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

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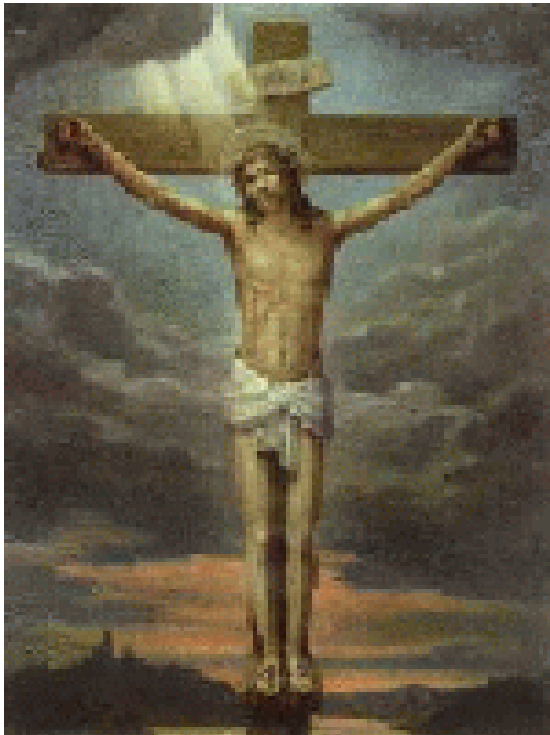
As the cold of snow in the time of harvest, so is a faithful messenger to them that send him, for he refresheth the soul of his masters . . .

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*Matchless
Love*



*The
Messenger*



February

What To Do When You Don't Know What To Do

II Chronicles 20:12/I Samuel 30:6

Jehoshaphat was the King. A great multitude of enemies were braced to come against Judah. The King was determined to seek God for help. He acknowledged his inability to handle the situation and wisely recognized his only recourse. He looked to the Lord for help. Notice the King's response to his dilemma. "O our God, wilt thou not judge them? for we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but **our eyes are upon thee.**" (II Chron.20:12)

Another King by the name of David similarly turned to the Lord at a time when human strength failed him. His testimony of faith in the Lord is recorded in I Samuel 30:6. "And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: **but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God.**"

Do you find yourself at wits end? Does it seem that all of life's stresses have joined forces to do you in? Are you forced out of your previous comfort zones and now find yourself shivering in the cold and feeling all alone? Is your body tired and your mind weary? Are you for the first time in your life viewing your stresses and pressures greater than your ability to work through them?

If your answer to the majority of these questions is "yes" then consider yourself in the corner with these two great Kings! You will notice that their good testimonies before the Lord did not deliver them from the testing of despair. One of them flatly said that he didn't know what to do so he would just look to the Lord. The other one came to the place where he realized that the Lord alone was his best source of comfort.

If you are saved, this advice is for you. If you currently don't know what to do, do the following:

- **Understand The Presence Of Your Loving Friend.** Jesus is that friend Who sticks closer than a brother and promises to never leave you or forsake you. That means you will find Him beside you in the valley and even in the fire! If you are now in the furnace of affliction, understand that His strong hand is on the thermostat and He is indeed touched by the feelings of your infirmities. You have the promise of comfort in His Word and consolation in His love and companionship.
- **Underscore The Promises Of Your Loving Friend.** Take serious the promises of the Bible and understand that they are personalized title deeds to comfort and encouragement. Take to heart these precious words of the Psalmist. "Will the Lord cast off for ever? and will he be favourable no more? Is his mercy clean gone for ever? doth his promise fail for evermore?" – Psalm 77:7-8

Pastor Chuck Peters

February Birthdays.....

01 Jean Rumsey	18 Clyde Ray Gray	Mattie Mae Nuckles
02 Gordon Crouch	20 Gerry Williams	Debbie Robertson
04 Cordell McCollum	22 Ross Cashion	Judy Smith
08 Heather Smith	25 Amanda Boscia	Tammy Stephens
10 Cathy Ramer	25 Paul Boscia	Brittany Tilley
11 Craig Hendrix	25 Mark Lowe	Caleb Tilley
11 Debra Pitts	26 David Hayes	Chucky Vaughn
15 Randy Foust	28 Kathleen Wells	Joshua Westmoreland
16 Eric Nuckles	Robin Dean	Melinda Whittemore
	Dwayne Johnson	

March Birthdays.....

02 Dana McCormick	11 Shirley Crouch	Kent Stainback
03 David Ramey	12 Ashley Hutton	Linda Stainback
04 Melissa Vanderburg	13 Johnny Clark	Marilyn Donnell
06 Ronda Dudley	16 Kaylee Smith	Michelle Loftis
06 Melanie Crump	20 Violet Sealey	Pauline Shields
08 Michaela Hayes	24 Glenda Foust	Todd Stephens
08 Marvin Pitts	28 Ruth Holt	Wade Smith
08 Gary Smith		
09 C. H. Holt		
10 Kristi Wilkey		
10 Karri Koebel		



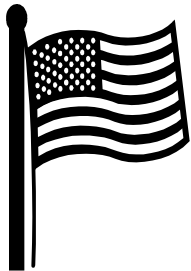
February Anniversaries

Gary & Marlene Holt
 Steve & Cheryl Holt
 Harvey & Lala Pitts
 Wade & Irene Shields
 Gary & Denice Slate



In the Service of our Country

Matthew Bennett (new recruit in Jacksonville, SC)
 A1C William Holt, US Air Force
 Sheppard AFB, TX
 Chief Warrant Officer 3 Michael Maine, US Army
 [stationed in Korea]
 Corporal Mel Wright, US Marines, California
 (Nephews of Clarence Redmon)



LAUGHTER . . . THE BEST MEDICINE

My wife and I were comparing notes the other day. “I have a higher IQ, did better on my SATs and make more money than you,” she pointed out.

“Yeah, but when you step back and look at the big picture, I’m still ahead,” I said.

She looked mystified. “How do you figure?”

“I married better,” I replied.



My mom had always wanted to learn to play the piano, so Dad bought her one for her birthday. A few weeks later, I called and asked how she was doing. “We returned the piano,” said Dad. “I persuaded her to switch to a clarinet.”

“Why?” I asked.

“Because,” he explained, “with a clarinet, she can’t sing along.”

A BAKER’S JOB

A baker’s job is a piece of cake. Of course if it’s a special job he will rise to the occasion. It’s the yeast he can do. Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead to know basis. But they stop making donuts when they get tired of the hole thing. In a bakery, buns usually play a small roll. But tell a baker his dough has fallen, and you’ll get a rise out of him. To find out how the business is doing, look at the pie chart. Old bakers never die. They just keep on making more dough.

PULL-OVER

“Hey, You! Pull over!” shouted the traffic cop.

The lady complied, and the judge the next day fined her twenty-five dollars.

She went home in great anxiety lest her husband, who always examined the check book, should learn of the incident. Then inspiration struck and she marked the check stub, “One pullover, \$25.00”

IRS

Did you ever notice: When you put the two words “The” and “IRS” together, it spells “theirs?”

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Smith Grove Seniors

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

Others in Need of Prayer

(In alphabetical order) *Special Needs

Marilyn Alston	Debbie Harden	Don Peterson
Hettie Andrews	Ronnie Holcomb	Miranda Petkis
Fred Bame	Reva Holt	Norma Pilchett*
Merl Blake	Raleigh Hunt	Claude Royal
Roy Boody	Daniel Idol	Jamie Shell
John Carter	Glenn Johnson	Glenn Tedder
Bonnie Clark	Lawrence Jones	Eddie Thomason
Aaron Cole	Bessie Kendrick	Barbara Tucker
Lib Cooper	Leighann Kincade	Kathleen Wells
Mary Covington	Napha Klepper	Kenneth Westmoreland
Gordon Crouch	Rose Matthews	Gordon Wilkey*
Louise Davenport*	Richie McCormick	Arry Wilson
Iris Farrington	Mark Midkiff	Jessi Wright
Clyde Gray, Sr.*	John & Dolly Miller	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

- Those on our Youth Prayer List
- Pastor Chuck Peters
- Wade and Nora Smith (Virginia Beach, VA)
- All the missions & missionaries we support.
- Scott and Melanie Crump ~ Youth Directors
- Preachers, teachers, singers, & workers of our church & Discovery Clubs.
- The Radio broadcast & all visitation programs.
- Our sincere sympathies to the families of Inez Alley, Emily Smith, and Susan Smith.



Services Each Week

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Service	11:00 a.m.
<i>Children's Church</i>	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.



February 2009

Tues., Feb. 3, 7:00 p.m. **Men's and Ladies' Fellowship Meetings in the Fellowship Building.**

Sat., Feb. 7, 5:00 p.m. **Chicken Stew & Oyster Stew in the Fellowship Building.**

Sat., Feb. 7, 5:30 p.m. **Winston-Salem Rescue Mission**

Fri., Feb. 13, 7:00 p.m. **Sleepover/Valentine Party for ages 4 through 6th grade in the Fellowship Building.**

Love . . . thy Neighbor

Matthew 19:19b - "... Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
 Matthew 22:39b - "... Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
 Mark 12:31 - And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.
 Romans 13:9b - "... Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
 Galatians 5:14 - For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
 James 2:8 - If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well:

The Johnsons ~ Missionaries to New York

Can you believe it's Christmas? We purposefully schedule a Revival early in the month as a reminder of the difference Christ has made in our lives. Like most churches, our calendar is jam-packed with December's festivities, but how important it is to rejoice in the goodness of God and to remember all His benefits. Special thanks are extended to Guy Roberts of Concord Baptist in Pickens, SC and Freeman Weems of First Baptist in Atoka, TN who came and preached our Christmas Revival. Hearts were stirred and lives were challenged in a great way.

We also are grateful that Crown College and Dr. Clarence Sexton brought their choir to NYC. They came to Sixth Avenue Baptist for the AM service and were a great blessing to one and all. We truly enjoyed a great day that climaxed with a delicious banquet. It had been almost two years since their last "big day." Then, the 35-member choir came to Mt. Calvary in the afternoon and performed a mini-concert. It was inspiring to see so many young people excited to serve God. Our daughter, Leah, plans to enroll at Crown in the fall.

December marks the 18th month that we have been ministering at 6th Avenue Baptist and Mt Calvary. It is challenging yet rewarding to pastor two separate churches, but we are feeling more and more at home. Please continue to pray for 6th Avenue as they face important challenges in order to heal after their missionary pastor resigned with domestic troubles. Please continue to pray for Mt. Calvary's building project as it is getting increasingly difficult to get away in order to raise finances and keep momentum growing when juggling two church calendars.

This weekend is exciting as we have our Christmas Cantata. Sixth Avenue performs on Saturday while Mt. Calvary is on Sunday. We use the occasion for an evangelistic thrust to invite many lost to hear the strong Gospel message via song. Please pray that many who have been invited will come, for there are several who desperately need the Lord. We also will have our annual Fruit Baskets outreach. We challenge our people to give one to an enemy, or someone they struggle loving to Christ. Then we deliver the baskets by caroling. In the heart of New York City, it is amazing what a small light for Christ can do in such a dark place.

We want to thank you for all you do for our family at Christmas. You will never know what all of your cards and letters mean to us. In tough and desperate economic times your faithfulness in prayer and support means more than ever. Several churches are in the habit of double-supporting at Christmas, and we are eternally grateful for all you do that makes our ministry possible. We love you, and so do 18,000,000 New Yorkers.

Because He Lives, *Richard & Maggie*



"Our Honour Roll"

Smith Grove's ministry to our widows and widowers
"Honour widows that are widows indeed."

(I Timothy 5:3)

Listed below are February and March 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.*

Jean Rumsey 8730 Bame Road Colfax, NC 27235 668-2080 ~ February 01	Gerry Williams 600 Lakedale Road Colfax, NC 27235 993-8604 ~ February 20	Kathleen Wells Carolina Commons 308 Meadowview Road Greensboro, NC 27406 ~ February 28
Gary Smith 8644 Adkins Road Colfax, NC 27235 668-9089 ~ March 08	Ruth Holt 3210 Sandy Ridge Rd. Colfax, NC 27235 993-3109 ~ March 28	

Discovery Clubs

February will be an exciting month for our Discovery club students. While the teens continue to learn how to "Shine in 2009" as a witness for Christ, the younger students are gearing up for their annual Valentine Party/Sleepover for ages 4 through 6th grade on Friday night, February 13. Pray not only for the students and their safety, but also for those who will be taking care of them throughout the night!

The discovery club students have been in such great hands this year. Under the leadership of David and Chasity Ramey, Carol Peters and Bernie Johnson, Ronda Dudley, Homer Bowden, and Steve and Cheryl Holt, the children have had no choice but be immersed in God's Word! We also appreciate Gary Smith as he accompanies the teens on Wednesday Nights. His extensive knowledge of the Bible has been an added benefit to the inquisitive minds of the young bunch! Thank you all for your dedication!

I Cor. 7:22-24



Gary & Melissa Memorial Outreach Ministry

Greetings to all – my friends in senior homes, local church members and all my loved ones.

We are into this new year, 2009, and hope and pray you all are blessed by God and are full of hope for this new year.

My work in senior homes seems to be changing – it's a little more intense and personal than in times past. I want to get closer to these folks and they to one another in 2009.

Please remember us when you pray.

God bless you all,

In Christ and Happy there,

Gary Smith ~ I Peter 5:7

THE SECRET

One day, one friend asked another, "How is it that you are always so happy? You have so much energy, and you never seem to get down."

With her eyes smiling, she said, "I know the Secret!"

"What secret is that?" To which she replied, "I'll tell you all about it, but you have to promise to share the Secret with others."

"The Secret is this: I have learned there is little I can do in my life that will make me truly happy. I must depend on God to make me happy and to meet my needs. When a need arises in my life, I have to trust God to supply according to HIS riches. I have learned most of the time I don't need half of what I think I do. He has never let me down. Since I learned the Secret, I am happy."

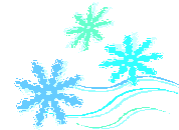
The questioner's first thought was, "That's too simple!" But upon reflecting over her own life she recalled how she thought a bigger house would make her happy, but it didn't! She thought a better paying job would make her happy, but it hadn't. When did she realize her greatest happiness? Sitting on the floor with her grandchildren, playing games, eating pizza or reading a story, a simple gift from God.

Now you know it too! We can't depend on people to make us happy. Only GOD in His infinite wisdom can do that. Trust HIM to make you happy! And now I pass the Secret on to you! So once you get it, what will you do?

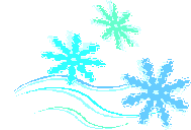
You have to tell someone the Secret, too!

Ladies Fellowship

Ladies Fellowship would like to extend a special invitation to all ladies for our next meeting on February 3 at 7:00 in the Fellowship Hall. We will have a guest speaker and refreshments will be served. In honor of Valentine's Day, we'd like to share this poem with you.



True Love



Love can always conquer whatever discord brings;
And love can also cover a multitude of things.
Don't you underestimate what love can ever do
For love is God eternal and His love can renew.

What is cold and lifeless — Now lost all hope and died;
For love can breathe new meaning and give it back new life.
Please don't give up on love when it seems that all is lost
For there is always hope if we're prepared to pay the cost.

For love is always worth it — no matter how much the price;
For love will be much stronger when we trust in Jesus Christ.
So let God have full reign — let Him live within your heart;
Then you will know true love for this He will impart.

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Famous Quotes on Valentine's Day

- Grow old with me! The best is yet to be. ~ Robert Browning
- Gravitation is not responsible for people falling in love.
~ Albert Einstein
- Who, being loved, is poor? ~ Oscar Wilde
- I love thee to the depth and breadth and height my soul can reach. ~ Elizabeth Barrett Browning
- Love is the greatest refreshment in life. ~ Pablo Picasso
- At the touch of love, everyone becomes a poet. ~Plato

I Corinthians 13

Valentine's Day is a day of love,
For showing that we care,
And if we read the Bible,
God describes love there:

If we speak like celestial angels
From heaven up above,
All our words mean nothing
If we don't have Christian love.

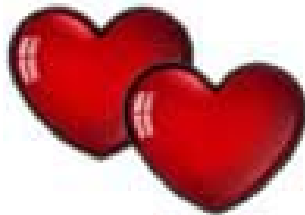
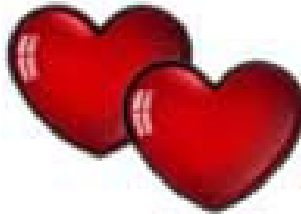
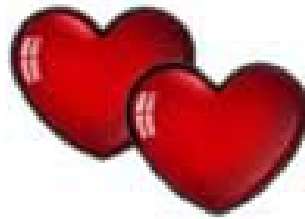
Love is patient, love is kind;
It doesn't brag or boast;
Love conquers pride and envy;
It is never self-engrossed.

Love is not rude or angry;
Forgiveness counters wrong;
Love stays away from evil;
It sings a truthful song.

Love is full of trust and hope;
It always perseveres;
Love never fails; It's faithful;
To the Bible it adheres.

And if you give this kind of love
To your special Valentine,
You'll be loving right in harmony
With God's own sweet design.

By Joanna Fuchs



I Found a New Love Today

I found a new love today
As I got down on my knees
And asked Jesus into my heart
To be a part of me.

The love of God is pure and rare
He shows it in many ways
It has no beginning, it has no end
It shows in His creation everywhere.

He promised He would never leave me
No matter how far I go
His Holy Spirit comforts me
When I'm sad and feeling low.

Never has other love compared
For God did send His Son
To die upon a cross for me
And I wasn't even there.

He sends His guardian angels
To watch over me day and night
And then there are those angels
Who my battles they will fight.

And when the battle's over
And time on earth is gone
I will see my newfound love
Sitting on the throne.

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