



The
Messenger



February

“...Accepted in the Beloved.”

Eph.1:6 *To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.*

Every person saved by the grace of God is accepted by God for they are accepted in the Beloved. There is no ground for acceptance apart from the Beloved. Those accepted in the Beloved enjoy an acceptance that is as secure as if we already tread the streets of gold. The child of God is a member of the body of Christ and every member is as secure as its Head. God honors His Son with the term, “Beloved” and thus receives under the canopy of love all those accepted in the Beloved!

Acceptance by family, friends and, even church, is gratifying to the psychological and spiritual needs of all of us. No acceptance compares to the precious privilege of acceptance in the Beloved. Why? This acceptance has the **price tag** of the Saviour’s full provision for sin at Calvary. This acceptance has a **partnership** with the Beloved. This acceptance has the **pleasure** of the Father’s love. This acceptance has the **permanence** of eternal security for it is anchored to Christ’s finished work and nurtured by a living relationship with Him. This acceptance is **proven** for the Beloved of the Father is loved by those who now know Him. Our hearts respond to Him in the words of Song of Solomon, “**My beloved is mine, and I am his: he feedeth among the lilies.**” – (Song of Solomon 2:16)

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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YOUTH MINISTRY

Oh, what a great day the Lord hath made! Many thanks to the church, parents and most of all, our Lord Jesus Christ for allowing all the youth workers to serve Him through the Smith Grove youth ministry. The following is an overview of all the exciting happenings in our youth ministry.

In the Primary Class, the children are currently taking a journey through the book of Genesis. They will learn about creation, the flood, and the patriarchs from Abraham through the life of Joseph.

In the Junior Class which is led by Homer Bowden, the juniors are taking a walk through the Beatitudes. They are in a study of the Lord's model prayer, and they are learning great principles that are to be applied to their lives.

In the Teen Class, led by Hal Harless, the teens are taking a trip through the book of James. They are exploring the Epistle of James and learning great life applications to apply to their Christian walk.

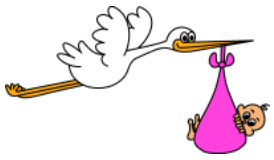
Remember, you can support your youth ministry through prayer and also by encouraging the young people. I greatly appreciate all the positive comments I receive and I'm sure the children do, also. The youth ministry takes the dedication of time and money to study, visit, pray and – most of all – to seek His will.

In closing, if you would like to serve in the youth ministry, we currently have some needs. Please come and see me if you are interested. Again, thank you for everything you do to support this ministry.

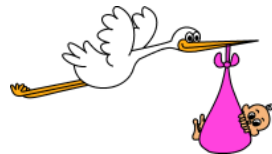
Johnny Cameron, Youth Director



Congratulations to the Crump and Tate families!



Lillie Mae Crump
December 30, 2011
6 lbs. 14 oz. ~ 20.5"



Emberly Lynn Tate
January 14, 2012
8 lbs. 7 oz. ~ 21"

Ladies Fellowship



Please join us for our next meeting on Tuesday, February 7, at 7:00 p.m. We will be joining the Men's Fellowship for neighborhood visitation.

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.

“TENDER MERCIES”



For some things there are no shortcuts,
No easy remedies
When life throws you a curve ball
And brings you to your knees.
Sometimes it seems you just can't win
However hard you try
When your faith is sorely tested
And all you do is cry.

It does no good to gripe, complain,
When you're not up to par
Because true friends will understand
And love us as we are.
We sometimes need a helping hand
Before we see the light,
And just knowing prayers are answered
Will help us through the night.
We're not alone in times like these
Unless we choose to be,
For God won't leave us comfortless
In times of tragedy.
There are angels all around us
To catch us when we fall,
And through his tender mercies
we can rise above it all.

By: Clay Harrison



February Birthdays

1 Jean Rumsey	12 Joy Overcast	25 Amanda Boscia
2 Gordon Crouch	13 Joshua Westmoreland	25 Paul Boscia
7 Adalyn Shea Tate	15 Randy Foust	25 Mark Lowe
8 Heather Smith	16 Eric Nuckles	26 David Hayes
10 Lori Keedy	18 Clyde Ray Gray	27 Judy Fowler
10 Cathy Ramer	20 Gerry Williams	
11 Craig Hendrix	21 Tammy Cameron	
11 Debra Pitts	22 Ross Cashion	



March Birthdays

1 Kevin McBrayer	8 Marvin Pitts	18 Brenda Westmoreland
1 Linda Stainback	8 Gary Smith	20 Violet Sealey
2 Dana Lineberry	9 C. H. Holt	24 Glenda Foust
3 David Ramey	10 Kristi Wilkey	28 Ruth Holt
4 Melissa Vanderburg	10 Karri Koebel	30 Wade Smith
6 Dakota Connor Crews	11 Shirley Crouch	30 Kent Stainback
6 Melanie Crump	12 Ashley Hutton	31 Allyson Finney
6 Ronda Dudley	13 Johnny Clark	
8 Michaela Hayes	16 Kaylee Smith	

The Heart Remembers

Deep inside of every heart
lies memories so dear . . .
times with special people,
some, no longer here.

Those we love still touch us,
with the beauty of their soul . . .
and like a flame that softly burns,
they leave an afterglow.

But love lives on, eternally,
and nothing can depart . . .
the bond that lasts forever,
inside each precious heart.

On many days we see their face,
and it brings us close to tears . . .
and every day we feel the love
that warms us through the years.



As life goes on around us,
we hold each memory close . . .
and reminisce the happy times,
that warm our hearts the most.

Jill Lemming

The Beatitudes

The Latin word for blessed is beatus, from which we get the word
beatitude. **Matthew 5:1-11**

And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when
he was set, his disciples came unto him: And he opened his mouth,
and taught them, saying,

- Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.
- Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.
- Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.
- Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.
- Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.
- Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.
- Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

February Anniversaries

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

I Love You in Christ

One day God joined us...
As the land that is anxious
waiting for the rain that will turn it fertile,
our lives joined in a faith communion,
hope and love in Christ.
Let us keep with affection
and mutual respect this feeling,
making good on this blessing received
from the Highest one.
I love You in Christ, my Love!



*Congratulations,
John & Ronda
Thomas on your
December
wedding.*

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Smith Grove Seniors

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

Others in Need of Prayer

(In alphabetical order)

JoAnn Alley	Joyce Draughn	Leighann Kincade	Johnny Sealey
Malin Andrews	Myrtle Echols	Dot Long	Lloyd Smith
Curt Bame	David Gindelsberger	Daniel Matthews*	Marshall Smith
Fred Bame	Andy Gray	Preston McCollum	Lonnie Sorrell
Roy Boody	Katie Griffin	Richie McCormick	Gale Tester
Ann Bottoms	Maxine Grubbs	Mark Midkiff	Eddie Thomason
Mr. Bray	Debbie Harden	Stephanie Moore	Barbara Tucker*
Dot Browder	Caiden Hawtry	Ed Morgan	Clara Ward
Grady Browder	Harry Haynes	Fred Murrow*	Kenneth Westmoreland
Chip Bryant*	Rhonda Hedgecock	Erma Lee Nuckles	Nancy Westmoreland
Thelma Bullard	Ricky Hedgecock	John Pearl	Gordon Wilkey*
Tammy Burnett	Tim Hedgecock	Billy Pendry	Gerry Williams*
John Carter	Ronnie Holcomb	Don Peterson	Jeffrey Wilson & Family*
Bonnie Clark	Alice & Barry Holman	Miranda Petkis	Tom* & Frances Woody
Aaron Cole	Garland Holt*	Norma Pilchett*	Jessi Wright
Bette Crouse	Joretta Holt	Oma Lou Pitts*	Skylar Hope Yontz*
Donnie Crouse	Jonathan Horton	Sandra Richardson	Ken Young
Cheryl DeAntonio	Raleigh Hunt	Claude Royal	New converts
Billy Dillon	Jimmy Johnson	Edward Salensky	The Unsaved
Jimmy Dillon*	Sherry Jones	Ina Sealey	
Rudy Dillon	Opal Jordan		

***Special Needs**

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 Marilyn Alston, Lewis Davenport, Joey Hayden, Charles Idol and Bill Westmoreland.

Pray for our newest missionary, Evangelist and Mrs. Cliff Burwell.

Services Each Week

Sunday School		10:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Service		11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service		6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Services:

Bible Clubs	<i>God is Love!</i>	7:00 p.m.
Prayer Service		7:00 p.m.
Thursday Visitation		7:00 p.m.

February 2012



Tues., Feb. 7, 7:00 p.m.

Men's & Ladies' Fellowship Meeting ~

Join us for neighborhood visitation!

Presidents' Day

February 20, 2012



Presidents' Day

Presidents' Day, celebrated each year on the third Monday in February, is a day when Americans honor the legacies of the U.S. presidents. The holiday was established in 1800, when Congress declared February 22 – George Washington's birthday – a federal holiday. Still legally known as Washington's Birthday, Presidents' Day has become a day to honor not only Washington, but Abraham Lincoln, the 16th U.S. president who was born on February 12, and the lives and accomplishments of all U.S. presidents.

The Silveira Family

~ Missionaries to Brazil ~

To my beloved brothers who are in American churches grace and peace.

Is coming end of another year, and who did not have the feeling that passed too quickly? It was a busy year, we evangelize, we have Bible studies in homes, we announced our savior Jesus, and many were converted, not all but many, because we know that is the Lord who saves. We know that our mission is to sow and God will give growth. We are fulfilling Jesus' command to preach the gospel. Can I look at the local church and see that it was worth having announced Jesus. For it grew in numbers and see how good it is covert and know that one day we'll be together in eternity. We continue with the ministry of missions, we have fifteen missionaries which the local church helps support. End of this year in our church has a missionary from the Amazon Indians, who showed us his ministry among the tribes of Amazons. The church was very much touched by this ministry and is helping to support this mission. We can see that through this ministry of support missionaries God has blessed our church and local growth in all directions, as it is good to have projects in the church missions, as missions move the heart of God.

I ask prayer for young families who have come to church, especially his brother Ernie, a former drug dealer who one day in their trouble riding the world of marginality cried out to God to get himself out of that situation because he could not stand the world of marginality, and God sent him to our church. Today he serves God with his wife and children. And if Jesus did not come back this year, we can continue with the projects of missions and Bible studies, so that more souls can be reached by Jesus. Psalm 96:3 *"Declare among the nations his glory among all peoples and their wonders."*

Thank you for teaching us to be a missionary. Thanks also for your prayers and their offerings. Blessed the nation whose God is the Lord. God bless America and Brazil.



"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 *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

Joy Overcast

216 Bost St #2
Kernersville, NC 27284
996-7563 ~ February 12

Gerry Williams

600 Lakedale Road
Colfax, NC 27235
993-8604 ~ February 20

Ruth Holt

3210 Sandy Ridge Rd.
Colfax, NC 27235
993-3109 ~ March 28



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 4 Michael Maine, US Army
[Ft. Rucker, AL] (Nephew of Clarence Redmon)

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



Perfect Love

Love is patient; love is kind;
It is faithful to the end.
Love is not jealous, it does not boast...
Love the broken heart will mend.

Love is not proud, love understands;
Love will never hurt or wound.
Love does not insist on having its way –
Love to another's needs is tuned.

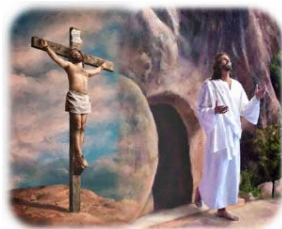
Love thinks not evil, is not resentful –
Love will never hold a grudge.
Love does not condemn when things go wrong –
True love will never judge.

Love bears all things, believes all things,
And true love will never lie.
Love hopes all things, endures all things,
And love will never, ever die.

The only place to find love like this
Is in your Father up above . . .
So reach out your arms to God right now,
For you see — GOD IS LOVE.



Jesus left the portals of Glory . . .



. . . to die for your sins & mine.



Love Grew Where The Blood Fell

See my Jesus on the cross, the people crying.
Looking on, a man would think it, a tragedy.
But what the world could not see,
Was when they nailed him to that tree;
He would break the chains of sin and set them free.

Thorns of violence and hate were growing wildly.
All the sorrow they had caused,
Was plain to see.
But when the blood came streaming down that cross
Where my Savior bled and died.
It started blossoms of forgiveness growing free.

Once Upon A Pew

Once upon a pew I sat
And heard the preacher ask,
“We need someone to teach a class,
Now who will take this task?”

Then God sat down beside me there
And said, “Son, that’s for you.”
“But, Lord, to stand before a class,
Is one thing I can’t do.

Now Bill would be the man to call,
There’s nothing he won’t do.
I’d rather hear the lesson taught
From here upon my pew.”

Once upon a pew I sat
And heard the preacher ask,
“We need someone to lead the songs,
Now who will take this task?”

Then God sat down beside me there
And said, “Son, that’s for you.”
“But Lord, to sing before a crowd
Is one thing I can’t do.

Now Brother King will do the job,
There’s nothing he won’t do.
I’d rather hear the music played
From here upon my pew.”

Once upon a pew I sat
And heard the preacher ask,
“I need someone to keep the door,
Now who will take this task?”

Then God sat down beside me there
And said, “Son, that’s for you.”
“But saying things to strangers, Lord,
Is one thing I can’t do.

Now Tom can talk to people, Lord,
There’s nothing he won’t do.
I’d rather someone come to me
And greet me on the pew.”

As years just seemed to pass me by,
I heard that voice no more.
Until one night I closed my eyes
And woke on heaven’s shore.

‘Twas four of us together there
To face eternity.
God said, “I need just three of you
To do a job for me.”

“O Lord,” I cried, “I’ll do the job,
There’s nothing I won’t do.”
But Jesus said, “I’m sorry, Friend,
In Heaven there’s no pew.”

Love grew where the blood fell,
Flowers of hope sprang up for men in misery
Sin died where the blood fell.
Oh I'm so glad his precious blood covers me.

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