



## Our Journey into the New Year

We are now entering into the year 2010. It seems like only yesterday that we faced the year 2000. Multitudes were in a state of fear over the possible “Y2K” threats. Well, ten years later finds us still alive and our computers survived the Millennium change.

Our journey into 2010 is, in many respects, a journey into the unknown. Who can predict the possible changes in personal health and the economy of the New Year? None of us are certain as to whether we will even live to see the ending of the Year 2010.

There are, however, some blessed certainties in the journey into the New Year. The Bible reminds the Christian of promises, provisions, and above all, God’s presence in the journey of life. The key is to begin the Year in the right spiritual condition. Are you saved? If so, are you dedicated to the Lord and depending upon Him to lead you into the New Year?

Joshua gave good advice as Israel entered into the new land. “This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.” – Joshua 1:8-9

Israel was commanded to follow the Ark through the Jordon River and into the land. The Ark spoke of God’s divine presence. The people of God can depend upon the Lord to lead and protect them as they go into 2010.

Thank God, Christians do not have to be afraid in terms of what this Year holds! Joshua 1:9 is applicable to our New Year journey. “. . . Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.”

*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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## A Bible Brain Teaser

There are names of 16 books of the Bible mentioned in the paragraph below. See how many you can find. (A preacher found 15 books in 20 minutes, but it took him three weeks to find the 16th one.) Good hunting!

“I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible. It was a lulu; kept people looking so hard for facts, and for others, it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the name of the books were not capitalized. But the truth finally struck home to numbers of our readers. To others it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require judges to help find them. I will quickly admit it usually takes a minister to find one of them, and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady says she brews a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete. Relax now, for there really are sixteen names of books of the Bible in this paragraph.”

## New Year's Resolutions

How many of you are planning on or have already decided to make a New Year's Resolution? Have you ever kept one or know of someone who has? New beginnings are a wonderful thing and with a new year comes a new starting point. It is a way to erase or forget the past and move on. Many use January first to mark the start of that change for their resolution of self-improvement.

These resolutions are good and it is a great way for implementing things that you keep putting off. Most of these self-imposed goals take a lot of stamina, determination and discipline but they are usually worth it.

If you stop and look at the concept, there is a parallel to the truth of Christ. He has given us a new beginning through the Cross, His Death and Resurrection! We truly can leave the past behind and enter into a brand new beginning! Through confessing our sin and believing in Him, we pass a threshold into a changed life and heart along with a clean slate! Mind boggling! To top it off, Christ will be there to walk alongside us! He provides His strength, we don't need to rely on our own stamina, determination and discipline! That kind of minimizes the appeal of any worldly resolution!

When you make your New Year's Resolutions this year, ask God to reveal an aspect of your relationship with Christ that needs some work. Then ask the Holy Spirit to help you in the New Year as you implement ways to strengthen your walk.

## *~ LADIES' FELLOWSHIP ~*

“Happy New Year” from Ladies Fellowship! We trust the Lord will give us a wonderful year in 2010 and we hope to see our membership grow as we strive to serve the Lord together.

Thank you to all the church family who participated in the annual penny drive for the Smiths and the Christmas boxes for the shut-ins. Your generosity is much appreciated.

*The Men and Ladies Fellowship will share in an “After Christmas Party” on Tuesday, January 5, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.*

*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.*

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## January Birthdays.....

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



## February Birthdays.....

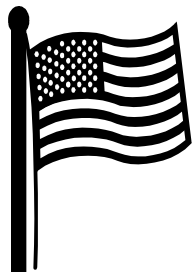
01 Jean Rumsey	20 Gerry Williams	Mattie Mae Nuckles
02 Gordon Crouch	21 Tammy Cameron	Debbie Robertson
08 Heather Smith	22 Ross Cashion	Judy Smith
10 Cathy Ramer	25 Amanda Boscia	Tammy Stephens
11 Craig Hendrix	25 Paul Boscia	Brittany Tilley
11 Debra Pitts	25 Mark Lowe	Caleb Tilley
15 Randy Foust	26 David Hayes	Chucky Vaughn
16 Eric Nuckles	Robin Dean	Joshua Westmoreland
18 Clyde Ray Gray	Dwayne Johnson	Melinday Whittemore

## January Anniversaries

Gordon & Shirley Crouch  
Tim & Lisa Pitts



## Pray for those In the Service of our Country



Matthew Bennett (new recruit in Jacksonville, SC)  
A1C William Holt, US Air Force  
Sheppard AFB, TX  
CW2 Jonathan Harless (Iraq)  
Cpt. Robert Harless (Savannah, GA)  
Chief Warrant Officer 3 Michael Maine, US Army  
[stationed stateside]  
Corporal Mel Wright, US Marines, stateside  
(Nephews of Clarence Redmon)

## Dave and Sandy Kelly Word of Life International Ministries

Don't let the letterhead fool you. [Editor's Note: the "letterhead" is a picture of a Honda being towed in front of a Best Western Hotel.] We have not left Word of Life for Best Western. This memorable Thanksgiving, our "turkey" turned out to be our old faithful green Honda. (Note: if the turkey is green, do not eat it!)

That "turkey" left us stranded at a Best Western just exactly half way between home and our destination – six hours in either direction! Thank the Lord, we were near civilization, not stranded out in the middle of nowhere (which is EXACTLY where we were Sunday night about midnight coming home from meetings. God is good!). Not only were we stranded near a motel, but also a pizza place that delivers! So our Thanksgiving dinner was well "rounded"!

I shouldn't call the Honda a "turkey". It has served us well for 276,000 miles over seven years. Its sudden demise just surprised us. We have kept the car serviced well and thought we had time to raise the necessary funds for a new staff car before this one died on us. Now we find ourselves in a bit of a tight spot. We must now try to raise funds quickly. We would like something safe, reliable, good gas mileage, and with room to haul our ministry equipment. We think we can get something for \$13,500.

We put thousands of miles a year on the staff car and, Lord willing, we hope to be able to continue ministering as widely and vigorously over the next seven years. But it does require dependable transportation.

Would you please pray and ask the Lord if He wants you to be a part of meeting this immediate need?

We sincerely thank you. And we pray your Thanksgiving was a much more traditional one without unwelcome surprises. God bless you and thank you for caring about and praying for the ministry of the Kellys.

**Dave and Sandy Kelly**

Reachout: Short-term Missions

Word of Life International Ministries

336-470-9203 (C) 336-797-5250 (H) ~ [davek@wol.org](mailto:davek@wol.org)

Please send gifts to Word of Life Fellowship, Box 600, Schroon Lake, NY 12870. Make checks payable to: Word of Life Fellowship, marked for the David and Sandy Kelly car fund. Project code: 1919180460

# REMEMBER IN PRAYER

## Smith Grove Seniors

Louise Byrd	Pat George	Laura Nuckles
Lib Cooper*	Cleo Holt	J. D. Shields
Gordon Crouch	Reva Holt	Raynelle Shields
Shirley Crouch	Helen Jones	Wade Shields
Louise Davenport*	Lawrence Jones	Louise Smith
Iris Farrington	Neva Long	Glenn Tedder
Wilma Farrington	Curney Matthews	Clarence Tucker
June Freeman	Rose Matthews	Forrest Tucker
Ernest Fulk	Bud McCurdy	Hettie Westmoreland

## Others in Need of Prayer

(In alphabetical order)

**\*Special Needs**

Marilyn Alston	Debbie Harden	Norma Pilchett*
Fred Bame	Ronnie Holcomb	Claude Royal
Merl Blake	Alice & Barry Holman	Jamie Shell
Roy Boody	Raleigh Hunt	Eddie Thomason
Mazalean Byerly	Daniel Idol	Melissa Thomason
John Carter	Roscoe Johnson	Barbara Tucker
Bonnie Clark	Leighann Kincade	Clara Ward
Cody (13-yr old in Thomasville)	Napha Klepper	Kenneth Westmoreland
Aaron Cole	Richie McCormick	Gordon Wilkey*
Alice Covington	Mark Midkiff	Gerry Williams*
Tom Covington	John & Dolly Miller	Arry Wilson
Jimmy Dillon	Darius Moore	Jessi Wright
David Gindelsberger	John Pearl	New converts
Clyde Gray, Sr.*	Don Peterson	The Unsaved
	Miranda Petkis	

**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.
- Youth Directors
- Preachers, teachers, singers, & workers of our church & Discovery Clubs.
- Our sincere sympathies to the families of Adam Easter and Sarah Giles Reid.

## 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.
<b>Wednesday Services:</b>	
Discovery Bible Clubs	7:00 p.m.
Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.
Thursday Visitation	7:00 p.m.



January 2010

**Tues., Jan. 5- 7:00 p.m. Men's and Ladies' Fellowship "After Christmas Party" in the Fellowship Building.**

*Happy New Year!*

**Without GOD, our week would be:**

Sinday, Mournday, Tearsday, Wasteday, Thirstday,  
Fightday & Shatterday.

**Remember:** seven days without God makes one WEAK!

Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each new year find you a better man.

~Benjamin Franklin

I Cor. 7:22-24



## Gary & Friends Missionary Outreach Ministry

Greetings to all, and Happy New Year from Gary and my “senior helper” friends. I hope they are ready for the blessings God will send their way. I believe He is well pleased in the way that Ron, Kay, and Carolyn worked so hard to be a blessing to seniors during the Christmas season.

I am especially thankful to Carolyn Williams who went to Kerner Ridge on December 6 and had the evening service without me. I was very sick and had fever, so I was unable to conduct the service. Carolyn is such a big help and is truly a blessing to the dear seniors to whom we minister, and to me, too!

God bless you all and let’s do more for Christ in 2010,  
*Gary Smith* ~ I Peter 5:7

## WHO IS THIS?

- In chemistry, He turned water to wine.
- In biology, He was born without the normal conception.
- In physics, He suspended the law of gravity when He ascended into heaven.
- In economics, He challenged the law of diminishing return by feeding 5,000 men with two fishes and 5 loaves of bread.
- In medicine, He cured the sick and the blind without administering a single dose of drugs.
- In history, He is the beginning and the end.
- In government, He said that he shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace.
- In religion, He said no one comes to the Father “except through me”;
- Who is He? He is Jesus! The greatest man in history.



## “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 Road  
High Point, NC 27265  
6684288 ~ January 03

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

Dolly Westmoreland  
520 Lakedale Rd  
Colfax, NC 27235  
993-2093 ~ January 27

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

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



## I resolve . . .

When life is difficult, and my faith seems slight  
*I purpose in my heart, to do what’s right.*

When trials arise and I can’t see the light  
*I purpose in my heart, to do what’s right.*

When worldly temptations look pleasant in my sight,  
*I purpose in my heart, to do what’s right.*

When I want to respond in anger and sometimes even spite,  
*I purpose in my heart, to do what’s right.*

In the light of day, in the dark of night,  
*I purpose in my heart, to do what’s right.*

It is not through my own strength – it is only through God’s might,  
*That I may purpose in my heart, to do what’s right.*

There should never be a question as to whom belongs the fight,  
*Our Savior has won the battle between the darkness and the light.*

**“The wrong shall fail, the right prevail.”**



## *It's in the Valleys I Grow*

Sometimes life seems hard to bear,  
Full of sorrow, trouble and woe  
It's then I have to remember  
That it's in the valleys I grow.

If I always stayed on the mountain top  
And never experienced pain,  
I would never appreciate God's love  
And would be living in vain.

I have so much to learn  
And my growth is very slow,  
Sometimes I need the mountain tops,  
But it's in the valleys I grow.

I do not always understand  
Why things happen as they do,  
But I am very sure of one thing.  
My Lord will see me through.

My little valleys are nothing  
When I picture Christ on the cross  
He went through the valley of death;  
His victory was Satan's loss.

Forgive me Lord, for complaining  
When I'm feeling so very low.  
Just give me a gentle reminder  
That it's in the valleys I grow.

Continue to strengthen me, Lord  
And use my life each day  
To share your love with others  
And help them find their way.

Thank you for valleys, Lord  
For this one thing I know  
The mountain tops are glorious  
But it's in the valleys I grow!

by Jane Eggleston

## *The Man Who Walks on Water*

Just as Peter on the lake  
I set out on a quest  
My boat is drifting out to sea  
God puts me to the test.

The depth is deep, the width is wide  
A storm is setting in  
The waves are thrashing all about  
I feel a fear within.

A figure looms, within the mist  
I tremble in the night  
He seems to walk on water  
My heart is filled with fright.

Fear not says He, have courage  
I do not bring you harm  
For it is I who comes to save  
There's no need for alarm.

He bids me walk on water  
His flowing robe, I see  
But I lose faith as I step out  
Upon the angry sea.

My trust is gone, I start to sink  
I panic as I go  
I cry out Lord, please save me  
Strong winds begin to blow.

His staff is there before me  
His mighty hand comes out  
He plucks me from the churning sea  
Why did I ever doubt.

Into the boat, the wind is still  
He calms the restless sea  
If He will soothe a violent storm  
He'll do the same for thee.

Oh precious child of little faith  
You are His son or daughter  
Look to the One who calms the sea  
The Man who walks on water.

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