

THE MESSENGER

Smith Grove Baptist Church
P.O. Box 57
Colfax, NC 27235

Sunday School 10:00 AM
Morning Worship 11:00 AM
Junior Church 11:15 AM
Evening Worship 6:00 PM
Wednesday Service 7:00 PM
Bible Clubs 6:45 PM
Thursday Visitation 7:00 PM

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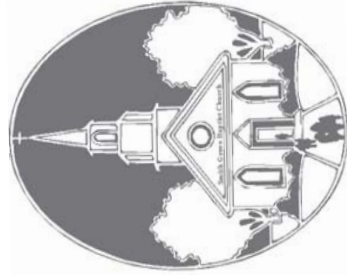
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PROVERBS 25:13

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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The Messenger



February

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."

We are an independent Baptist Church, still preaching the Word of God - as it is, to people as they are. We are furthermore satisfied that the King James Version of the Bible is the preserved, inspired Word of God.

If you have not yet followed the Lord in Believer's Baptism or if you feel the Lord is leading you to join Smith Grove Baptist Church, please see Pastor Chuck.

February 2015



Sun., Feb. 8, 6 pm Bob Gilgunn, Kitchen
Manager, *Winston-Salem*
Rescue Mission

Tues., Feb. 10, 7-8 pm Robinwood Retirement Ctr.

Sunday, Feb. 15 BEAMS' SUNDAY – *Please be sure to use the "BEAMS" envelope and make your check payable to the BEAMS' program.*

Sunday, Feb. 15, 6 pm COMMUNION Service

Sun., Feb. 22, 11 am Brother Steve Emery, *Gideons International*

The Soul of a Child

The soul of a child is the loveliest flower
That grows in the garden of God.

It climbs from weakness to knowledge and power,
To the sky from the clay and the clod.

To beauty and sweetness it grows under care;
Neglected 'tis ragged and wild,
It's a plant that is tender and wondrously rare,
The sweet wistful soul of a child.

Be tender, O gardener, and give it its share
Of moisture, of warmth and of light,
And let it not lack for painstaking care
To protect it from frost and the blight.

A glad day shall come when its bloom shall unfold
It will seem that an angel has smiled,
Reflecting a beauty and sweetness untold
In the sensitive soul of a child.

“A torn jacket is soon mended, but the bruised heart of a child may never heal.”



- God wants spiritual fruits, not religious nuts....
- “Dear God : I have a problem. It’s me.” “My Dear Child: I have the solution. It’s Me!”
- Growing old is inevitable ... growing UP is optional.
- There is no key to happiness. The door is always open.
- Silence is often misinterpreted but never misquoted.
- Do the math .. count your blessings.
- Faith is the ability to not panic.
- Laugh every day. It’s like inner jogging....
- If you worry, you didn’t pray. If you pray, don’t worry.
- As a child of God, prayer is kind of like calling home every day.
- Blessed are the flexible for they shall not be bent out of shape.
- The most important things in your house are the people!
- When we get tangled up in our problems, be still. God wants us to be still so He can untangle the knot.
- A grudge is a heavy thing to carry.
- He who dies with the most toys is still dead.

1 Corinthians 13

by Joanna Fuchs

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

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

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

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

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

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.

LAUGHTER,

THE BEST MEDICINE

All I Need to Know About Life I Learned From a Cow

- ◆ Wake up in a happy moooooo-d.
- ◆ Don’t cry over spilled milk.
- ◆ When chewing your cud, remember: There’s no fat, no calories, no cholesterol, and no taste.
- ◆ The grass is always greener on the other side of the fence.
- ◆ Turn the udder cheek, and moooooo-ve on.
- ◆ It’s better to be seen and not herd.
- ◆ Honor thy fodder and thy mother and all your udder relatives.
- ◆ Black and white is always an appropriate fashion statement.
- ◆ And most importantly, don’t forget to cow-nt your blessings every day.



Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me! I want people to know why I look this way. I’ve traveled a long way and some of the roads weren’t paved!

February Birthdays

1 Briana Faulkner	11 Craig Hendrix	22 Ross Cashion
1 Jean Rumsey	11 Debra Pitts	25 Mattie Mae Nuckles
7 Adalyn Shea Tate	12 Joy Overcast	Brittany Tilley
8 Orion Faulkner	13 Joshua Westmoreland	Caleb Tilley
10 Madelyn Clark	15 Randy Foust	
10 Parran Crump	18 Clyde Ray Gray	
10 Lori Keedy	20 Gerry Williams	
10 Cathy Ramer	21 Tammy Cameron	



March Birthdays

1 Anthony Darienzo	9 C. H. Holt	30 Wade Smith
1 Kevin McBrayer	12 Ashley Neese	31 Allyson Finney
2 Dana Lineberry	13 Johnny Clark	
3 David Ramey	18 Brenda Westmoreland	
4 Melissa Vanderburg	20 William Matthews	
6 Dakota Connor Crews	20 Violet Rose Sealey	
6 Melanie Crump	24 Glenda Foust	
8 David McBrayer	26 Henry Johnson	
8 Marvin Pitts	28 Ruth Holt	



February Anniversaries

Gary & Marlene Holt
Steve & Cheryl Holt
Wade & Irene Shields
Gary & Denice Slate



Welcome New Members

Steve Sexton (Joshua)
8631 Adkins Rd.
Colfax, NC 27235
662-9711



John 13:34 *A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.*

B. E. A. M. S

It is always a joy to experience firsthand the impact of our ministries at Smith Grove. The letter below is a direct result of blessings through the BEAMS' program.

This letter was received from the deacon of the Jedburgh Baptist Church, 6 Bridge Street, Jedburgh, TD8 6DW - 01835 864107. [Scotland]
Website: www.ScotlandBaptist.co.uk The pastor is Rev. Dr. Bob Strachan, ThD. PhD.

Bro. Roddy Glass
3 Rosebank Rd.
Hawick TD9-OD
Scotland



Dear Friends in Christ Jesus,

Just a few lines to thank you for the Bibles you kindly sent to our church, Jedburgh Baptist Church. So kind of you all in Jesus. I am the deacon there.

Jesus Never Fails. Amen! Psalms 37-4

Please excuse my writing. I have health problems. **God bless you all.**

Psalm 37:4 "Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart."

BEAMS' Report for January 2015



of Pledges: **10**; # of Contributions: **10**;
Total Contributors: **20**
Total Contributed: **\$833.00** =
104 Bibles (plus postage) in January

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

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

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

SHUT-INS

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

Assisted Living/Nursing Home

Helen Jones ~ Rose Matthews ~ Betty Robinson

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

Robert & Doris Anderson	Gary McArthur
Curt Bame (broken hip)	(malignant tumor)
Donnie Barham (Cancer) - Adrian's Dad	Maggie McGee
Sara Benach (cancer)	Cindy Miller
Sherry Bowling	(Health Issues)
Sheridan Bowman (Health Issues)	Phillip Moore - (Lung Cancer - Drema's brother-in-law)
Patty Brittain	Clara Morgan (94 years old ~ health issues)
Ann Burke (stroke)	Sally Nester (cancer)
Thelma Bullard	Clarence Parker
Tammy Burnett (cancer)	(Cancer)
Kevin Canady (Illness)	Gene & Oma Lou Pitts
Johnny Clark	Sandra Richardson
(heart transplant patient)	Lorene Robertson
Patrick Clark (CHF)	Justin Royal
Christie Cobb (Breast Cancer - Drema's niece by marriage)	Jean Rumsey
Clara Farrington (health issues)	Violet Sealey
Kathy Fulk (Diabetes & health issues)	Betty Soyars
	Donise Tucker (Severe respiratory infection)
Kim Garrett (Cancer & Crohn's Disease)	Brooke Long Wagoner
George Hayes (heart)	Kenneth Westmoreland
Rhonda Hedgecock	Reid Westmoreland
Ricky Hedgecock	Jan Wilson
Tim Hedgecock	
Joretta Holt (CHF)	
Stephanie Hutton	
Jimmy Johnson (Illness)	
Wesley Landreth	
Dot Long	
Mark Lowe (Surgery)	
Daniel & Mazie Matthews (Special needs)	

BEREAVED: *Family of*
 Shirley Crouch

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
Feb. 15, 2015 ~ May 17 ~ Aug. 16 ~ Nov. 22

What is *your* favorite Bible verse?

Place it in The Messenger box in the foyer & we'll share it in an upcoming Messenger! (Or email: sherrill@triad.rr.com)

My favorite verse: From *Shaila Puckett*

One of my favorite Bible verses is Isaiah 26:3. *"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee."*

True Love

Love can always conquer
 Whatever discord brings
 And love can also cover
 A multitude of things

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

Don't you under estimate
 What love can ever do,
 For love is God eternal
 And His love can renew

For love is always worth it
 No matter how much the price,
 For love will be much stronger
 When we trust in Jesus Christ

What is cold and lifeless,
 Now lost all hope and died,
 For love can breathe new meaning
 And give it back new life

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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THE HUNT

Three friends decided to go hunting together. One was a lawyer, one a doctor, and the other a preacher. As they were walking, along came a big buck. The three of them shot simultaneously. Immediately the buck dropped to the ground and all three rushed up to see how big it actually was. Upon reaching it they found out that it was dead but had only one bullet hole. Thus a debate followed concerning whose buck it was. Five minutes later a game officer came by and asked what the problem was.

The doctor told him their reason for the debate. The officer told them he would take a look and tell them who shot it. Five seconds later he said he knew who shot the buck. He said with much confidence, "The pastor shot the buck!" They all wondered how he knew that so quickly. The officer said, "Easy. *The bullet went in one ear and out the other!*"



“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

Gerry Williams

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



Joy Overcast

441 Mountain View Dr, Apt. 110
Kernersville, NC 27284
996-7563 ~ February 12

Ruth Holt

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



Romans 5:8 - *But God us, in that, while we were yet*
1 John 4:8 - *He that loveth not love.*



commendeth his love toward sinners, Christ died for us. knoweth not God; for God is

1 John 4:18 - *There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.*
Romans 8:35 - *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? [shall] tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?*

Luke 6:27 - *But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you,*

1 John 4:16 - *And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.*

John 3:16 - *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

Pray for those . . .

In the Service of our 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)

Ann. Kyle Norman, PCS Box 5000, 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



Presidents’ Day ~ February 16, 2015

Presidents’ Day is an American holiday celebrated on the third Monday in February. Originally established in 1885 in recognition of President George Washington, it is still officially called “Washington’s Birthday” by the federal government. Traditionally celebrated on February 22—Washington’s actual day of birth—the holiday became popularly known as Presidents’ Day after it was moved as part of 1971’s Uniform Monday Holiday Act, an attempt to create more three-day weekends for the nation’s workers. While several states still have individual holidays honoring the birthdays of Washington, Abraham Lincoln and other figures, Presidents’ Day is now popularly viewed as a day to celebrate all U.S. presidents past and present.

President John F. Kennedy:

“And so, my fellow Americans: ask not what your country can do for you — ask what you can do for your country.

My fellow citizens of the world: ask not what America will do for you, but what together we can do for the freedom of man.

Finally, whether you are citizens of America or citizens of the world, ask of us the same high standards of strength and sacrifice which we ask of you. With a good conscience our only sure reward, with history the final judge of our deeds, let us go forth to lead the land we love, asking His blessing and His help, but knowing that here on earth God’s work must truly be our own.”

“It Might be winter, but I’m not Dead!”

Pastor Chuck Peters

“For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.” Romans 8:2



Winter has exerted its presence and influence and all vegetation appears dead and drab. That is, with one exception, the hearty “Mum!” I noticed this morning that our Mums display green sprouts and seem determined to “get on with life” in spite of the fact that it is winter! Don’t they know that everything is supposed to be dead this time of the year? Why don’t they just join the rest of “plant families” and lie down, give up, and expire? Well, they happen to be perennials! It’s winter but they are not dead! Will they again bud, bloom, and produce flowers before Spring? Probably not, but they sort of insist in letting us know that, “they may look dead” but they are not!

All life, including perennial plant life is in cadence with the victory life summons of the empty tomb! Death, hell, and the grave were conquered by the risen Lord. The child of God doesn’t even have to stretch the imagination to believe an Amen goes up from the sod as the tiniest blade of grass breaks the earth in springtime and says in its own way, “Christ is risen!”

I sit today in my office rejoicing over the victory of the empty tomb. At this point I probably look like “death warmed over” after being laid up sick for a week. Yet, “in my heart there rings a melody” for I know the import of that precious verse, “For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.” (Rom.8:2) I, too, can do as the little mum. I can display my proof of life. I too can say, “It might be winter, but I’m not dead!” Hallelujah, what a Saviour!



John 3:16

***For God
so loved
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only
begotten
Son,
That
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not perish,
but have
everlasting
life.***

Love Can...

Love can surely rescue
A heart in deep despair,
A heart that has given up
And no longer feels God near

Love can breathe new meaning
When there’s nothing left inside,
When there’s no feeling or emotion
Just dryness in our lives

Love can restore new hope
After it’s withered and died,
For hope is what will get us through
And love can be its guide

Love can run and embrace
The prodigal returning home
And the one that has come to the end,
Those hurting, lost and alone

For God’s love is the answer
To our broken, empty lives,
As we come with an open heart,
He can dispel all the hurt inside

And He will heal our brokenness
And lovingly, He will bind
The wounds that have left us scarred
And bring soundness to our minds

So give it over to God’s love,
Our lives, and all that we are
Then we will know and walk in His love,
For His love shall dwell in our hearts.

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