET Radio (950 AM)

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PROVERBS 25:13

As the cold of snow in the time of harvest, so is a faithful messenger to them that send him, for he refresheth the soul of his masters . . .

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The relationship between humans and the Earth which is often presented is one of stewardship. That we are stewards of creation brings in fundamentally the notion of responsibility, first to God as the one whose stewards we are - we are to look after the Earth, not as we please, but as God wants it looked after.



*The
Messenger*



April

VERILY, VERILY" ~ JOHN 3:3

The word "verily" could be classified as an idiom or word of peculiarity to the Lord Jesus Christ. It means, "Of a truth, of a truth" and was used by the Lord to emphasize something of momentous importance. The double "verily" indicated it was solemn and weighty. The subject of the destiny of the soul is a solemn subject! The most expensive real estate that we have is our soul! Many people have a tendency to weigh carefully what the doctor tells them concerning their body, yet pay little attention to the need of their soul.

The Gospel is a solemn proclamation and the soul's a solemn possession. Eternity, furthermore, is a solemn permanent state. Charles Spurgeon said, "I never go out of the pulpit so utterly cast down as when I have been trying to deal with the consciences of the ungodly."

Jesus used the words, "verily, verily" at least 25 times in John's Gospel. The following truths are connected with His use of this word:

- o **The standard for salvation is reinforced by a "verily, verily"** – John.3:5 "Jesus answered, **Verily, verily**, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.,"
- o **The security of the believer is reinforced by a "verily, verily"**- John.5:24 "**Verily, verily**, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."
- o **The resurrection of the body is reinforced by a "verily, verily"** – John.5: 25 "**Verily, verily**, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.;"
- o **The eternity of Jesus Christ is reinforced by a "verily, verily"** – John.8: 58 "Jesus said unto them, **Verily, verily**, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.;"
- o **The exclusive claim of Christ as the only way of salvation is reinforced by a "verily, verily"** – John.10: 7 " Then said Jesus unto them again, **Verily, verily**, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep."
- o **The infinite value of the death and resurrection of Christ is reinforced by a "verily, verily"** – John. 12:24 "**Verily, verily**, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit."

Jesus did not say, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God..." He, in fact, did not say, "Verily, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God..." He said, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nothing short of the new birth experience will get one to heaven. Salvation is only through the finished work of Jesus Christ applied to the believing sinner's account the moment they accept Christ as personal Savior.

Pastor Chuck Peters

April Birthdays.....

01 Joseph Barham	12 Lawrence Jones	Jo Beeson
02 Steve Holt	12 Beverly Sechler	Charles Cook
02 Carol Nuckles	12 Wesley Smith	Beelinn Damazio
03 Wanda Holt	16 Myles Pitts	Moises Damazio
03 Lisa Pitts	19 Shelby Crump	Torrey Donnell
05 Marilyn Payne	24 Charlene Tester	Lynn Holland
06 Bud McCurdy	26 Chase Ramey	Austin McCormick
07 Pat George	28 Juleen J. Hayes	Erin Mros
07 Larry Tucker	28 Donise Tucker	Dustin Shields
08 Walter Tate	29 Erma Lee Nuckles	
11 Brandy Ramer	29 Inez Alley	
	30 Ashley Sechler	



May Birthdays.....

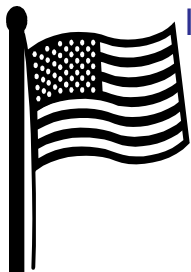
02 Ann Dean	16 Christopher McCollum	
07 Jacob Clodfelter	18 Ryan William Lowe	
09 Sherrill Crater	26 Eloise McCollum	Joanna Dillon
09 Logan Kennedy	31 Jacob Payne	Jonathan Dillon
11 Wilma Farrington	Chris Bame	Steve Dillon
11 Nora Smith	Colter Bame	Jesse Holt
14 Dovie Dull	Randy Beeson	Casey Mros
14 Samantha Tucker	Robert Cisom	Elaine Stephens
16 Allen Armentrout	Timothy Cromer	Peggy Vaughn
16 Amanda Clark	Lucas Damazio	Duain Whittemore

April Anniversaries



Charles & Janice Cook	Tommy & Karen Holt
Mark & Lynn Holland	Floyd & Sara Lowe
C.H. & Wanda Holt	Mike & Becky McCollum
Marvin & Debra Pitts	
Walter & Gail Tate	

Please remember to pray for those who are currently in harm's way, or who may be facing imminent deployment.



In the Service of our Country

A1C William Holt, US Air Force
Sheppard AFB, TX
Chief Warrant Officer 2 Michael Maine, US Army
[stationed in Georgia]
Corporal Mel Wright, US Marines, California
(Nephews of Clarence Redmon)

The Collection Plate

There was a nine year-old boy who lived in a rural town in Tennessee. His house was in a poor area of the community. A church had a bus ministry, and the bus pastor came knocking on his door one afternoon.

The child came to answer the door and the bus pastor asked if his parents were home. The small boy told him that his parents were gone for the weekend - he was on his own. The bus pastor couldn't believe what the child said and asked him to repeat it. The youngster gave the same answer and the bus pastor asked to come in and talk with him. They went into the living room and sat down on an old couch with the foam and springs exposed.

The bus pastor asked the child, "Where do you go to church? The young boy surprised the visitor by replying, "I've never been to church in my whole life."

The bus pastor thought sadly to himself about the fact that his church was less than three miles from the child's house. "Are you sure you have never been to church?" he asked again. "I sure haven't," came his answer.

Then the bus pastor said, "Well, son, more important than going to church, have you ever heard the greatest love story ever told?" and then he proceeded to share the Gospel with this little nine year-old boy. God began to deal with the young boy's heart, and the bus pastor asked if the boy wanted to receive this free gift from God. The youngster exclaimed, "You bet!"

The child and the bus pastor got on their knees and the lad invited Jesus into his little heart and received the free gift of salvation. They both stood up and the bus pastor asked if he could pick the child up for church the next morning. "Sure," the nine-year-old replied.

As promised, the bus pastor came by early the next morning to give the young boy a ride to church. Once settled into a pew, the little child just sat there, not understanding all that was going on. A few minutes into the service two tall gentlemen walked down to the front and picked up some wooden plates. One of the men prayed and the child with utter fascination watched them walk up and down the aisles.

All of a sudden, like a bolt of lightning it hit the child what was taking place. These people must be giving money to Jesus. He then reflected on the free gift of life he had received just twenty-four hours earlier. He immediately searched his pockets, front and back, and couldn't find a thing to give Jesus.

By this time the offering plate was being passed down his aisle and with a broken heart he watched it pass on down the aisle. His eyes remained glued on the plate as it was passed back and forth, back and forth all the way to the rear of the sanctuary. Then he had an idea.

This little nine-year-old boy, in front of God and everybody, got up out of his seat. He walked about eight rows back, grabbed the usher by the coat and asked to hold the plate one more time. Then he did the most astounding thing. He took the plate, sat it on the carpeted church floor and stepped into the center of it. As he stood there, he lifted his little head up and said, "Jesus, I don't have anything to give you today, but just me. **I give you me!**"

Romans 12:1 - *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.*

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Smith Grove Seniors

Inez Alley	Ernest Fulk	J. D. Shields
Louise Byrd	Pat George	Raynelle Shields
Shirley Crouch	Rev. M. W. Laramore	Louise Smith
Wilma Farrington	Bud McCurdy	Clarence Tucker
June Freeman	Mary McCurdy	Hettie Mae Westmoreland

Others in Need of Prayer

(In alphabetical order) *Special Needs

Marilyn Alston	Daniel Idol	Starr Sargent*
Merl Blake	Glenn Johnson	Jamie Shell
Roy Boody	Lawrence Jones	Irene Shields
John Carter	Bessie Kendrick	Aileen Smith
Bonnie Clark	Leighann Kincade	Eddie Thomason
Aaron Cole	Napha Klepper	Barbara Tucker*
Lib Cooper	Rose Matthews	Hazel Tuggle*
Louise Davenport*	Richie McCormick	Kenneth Westmoreland
Iris Farrington	Mark Midkiff	Gordon Wilkey*
Clyde Gray, Sr.	John & Dolly Miller	Arry Wilson
Lillie Gray*	Pam Neal	Charles Wolfe
Debbie Harden	Miranda Petkis	Jessi Wright
Tyler Hodgins*	Norma Pilchett*	New converts
Raleigh Hunt	Claude Royal	The Unsaved

Note: If there are names that you know could be removed from the prayer list, please let someone on the newsletter committee know. Also, let us know if you have someone you wish to add to the prayer list.

Special Prayer Requests

- Those on our Youth Prayer List
- Pastor Chuck Peters
- Wade and Nora Smith (Virginia Beach, VA)
- All the missions & missionaries we support.
- Rev. Bruce Freeman, Youth Director & Church Administrative Officer
- Preachers, teachers, singers, & workers of our church & Discovery Clubs.
- The Radio broadcast & all visitation programs.
- Our sincere sympathies to the families of Nolan Austin, Michael James Korkowski, and Larry Pyrtle.



Services Each Week

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Teen Church in the Fellowship Bldg.	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Service	11:00 a.m.
Children's Church	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Services:	
Discovery Bible Clubs	7:00 p.m.
Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.
Thursday Visitation	7:00 p.m.
Saturday Morning Broadcast [WPET - 950 AM]	8:00 a.m.



April 2008



Sat., April 5, 5:30 p.m.
Tues., April 8, 7:00 p.m.

**Winston-Salem Rescue Mission
Vacation Bible School Meeting**

for all who are interested in helping this year! This year's theme: *"Dino Detectives!"* (Digging for God's Truth!)

April 27 ~ April 30

~ **SPRING REVIVAL** ~

Sun. & Mon.: Dave Peters, Pastor - Bethel Baptist Church, Amherst, VA

Tues. & Wed.: Bill Gindlesperger - Lowell Memorial Baptist, Burlington, NC

Sunday, May 4

Missions' Emphasis Sunday ~

Morning Speaker:

David Smeltz - "His Word of Truth Ministry"

Evening Speaker:

Bobby Sizemore - "Rock of Ages Ministry"

UPCOMING EVENTS - Some Information To Be Announced

May

Mother-Daughter Banquet (Details to be announced later.)

Sometime this Spring

Spring Fling! (Details to be announced later.)

June 23-27, 7-9 p.m.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ~

"Dino Detectives" - Digging for God's Truth

Sept. 23 ~ Oct. 1

FALL REVIVAL with Dr. Billy Martin

I Cor. 7:22-24



Gary & Melissa Memorial Outreach Ministry

Greetings to everyone here in Colfax and around the world – everywhere this newsletter goes, we send greetings, and pray that you see and feel God’s blessings around you.

Well, thank God, April is here, spring is here, with warm days, longer daylight hours, and thoughts of summer. What will we as Christians do, and what will God do throughout this year 2008. God, please speak to our hearts, as your people, and as a local church, that we might see growth – not only as individuals, but also as a church. Oh, how I desire to increase the ministry and have more services in senior homes. I need more time in my day, or I need to drop some things and increase my time in the ministry. I need someone to step forward and say, “Why don’t you quit that full-time job, and go full-time in the ministry of seniors?” What I yearn to do is to take the gospel, every day of the week, to the forgotten millions of seniors all over the triad area. I want to work with people, to increase senior ministries in local churches. *“Yes, I will! Who will go with me and help me, for the cause of Christ and the glory of God, lay up treasures in heaven.”*

Love in Christ,

Gary Smith ~ I Peter 5:7



“Our Honour Roll”

Smith Grove’s ministry to our widows and widowers

“Honour widows that are widows indeed.”

Listed below are April and May Honour Roll Gang members. Please take a moment to send a card, make a telephone call, or do something extra special for our special saints.

Patricia George
8415 Endicott Rd.
Colfax, NC 27235
996-1606 ~ April 07

Inez Alley
9000 Foxlair Drive
Kernersville, NC 27284
993-8296 ~ April 29

Ann Dean
4632 Kendale Road
High Point, NC 27265
668-9875 ~ May 02

Alta Key
4454 Peace Rd
Trinity, NC 27370
431-0079 ~ May 03

Wilma Farrington
572 D Piney Grove Rd
Kernersville, NC 27284
993-8576 ~ May 11

Dovie Dull
1026 Madison Place Circle
Kernersville, NC 27284
996-6330 ~ May 14

THE LEGEND OF THE CHEROKEE INDIAN!

Do you know the legend of the Cherokee Indian youth’s rite of passage? His father takes him into the forest, blindfolds him and leaves him alone. He is required to sit on a stump the whole night and not remove the blindfold until the rays of the morning sun shine through it. He cannot cry out for help to anyone. Once he survives the night, he is a MAN. He cannot tell the other boys of this experience because each lad must come into manhood on his own.

The boy is naturally terrified. He could hear all kinds of noises. Wild beasts must surely be all around him. Maybe even some human might do him harm. The wind blew the grass and earth, and shook his stump, but he sat stoically, never removing the blindfold. It would be the only way he could become a man! Finally, after a horrific night, the sun appeared and he removed his blindfold. It was then that he discovered his father sitting on the stump next to him. He had been at watch the entire night, protecting his son from harm.

We, too, are never alone. Even when we don’t know it, our Heavenly Father is watching over us, sitting on the stump beside us. When trouble comes, all we have to do is reach out to Him.

Just because we can’t see God, doesn’t mean He is not there. “For we walk by faith, not by sight.” 2 Corinthians 5:7

LAUGHTER . . .

THE BEST MEDICINE!

Toward the end of Sunday service, the minister asked, “How many of you have forgiven your enemies?” 80% of the congregation held up their hands.

The Minister then repeated his question. All responded this time, except one small elderly lady.

“Mrs. Neely? Are you not willing to forgive your enemies?”

“I don’t have any,” she replied, smiling sweetly.

“Mrs. Neely, that is very unusual. How old are you?”

“Ninety-eight,” she replied.

“Oh, Mrs. Neely, would you please come down in front & tell us all how a person can live ninety-eight years & not have an enemy in the world? I think we could learn from you!”

The little sweetheart of a lady tottered down the aisle, faced the congregation, and said: “Well, in my case, I outlived them all!”

An Easy Hell (Thomas Watson, “The Art of Divine Contentment”)

“. . . for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.” Philippians 4:11-12

Whatever affliction or trouble a child of God meets — it is all the hell he shall ever have! Whatever eclipse may be upon his name or estate — it is but a little cloud which will soon be blown over — and then his hell is past!

Death begins a wicked man’s hell. Death ends a godly man’s hell.

Think with yourself, “What is my affliction? It is but a temporary hell. Indeed, if all my hell is here on earth — it is but an easy hell. What is the cup of affliction — compared to the cup of damnation!”

Lazarus could not get a crumb; he was so diseased that the dogs took pity on him; and as if they had been his physicians, licked his sores. But this was an easy hell — the angels quickly fetched him out of it!

If all our hell is in this life — and in the midst of this hell, we have the love of God — then it is no more hell, but paradise! If all our hell is here on earth, we may see to the end of it; it is but skin-deep, it cannot touch the soul. It is a short-lived hell. After a dreary night of affliction, comes the bright morning of glory!

Since our lives are short — our trials cannot be long! As our riches take wings and fly away — so do our sufferings! Let us learn then, to be content, whatever our circumstances.

Tim Farrell, The Mailing Factor

Discovery Clubs

The young people are gearing up for spring! In April, we celebrate the birthdays of Joseph Barham, Steve Holt, and Chase Ramey! Happy Birthday, fellows!

As a part of our study of the early church, we have recently backed up to review some incidents in the life and ministry of Jesus – Simeon’s seeing Him as a baby in the temple; Jesus’ cleansing the temple of the money-changers and traders; His parable concerning the houses built on the sand and the rock; and His late-night meeting with Nicodemus. Our memory verse this month is our Lord’s words to Nicodemus, quoted in John 3:3, “Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” Especially during Easter, our young people have had numerous opportunities to hear the Gospel and “be born again.” Please pray with us that as seeds have been planted, some of our precious young hearts will receive Jesus as their Savior. Later this month, we’ll start a new unit in which we will get to know John the Baptist.

Our teens gathered for a special Easter event on the night of Good Friday. We played games outside, Scott grilled hot dogs, and we ended the night with the movie, “The Passion of The Christ.” During the Easter season, what a blessing it is to reflect on the depth of Jesus’ amazing love and sacrifice for us. Continue to pray for each and every young person, that all will come to know that love for themselves as they accept the Lord and strive to walk closer to Him in their lives.

In the weeks ahead, the teens are looking forward to a return trip to Pilot Mountain, where we hope to find our “witness boxes” and evidence that hikers were blessed by them.

Be on the lookout for more information regarding an upcoming meeting on drug abuse, in which we will welcome our speaker from the High Point Police Department. Church family, parents, and the community will be invited to attend this timely, informative meeting. We appreciate your prayers as we prepare for this event!

Lastly, it’s time once again to think about Vacation Bible School! “Dino Detectives – Digging For God’s Truth” will be held June 23-27, and we’re so excited about transforming our facilities into an archaeological “dig,” where we will discover what God’s Word says about creation! Along the way, we may even run into some dinosaurs! Our first planning meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 8, at 7:00 p.m.

Please join us in the fellowship hall if you would like to help out in this summer’s VBS!

Welcome, New Members

Randy & Chase Miles

The White Family ~ From Bolivia to the Uttermost

The Angels Rejoice, but Satan's not Happy! The Bible tells us that there is joy in heaven for every sinner that repents. Recently in our church, the Lord has given us some great victories. I have written in the past about Edwardo and his desire to see his family saved. Yesterday he called me to tell me that he went and spoke with his mom a very devout Catholic. He said for the first time she didn't argue. After talking for a good while she prayed and trusted Christ as Savior. When we first started the church, among the teenagers that came, there was one guy that came but he was anti American and didn't seem to like us much. He has come off and on since then and we have prayed for him a lot. Recently, I noticed that he was coming and instead of joking during the invitation he would look around to see if anyone was raising their hands. This past Wednesday after church he told me that he had trusted Christ at home by himself and wanted a Bible to be able to read. This along with two people that were saved during camp has been truly a blessing in our church. Of course we know that this does not make Satan happy and we have had several under attack. We had one of our teenagers that out of the blue his mom told him they were going to Argentina and they left. One teenage girl that dedicated her life during the camp was told by her mom that she couldn't go to church any more because she was changing to drastically. Also one of the young guys that who was formerly a Mormon was told by his parents that he could no longer go to our church and had to return to theirs. It is no coincidence that the Lord is working in lives of each of these in a great way. We would ask that you pray that we will continue to see sinners come into the fold and that the Lord will shelter all from the attacks of the enemy.

Going Camping: In the first part of January the young people of the church had the opportunity to go camp. We had 18 total with fourteen young people and four adults that traveled from Bolivia to the country of Peru to the coast for the Extreme Camp 2008. The group left here at 11:00 pm at night and arrived to the city of Arequipa, where we once lived, at 10:00 pm the next night. There

they spent the night and left the next day for a three hour trip to the city of Camaná at the coast. This camp was put on by the Faith Baptist Church and the brother of Jorge our partner in the ministry here. Many were very excited to go because they had never left the country and most had never seen the ocean before because Bolivia is a landlocked country. At first, it was a bit of an adjustment with the heat and conditions but in all two trusted Christ as Savior, and almost all of the others came back with a much greater desire to be an Extreme Christian and to serve the Lord.

Prayer Requests:

1. Pray for those who are no longer able to come to church.
2. Pray for Rosali, Jimner, Andres, and Ely that have recently been saved
3. Pray for Rocío's family that the Lord will comfort and that we can witness to them.
4. Pray for those who made decisions at camp.

Could this day be your last? Often in life there comes the time when you have to say goodbye. As you leave for work, when you finish a visit, or even when you give someone a ride. This past Wednesday after our church service, we were able to give a young girl in our church a ride to her house. Rocío began coming to our couples meetings this past year, and then started coming to church. After trusting Christ as her Savior, she started to get involved in the church only to stop coming shortly there after when she got a second job. Recently, she started coming again and this past Wednesday we were able to take her home after church. As she got out of the car we said our goodbyes and she went on her way. Little did we know that on that Friday leaving from work she would be hit by a truck and go off into eternity. On that Wednesday night when we said good bye we had no idea it would be the last. The only consolation that we have is that she was saved, and we know she is in the presence of the Lord. The one thing that rings through my mind is that when I say goodbye is that it could be my last. May we make the most out of every day that we have.

