

# For You & Me

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

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*The  
 Messenger*



*April*

**“The Frailty of Human Life”**

“Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.” – James 4:14

This verse reminds us of the uncertainty of human life. We are able to recall the past but not foresee the future. Life is full of surprises. The passing of a single day may witness a pauper stepping into great affluence or a rich man losing all of his wealth!

A foolish moment can destroy a lifelong friendship. Great plans run the risk of being defeated and bright prospects may be blighted. An unforeseen danger may be waiting on us just around the bend. Earth’s dearest possessions may be stripped from us, and we wake up to find ourselves overwhelmed with bitter sorrow.

We frankly cannot know what tomorrow’s forecast is in terms of our frail human life. Life is fragile and uncertain. We have a tendency to number our years each birthday, but God tells us to number our days! We live a day at a time.

The entire life of a nation was altered in the matter of a few minutes on Friday, March 11, 2011. We all know of the earthquake and subsequent tsunami that now has Japan reeling under catastrophic devastation. More than ten thousand lives have been lost, billions of dollars of property have been destroyed and the nation is facing even greater, potential problems with the damage to its nuclear plants.

Yes, the frailty of human life is taught in Scripture and proven by our susceptibility to the forces that surround us and threaten our physical existence. Our greatest security is found in knowing Jesus Christ as personal Saviour and living a life committed to Him. “But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:” – John 1:12

Those saved possess eternal life and, furthermore, do not have to fear the earthquakes and tsunamis of this life. “And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.” – John 10:28

*Pastor Chuck Peters*

## Ladies Fellowship



The Ladies Fellowship met on March 1 with 15 ladies present. We were so blessed to have so many visitors and truly hope we'll see you at our next meeting in April. We were honored to have Jennifer Cockerham from Gospel Light Baptist Church as our guest speaker. She spoke on "Peace

in the Midst of the Storm" and shared several portions of scripture that had brought her through bad times in her life. Psalms 42:5,11 says: "Why are thou cast down, O my soul? And why are thou disquieted in me? Hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance. Why are thou cast down, O my soul? And why are thou disquieted in me? Hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God." What a blessing to be reminded that the Lord is always with us no matter what we are facing. Jennifer has experienced loss of a child, loss of a husband, and serious health issues. She recently was told that she has cancer again but was so filled with the peace of God as she faces this new challenge in her life. She certainly encouraged us as she shared her life story.

Please join us at our next meeting on April 5 at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

*The mission of the Smith Grove Ladies Fellowship is to promote spiritual growth of the ladies in our church family, proclaim the love of Christ in every activity in which we participate, and provide benevolent support to our church family and surrounding community.*

**Lord,  
Keep  
Me  
Sweet!**

Lord, keep me sweet when I grow old,  
And things in life seem hard to bear,  
When I feel sad and all alone,  
And people do not seem to care.

Oh, keep me sweet and let me look  
Beyond the frets that life must hold,  
To see the grand eternal joys.  
Yes, keep me sweet in growing old.



*There is no retirement for the Christian!*

## Steve and Terri Robinson, Missionaries to Nicaragua

We have seen God's hand in many ways during our 3 months in the US. We are thankful for His provision in the following:

- A great family, the Brachts, who are staying in our house while we are in the US. Many details and blessings have occurred that we see this was only God's doing.
- The graciousness of Terri's parents to take us in during our furlough and encourage us through their generosity.
- A sweet Christmas and New Years with our children, parents, and other family members.
- Reconnecting with some of our supporters and friends in the ministry.
- A reduction in our monthly support deficit from \$400 to \$290 in recent weeks.

We are looking forward to seeing many more of you in the coming months as we make our rounds. As we were preparing our presentation, we couldn't help but express gratitude for all that God has allowed us to be a part of in our 8 years in Nicaragua. And we look forward to what He has for us when we return from our furlough in June.

We would love to share our update on the ministry in Nicaragua with you in person. If you would like for us to visit, please contact us by e-mail (strobins@abwe.cc) or phone (919-341-2435).

Please join us in praying for the following items in the coming weeks:

- We just learned our Nicaraguan co-worker, Samuel, was burned in the face and arms as he changed out a gas tank on the stove in the kitchen.
- We are again in need of a renter/buyer for our house in Zebulon, NC. If you know of someone who might be interested, please have him or her contact us.
- Our teammates and colleagues in Nicaragua are faced with some tough issues and decisions as they continue ministering in the Institute of Church Planters and Nicaragua Christian Academy.
- We still need to raise close to \$250,000 for the construction of the multi-purpose building at the Center. Our goal is to have these funds when we return to Nicaragua in June and complete construction before camping season starts at the Center in January.

## April Birthdays

1 Joseph Barham	7 Larry Tucker	19 Shelby Crump
2 Steve Holt	8 Walter Tate	24 Charlene Tester
2 Carol Nuckles	11 Brandy Ramer	26 Chase Ramey
3 Wanda Holt	12 Lawrence Jones	28 Juleen J. Hayes
3 Lisa Pitts	12 Beverly Sechler	28 Donise Tucker
5 Marilyn Payne	12 Wesley Smith	29 Erma Lee Nuckles
6 Bud McCurdy	16 Myles Pitts	30 Ashley Sechler
7 Pat George	19 Mary Allen	



## May Birthdays

1 James <b>Watson</b> Crump	16 Christopher McCollum	Lucas Damazio
2 Ann Dean	18 Ryan William Lowe	Joanna Dillon
7 Jacob Clodfelter	26 Eloise McCollum	Jonathan Dillon
9 Sherrill Crater	31 Jacob Payne	Steve Dillon
9 Logan Kennedy	Chris Bame	Jesse Holt
11 Nora Smith	Colter Bame	Elaine Stephens
14 Dovie Dull	Randy Beeson	Peggy Vaughn
14 Samantha Tucker	Timothy Cromer	Duain Whittemore
16 Amanda Clark		

## April Anniversaries

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



## Pray for those In the Service of our Country



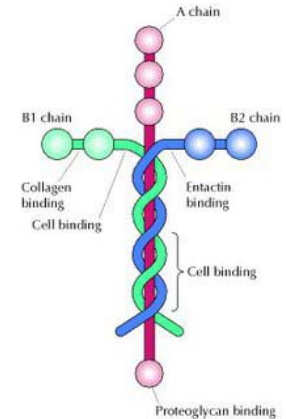
Matthew Bennett, Afghanistan  
 A1C William Holt, US Air Force  
 Pope AFB, Vass, NC 28394  
 CW2 Jonathan Harless (Raleigh, NC)  
 Cpt. Robert Harless (Savannah, GA)  
 Charles Holmes, Al Asad Air Base (Northern Iraq)  
 Chief Warrant Officer 3 Michael Maine, US Army  
 [Ft. Rucker, AL]  
 Corporal Mel Wright, US Marines, Charleston, SC  
 (Nephews of Clarence Redmon)

## Laminins ... God's Glue

Laminins are a family of proteins that are an integral part of the structural scaffolding of basement membranes in almost every animal tissue. Laminins are what hold us together. LITERALLY. They are cell adhesion molecules. They are what holds one cell of our bodies to the next cell. Without them, we would literally fall apart. Amazing. The glue that holds us together.... ALL of us.... *Is in the shape of a cross!*

Genesis 2:7 - And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

Colossians 1:17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.



## I Took Your Place

One day, a man went to visit a church, He got there early, parked his car and got out. Another car pulled up near the driver got out and said, "I always park there! You took my place!"

The visitor went inside for Sunday School, found an empty seat and sat down. A young lady from the church approached him and stated, "That's my seat! You took my place!"

After Sunday School, the visitor went into the sanctuary and sat down. Another member walked up to him and said, "That's where I always sit! You took my place!"

Later as the congregation was praying for Christ to dwell among them, the visitor stood up, and his appearance began to change. Horrible scars became visible on his hands and on his sandaled feet. Someone from the congregation noticed him and called out, "What happened to you?" The visitor replied, as his hat became a crown of thorns, and a tear fell from his eye, "***I took your place.***"

# REMEMBER IN PRAYER

## Smith Grove Seniors

Louise Byrd	Reva Holt	J. D. Shields
Gordon Crouch	Helen Jones	Raynelle Shields
Shirley Crouch	Lawrence Jones	Wade Shields
Iris Farrington*	Neva Long	Louise Smith*
June Freeman	Curney Matthews	Clarence Tucker
Ernest Fulk*	Rose Matthews	Forrest Tucker
Pat George	Bud McCurdy*	Hettie Westmoreland
Cleo Holt	Jo Anne Pegram*	Mary Westmoreland

## Others in Need of Prayer

(In alphabetical order) \*Special Needs

JoAnn Alley	Rhonda Hedgecock	Miranda Petkis
Marilyn Alston	Ricky Hedgecock	Norma Pilchett*
Fred Bame	Tim Hedgecock	Claude Royal
Merl Blake	Ronnie Holcomb	Eddie Thomason
Roy Boody	Alice & Barry Holman	Barbara Tucker
Thelma Bullard	Linda Hooker*	Clara Ward
John Carter	Raleigh Hunt	Kenneth Westmoreland
Bonnie Clark	Danny Keen	Gordon Wilkey*
Aaron Cole	Leighann Kincade	Gerry Williams*
Bette Crouse	Daniel Matthews	Tom* & Frances Woody
Cheryl DeAntonio	Richie McCormick	Jessi Wright
Jimmy Dillon	Mark Midkiff	Skylar Hope Yontz*
Rudy Dillon	John & Dolly Miller	(Infant born with many health issues)
Joyce Draughn	Fred Murrow*	Ken Young
David Gindelsberger	John Pearl	New converts
Debbie Harden	Don Peterson	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

- Pastor Chuck Peters
- Wade and Nora Smith (Virginia Beach, VA)
- All the missions and missionaries we support
- Youth Directors, Johnny & Tammy Cameron
- Preachers, teachers, singers and workers of our church and Bible Clubs.
- Our sincere sympathies to the families of Mazalean Byerly, Roy Draughn, Jimmy Hazelwood, and Betty Young.



## Services Each Week

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Service	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
	
<b>Wednesday Services:</b>	
Bible Clubs	7:00 p.m.
Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.
Thursday Visitation	7:00 p.m.



*April ~ 2011*

**Tues., April 5, 7:00 p.m.**

Ladies' & Men's Fellowship Meetings

**Sun., April 24, 7:00 a.m.**

**Easter Sunrise Service** in the Fellowship Building

**Sun., April 24, 11:00 a.m.**

**Christ is Risen** ~ Cantata presented by the Smith Grove Choir.

### LOOKING AHEAD:

**May 15-18 - Spring Revival** with **Dr. Roger Baker**, Former Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in King, N.C. (for 32 years). He currently serves as Vice-President of Calvary Baptist Bible College in King.

**June 13-16**

**Vacation Bible School**

**September 19-23**

**Piedmont Baptist Camp Meeting**

I Cor. 7:22-24



### Gary & Friends Missionary Outreach Ministry

Greetings and God bless all of you and our church family at Smith Grove! We are on the go, and I wish some of you could be with me as we go to senior homes, health care facilities, assisted living, independent living, hospitals, private homes, churches, and senior meetings at churches, and we have just been asked to conduct a special song service for a prayer meeting in a church. My little first- and second-grade church basketball team, on Saturday mornings and Monday nights has prayer, Bible lessons, and they play some basketball, too!

My special people for this month are some of my old friends. One in High Point is 105; another in Greensboro is 103; another in Greensboro is 102; another in Kernersville is 101, and one in Greensboro I met this week is 100. But let me tell you about Dorothy, 103, who is in good health, a little hard of hearing, but so beautiful. We sat close together two weeks ago and talked for a while, and I am so honored to have a very special friend like her. God bless you, Dorothy; live on my friend, and I look forward to walking the streets of gold with you. Her family looks after her and her daughter Barbara is my friend, also. Hey, I am so blessed by God to have a ministry like this and to work with such a wide range of people.

Gary, Carolyn, and our special helper friends,  
Keeping on for Jesus! 1Peter 5:7

~ Rev. M.W. Laramore ~

The *Message of Redemption* (archived sermons preached by Brother Ward) is broadcast daily on radio station **WPIP ~ 880 AM**, 2:00-2:15 p.m., *Monday through Friday*. We hope this will be a better time with better reception in more locations. If you can't receive WPIP locally, you can access the broadcast streaming live on your computer:

<http://www.wpipbereanradio.org/listenlive.html>

*The Message of Redemption continues on . . .*



## “Our Honour Roll”

Smith Grove’s ministry to our widows and widowers  
“Honour widows that are widows indeed.”

(I Timothy 5:3)

This is a continuing churchwide ministry to remember widows and widowers of the church in a meaningful way. Each month, we highlight our special “Honour Roll Gang Members” who are having birthdays. 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.

**Bud McCurdy**  
1624 Mellon Dr.  
Kernersville, NC 27284  
993-4173 ~ April 06

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

**Mary Allen**  
4100 Castleford Dr.  
Colfax, NC 27235  
668-2660 ~ April 19

**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

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



**Eloise McCollum**  
8626 Bull Road  
Colfax, NC 27235  
996-6320 ~ May 26

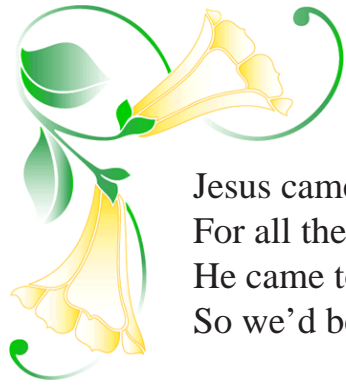


## The Golden Years

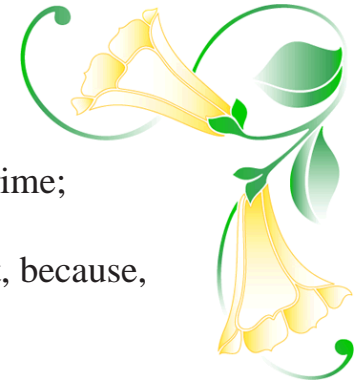
A row of bottles on my shelf  
Caused me to analyze myself.  
One yellow pill I have to pop  
Goes to my heart so it won't stop.  
A little white one that I take  
Goes to my hands so they won't shake.  
The blue ones that I use a lot  
Tell me I'm happy when I'm not.  
The purple pill goes to my brain  
And tells me that I have no pain.



The capsules tell me not to wheeze  
Or cough or choke or even sneeze.  
The red ones, smallest of them all  
Go to my blood so I won't fall.  
The orange ones, very big and bright  
Prevent my leg cramps in the night.  
Such an array of brilliant pills  
Helping to cure all kinds of ills.  
But what I'd really like to know . . .  
Is where is the one for the bills???



# ~ *The Easter Story* ~



Jesus came to compensate  
For all the wrongs we do.  
He came to earth to die for us,  
So we'd be born anew.

“This bitter cup, let it pass from me,”  
He cried, in a plaintive voice;  
“Yet not My will, but Thine be done;”  
He said, in His faithful choice.

The Judas kiss would seal his fate;  
He faced a hostile crowd;  
The governor, Pilate, saw through it all;  
Jesus' guilt he disavowed.

“I wash my hands of all of this,”  
Said Pilate, “Let Him be.”  
But the crowd yelled “Crucify him now,  
And set Barabbas free!”

Pilate yielded to their wish;  
And Jesus was led away.  
The soldiers beat him, and mocked Him, too,  
Yet He continued to obey.

A crown of thorns lay on His head,  
As His sentence was carried out;  
His hands and feet were pierced with nails,  
But He did not scream or shout.

“Father, forgive them for this crime;  
They know not what they do.”  
He said this despite His torment, because,  
He was thinking of me and you.

“It is finished,” he sighed in His anguish and pain,  
As His body gave up to death.  
The curtain tore, and darkness fell,  
After He took His last breath.

The best of the story is the very last part;  
It's why on Easter we're filled with pleasure:  
Death could not our Savior hold;  
His power is beyond all measure.

He rose from the grave, and was seen all around;  
Ever since, He's inspired devotion,  
And we'll be with Him for eternity,  
When we get our heavenly promotion.

That's why Easter is a major event:  
He suffered and died in our place.  
He rose and forgave us and loves us still,  
Our Savior of matchless grace.



*By Joanna Fuchs*