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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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*May God Bless You Richly
in 2008!*

*The
Messenger*



January

“ANOTHER YEAR BUT THE SAME OLD PROMISE”

“Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us;”
(II Corinthians 1:10)

Another year of life is depleted and the New Year is now in view. Many and varied have been the events making up the list of events of the past year. We look backwards and recall both the burdens and blessings of the past year. Many can mark the last year as the one that witnessed the Lord delivering them from “so great a death.” It was the year in which you passed from death unto life. You got saved in 2007!

We look back and furthermore recall how the Lord brought us through difficult times and sustained us by His grace. Many currently suffer from physical issues. Many suffer from mental, emotional, and financial stresses. The child of God still can say through it all, “Jesus led me all the way!” We could say in 2007, “He doth deliver.”

Theologically we talk of God’s deliverance from the penalty of sin in justification, the deliverance from the power of sin in sanctification and the future deliverance from the very presence of sin in glorification. The verse above would simply remind us that the deliverance process is in God’s hands!

The infant that Mary cradled in her arms was none other than the Infinite God and Ancient of days. He was, in fact, the architect and creator of all things created. “For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:” (Col.1:16) The One who labored in Joseph’s carpenter shop was the “Framer of the ages.” I would also add, the carpenter is a good finisher! “Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:” (Phil.1:6)

Yes, we stand on the threshold of a new year and can be certain that it will contain what we would call the “ups and downs.” We, however, can understand that God’s deliverance process will be as much in effect in 2008 as it was in 2007. The promise of deliverance will match the issues of the New Year. Life viewed from the perspective of the Master Carpenter’s work in the life of His people turns our “downers” into “uppers” anyway!

Are you entering the New Year and still yet lost without God? How tragic to think of such a venture without the Lord’s presence and leadership! Start the year right by accepting Christ as your personal Saviour. Enter the New Year as a new creature in Christ. “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” (II Cor.5:17)

Pastor Chuck Peters

January Birthdays.....

02 Mike Cashion	17 Doris Cochran	30 Betty Bame
03 Jerry Crump	20 Stephanie Hutton	Terry Dillon
03 Bessie Kendrick	22 Rachelle Hayes	Kathy Flynt
04 Marilyn Alston	23 Rachael Keedy	Suzanne Kirk
04 Keith Crouch	23 Matthew Norman	Raymond McDaniel
04 Kevin Crouch	27 Cheryl Cashion	Wanda Stafford
05 William Holt	27 Dolly Westmoreland	Don Stephens
06 Shirley Ingold	29 Brianna Clemmons	Stephen Vaughn
10 Gary Hendrix	29 Donna Key	
12 Becky McCollum	29 Louise Byrd	
13 Harvey Pitts	30 Austin Russell	
17 Amy Wilkey	30 Allen Tate	



February Birthdays.....

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

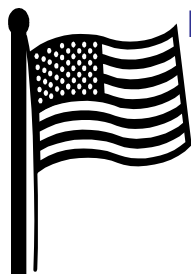


January Anniversaries

Gordon & Shirley Crouch
Clyde & Annie Nuckles

Please remember to pray for those who are currently in harm's way, or who may be facing imminent deployment.

In the Service of our Country



A1C William Holt, US Air Force
Sheppard AFB, TX
Chief Warrant Officer 2 Michael Maine, US Army
[stationed in Georgia]
Corporal Mel Wright, US Marines, Camp Lejeune
(Nephews of Clarence Redmon)

Ladies' Fellowship

"Happy New Year" from Ladies Fellowship! We trust the Lord will give us a wonderful year in 2008 and we hope to see our membership grow as we strive to serve the Lord together. Please join us for our first 2008 meeting on Tuesday, January 8, at 7:00 in the Fellowship Hall when Sandy Westmoreland will be our speaker. Our Bible Question for January is: "Where did Jonah go to get a ship to Tarshish?" The answer is in the book of Jonah.

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.

A New Year's Poem for Christians

Instead of making a New Year's resolution
Consider committing to a biblical solution
Your promises are easily broken
But God's Word transforms the soul
As you spend time alone with Him
He will change you from within
— Mary Fairchild



There's Just Something About That Name

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus;
There's just something about that name!
Master, Savior, Jesus,
Like the fragrance after the rain;
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Let all heaven and earth proclaim;
Kings and kingdoms will all pass away,
But there's something about that name!



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Smith Grove Seniors

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

Others in Need of Prayer

(In alphabetical order)

Marilyn Alston	Raleigh Hunt	Norma Pilchett*
Merl Blake	Daniel Idol	Claude Royal
Roy Boody	Glenn Johnson	Jamie Shell
Bonnie Clark	Lawrence Jones	Barbara Tucker*
Aaron Cole	James Key	Kenneth Westmoreland
Lib Cooper	Leighann Kincade	Nancy Westmoreland
Tom Covington*	Beulah Lemar	Gordon Wilkey*
Louise Davenport*	Rose Matthews	Arry Wilson (Bessie Kendrick's mother)
Iris Farrington	Richie McCormick	Jessi Wright
John Farrington	Mark Midkiff	New converts
Lillie Gray*	John & Dolly Miller	The Unsaved
Debbie Harden	Mary Smith Miller	
Tyler Hodgins*	Miranda Petkis	

***Special Needs**

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.
- Rev. Bruce Freeman, Youth Director & Church Administrative Officer
- Preachers, teachers, singers, & workers of our church & Discovery Clubs.
- The Radio broadcast & all visitation programs.



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.
Saturday Morning Broadcast [WPET - 950 AM]	8:00 a.m.



January 2008

Sat., Jan. 5, 5:30 p.m.

Winston-Salem Rescue Mission

Tues., Jan. 8, 7:00 p.m.

Ladies' Fellowship Meeting in the Fellowship Building. Sandy Westmoreland, Speaker.

Tues., Jan. 8, 7:00 p.m.

Men's Fellowship Meeting in the Fellowship Building.

New Year's Resolution: I am resolved to let the Savior lead in all my paths, and to submit to His direction. I am resolved to put Christ first, and my own aims and desires last. I am resolved to speak no ill of my fellow man; rather, to build him up by every word and deed. I am resolved to encourage my Christian brethren in their endeavors for Christ ~ envy and resentment shall be given no place in my heart.

2 Corinthians 5:17 - *Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*

I Cor. 7:22-24



Gary & Melissa Memorial Outreach Ministry

Greetings, and Happy New Year. I hope this will be a great year for you, your family, our church, and the church of Jesus Christ. I know revival can come from the Lord if we will do what God's Word says to do. People will be blessed, people will be saved, and people will be joyous in the Lord. God bless you all.

On January 1, 2008, Melissa will have been gone two years. For two years we have been separated from her, and all the love and talent she had for serving the Lord. Melissa also had a tremendous capacity for loving others. Sometimes I have to say in my heart, not just, "What would Jesus do?" but "What would Melissa do?" in this or that situation. Melissa always seemed to know the right thing to do. She was a wonderful helpmeet as we served the dear folks in the elderly homes by presenting Christ in our weekly ministry. Every time I sing a song or serve the Lord in a retirement home, Melissa's great talents for sharing and teaching are on display and working for the cause of Christ. She is missed but not forgotten, and I pray that a small portion of her talent will live on in me and others, also. She taught all of us a great deal about music, but also about living life to its fullest as we serve Christ each and every day.

Pray for me, as we serve Jesus at retirement homes in the triad area. At this writing, as of December 16, we have already held eleven special Christmas services, and yesterday, an elderly lady at Wesleyan Arms retirement home received the Lord as her Saviour! She was really convicted by the Spirit of God, and when we departed, she was smiling and satisfied with her salvation experience and happy in God's grace! Please pray for the elderly, that they might be convicted of their sins and be saved before it is too late.

Happy in the Grace of God,
Gary Smith ~ I Peter 5:7



"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 January and February 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.

Bessie Kendrick
2419 Sandy Ridge Rd.
High Point, NC 27265
668-4288 ~ January 03

Marilyn Alston
122 Apt. E. Chaucer Circle
Kernersville, NC 27284
993-5451 ~ January 04

Hettie Andrews
c/o Mike Andrews
996 DeShazo Rd
Ridgeway, VA 24148
540-957-6119 ~ January 19

Louise Byrd
2509 Sandy Ridge Rd.
High Point, NC 27265
668-2823 ~ January 29

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

New Year Prayer ~ Helen Steiner Rice

God grant us this year a wider view,
So we see others' faults through the eyes of You.
Teach us to judge not with hasty tongue,
Neither the adult ... nor the young.



Freely forgiving for some offense
And finding each day a rich recompense.
In offering a friendly, helping hand
And trying in all ways to understand;

Give us patience and grace to endure
And a stronger faith so we feel secure.
Instead of remembering, help us forget
The irritations that caused us to fret.



Are asking today; Is life worth living?
The answer is only in, loving and giving.
For only Love can make man kind
And Kindness of Heart brings Peace of Mind.

That all of us whoever we are ...
Are trying to reach an unreachable star.
For the great and small ... the good and bad,
The young and old ... the sad and glad



By giving love, we can start this year
To lift the clouds of hate and fear.

The Demur ~ by Helen Campbell [www.poemsource.com]

Satan, the great Accuser,
Had his day in court with me.
Judge, jury, executioner,
What justice could there be?

Oh, what a host of witnesses
And evidence he raised,
Parading all before my eyes,
While I in horror gazed.

One told of greed and selfish love,
One told of willfulness and pride.
As one by one the charges grew,
Each one I bitterly denied.

Then, to my utter grief and shame,
I knew that what they said was true.
The parts of self I thought were dead
Were still alive, still working through.

In sadness, then, and grief and fear,
The trial, I saw, drew to an end.

I saw my wretched self condemned,
Not worthy even to defend.

I gazed across the courtroom,
Fighting tears of great despair,
And saw that Christ, my Advocate,
Was in attendance there.

My eyes met His and begged to know,
“Lord, what am I to do?”
And silently He whispered back,
“My child, I died for you.”

I looked back at my tormentor,
So sure of his victory,
And said, in a voice becalmed by love,
“I’m ready now to state my plea.”

“No defense have I against the truth
Of all that you have said of me.
But Jesus knew and still He loved.
And He is my authority.”

More Like Jesus

Let us be more like Jesus
In everything we do;
Let’s live a life of service,
A life that’s fresh and new.

Let’s relinquish worldly things,
And not be slaves to fashion;
Let’s fill our hearts with love,
Forgiveness and compassion.

Yes, let’s be more like Jesus,
Being always in God’s will,
For if Jesus’ light shines through us,
Our earthly purpose we’ll fulfill.

By Joanna Fuchs



Malachi Boys’ Home

6321 Hwy 158 ~ Summerfield, NC 27358
Tel 336-643-7464/ Cell 462-0641

Most people want to know about the boys and their problems. We felt if you knew them a little better, you would better know how to pray for them.

Caleb was adopted by his grandmother, so he would not have to go into foster care. He recently received the Lord as his Saviour.

Ryan’s parents both are in prison for child abuse. His guardian is unable to help him in any way. We truly ask for special prayer for Ryan. He just got saved during basketball practice today.

Jonathan has never met his father. Before he came here, he was failing every subject. Now he is doing better and we are working on not just his grades, but his attitude toward God.

Sam has good parents, but needed to get away from outside influences. He has some learning disabilities, and we are trying to get help for him. His dad is completely deaf and we feel part of his problems were overlooked because of this.

Christian was adopted by his great-grandmother, along with his two brothers. He has no contact with his dad. His great-grandmother has kept them out of foster care.

Cody’s mom died in May, and he has not had a role model in his life. Cody’s mom left a note blaming this sixteen-year-old for her depression. What a heavy load to try to carry! He has missed so many school days, he was forced to be taken out of his dad’s home.

Each has a sad story to tell, but it is not how you begin your life. God can change your future, and we are expecting great things from these six young men.

Again, the most important thing you can do for us and these precious souls, is to pray for us. We need Godly wisdom and your continuous prayers.

Serving Him together,
Marty and Ruth Bevis

Houseparents of Malachi Boys Home

'Twas the month after Christmas,

When all through the house,
Nothing would fit me,
Not even a blouse!

The cookies I'd nibbled,
The eggnog I'd taste...
At the holiday parties,
Had gone to my waist!

I remember the marvelous meals all prepared:
The gravies and sauces,
The beef "nicely rared."
The punch and the cheese balls,
The bread and the cheese,
And the way I NEVER said,
"No, thank you, please."

As I dressed myself in my husband's old shirt,
And prepared once again to do battle with dirt,
I said to myself (as only I can),
"You can't spend a winter disguised as a MAN!"

So – away with the last of the sour cream dip,
Get rid of the fruit cake, every cracker and chip!
Every last bit of food that I like must be banished,
'Til all of the additional "ounces" have vanished!

I won't have a cookie,
Not even a lick!
I'll want only to chew,
On a celery stick!

I won't have hot biscuits,
Or corn bread or pie,
I'll munch on a carrot,
And quietly cry.
I'm hungry... I'm lonesome... and life is a bore!
But isn't that what January is for?

Unable to giggle,
No longer a riot!
**Happy New Year to all,
And to all a Good Diet!**



Sailing Into the New Year

God built and launched this year for you;
Upon the bridge you stand;

It's your ship, aye, your own ship,
And you are in command.

Just what the twelve months' trip will do
Rests wholly, solely, friend, with you.

Your logbook kept from day to day
My friend, what will it show?

Have you on your appointed way
Made progress, yes or no?

The log will tell, like guiding star,
The sort of captain that you are.

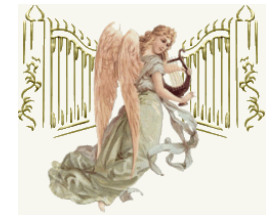
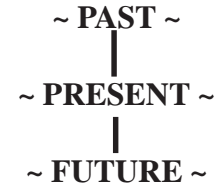
For weal or woe this year is yours;
Your ship is on life's sea

You act, as captain, must decide
Whichever it shall be;

So now in starting on your trip,
Ask God to help you sail your ship.



JOURNEY OF LIFE



Life is a book in volumes three--
The past, the present, and the yet-to-be.
The past is written and laid away,
The present we're writing every day,
And the last and best of volumes three
Is locked from sight -- God keeps the key.

**Life
is
a
Book**

The New Year lies before you
Like a spotless tract of snow
Be careful how you tread on it
For every mark will show.



Discovery Club

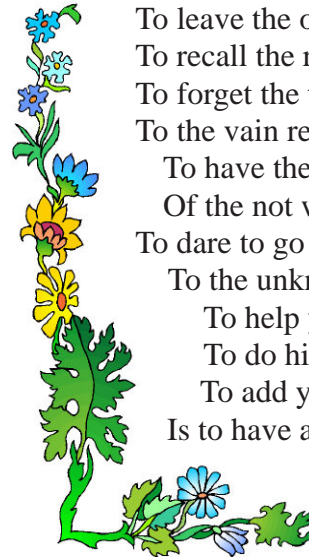
What a wonderful way to wrap up the year 2007! Our Christmas musical, Joyland, was performed for the residents of High Point Place on Saturday morning, then performed for our church family on Sunday, December 16. The young people did a tremendous job bringing the heartwarming story to life. We are so proud of them for their hard work and dedication in the many weeks before the play. It was truly a ministry outreach this Christmas, moving hearts and honoring the Lord as we celebrated His birth! We can never thank Melanie enough, for her countless rehearsal hours, and for inspiring our young people to do their best! With her encouragement and the Lord's strength, our youngsters were able to do things they didn't think were possible!

Many thanks to Scott too, for his hard work in preparing the slide show presented during the performance of "Give a Gift This Christmas." It was moving to see images of our church family collecting for Harvest Home Month, along with our young people caroling to our shut-in friends, as the cast sang, "Dig down deep inside of you, give the best that you can do; give a gift, make a difference – give a gift this Christmas Day!" What a blessing it has been to see our youngsters truly begin to understand what it means to be a Christian servant.

Accepting Christ is just the beginning – the Christian life is all about reaching out to others, letting our lights shine before men, and showing God's love. The Joyland musical embraced the very spiritual truths we tried to instill in our young people all year long! Thank you, Melanie, for choosing such a timely, Christ-honoring production for us to be part of! Here are the young people who were ready and willing to bring Joyland to life:

- Melissa Briggs and Cassie McCollum played Mrs. Sanders
- Corinne Keedy played Clara Sanders
- William Keedy played Levi Sanders
- Randy Foust and Marshall Freeman played Hatchbox Car
- Cody Williams played GI Jeff
- Rachael Keedy and Courtney Forbes played Baby Doll
- Breanna Brown played Shine Bear
- Paul Boscia played the Shepherd Boy
- Tyler Keedy played Mr. Goodman
- Austin Russell played Tommy
- *Joseph Barham, Ashley Hendrix, Sarah Hendrix, Ashley Hutton, Stephen Hutton, Lauren Keedy, and Chase Ramey played toys in the chorus

Another Recipe For A Happy New Year



To leave the old with a burst of song
To recall the right and forgive the wrong;
To forget the thing that binds you fast
To the vain regrets of the year that's past;
To have the strength to let go your hold
Of the not worthwhile of the days grown old,
To dare to go forth with a purpose true,
To the unknown task of the year that's new;
To help your brother along the road
To do his work and lift his load;
To add your gift to the world's good cheer,
Is to have and to give a Happy New Year.

Galatians 2:20 *I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.*



ETERNITY . . .

John 10:28 *And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.*

Romans 5:21 *That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Romans 6:23 *For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

I Timothy 6:19 *Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.*

Titus 3:7 *That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.*

A New Year Prayer

God of our yesterdays, our today, and our tomorrows.
We praise You for Your unequalled greatness.
Thank You for the year behind us and for the year ahead.
Help us in Your new year, Father, to fret less and laugh more.



To teach our children to laugh by laughing with them.
To teach others to love by loving them.
Knowing, when Love came to the stable in Bethlehem, He came
for us.
So that Love could be with us, and we could know You.
That we could share Love with others.



Help us, Father, to hear Your love song in every sunrise,
in the chirping of sparrows in our backyards,
in the stories of our old folks, and the fantasies of our children.
Help us to stop and listen to Your love songs,
so that we may know You better and better.

We rejoice in the world You loved into being.
Thank You for another new year and for new chances every day.
We pray for peace, for light, and for hope, that we might spread
them to others.



Forgive us for falling short this past year.
We leave the irreparable past in your hands, and step out into the
unknown new year knowing You will go with us.
We accept Your gift of a new year and we rejoice in what's ahead,
depending on You to help us do exactly what You want..

I say it again, we rejoice
In Jesus' name,

Amen.

*May God Smile
On You Today*

Recipe for a Happy New Year!

Take twelve whole months.
Clean them thoroughly of all bitterness,
hate, and jealousy.
Make them just as fresh and clean as possible.



Now cut each month into twenty-eight, thirty, or
thirty-one different parts,
but don't make up the whole batch at once.
Prepare it one day at a time out of these ingredients.

Mix well into each day one part of faith,
one part of patience, one part of courage,
and one part of work.



Add to each day one part of hope,
faithfulness, generosity, and kindness.
Blend with one part prayer, one part meditation,
and one good deed.

Season the whole with a dash of good spirits,
a sprinkle of fun, a pinch of play,
and a cupful of good humor.



Pour all of this into a vessel of love.
Cook thoroughly over radiant joy,
garnish with a smile,
and serve with quietness, unselfishness,
and cheerfulness.
You're bound to have a happy new year.