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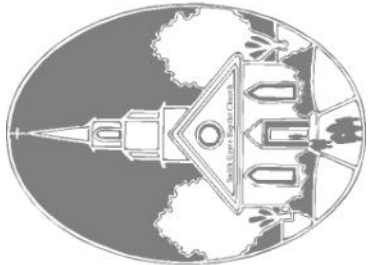
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**Sat., Feb. 3 ..... Winston-Salem Rescue Mission**  
**Sun., Feb. 11 ..... Special Music by Jerry & Betty**  
**Monday**  
**Tues., Feb. 13, 7-8 p.m. ....Robinwood Retirement Center**  
**Sun., Feb. 18 ..... BEAMS' SUNDAY**

*“ 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.” John 3:16*

**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

Iris Farrington      Neva Long      Barbara Tucker  
Harry Haynes      David & Carol McBrayer      Clara Ward

## Assisted Living/Nursing Home

Rose Matthews      Ann Rayle  
Jo Anne Pegram      Lorene Robertson

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*Pray for those . . .* ★☆☆★☆☆★☆☆★☆☆★☆☆

## IN THE SERVICE OF THEIR COUNTRY

CW3 Jonathan Harless (Raleigh)  
Maj. Robert Harless (Washington, D.C.)  
Charles Holmes, Al Asad Air Base (Northern Iraq)  
David Laramore, Fort Hood, Texas, US Army  
Chief Warrant Officer 5 Michael Maine, US Army  
[Alaska] (Nephew of Clarence Redmon)  
SrA Kyle Norman, 2602 Westridge Ave W #L304  
Tacoma, WA 98466  
Jason Sabot – Serving in Afghanistan  
PFC Trevor Westmoreland, PO Box 10197  
Ft. Irwin, CA 92310



**Monday, February 19, 2018**  
~ Presidents' Day ~

Hospital regulations require a wheel chair for patients being discharged. However, while working as a student nurse, I found one elderly gentleman already dressed and sitting on the bed with a suitcase at his feet, who insisted he didn't need my help to leave the hospital.

After a chat about rules being rules, he reluctantly let me wheel him to the elevator. On the way down I asked him if his wife was meeting him.

"I don't know," he said. "She's still upstairs in the bathroom changing out of her hospital gown."



## BEAMS' Report for January 2018

# of Pledges: 14; # of Contributions: 5;  
Total Contributors: 19  
Total Contributed: \$ 659.00 =  
82 Bibles in January (plus some postage)

You can also get the BEAMS' report online at our website:  
[http://www.smithgrove.org/beams\\_ministry.htm](http://www.smithgrove.org/beams_ministry.htm)

2 Timothy 2:15 *Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

Pastor Chuck's sermons online: [smithgrove.org](http://smithgrove.org)

Audio Sermons

**Save these 2018 Dates!**  
**Quarterly Meetings of the Men's Fellowship  
& Ladies' Fellowship: 3rd Tuesdays ~  
April 17 & July 17 & October 16**

**COMMUNION  
SERVICES:**  
Feb. 25; May 27;  
Aug. 26; Nov. 25

-1 John 4:8 - He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.  
-John 13:34-35 - A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.  
-1 John 4:19 - We love him, because he first loved us.  
-1 John 4:7 - Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

## 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."



## “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

### Ruth Holt

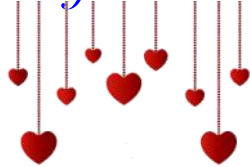
3210 Sandy Ridge Rd.  
Colfax, NC 27235  
336-993-3109 ~ March 28

### Joy Overcast

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



## February Anniversaries



8 Gary & Denice Slate  
14 Steve & Cheryl Holt  
29 Wade & Irene Shields

The Lord has truly blessed me  
When you came into my life,  
You've changed my world of darkness  
Into beautiful rays of light  
You are my very closest friend  
And will be for all time,  
My love will never fade away  
For you, my Valentine.

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## SICK/OTHER PRAYER NEEDS:

(Newly added names are in italics.)

Mary Allen (Cancer)  
Annie Alley (Health Issues)  
Jo Ann & Melvin Alley  
Lucille Alley (Health Issues)  
Julia Anderson (cancer)  
Lou Badgett  
**Curt Bame** (In rehab)  
Joe Blackburn (surgery)  
Eddie Blackburn (Heart)  
Terri Blankenship (broken foot)  
Sheridan Bowman  
Paulette Bull (Health issues)  
Tammy Burnett (cancer)  
Kay Collins (Health issues)  
Richard Collins (Health issues)  
Bob Cox (Cancer)  
Tonya Crews (Cancer)  
Sue Druck (Cancer)  
Jamie & Jan Estes  
Debbie Frazier (ALS)  
Kathy Fulk (Health issues)  
Kim Garrett (Cancer/Crohn’s Disease)  
Gertrude Glidewell (Serious Health Issues - Brenda Westmoreland’s sister)  
Ephraim Gosler (Health Challenges)  
Samuel Hall (Health Issues)  
R.C. Harrelson (Hospice Care)  
Mary Hart (stroke)  
Teresa Hatch (Breast Cancer)  
George Hayes (heart)  
**Harry Haynes** (Special prayer needed)  
Bill Hayworth (Cancer)  
Rhonda Hedgecock  
Ricky Hedgecock  
Tim Hedgecock  
Cleo & Reva Holt (Health issues)  
Cheryl Holt’s brothers (Salvation)  
Joretta Holt (CHF & back issues)  
Robin Jobe  
David Kite (stroke)  
**Mark Landreth** (Diabetes)  
Wanda Lemar (Health issues)  
Clara Farrington Long (health issues)  
Richard Long (Surgery)  
Robert Maness (Health issues)  
Ann Matthews (Colon cancer)  
Daniel & Mazie Matthews

Jessie May (Health Issues)  
Maggie McGee  
Mary Miller (Health issues)  
Shannon Pardue (Cancer)  
Mae Cecil Petticord (Stroke)  
**Jo Anne Pegram** (Pneumonia)  
Ethel Pendry  
Gene & Oma Lou Pitts  
Allen Priddy (PTSD)  
**Shaila Puckett**  
Gabriel Ransom (15 year-old with brain tumor)  
Ann Rayle (Broken hip)  
Sandra Richardson  
Connie Rierson (Heart issues)  
Alvin Ring (Health issue)  
Carissa Robbins (NF2 - tumors)  
Tom Rodgers  
Justin Royal  
Noah Sanchez  
Adam & Maryann Serafini  
(Spiritual needs)  
Betty Sue Smith (Heart issues)  
Fred Smith (Cancer)  
Nancy Smith (Health Issues)  
**Nora Smith** (Breast Cancer)  
Ronald Smith (Heart Issue)  
Allen Steele (Syria)  
Donald Stephens  
Dennis Stone (Illness)  
Mike Tate (Health issues)  
Mae Tester (Health issues)  
Donald Tilley (Heart surgery)  
Wayne Tilley (Cancer)  
Michael Vogler (Internal bleeding)  
Betty Wall (Colon cancer)  
Clara Ward

### BEREAVED Families of:

John Hawks, Jr.  
James Key  
Ina Mae Sealey  
Andy Slate

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart. –Helen Keller

## The Smiths ~ Missionaries to our Military

1140 Birnam Woods Drive ~ Virginia Beach, VA 23464

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The psalmist said in Psalms 150:6, "Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord." We as God's children have so much to be thankful for and so much to Praise Him for. He has blessed us with the privilege of serving our military here in the Tidewater area of Virginia for what will soon be twenty-five years. Through your

prayer support and financial giving you have been a part of this ministry. We thank our Heavenly Father for you!

We still have not seen our attendance increase since our last writing. We continue to stay busy hanging door hangers and witnessing to those we come in contact with. We are trusting Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us. Please continue to help us pray and watch God do the rebuilding.

Through a love offering from our home church, Smith Grove Baptist Church, Colfax, NC, we were able to provide eight young military children with Christmas gifts this year. Thank you Smith Grove on behalf of these precious military children. Thanksgiving day, Mrs. Nora spread our table with a Thanksgiving meal feast. We had a young Navy sailor, his wife and daughter join us. It was such a blessing as we all took a moment to thank God for his goodness to us, to hear them thank Him for allowing us to be here for them. The husband is from Puerto Rico and his wife is from Texas. It was a blessing to be able to give them a place to relax while away from their loved ones.

We would like to share a very special prayer request with you on behalf of Mrs. Nora. She went for her yearly mammogram on Monday, December 18th. The doctor called the next day and said they had found a mass on her left breast. She had an ultrasound on the 20th and 9 biopsies on 12/27. Due to the holidays, we won't hear the result until January 2. Please pray for us as we wait for these results.

Paul penned these words in I Corinthians 3:6, "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase." As we go into the new year planting and watering, we are trusting God to give the increase.

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"Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it. Brethren, pray for us." I Thessalonians 5:24-25.

As we close we would like to thank you again for all your thoughtfulness through cards, notes, letters, prayers and gifts through the year and especially at this time of the year. May the Lord richly bless you in this a new year.

Thankful to be in His service, *Wade and Nora*

### Update from Wade and Nora (received Jan. 15):

Mrs. Nora was diagnosed with Breast Cancer. The surgeon has scheduled her with Radiation and Chemotherapy Oncologists over the next two weeks. Once the appointments are complete, then the surgery will get scheduled. We appreciate your prayers during this time of preparation for the surgery and during the recovery process. God Bless You all!



### Christ's Love is an Individual Love

Galatians 2:20-21 "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ lives in me..."

The great trouble is that people take everything in general, and do not take it to themselves. Suppose a man should say to me: "Moody, there was a man in Europe who died last week, and left five million dollars to a certain individual." "Well," I say, "I don't doubt that; it's rather a common thing to happen," and I don't think anything more about it. But suppose he says: "But he left the money to you." Then I pay attention; I say: "To me?" "Yes, he left it to you." I become suddenly interested. I want to know all about it. So we are apt to think Christ died for sinners; He died for everybody, and for nobody in particular. But when the truth comes to me that eternal life is mine, and all the glories of heaven are mine, I begin to be interested. —D. L. Moody

### Excerpt from "Great Love" ~ by Pastor Chuck Peters

These two words, "great" and "love," constitute a majestic subject with the approach of a day, in our culture, designated as "Valentine's Day." Love is the theme of the occasion. The day is accompanied with expressions of love demonstrated in words and deeds. Oftentimes, the candy, the card, or the ring, say, "I love you." Understand, however, that no human attempt at the expression of love can match, "his great love wherewith he loved us!"

## Youth Ministry

Since October, our Bible Club students have been joyously immersed in the coming of our Savior! Across 13 lessons, beginning in the Garden of Eden, we have explored God's promise of the Messiah throughout the Old Testament prophecies and watched His plan unfold in the New Testament accounts of Jesus' birth. On our birthday-cake-shaped countdown calendar, we have opened another door each week to reveal a symbol to help us remember God's plan of salvation and the story of the sweetest Gift ever given... Jesus! On our final Wednesdays in the series, we excitedly dressed in Bible-time costumes, acting out the parts of Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, and angels; we learned how, in the temple, Simeon and Anna recognized Baby Jesus as the Savior; and we saw how the wise men followed the star to find Jesus and honor Him with their gifts. Lastly, we will celebrate with a birthday party, thrown in honor of our Lord! We have been blessed to see the enthusiasm of the youngsters over these months, as they have marveled at the wonder of God's ancient promise of a Savior coming true... "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only Begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." (John 1:14)

As this new year begins, it's fitting that John and Stephanie are encouraging the teens to "dream big dreams" in their new study, "From Dream to Reality." While the series focuses on the life of Joseph, young people will be challenged to use their God-given abilities to honor the Lord in day-to-day situations. They are learning that we should step out and use our gifts to serve God, despite the challenges that come our way. The teens are also pondering the right and wrong ways to handle such challenges, understanding that life is filled with peaks and valleys. Even when circumstances change suddenly, as they did in young Joseph's life, God will sustain us as we trust Him. Please join us in praying for our teens as they embark on this series of lessons... that the Lord will open their eyes to the gifts He has given them, that they will develop those gifts, and that this might be the year when they have the courage to step out in faith and begin to use their talents to serve Him. May we all sense God nudging our hearts to "dream big" and pursue what He calls us to do in the coming year!

With Hope for Things to Come ~ Bruce, Darla, and Marshall



## Men's and Ladies' Fellowship



With the threat of snow looming outside the doors of the Fellowship Building, we met on Tuesday night, January 16. Due to illness, we combined the men's and ladies' groups to worship and fellowship together.

What an awesome message was brought by Brother John Moore. Although his message was originally intended for the men, he did a great job of adjusting it to the role of men and women in the home. At the crux of his message, *men are too often not assuming their role as spiritual leader of the home and family.* John asked the question, "What makes a man a 'manly man'?" with lots of examples of what really constitutes a man of character and integrity - the leader in the home. John also pointed out, as our supreme example, the life of Jesus Christ taught us how to lead.



He went on to challenge each of us (with special emphasis on the men) to fulfill our roles of service in the home that God designed for us in His Word. *Truly food for our souls.*

In spite of the cold, we had thirteen men, thirteen ladies and more than enough food to eat!!

Please mark your calendars for our second quarterly meeting on Tuesday, April 17, at 7:00 pm in our Fellowship Building. Please plan to attend. *We would love to have you!*

God Bless You ~ Calvin Vaughn & Sylvia Carnell



***How do I love thee? Let me \$count\$ the ways!***

### **Valentine Day Spending:**

Total spending for the holiday is expected to top \$18.2 billion, according to the National Retail Federation.

- \$1.7 billion is spent on candy alone
- \$1.9 billion is spent on flowers
- \$1 billion is spent on Valentine cards
- \$13.6 billion is spent on meals & gifts
- That's an average of \$136.57 per person.



*Pastor Chuck Peters*

## A Valentine's Day Meditation

The expression of love is the traditional approach to Valentine's Day. The heart is the adopted symbol of love and is given in "heart shaped" outlines on cards in our traditional Valentine card exchanges. Candies, cards, and flowers are common gifts in saying, "I love you," on this yearly day.

The real expression of love is not confined to a day, gift, or event. Real love is deeper and is displayed in emotions, attitude, and sacrificial giving. No Bible student would dispute the greatest display of love which was displayed at Calvary. "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." – John 3:16 God's love for the world of mankind was displayed in the fullest way when He gave His Son to die on Calvary on account of our sins.

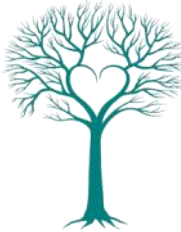
I think of the love of one of the Marys mentioned in the New Testament. She appears center stage three times in the Gospel records. She is seen repetitiously at the feet of her Lord expressing her love to Him. She, for example, is seen in Luke 10:38-42 sitting at His feet while her sister Martha is serving. She is expressing her love by her priority of hearing Him teach! Her love is expressed in her willingness to learn!

We find Mary at another time at her Lord's feet in John 11:28-32. We see her supplication for her brother has died. She shows her love by leaning on her Lord for strength and encouragement. When the child of God leans on the everlasting arms of their Lord, they also show their love for Him. Our trust shows our love!

We then find Mary mentioned in John 12:1-12. She breaks the alabaster box of precious ointment and poured it out on the head of her Lord. We see her sacrificial love in giving her best. The house was even filled with the lovely odor from the ointment as the fragrance filled the entire room. Her gift of love was accepted by the Lord and in the process was a blessing to those around her!

As we celebrate Valentine's Day, may our thoughts and meditations center on love in its fullest degree. Consider His great love for the sinner in the provision of salvation. Accept His saving grace if you are still unsaved. "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 10:9-10

The Christian displays the greatest love for their Lord by spending more time at His blessed feet, learning more of Him, leaning on Him, and declaring His worth by giving our all to Him. He is certainly worthy of our greatest expressions of love. *"Happy Valentine's Day!"*



*An Excerpt from a message by Charles Haddon Spurgeon*

## Immeasurable Love

A Sermon (No. 1850) Intended for reading on Lord's-Day, July 26th, 1885,  
Delivered by C. H. SPURGEON,  
At the Metropolitan Tabernacle, Newington,  
On the evening of June 7th, 1885

... Yet the Lord God spared not his own Son, but freely delivered him up for us all, doing it in his heart from age, to age. Herein is love: love which many waters could not quench: love eternal, inconceivable, infinite!

Now, as this gift refers not only to our Lord's death, but to the ages before it, so it includes also all the ages afterwards. God "so loved the world that he gave"—and still gives—"his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him might not perish, but have everlasting life." The Lord is giving Christ away to-night. Oh, that thousands of you may gladly accept the gift unspeakable! Will anyone refuse? This good gift, this perfect gift,—can you decline it? Oh, that you may have faith to lay hold on Jesus, for thus he will be yours. He is God's free gift to all free receivers; a full Christ for empty sinners. If you can but hold out your empty willing hand, the Lord will give Christ to you at this moment. Nothing is freer than a gift. Nothing is more worth having than a gift which comes fresh from the hand of God, as full of effectual power as ever it was. The fountain is eternal, but the stream from it is as fresh as when first the fountain was opened. There is no exhausting this gift.

"Dear dying Lamb, thy precious blood  
Shall never lose its power  
Till all the ransomed church of God  
Be saved to sin no more."

See, then, what is the love of God, that he gave his Son from of old, and has never revoked the gift. He stands to his gift, and continues still to give his dear Son to all who are willing to accept him. Out of the riches of his grace he has given, is giving, and will give the Lord Jesus Christ, and all the priceless gifts which are contained in him, to all needy sinners who will simply trust him.

I call upon you from this first point to admire the love of God, because of the transcendent greatness of his gift to the world, even the gift of his only begotten Son.