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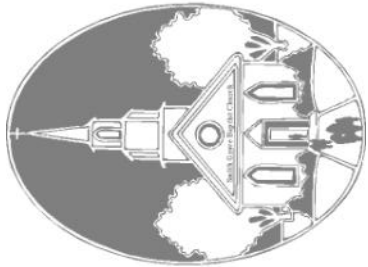
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This is the day the Lord hath made, we will rejoice and be glad in it!

Sat., April 2Winston-Salem Rescue Mission

Tues., April 12, 7-8 p.m.Robinwood Retirement Center

Sun., April 17 BEAMS' SUNDAY

Sun.-Wed, April 17~20..... REVIVAL with Dr. Billy Martin.

Isaiah 40:31 - But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Statement of Faith:

We are an Independent Baptist Church (*established in 1921*) 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
Iris Farrington
Harry Haynes
Neva Long

Jo Anne Pegram
Ann Rayle
Barbara Tucker
Forrest Tucker

Clara Ward
Gerry Williams

Assisted Living/Nursing Home

Helen Jones ~ Rose Matthews ~ Lorene Robertson

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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)

David Laramore, Fort Leonard Wood, MO, US Army
Chief Warrant Officer 4 Michael Maine, US Army
[Alaska] (Nephew of Clarence Redmon)

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

Jason Sabot – Serving in Afghanistan



Call to Glory Correspondence to Pastor Chuck:

“Reading your devotional this morning: ‘When Judges Rule’ inspired me to write a short poem. I may expand it at a later time.”

*When troubles come I am apt to flee,
But resist the impulse on bended knee.
With wings of faith I take to flight,
And trust God's guidance both day and night.*

Thank you for writing in Call to Glory devotional.
Ed Tedder, Kentucky



BEAMS' Report for March 2016

of Pledges: 13; # of Contributions: 5 ;
Total Contributors: 18
Total Contributed: \$ 839.00 =
104 Bibles in March (plus some postage)

You can also get the BEAMS' report online at our website:
http://www.smithgrove.org/beams_ministry.htm

Audio Sermons

Don't forget: Pastor Chuck's sermons are online. They are included in the Home Page navigation on smithgrove.org (top of page) -- simply click on the Audio Sermons button. *Please share this information with everybody you know!*

It is said an Eastern monarch once charged his wise men to invent him a sentence, to be ever in view, and which should be true and appropriate in all times and situations.

They presented him the words: “And this, too, shall pass away.”

How much it expresses! How chastening in the hour of pride – how consoling in the depth of affliction!

....Abraham Lincoln

Thought for the Day:

If it matters to you, it matters to the Master.



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.”

CHURCH BULLETIN BLOOPERS

- Fasting & Prayer Conference - \$10 - includes meals.
- Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
- Don't let worry kill you - let the Church help.
- Miss Charlene Mason sang "I will not pass this way again," giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.
- At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What Is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.
- Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.
- Ladies - Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10 AM. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B. S. is done.
- Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.
- The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.
- Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.
- The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday. "I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours."



BOUQUET

Someone once asked Corrie ten Boom how she could possibly handle all the compliments and praise that were constantly heaped upon her, without becoming proud. She said she looked at each compliment as a beautiful long-stemmed flower given to her. She smelled it for a moment and then put it into a vase with the others. Each night, just before retiring, she took the beautiful bouquet and handed it over to God saying, "Thank you, Lord, for letting me smell the flowers; they all belong to you." She had discovered the secret to genuine humility.



SICK/OTHER PRAYER NEEDS:

(Newly added names are in italics.)

J.C. Adams (Car accident)	Gary McArthur (malignant tumor)
Melvin & JoAnn Alley (Guilford House, GBoro)	Kevin McBrayer (Heart Issues)
Dale Austin (Melanie's Dad-leukemia)	Maggie McGee
Lou Badgett	Cindy Miller (Health Issues)
Thurmond Bondurant (throat cancer)	Mary Miller (Health issues)
Homer Bowden	Phillip Moore - (Lung Cancer)
Sherri Bowling	Clara Morgan (broken hip)
Sheridan Bowman	Melody Myers (Cancer)
Chad Branch (kidney stones)	Sally Nester (cancer)
Ann Burke (stroke)	Gail Nuckles
Thelma Bullard	Clarence Parker (Cancer)
Tammy Burnett (cancer)	Jo Anne Pegram (Broken Hip)
Kenneth Case (cancer)	Ethel Pendry
Johnny Clark (heart transplant)	Vera Peters (Heart Attack)
Patrick Clark (CHF)	Gene & Oma Lou Pitts
Christie Cobb (Breast Cancer)	Allen Priddy (PTSD)
Kay Collins (Health issues)	Charles Raso (Recovering at home)
Olivia Dunn (9-yr-old - cancer)	Joe Ray
Iris Farrington (Broken arm)	Larry Rayle (Health concerns)
Diane Foust	Sandra Richardson
Kathy Fulk (Health issues)	Tom Rodgers
Kim Garrett (Cancer/Crohn's Disease)	Claude Royal
Samuel Hall (Health Issues)	Justin Royal
Carol Hayden	Jean Rumsey
George Hayes (heart)	Violet Sealey (Special prayer, please)
Rhonda Hedgecock	Cody Shaw (Lung issues)
Ricky Hedgecock	Violet Smith (Stage 4 Cancer)
Tim Hedgecock	Debra Snipes (CHF/Cardiomyopathy)
Gary Holt (ALS)	Betty Soyars (Broken Hip)
Joretta Holt (CHF)	Allen Steele (Syria)
Marlene Holt (crushed shoulder)	Donald Stephens
Reva Holt (Back issues & eyesight)	Michael Tate
Sarah Hudson (CHF)	Chara Tate's mother (cancer)
Sarah Isenhour (Crohn's Disease)	Amy Thompson (Suffered a fall)
Helen Jones (Broken hip)	Brooke Long Wagoner
Maureen Lamb	Clara Ward
Wesley Landreth	Keith Westmoreland
Don & Marcie Lemar (Health Issues)	Reid Westmoreland
Clara Farrington Long (health issues)	Johnny Willard (Health issues)
Dot Long (Suffered a fall)	Jan Wilson
Neva Long (Recovering at home.)	Elizabeth Yeoman
Elaine Lowe (Health Issues)	BEREAVED: <i>Families of</i>
Mark Lowe	Alex Gavion
Daniel & Mazie Matthews	W. A. Rice
	Terry Wayne Voss

Distant Relatives ...Carla Muir

A certain old recluse lived deep in the mountains of Colorado. When he died, distant relatives came from the city to collect his valuables. Upon arriving, all they saw was an old shack with an outhouse beside it. Inside the shack, next to the rock fireplace, was an old cooking pot and his mining equipment. A cracked table with a three-legged chair stood guard by a tiny window, and a kerosene lamp served as the centerpiece for the table. In a dark corner of the little room was a dilapidated cot with a threadbare bedroll on it.

They picked up some of the old relics and started to leave. As they were driving away, an old friend of the recluse on his mule flagged them down. "Do you mind if I help myself to what's left in my friend's cabin?" he asked.

"Go right ahead," they replied. After all, they thought, what inside that shack could be worth anything?

The old friend entered the shack and walked directly over to the table. He reached under it and lifted one of the floor boards. He then proceeded to take out all the gold his friend had discovered over the past fifty-three years - enough to have built a palace. The recluse died with only his friend knowing his true worth. As the friend looked out of the little window and watched the cloud of dust behind the relative's car disappear, he said, "They shoulda got to know him better."

Doesn't this make one think of our relationship with our Savior? Do we know Him well enough to be able to find the gold He has stored for us all throughout our lives? Inspirational nuggets – handfuls on purpose – straight from the Master's Hands.

A Brand New Start by Jill Lemming

God sometimes brings us to a place where answers can't be found...
Where we cannot see tomorrow,
for confusion all around.

Yet deep inside we realize
that all things work for good...
Even times when we've been wounded
and we feel misunderstood.

Don't dwell on the injustice -
stay focused on God's heart...
Find forgiveness and go on,
you can make a brand new start.

"The more we let God take us over, the more truly ourselves we become - because He made us. He invented us. He invented all the different people that you and I were intended to be. . . It is when I turn to Christ, when I give up myself to His personality, that I first begin to have a real personality of my own." — C.S. Lewis

Colossians 1:27

To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

April Birthdays

1 Joseph Barham	12 Beverly Sechler
2 Steve Holt	16 Myles Pitts
2 Carol Nuckles	19 Mary Allen
3 Wanda Holt	19 Shelby Crump
4 Lisa Pitts	24 Charlene Tester
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

April Anniversaries

- 1 Walter & Gail Tate
- 3 Scott & Laura Ritch
- 11 Mike & Becky McCollum
- Marvin & Debra Pitts



"I firmly believe that the moment our hearts are emptied of selfishness and ambition and self-seeking and everything that is contrary to God's law, the Holy Spirit will come and fill every corner of our hearts; but if we are full of pride and conceit, ambition and self-seeking, pleasure and the world, there is no room for the Spirit of God. I also believe that many a man is praying to God to fill him, when he is full already with something else. Before we pray that God would fill us, I believe we ought to pray that He would empty us. There must be an emptying before there can be a filling; and when the heart is turned upside down, and everything that is contrary to God is turned out, then the Spirit will come..."

— D.L. Moody

"If sinners will be damned, at least let them leap to Hell over our bodies. And if they will perish, let them perish with our arms about their knees, imploring them to stay. If Hell must be filled, at least let it be filled in the teeth of our exertions, and let not one go there unwarned and unprayed for."

— Charles Spurgeon



“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
336-668-2660 ~ April 19

Dovie Dull

1016 Madison Place Circle
Kernersville, NC 27284
336-996-6330 ~ May 14

Ann Dean

4632 Kendale Road
High Point, NC 27265
336-668-9875 ~ May 02

Eloise McCollum

8626 Bull Road
Colfax, NC 27235
336-996-6320 ~ May 26

Alta Key

4454 Peace Rd
Trinity, NC 27370
336-431-0079 ~ May 03



**Member Address
& Phone Update:**

Helen P. Jones

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Stokesdale, NC 27357
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COMMUNION SERVICES:

May 22; Aug. 28; Nov. 27



**Patriot’s
Day**

(April 18, 2016)

commemorates the Battle of Lexington and Concord on April 19, 1775. This battle began the American Revolutionary War. It also honors the “Midnight Ride of Paul Revere,” that evening when Paul Revere rode through town warning the colonists that “The Red Coats are coming!”

“Lost! Lost! Lost! Better a whole world on fire than a soul lost! Better every star quenched and the skies a wreck than a single soul to be lost!” ...*Charles Spurgeon*



Dave and Vera Peters

Thank you so much for what you are doing to get the word of God into the hands of those who have never had a copy.

This Book is the Eternal word of God, it gives hope to folks without hope, and it cleanses and brings greater faith. This

Book is complete and convicting, this book is correspondence from Heaven. I am thankful to be a co-worker with you in sending The Bible to the world.

February has been a great month - we have raised over \$3500.00 in special offerings for whole hard backed Bibles to be placed into the hands of new converts all around the world, many folks have joined the Bible a Month club sending \$8.00 a month only eternity will reveal the full impact of what you are doing.

It is so exciting to know that what we are doing is eternal work and that is what stirs me and keeps me going.

We know that God’s word gets the job done.

Isa 55:11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

I am thankful for those churches that have a Bible Sunday each month and are supporting this great work. Thank you for personal support that puts gas in our car so that we can continue this great work.

As The apostle Paul told Timothy I pray daily for you.

2 Tim 1:3 “that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day;”

I have some dates open this fall and would count it a privilege to come in give an update and preach a message on God’s Word. I am also available for Faith promise mission conferences.

God Bless,

Dave and Vera Peters

1 Cor. 15:58



“The Living Dead”

“For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.”
(Colossians 3:3)

Those who have been made alive in Christ are a part of the community of the living. The grave clothes of death have been replaced with the clothing of Christ’s righteousness. Jesus has stood at death’s door and summonsed us to “come forth!” He has furthermore loosed us and allowed us to go free. The life of the risen Christ has been deposited within our beings and our eternal life is permanently hidden in the “safety deposit security” of our ascended Lord! The redeemed are securely locked together with the One who conquered death, hell, and the grave. The victorious Lord came up victorious from the grave for He spoiled principalities and powers. Satan has been defeated. He is no match against the One who bruised his head at Calvary!

Those who have been saved by His grace share His victory. We identify with His finished work. We, in fact, identify with His death, burial, resurrection, and ascension. We are dead but living. We died over 2000 years ago! “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.” – Galatians 2:20

The saved have been “crucified with Christ” but, “nevertheless” live! Our life is as secure as the life of the Saviour Himself. As Dr. Martin has stated, “The tomb is empty but the throne is occupied!” The victory was secured and the empty tomb verifies that victory. His seating at the right hand of the Father verifies that the work is finished. The Christian shares an identity with Him now in that heavenly position. “Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus:” – Ephesians 2:5-6

Yes, we are the living dead but eternally secure in the “heavenly vault” of a redeemed position in Christ. His finished work is a “padlock” of security that Satan will never unlock.

Pastor Chuck Peters

Eternal Harmony by John MacArthur

Centuries ago, it was known far and wide that a certain tribal leader was the greatest in all the tribes. When power was measured by proving superior physical strength, the most powerful tribe of all was the one that had the strongest leader.

But this tribal leader was also known for his wisdom. In order to help his people live safely and peacefully, he carefully put laws into place guiding every aspect of tribal life. The leader enforced those laws strictly and had long ago acquired a reputation for uncompromising justice.

In spite of the laws, there were problems. One day it came to the leader’s attention that someone in the tribe was stealing. He called the people together. “You know that the laws are for your protection, to help you live safely and in peace,” he reminded them, his eyes heavy with sadness because of his love for them. “This stealing must stop. We all have what we need. The penalty has been increased from ten to twenty lashes from the whip for the person caught stealing.” But the thief continued to take things that didn’t belong to him, so the leader called all the people together again.

“Please hear me,” he pled with them. “This must stop. It hurts us all and makes us feel bad about each other. The penalty has been increased to thirty lashes.”

Still, the stealing continued. The leader gathered the people together once more.

“Please. I’m begging you. For your sake, this has to stop. The pain this is causing among us is too great. The penalty has been increased to forty lashes from the whip.” The people knew of their leader’s great love for them, but only those closest to him saw the single tear make its way slowly down his face as he dismissed the gathering.

Finally, a man came to say the thief had been caught. The word had spread. Everyone had gathered to see who it was. A single gasp raced through the crowd as the thief emerged between two guards. The tribal leader’s face fell in shock and grief. The thief was his very own mother, old and frail. What will he do? the people wondered aloud, a hushed murmur fanning out. Would he uphold the law or would his love for his mother win over it? The people waited, talking quietly, then collectively holding their breath.

Finally their leader spoke, “My beloved people.” His voice broke. In little more than a whisper he continued, “It is for our safety and our peace. There must be forty lashes; the pain this crime has caused is too great.”

With his nod, the guards led his mother forward. One gently removed her robe to expose a bony and crooked back. The appointed man stepped forward and began to unwind the whip. At the same moment, the leader stepped forward and removed his robe as well, exposing his broad shoulders, seasoned and solid. Tenderly, he wrapped his arms around his dear mother, shielding her with his own body.

He whispered gently against her cheek as his tears blended with hers. He nodded once more, and the whip came down again and again.

A single moment, yet in it love and justice found an eternal harmony. Grace!

