

Something to ponder . . .

One day on the way home from church a little girl turned to her mother and said, "Mommy, the preacher's sermon this morning confused me."

The mother said, "Oh! Why is that?"

The girl replied, "Well, he said that God is bigger than we are. Is that true?"

"Yes, that's true," the mother replied.

"He also said that God lives within us.

Is that true too?"

Again the mother replied, "Yes."

"Well," said the girl. "If God is bigger than us and he lives in us, wouldn't He show through?"



The
Messenger



August

Redeemed and Saying So

"Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;" – Psalm 107:2

I was saved in 1968 and at the age of 21. My life at that time was spinning out of control. A path of sin had taken me to despair and misery. I responded to the message of the Gospel preached by a young pastor in a little country church in the state of Virginia. I went to church that night on the way to hell and went home on the way to heaven! I praise God for salvation but readily admit my shortcomings and failures. I plead guilty to a claim of wretchedness within this human nature which remains untouched by saving grace. I admit my many blunderings and sins which continually force that admission of wretchedness. I, however, can only say that I meant it when I came to the cross as a bankrupt sinner and accepted Christ as my personal Savior. I also believe that He meant it when He welcomed me to the banqueting table of His grace. I found in Him rest for my weary soul and, as John, I reposed on His breast of love.

My case for security is not based upon my work and human effort. I was not saved by works and it is certain that I am not kept by works. There is nothing within me that merits His grace and favor. All who are justified stand only in Him complete. The righteousness of the Saviour has been imputed to the child of God. The finished work of Christ has been applied to their account. The precious blood has washed them from their sins.

I can say with full confidence that I have eternal life. That confidence is doubly certified. My eternal life is insured by the blood and assured by the Word. (Rev.1:5; Jn.10:28)

Yes, I too "stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene and wonder how He would love me, a sinner, condemned, unclean." I then echo forth the words stemming from that fountain of joy within, "How marvelous, how wonderful! And my song shall ever be; how marvelous, how wonderful! Is my Saviour's love for me!" - Charles H. Gabriel

Pastor Chuck Peters

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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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Please pray for these dear individuals who were saved in the village of Hughes, Alaska, during the Pastor's mission trip there:



Veteran Missionaries John & Deborah Caudle ~ Ontario, Canada

We are so grateful to come to you again by way of newsletter. Our hearts desire is to remain faithful to our calling as we represent you and our Savior. Ecclesiastes mentions that "there is no discharge in that war". Paul said in II Timothy 4:7; "I have fought a good fight..." May we as believers, remain faithful to the cause of Christ, as we labor to get the gospel message to the lost.

There has been a great amount of canvassing and tract distribution in the massive city of Toronto, thanks to the Bearing Wings Ministry that has supplied us with so many different languages. We have more than 150 different languages that have immigrated into Toronto from other parts of the world. Toronto is the largest melting pot in North America. We have the privilege of reaching the world through this one city by seeing souls saved from different ethnic groups and then return to their home countries to be a witness there. Satan has many strongholds on this city. Unless missionaries come to Canada equipped with this knowledge, they will face defeat very quickly and get discouraged and quit. Just this past year, we have seen two missionary families quit. We thank God for the 28 years of experience and the wisdom gained to be able to approach the city of Toronto with the gospel. The Lord has supplied a van for us in Canada. Thank you for praying!

We were recently reading the scriptures in Matthew chapter 9 and the Word of God spoke to our heart in relation to the scripture, where Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching and preaching in the synagogues. Paul said in I Cor. 16:9; "For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries." We feel led of the Lord to try and get into as many ethnic communities as possible to befriend and get better acquainted. This is how we had the privilege of leading some Middle Easterners to the Lord recently. Of course the adversaries are always rampant. After seeing a young Muslim man saved, we began to disciple him, and very shortly a group of Muslims showed up at his home and we never saw or heard from him again. There are one million Muslims in the city of Toronto and they are very powerful.

Right now, next door to the Gospel Light Baptist Church, there is a pizza business owned by a Muslim family. Recently there was a tragedy in their home and the wife and daughter both died. Pray that God may help us to reach out and bring God's love to this man's heart.

We want to send a special thanks to each of you for the cards and special gifts given during this time of financial crisis. The U.S. dollar continues to lose value here in Canada. We now receive 92 cents Canadian in exchange for 1.00 U.S. When we first came to Canada, we received \$1.65 for every U.S. dollar, so you can understand the decline. We appreciate your faithful prayers and financial support. God bless you!

Because of calvary, *John & Deborah Caudle*

August Birthdays

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 2 Sandy Westmoreland | 13 Darrell Jordan | 23 Allen Westmoreland |
| 3 Taylor Westmoreland | 15 Mattie Mae Nuckles | 24 Maudean Nuckles |
| 3 Gordon Wilkey | 17 Jay Pitts | 24 Mary Westmoreland |
| 4 Lorene Robertson | 19 Patsy Pendry | 25 Annie Nuckles |
| 6 Spencer Holt | 20 Sarah Hendrix | 27 Patrick Clark |
| 7 Mike McCollum | 21 Tori Kennedy | 27 Lindsay Owens |
| 7 Audrey Nuckles | 21 Trudy Nuckles | 28 Doris Nuckles |
| 8 Allen Pitts | 22 Jeanette Dillon | 28 Ethan Nuckles |
| 9 April Owens | 22 Stephen Hutton | 30 Scott Crump |
| 12 Cleo Holt | 22 Carol Peters | |
| 12 Gerald Pitts | 23 Curney Matthews | |



September Birthdays

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|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Heath Bryant | 7 Billy Pendry | 18 Andrea Nelson |
| 1 Evelyn Mickey | 13 Courtney Forbes | 21 Raynelle Shields |
| 2 Glenn Blackburn | 14 Landon Ramey | 23 Don Sealey |
| 4 Lala Pitts | 14 Trevor Westmoreland | 26 Melissa Briggs |
| 5 Brandon Nuckles | 15 Donnie Campbell | 26 Michelle Hendrix |
| 5 Kasie Powell | 15 Bob Ingold | 27 J. D. Shields |
| 5 Sherrill Vanderburg | 17 Clarence Redmon | 30 Chuck Peters |
| 5 Helen Jones | 18 Linda Hooker | |

An Annual event, now that's a fact,
The actual date, my brain I've wracked
And as for your age, well, I dare not ask
For surely I will be taken to task



(Whatever your age, whatever the date)
I hope these wishes are not too late
The warmest greetings for your birthday
Love, health and happiness sent your way

Pauline Oliver



August Anniversaries

Andrew & Lydia Beeson - Aug. 15
Dave & Kathy Mros
Raymond & Mattie Nuckles
Charles & Peggy Vaughn



*Please pray for
these new
converts, also!*

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Smith Grove Seniors

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

Others in Need of Prayer

(In alphabetical order)

***Special Needs**

| | | |
|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| JoAnn Alley* | Katie Griffin | John Pearl |
| Marilyn Alston | Debbie Harden | Don Peterson |
| Fred Bame | Harry Haynes | Miranda Petkis |
| Merl Blake | Rhonda Hedgecock | Norma Pilchett* |
| Roy Boody | Ricky Hedgecock | Claude Royal |
| Mr. Bray | Tim Hedgecock | Johnny Sealey |
| Thelma Bullard | Ronnie Holcomb | Argie Smith* |
| John Carter | Alice & Barry Holman | Eddie Thomason |
| Bonnie Clark | Garland Holt* | Barbara Tucker* |
| Aaron Cole | Joretta Holt* | Clara Ward |
| Wayne Covington | Raleigh Hunt | Kenneth Westmoreland |
| Bette Crouse | Sherry Jones | Gordon Wilkey* |
| Cheryl DeAntonio | Opal Jordan | Gerry Williams* |
| Jimmy Dillon | Leighann Kincade | Tom* & Frances Woody |
| Rudy Dillon | Daniel Matthews | Jessi Wright |
| Joyce Draughn | Richie McCormick | Skylar Hope Yontz* |
| Myrtle Echols | Mark Midkiff | Ken Young |
| David Gindelsberger | Fred Murrow* | New converts |
| | | 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



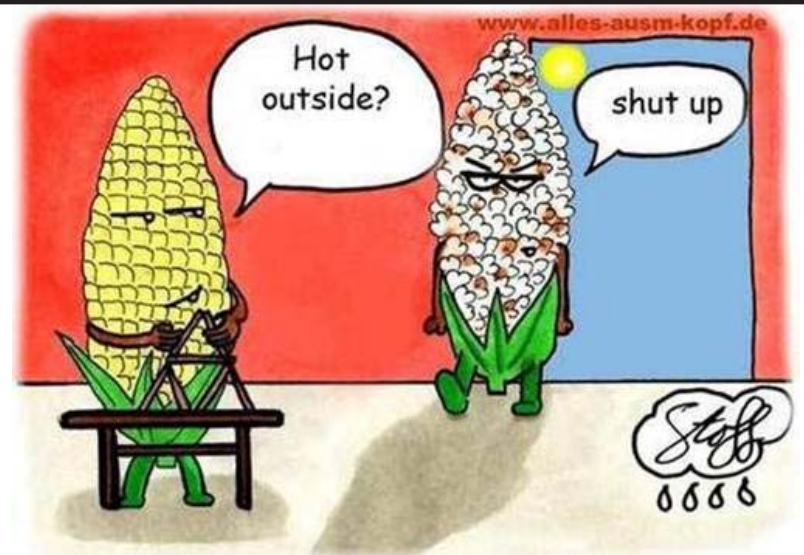
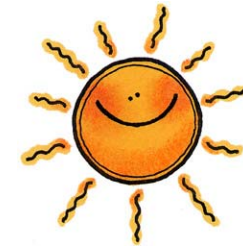
- Pastor Chuck Peters
- Missionaries Wade and Nora Smith (Virginia Beach, VA)
- All the missions and missionaries we support
- Youth Directors, Johnny & Tammy Cameron
- Preachers, teachers, singers and workers of our church and Bible Clubs
- Our sincere sympathies to the families of all the Norwegian families who lost loved ones in the terrorist attack.

Services Each Week

Sunday School *August ~ 2011* 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday Morning Service 11:00 a.m.
 Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Services:

Bible Clubs 7:00 p.m.
 Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.
 Thursday Visitation 7:00 p.m.



LOOKING AHEAD:

Tues., Sept. 6, 7:00 p.m. Ladies' and Men's Fellowship Meetings in the Fellowship Building.

September 19-23 Piedmont Baptist Camp Meeting

The *Message of Redemption* (archived sermons preached by Brother Ward Laramore) is broadcast daily on radio station **WPIP ~ 880 AM, 2:00-2:15 p.m., Monday through Friday.**

I Cor. 7:22-24



Gary & Friends Missionary Outreach Ministry

Greetings to our friends and members of Smith Grove. Hot, hot, hot! It has been hot throughout the month of July . . . hopefully August and September will bring some pleasant weather which will be easier on our bodies.

I was talking to one of my senior friends, and she was saying how it seems people are looking for something, but don't know how to find it. I thought, "That is our job on the spiritual side of life, to shine so that people can see Jesus in us, that we might lead them to the Lord." Hey, let's make sure we have a heart for serving the Lord -- remember, somebody brought us to Christ and aren't we glad! What a joy it is to bring someone to Christ, to be laborers in the field of harvest. Matthew 9:37-38 and Luke 10:2. Let's read it again, and say, *Lord, send me.*

Pray one for another,
Gary and Friends ~ I Peter 5:7

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] (Nephew of Clarence Redmon)

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



"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 *August and September* 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.

Lorene Robertson
2410 Sandy Ridge Rd.
High Point, NC 27265
668-2372 ~ August 04

Louise Smith
8330 Tyner Loop Road
Colfax, NC 27235
662-0951 ~ August 06

Mary Westmoreland
2705 Sandy Ridge Rd.
Colfax, NC 27235
668-2818 ~ August 24

Annie Nuckles
8712 Staples Rd.
Colfax, NC 27235
993-5297 ~ August 25

Doris Nuckles
8324 Tyner Loop Road
Colfax, NC 27235
668-2332 ~ August 28

Evelyn Mickey
9024 County Line Road
Kernersville, NC 27284
~ Sept. 01

Linda Hooker
463 Macy Grove Rd.
Kernersville, NC 27284
993-5789 ~ Sept. 17

Raynelle Shields
170 Tracie Lane
Winston-Salem, NC 27107
~ Sept. 21

J. D. Shields
8705 Boylston Road
Colfax, NC 27235
996-2655 ~ Sept. 27

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What a joy to know that God loves me
In spite of my weak, human traits.
He sees beyond my faults and short-comings,
And is working on my Heavenly estate.
What a joy to know that God loves me
Even when I cause him great pain.
He sees beyond my faults and short-comings,
And shields me from the past's sinful stain.
What a joy to know that God loves me
And He gave His one Son to die in my stead.
He sees beyond my faults and short-comings,
Because of that precious blood that was shed.
What a joy to know that God loves me
And I know that I'll meet Him one day.
He sees beyond my faults and short-comings,
As I travel on this blessed, narrow way.

. . . *Sherrill Crater*

Operation Saturation – Hughes Alaska - July 11th ~ 14th

“I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.” – I Cor.3:6

The History of Hughes

Hughes is located on a 500-foot bluff on the east bank of the Koyukuk River, about 115 air miles northeast of Galena and 210 air miles northwest of Fairbanks. It lies at approximately 66° 03' N Latitude, 154° 15' W Longitude (Sec. 33, T008N, R022E, Kateel River Meridian). The community is located in the Ft. Gibbon Recording District. The area encompasses 3 sq. miles of land and 0 sq. miles of water.



Several Native groups have lived in the area, including Koyukon Athabascans and Kobuk, Selawik, and Nunamiut Eskimos from the north and northwest. The Koyukon lived in several camps throughout the year, moving as the seasons changed, following the wild game and fish. Hughes was used as a trade center between Athabascans and Eskimos, but was formally founded and named in 1910 after New York Gov. Charles Hughes. It served as a riverboat landing and supply port for the Indian River gold fields until 1915 when the local mining industry declined. The local Natives stayed on, however, and



a post office was established in 1942. An airstrip was built in the 1950s, a school in 1956, a clinic in 1968, and local roads in 1974. A community-wide electric system was developed in 1981. In September 1994, flood waters destroyed and swept away nearly all of the community's buildings, homes, and food caches for the winter. Residents are rebuilding homes and facilities.

The Team:

Missionaries Ronnie and Becky Starr, Fort Yukon Alaska; Missionaries Duain and Faye Whittemore, Anchor Baptist Church, Pisgah Forest, NC; Pastor Ron Carter, Desert View Baptist Church, Sahuarita, Arizona; Bro. Todd Boughner, Grace Baptist Church, Gaylord, Michigan; Pastor Chuck Peters, Smith Grove Baptist Church, Colfax, NC.



The Precious Fruit: Alaska is truly a beautiful State. Its rivers, streams, mountains, and rugged landscape combine to make it a tourists dream. Yes, I was dazzled by the beauty of this “Last Frontier!” The loveliest sight, however, was the seventeen precious souls who passed from darkness unto light when they responded to the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Their names include: Ruth Long, Kitty Oldman, Clarence Oldman, Jonah Tritt, Roberta Cleveland, Wendy Cleveland, Kelsey Johnson, Bill Williams, Moriah Bifield, Aaron Oldman, Melanie Burtis, Angela Ambrose, Shawn Jackson, Sophia Beatus, Rita Kayakuk, Lester Sam, and Celcia Beatus. Please pray for the spiritual growth of these new babes in Christ.

A special thanks to Bro. Duane Whittemore and his wife Faye for the invitation to be a part of this missions trip which redounded to the glory of God. Our church is thankful to have these dedicated servants of the Lord as one of our Missionary families.