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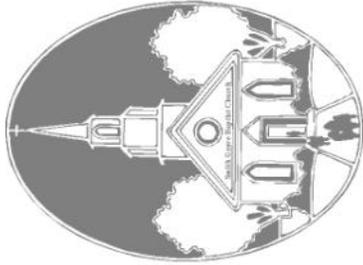
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Sat., Feb. 6.....Winston-Salem Rescue Mission

Sun., Feb. 7 (11 am & 6 pm) Duain Whittemore, Director of Anchor Baptist Missions International

Tues., Feb. 9, 7-8 p.m. Robinwood Retirement Center

Sun., Feb. 14, 6 pm Special Music by Jerry & Betty Monday

Sun., Feb. 21. BEAMS' SUNDAY

Schedule of COMMUNION SERVICES:
Feb. 28; May 22; Aug. 28; Nov. 27, 2016

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

Prayer List continued on Next Page . . .

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



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.

Romans 5:7-8 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Psalms 37:23 The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way.



BEAMS' Report for January 2016

of Pledges: 12; # of Contributions: 3;
Total Contributors: 15
Total Contributed: \$ 696.00 =
87 Bibles in January

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!*

The following email message was received via the church website from a reader of "Call to Glory" in South Carolina. How exciting to know that people are being touched by this outreach. Let's continue to pray that God will bless the "Call to Glory" and every ministry of our church.

"As I was reading the morning devotion in Call to Glory today, sitting here peeling off dried skin, a result of radiation, it is indeed rewarding to know that there is life beneath and that because of the empty tomb we do truly have life. Thank you for those encouraging remarks, God bless you as you serve our risen Saviour!"



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."

Letter to the Editor

A churchgoer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them, so I think I'm wasting my time and the preachers are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column. Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this... They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

When you are DOWN to nothing.... God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment!



The soul is valuable because of the price paid for its redemption. "For the redemption of their soul is precious (*costly*)," wrote the psalmist (49:8). And 2 Peter 3:9 says that God is "not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance."

The Scottish preacher John Harper was aboard the RMS (Royal Mail Ship) *Titanic* in 1912, making his way to preach at Moody Church. When the ship went down, Harper drifted into a young man holding on to a plank. Harper said, "Young man, are you saved?"

The young man answered, "No."

A wave separated them. After a few minutes they were within speaking distance, and again Harper called out to him: "Has your soul made peace with God?" The young man said, "Not yet."

A wave overwhelmed John Harper, and he was seen no more. But the words "Are you saved?" kept ringing in the young man's ears. Two weeks later the young man stood up in a youth meeting in New York, told his story, and said, "*I am John Harper's last convert.*"

This is why Isaiah wrote, "Seek the Lord while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the Lord, And he will have mercy on him . . . For He will abundantly pardon." (55:6-7)

SICK/OTHER PRAYER NEEDS:

(Newly added names are in italics.)

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

BEREAVED Families of:
Helen Groce (Woodland Baptist Ch.)
Betty Robinson

Hmmmmmm . . . Food for thought

- We flatter those we scarcely know; we please the fleeting guest; yet oft we deal a thoughtless blow to those we love the best.
- The inconsistent Christian is one of the devil's best workers.
- Having to swallow your own medicine makes the spoon seem extra large.
- The world doesn't doubt Christianity as much as it does some Christians.
- Don't curse the devil openly and serve him secretly.

Collected by Croft Pentz

Christian Soldier Checklist

*God is in your corner
But it's up to you to get in
shape for the fight.*
~Nathaniel Bronner

Ephesians 6:11 *Put on the
whole armour of God, that
ye may be able to stand
against the wiles of the
devil.*



What Valentine Can I Give Him? By Joanna Fuchs

What can I give to Jesus
On this special Valentine's Day?
How can I tell Him I'll love Him,
And follow Him, come what may?

How can I show I need Him?
Should I send a red heart, with lace?
How can I thank Him enough
For his sacrifice, love and grace?

What Valentine can I give Him,
My adoration to impart?
I'll give to Him what He wants most;
I'll yield to Him my heart.



February Birthdays

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

March Birthdays

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| 1 Anthony Darienzo | 13 Johnny Clark |
| 1 Kevin McBrayer | 18 Richard Kelley |
| 2 Dana Lineberry | 18 Brenda Westmoreland |
| 4 Melissa Vanderburg Foster | 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 |
| 9 C. H. Holt | 30 Wade Smith |
| 12 Ashley Neese | 31 Allyson Finney |

Americans probably began exchanging hand-made valentines in the early 1700s. In the 1840s, Esther A. Howland began selling the first mass-produced valentines in America. Howland, known as the "Mother of the Valentine," made elaborate creations with real lace, ribbons and colorful pictures known as "scrap." Today, according to the Greeting Card Association, an estimated 1 billion Valentine's Day cards are sent each year, making Valentine's Day the second largest card-sending holiday of the year. (An estimated 2.6 billion cards are sent for Christmas.) Women purchase approximately 85 percent of all valentines.

February Anniversaries

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|-------------------------------|---|
| 8 Gary & Denice Slate |  |
| 14 Steve & Cheryl Holt | |
| 24 Gary & Marlene Holt | |
| 28 Anthony & Lindsay Darienzo | |
| 29 Wade & Irene Shields | |



“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 *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
336-668-2080 ~ February 01

Gerry Williams

600 Lakedale Road
Colfax, NC 27235
336-993-8604 ~ February 20

Joy Overcast

441 Mountain View Dr, Apt. 110
Kernersville, NC 27284
336-996-7563 ~ February 12

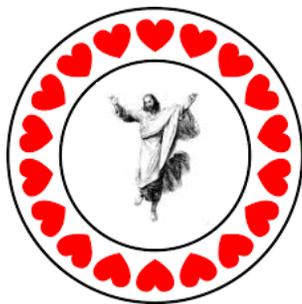
Ruth Holt

3210 Sandy Ridge Rd.
Colfax, NC 27235
336-993-3109 ~ March 28

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.

Circle Of Love by Louis Gander

... and bring our love around again in selfless peace that has no end -
as with a circle bright and true, is love of fam’ly, love of friend -
though some may laugh while others grieve, forgiveness we can sure



achieve, through God’s vast blessings scattered ’round so those in need can hence receive -

the Son of God who’s virgin born -
through whip and nails and piercing thorn -
our sacrifice, the ultimate -
a perfect Savior, bloody, torn -
because God loved and likewise we, bring certain hope that others see -
these blessings of a risen Lord so that they

too could also be in peace that’s pure as snowy dove while singing
praise to God above -
and standing faithful hand in hand - in this, our circle filled with
love...

~ The Whittemores ~

Fall & Winter 2015

Once again we want to say PRAISE THE LORD for his grace and goodness! Thank you for your faithful love, prayers and support. I am so thankful that God has a perfect record.

The Lord has given us a good summer with open doors to preach his wonderful word. It is amazing to **watch the Lord** use his Word. We had a good trip out West. We visited some new works as well as preached for my son in Watertown, South Dakota. Two new churches were old church buildings that Brother Harvey Ware had bought and restored. **They are beautiful!** One is in South Dakota and the other in Appleton, Minnesota. **What a blessing!**

I am not a camp meeting preacher, but God has opened that door and I sure have enjoyed it. I have not been out of the country recently. I have just been visiting some of our supporting churches saying, **"THANK YOU!"**

Please pray for all of our missionaries as there are so many needs. I just want to be used to help meet some of these needs. God is answering some of my prayers in that direction. I have been praying from Luke 11:5 "Lord, lend me three loaves." We just borrow from Him and the way we pay it back is to put it into His work. I am thankful it doesn't stop with three loaves, but "as much as ye need." **What a blessing to watch God work!**

Please continue to pray for Brother Scott Suttle. God has worked miracles in opening the door for him to be in Scandinavia. **Thank you for praying!**

Pray for Brother Brian Coates as he is stepping out with a project of putting Bibles in small towns out west. In many cases they have no church or Gospel witness of any kind. **God has already blessed this effort.**

Also, pray for the work in Pakistan and Brother Akbar Masih. He is a great man of God doing a **wonderful work** for the Lord!

Some of our ABMI missionaries are still on deputation. Would you **pray** that God would meet their need. They are anxious to get the needed support and get to the field.

Thank all of you that have given to disaster after record flooding in South Carolina in September. It was a lot worse than many could believe. The Lord has allowed us to be able to send several tractor-trailer loads of supplies. More than \$60,000 has been used for this need. **It is more blessed to give than receive!**

In His Service, Duain & Faye Whittemore

“His Touch and our Service”

“And when Jesus was come into Peter's house, he saw his wife's mother laid, and sick of a fever. And he touched her hand, and the fever left her: and she arose, and ministered unto them.”

- Matthew 8:14-15

Jesus healed Peter’s mother-in-law from a fever by His touch. She immediately responded by ministering or waiting on Jesus and His disciples. It’s probable that she proceeded to serve them a meal. Regardless of the nature of her response to her healing, it was still a service endeavor. I tend to believe that she acted out of an attitude of gratitude for the Lord’s kindness

The location of the miracle was Capernaum, the base of operation for the Lord’s ministry while upon earth. Bethsaida was the actual place of Peter’s residence. He apparently also had a house at Capernaum, according to this passage. This residence would make it more convenient to be near his Master and accommodate service to Him! He too had experienced his Master’s touch and wanted to be near to serve Him!

Imagine today the extra blessings contributed to local Bible-believing, Gospel-preaching churches, if more Christians prioritized serving the Lord Jesus Christ as a result of His precious redeeming touch! It is admirable that some Christians make sure that “relocation” assures convenience in finding a good church to hear the Word of God and serve the Lord! The saving touch of God upon the life of a hell-deserving sinner warrants a prioritized service for Him! After all, He was willing to leave heaven’s glory and relocate among sinners in order to provide redemption.

The ground for His saving grace was His finished work at Calvary. If He would have failed at Calvary, He would have failed in every touch upon the lives of human beings whether it is a healing or a saving touch! His provision for our sin at the cross was the perfect offering because He is God in human flesh and able, because of His sinlessness, to fully discharge sins debt. “For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.” – II Cor.5:21

His touch truly merits our service!

“Shackled by a heavy burden,
'Neath a load of guilt and shame.
Then the hand of Jesus touched me,
And now I am no longer the same.” – Gaither

Pastor Chuck Peters

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.



“God’s Valentine Gift”

For God so loVed the world,
That He gAve
His onLy
BegottEn
SoN
ThaT whosoever
Believeth Jn Him
Should NNot perish
But have EVerlasting life

“For God The Greatest Lover
so loved..... The Greatest Degree
the world, The Greatest Company
that he gave..... The Greatest Act
his only begotten Son, The Greatest Gift
that whosoever The Greatest Invitation
believeth The Greatest Simplicity
in him The Greatest Attraction
should not perish,..... The Greatest Deliverance
but The Greatest Difference
have The Greatest Certainty
everlasting life.” The Greatest Possession



John 3:16