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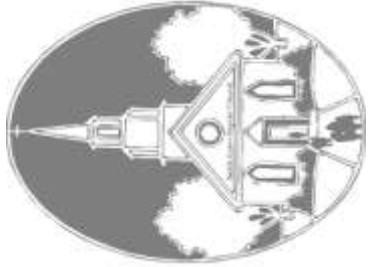
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Romans 8:34 *Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.*

Sun., April 5, 7 am..... Easter Sunrise Service;
breakfast at 7:30 a.m.

11 am..... Special music by the choir

Tues., April 14, 7-8 pm Robinwood Retirement Center
Sunday, April 19 BEAMS' SUNDAY

Spring Revival ~ May 3-6 with Evangelist John Rasey

Statement of Faith:

We are an Independent Baptist Church preaching the old time Gospel and still believing that the King James Version of the Bible constitutes the preserved, inerrant, and inspired Word of God for the English speaking people of the earth.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

SHUT-INS

Louise Byrd	Jo Anne Pegram	Clara Ward
Iris Farrington	Ann Rayle	Mary Westmoreland
Harry Haynes	Barbara Tucker	Gerry Williams
Neva Long	Forrest Tucker	

Assisted Living/Nursing Home

Helen Jones ~ Rose Matthews ~ Betty Robinson

SICK/OTHER NEEDS: *(Newly added names are in italics.)*

<i>Doris Anderson</i>	Phillip Moore - (Lung Cancer -
<i>Lou Badgett</i>	Dreama's brother-in-law)
Donnie Barham (Cancer)	Sally Nester (cancer)
Sherri Bowling	Clarence Parker (Cancer)
Sheridan Bowman	Gene & Oma Lou Pitts
Ann Burke (stroke)	Joe Ray
Thelma Bullard	Sandra Richardson
Tammy Burnett (cancer)	Lorene Robertson
Kevin Canady (Illness)	Claude Royal
Rebecca Carmine (8 yrs old - Surgery)	Justin Royal
Johnny Clark (heart transplant)	Jean Rumsey
Patrick Clark (CHF)	Violet Sealey
Christie Cobb (Breast Cancer)	Betty Soyars
Clara Farrington (health issues)	Donise Tucker (respiratory infection)
Kathy Fulk (Diabetes & health issues)	Brooke Long Wagoner
Kim Garrett (Cancer & Crohn's Disease)	Kenneth Westmoreland
George Hayes (heart)	Reid Westmoreland
Rhonda Hedgecock	Jan Wilson
Ricky Hedgecock	
Tim Hedgecock	
Joretta Holt (CHF)	
Stephanie Hutton	
Jimmy Johnson (Illness)	
<i>Maureen Lamb</i>	
Wesley Landreth	
Don & Marcie Lemar (Health Issues)	
Dot Long	
Mark Lowe (Surgery)	
Daniel & Mazie Matthews (Special needs)	
Gary McArthur (malignant tumor)	
Maggie McGee	
Cindy Miller (Health Issues)	

BEREAVED: *Families of*

Robert Anderson
 Nancy Bowden
 Beulah Nuckles Harrington
 Ethel Bowman Martin
(Becky McCollum's mother)
 Gary White Rayle

If there are names that may be removed from the prayer list, please alert Pastor Chuck or someone on the Newsletter Committee.

Schedule of COMMUNION SERVICES
 May 17 ~ Aug. 16 ~ Nov. 22

BEAMS' Report for March 2015



of Pledges: **14**; # of Contributions: **10**;
 Total Contributors: **24**
 Total Contributed: **\$969.00** =
121 Bibles (plus postage) in March

You can also get the BEAMS' report online at our website:

http://www.smithgrove.org/beams_ministry.htm

Quotable Quotes

See the land, her Easter keeping,
 Rises as her Maker rose.
 Seeds, so long in darkness sleeping,
 Burst at last from winter snows.
 Earth with heaven above rejoices...
 ~Charles Kingsley

Once more to new creation Awake,
 and death gainsay,
 For death is swallowed up of life,
 And Christ is risen today!
 ~George Newell Lovejoy

Angels, roll the rock away;
 Death, yield up thy mighty prey:
 See, He rises from the tomb,
 Glowing with immortal bloom.
 ~Thomas Scott, "Easter Angels"

Our Lord has written the promise of
 the resurrection, not in books alone,
 but in every leaf in spring-time.
 ~Martin Luther



The Road to Everlasting Life

Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God."

Romans 5:12 "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned."

Romans 5:8 "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Romans 10:9-10 "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

Romans 10:13 "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Announcing ~ A New Online Outreach Ministry!

We now have Pastor Chuck's sermons online (beginning with the Jan. 4, 2015 message)! They are included in the Home Page navigation on smithgrove.org (top of page) -- simply click on the Audio Sermons button.



A new page will open entitled "STREAMING AUDIO."
Click on the "Play" button link for the sermon you wish to hear, or for a portable mp3 version, click on the link in this sentence on the website: "**Want a portable version you can download to an iPod or other portable MP3 device?** MP3s from the past couple of weeks are **located here.**"

Many thanks to Steven Moore for making this outreach ministry a reality!

Please pray for this ministry to see many souls come to know Christ. Please share this information with all your friends, family, and neighbors.

You Can Buy

You can buy a man's time;
you can buy his physical presence at a given place;
you can even buy a measured number of his skilled muscular motions per hour.

But you can not buy enthusiasm...
you can not buy loyalty...
you can not buy the devotion
of hearts, minds, or souls.

You must earn those.

I Cor. 4:2 "Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful."

Honor
Trust
Loyalty
Faithfulness



Pray for those . . .

IN THE SERVICE OF THEIR COUNTRY



A1C William Holt, US Air Force
Pope AFB, Vass, NC 28394

CW3 Jonathan Harless (Raleigh, NC)

Maj. Robert Harless (160th SOAR, Savannah, GA)

Charles Holmes, Al Asad Air Base (Northern Iraq)

Chief Warrant Officer 4 Michael Maine, US Army
[Germany] (Nephew of Clarence Redmon)

Kyle Norman, 565 Outer Drive, Box 190
JB Lewis-McCord, WA 98438

David Ortez, Iraq & Afghanistan

SSgt. Samuel A. Priddy, Marines - New River
(Jacksonville, NC) - son of Brenda Westmoreland

Jason Sabot – Serving in Afghanistan



Mary Had a Little Lamb

John 1:29
The next day
John seeth
Jesus coming
unto him, and
saith, Behold
the Lamb of
God, which
taketh away
the sin of the
world.



Mary had a little lamb,
His fleece was as white as snow.
And everywhere that Mary went,
The Lamb was sure to go.
He followed her to school each day,
'Twasn't even in the rule.
He made the children laugh and play,
To have a Lamb at school.
And then the rules all changed one day,
Illegal it became;
To bring the Lamb of God to school,
Or even speak His Name.
Every day got worse and worse,
And days turned into years.
Instead of hearing children laugh,
We heard gunshots and tears.
What must we do to stop the crime,
That's in our schools today?
Let's let the Lamb come back to school,
And teach our kids to pray!

THE STOVER FAMILY ~ Missionaries to Peru

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! We want to thank many of you who sent in special gifts for our family for Christmas. Your gifts were greatly appreciated and we had a wonderful time celebrating the birth of Christ with both our family and church family here in Peru.

Anniversary Services: January 28-February 1, we held an evangelistic conference to celebrate the 16th anniversary of our church. Pastor Samuel Huamán of Peniel Baptist Church in Ilo was our special speaker. We concluded with a banquet on Sunday night. The Lord blessed throughout the conference, and we were excited to see several first-time visitors. It was a blessing to see many people serving and getting involved in different ways. Please pray that the Lord would continue to use our church, Calvary Baptist, to reach people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

2 Baptisms:

Sunday, February 1, I had the privilege of baptizing Isaías and Monica during our anniversary service. Please pray for both of their families. Isaías's wife attends our church, but has not yet accepted Christ. Also his twin 20-year old sons and younger son need to be saved. Monica is a single mom of four children and could use your prayers for the spiritual well-being of her children.

Praise!

We had a lady named Juliana visit our church several weeks ago. Her aunt had been witnessing to her and encouraging her to go to church. Her first service with us, she accepted Christ as Savior. Please pray for her spiritual growth.

Vacation Bible School:

During the month of February we were very busy holding 3 different weeks of VBS. We held one at the park across from our church, and 2 more in the areas where we hold Saturday afternoon Bible clubs during the school year. Much preparation goes into a time like this, and it was a blessing again to see many people getting involved and serving in this ministry. We had Bible lessons, a missionary story, games, refreshments, crafts, and a memory verse, all with the theme of "Bible Detectives." We were able to minister to around 260 different children, all of whom heard a clear presentation of the Gospel. Please pray that the

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Lord would use the seeds planted in the hearts of the children and parents present. At the beginning of March, we will be continuing to minister to these children through weekly Bible clubs.

Vehicle:

We were able to sell our car this month. Please pray with us that we might be able to find something reliable and affordable soon!

New Church Plant:

Sunday, March 1, la Iglesia Bautista Gracia (Grace Baptist Church) will be holding its first service here in Tacna. Please be praying for Pastor Willy Pari, his wife Roxana, and their daughter Estrella as they labor in this new work. Also please pray for Roxana as she is expecting a baby this summer and is having some complications. Any gift toward this new church plant can be sent to our account through Macedonia, marked, "New Church Plant." Thank you for your prayers and support for this new work!

Thank you for the blessing that you are both prayerfully and financially. We could not do what we do without you. Please pray that the Lord would continue to, "...strengthen the things which remain..." (Rev. 3:2)

In the love of Christ,

Robert, Sara, Josiah, Caleb, Joshua, Lydia, and Zachary Stover



Reflect

Reflect upon your blessings, of which every man has plenty, not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some.

~Charles Dickens~

Anger is an acid that can do more harm to the vessel in which it is stored than to anything on which it is poured. ~ Mark Twain

It is better to keep your mouth closed and let people think you are a fool than to open it and remove all doubt. ~ Mark Twain

John 11:25

Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:



“Our Honour Roll”

Smith Grove’s ministry to our widows and widowers

“Honour widows that are widows indeed.”

(1 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.

Mary Allen

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

Alta Key

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

Eloise McCollum

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

Ann Dean

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

Dovie Dull

1016 Madison Place Cir
Kernersville, NC 27284
996-6330 ~ May 14

THE “POEMIZING” PASTOR *By Sherrill Crater*

Our pastor is a learned man,
Who speaks with grace and ease.
He loves the sound of meter and rhyme,
And writes so eloquently.



His writings radiate, with pen and thought,
The essence of God in every phrase.
Yet his most enduring work with words,
Has an inspirational message for present days.

Prose and alliteration,
Syncopation and form,
Are the tools our pastor uses
In his “poemizing” brainstorms!

Posterity will record his views on life
And more on the life to come.
May his efforts result in many souls saved,
And a closer walk with the Son!

And ye shall
KNOW
the truth,
AND THE TRUTH
shall make you
FREE.
John 8:32

April Birthdays

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Joseph Barham | 16 Myles Pitts |
| 2 Steve Holt | 19 Mary Allen |
| 2 Carol Nuckles | 19 Shelby Crump |
| 3 Wanda Holt | 24 Charlene Tester |
| 3 Lisa Pitts | 26 Chase Ramey |
| 5 Marilyn Payne | 27 H. B. Clegg |
| 7 Larry Tucker | 28 Donise Tucker |
| 8 Walter Tate | 29 Kelyn Tate |
| 10 Laura Smith | 30 Ashley Sechler |
| 11 Brandy Ramer | Jo Beeson |
| 12 Beverly Sechler | |



May Birthdays

- | | |
|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Watson Crump | 15 Steve Dillon |
| 2 Ann Dean | 16 Amanda Clark |
| 7 Jacob Clodfelter | 16 Christopher McCollum |
| 7 Jeffrey Smith | 18 Ryan William Lowe |
| 8 Stephanie Moore | 18 Terry Matthews |
| 9 Sherrill Crater | 26 Eloise McCollum |
| 10 Tim Matthews | 31 Jacob Payne |
| 11 Nora Smith | Chris Bame |
| 14 Dovie Dull | Colter Bame |
| 14 Samantha Tucker | Randy Beeson |
| 15 Joanna Dillon | Timothy Cromer |
| 15 Jonathan Dillon | Jesse Holt |



Matthew 28:6

He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

April Anniversaries

Mike & Becky McCollum
Marvin & Debra Pitts
Walter & Gail Tate



Hebrews 13:4a *Marriage is honourable in all . . .*

“Some New Thing”

Pastor Chuck Peters

“(For all the Athenians and strangers which were there spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell, or to hear some new thing.)” - Acts 17:21

The city of Athens, in Paul’s day, was suffering a decline in numerous ways. The city, historically, was known for its culture, education, politics, and commerce. Paul beheld the city through the eyes of an evangelist instead of through the eyes of a sightseer. He saw the city’s paganism and idolatry and noticed its debasing religion with its “gods and goddesses.” He witnessed a people looking for a new novelty. They seemed to be bored with the “old” and chased after the “new.”

We are witnessing a decline in our own culture. That decline is obvious in the spiritual climate of our land. Choice is no longer governed by the substance of the matter but the novelty of the matter. Churches are importing new things that engender excitement and fascination while discarding the old things. We all understand that not all old things are good things. Old orthodoxy with a mere form of religion needs to be discarded! Some old things need to be maintained. Old-



fashioned Christianity, old-fashioned standards, old-fashioned Scriptural music, old-fashioned preaching, and old-fashioned standing on the old-fashioned King James Bible need to be kept and guarded. Churches today are blessed and nour-

ished by the substance of truth and not by the new novelties of the times.

I feel that we are also beholding a quest for the “new thing” when it comes to current politics. Any sensible person understands that race and gender in modern politics is no longer a disqualifier for political offices. Race and gender should not be the standard for political service but rather character and leadership ability. Our Country stands in dire need of leaders who have more the interest of the Country than the party. We need politicians still holding to the old standards of honor, courage, and rigid loyalty to the Constitution. America needs more in a President than simply the novelty of being the first black President or the first woman President but rather a President of character. Race and gender is of secondary importance. Let’s make sure that the “new things” are as good or better!

Rev. C. H. Spurgeon

(Two excerpts from the sermon delivered on Sabbath Morning, February 11, 1855 at Exeter Hall, Strand.)

. . . God has always raised up successors of the apostles; not by any lineal descent, but because I have the same roll and charter as any apostle, and am as much called to preach the gospel as Paul himself; if not as much owned by the conversion of sinners, yet, in a measure, blessed of God; and, therefore, here I stand, foolish as Paul might be, foolish as Peter, or any of those fishermen; but still with the might of God I grasp the sword of truth, coming here to “preach Christ and him crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; but unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.”

Before I enter upon our text, let me very briefly tell you what I believe preaching Christ and him crucified is. My friends, I do not believe it is preaching Christ and him crucified, to give people a batch of philosophy every Sunday morning and evening, and neglect the truths of this Holy Book. I do not believe it is preaching Christ and him crucified, to leave out the main cardinal doctrines of the Word of God, and preach a religion which is all a mist and a haze, without any definite truths whatever. I take it that man does not preach Christ and him crucified, who can get through a sermon without mentioning Christ's name once; nor does that man preach Christ and him crucified, who leaves out the Holy Spirit's work, who never says a word about the Holy Ghost, so that indeed the hearers might say, “We do not so much as know whether there be a Holy Ghost.”

. . . I do not believe we can preach the gospel, if we do not preach justification by faith without works; not unless we preach the sovereignty of God in his dispensation of grace; nor unless we exalt the electing, unchangeable, eternal, immutable, conquering love of Jehovah; nor, I think, can we preach the gospel, unless we base it upon the peculiar redemption which Christ made for his elect and chosen people; nor can I comprehend a gospel which lets saints fall away after they are called, and suffers the children of God to be burned in the fires of damnation, after having believed. Such a gospel I abhor. The gospel of the Bible is not such a gospel as that. We preach Christ and him crucified in a different fashion, and to all gainsayers we reply, “We have not so learned Christ.”

