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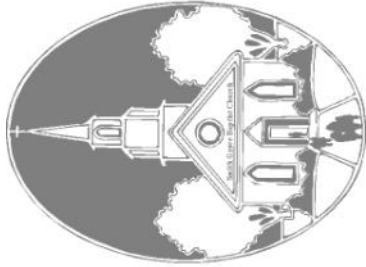
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*Happy New Year - 2018*

**Sat., Jan. 6.....Winston-Salem Rescue Mission**

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

**Tues., Jan. 16, 7 p.m. ....Men's & Ladies' Fellowship Meetings**  
in the Fellowship Building. **Men's Speaker: John Moore.**  
Sylvia Carnell extends a special invitation to all ladies of the church to join us for a time of fellowship, worship, and **just plain fun!**  
*(Please bring finger foods to share.)*

**Sun., Jan. 21..... BEAMS' SUNDAY**  
**Sun., Jan. 21, 6 p.m. ....Missionary Speaker, Steve Robinson.**

**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    Clara Ward  
Harry Haynes    Barbara Tucker

## 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



There were two guys working for the city. One would dig a hole, he would dig, dig, dig, the other would come behind him and fill the hole, fill, fill, fill. These two men worked furiously. One digging a hole, the other filling it up again.

A man was watching from the sidewalk and couldn't believe how hard these men were working, but couldn't understand what they were doing. Finally he had to ask them.

He said to the hole digger, "I appreciate how hard you work, but what are you doing? You dig a hole and your partner comes behind you and fills it up again!"

The hole digger replied, "Oh yeah, it must look funny, but the guy who plants the trees in the holes is out sick today."



## BEAMS' Report for December 2017

# of Pledges: 16; # of Contributions: 2;  
Total Contributors: 18  
Total Contributed: \$ 627.00 =  
78 Bibles in December (plus some postage)

*A special thank you* to the **Young Adult Bible Class** for their additional donation of **\$114.00** to the BEAMS' ministry for 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)

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

*Welcome New  
Member*

Elaine Lowe  
2520 Sandy Ridge Road  
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(Birthday: December 5)



## *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 *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.

### Casandra Mann

800 Quail Meadow  
Colfax, NC 27235  
336-993-4327 (Home)  
336-317-3483 (Cell) ~ January 2

### Jean Rumsey

8730 Bame Road  
Colfax, NC 27235  
336-668-2080 ~ February 01

### Joy Overcast

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

### Kathy Flynt

896 Flynt Rd.  
High Point, NC 27265  
336-668-2500 (Home)  
336-880-3352 (Cell) ~ January 7

### Dolly Westmoreland

520 Lakedale Rd  
Colfax, NC 27235  
336-993-2093 ~ January 27



## January Anniversaries

Jan. 26 Ernie & Kathy Fulk



–“On matters of style, swim with the current, on matters of principle, stand like a rock.” — Thomas Jefferson

–“Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.” – Theodore Roosevelt

–“Live simply, love generously, care deeply, speak kindly, leave the rest to God.” — Ronald Reagan (1911–2004)

## THE UNKNOWN

I do not know what still awaits,  
Or what the morrow brings;  
But with the glad salute of faith,  
I hail its open wings!

For this I know — that in my Lord  
Shall all my needs be met;  
And I can trust the heart of him  
Who has not failed me yet...

## 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  
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)  
[Gospel Light Leadership Team:](#)  
Rev. Bobby Roberson (Brain Tumor)  
Rev. Jeff Johnson (Cancer)  
Bob Richards (Cancer)  
Robbie Jones (Kidney Disease)  
Jo Ann Green (knee surgery)  
Samuel Hall (Health Issues)  
*Ivan Handy* (Gravely ill)  
R.C. Harrelson (Hospice Care)  
Mary Hart (stroke)  
Teresa Hatch (Breast Cancer)  
George Hayes (heart)  
Bill Hayworth (Cancer)  
Rhonda Hedgecock  
Ricky Hedgecock  
Tim Hedgecock  
Cleo & Reva Holt (Health issues)  
Cheryl Holt’s brothers (Salvation)  
Joretta Holt (CHF & back issues)  
Annie Hutchens (broken ankle)  
Jeffrey’s School friend (Brain tumor)  
Robin Jobe  
David Kite (stroke)  
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)  
David & Carol McBrayer  
Kevin McBrayer (Heart Issues)  
Maggie McGee  
Mary Miller (Health issues)  
Shannon Pardue (Cancer)  
Mae Cecil Petticord (Stroke)  
Jo Anne Pegram (Kidney issues)  
Ethel Pendry  
Gene & Oma Lou Pitts  
Allen Priddy (PTSD)  
Gabriel Ransom (15 year-old with brain tumor)  
*Ann Rayle* (Broken hip)  
*Becky Redmon* (Macular degeneration)  
*Stephanie Redmon* (Health Issues)  
Sandra Richardson  
Connie Rierson (Heart issues)  
Alvin Ring (Health issue)  
Carissa Robbins (NF2 - tumors)  
Tom Rodgers  
Justin Royal  
Noah Sanchez  
Adam & Maryann Serafini (Spiritual)  
Betty Sue Smith (Heart issues)  
Fred Smith (Cancer)  
Nancy Smith (Health Issues)  
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:

Diane Foust (Glenda’s sister-in-law)  
Stan Hedgecock  
Estilene Holman (Dianne Nuckles’ mother)  
P. Blaine Welborn (Brother of Ann Gray and Betty Bame)



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**Preparing Pastors:** This past month we were able to participate in the annual pastor's school in Arequipa Peru. This is the city where we studied language and did our internship before coming to Bolivia. Every year they have a pastor's conference designed to train, equip and encourage pastors from all over South America. This year's conference was titled "The Good Fight" and focused on how we can fight the fight and also finish the fight. During the day we had classes for pastors and leaders and then services at night. This year there were eight of us that traveled from Cochabamba to Arequipa a trip that normally takes 18-20 hours crossing the Andes mountains to get there. We usually leave on Sunday night and travel about seven hours to the city of La Paz and from there it is close to two hours to get to the border of Peru. From the border we take either a taxi or a small bus for three hours to a city in Peru called Puno. From the city of Puno we take a tourist van for five hours to the city of Arequipa. Although it is a long trip it is always worth it and is a great encouragement to all who go.

**Special Visitor:** One of the things that is a great encouragement to us on the mission field is to have other friends that are missionaries in other countries around us. One of those families is the Holt family that has been missionaries in Chile for close to twelve years. Well while we were there earlier this year we spoke with them about the possibility of their daughter Katie coming to visit with us for a month, kind of like a short mission's trip for her. Jason came over in September to teach at our pastor's retreat and Katie came with him at that time to stay with us. Then she traveled with us to Peru where she met up with her parents. While here Katie was able to help in the church teaching in the children's ministry and helping out with the music along with other ministries. She was a great blessing to us and we already miss having her around.

**Three Years Old:** This past month we were able to participate in the anniversary service of the second church that we started in an area of our city called Quillacollo. It has now been three years since we started the church, and we are very grateful for how the Lord has been blessing.

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At the end of the first year, working in the church, it was time for our second furlough and we were able to leave the church with pastor Pablo Rojas, and since then him and his wife Evelyn have been doing a great job and the church has been growing at a steady pace. They invited us to have a part in their special service and I was able to preach about how God uses them to do great things. During the service they had several testimonies, one being pastor Isaac Benitez, who also helped during the first year that we were starting the church. After the service they had a special meal and sang happy birthday with a cake that had three candles on it. The church was almost full and in all there were close to seventy in attendance. Please pray for pastor Pablo, his wife Evelyn and their daughter Rebeca that the Lord will continue to guide, direct and provide for them.

**Prayer Requests:** 1. Pray for the three churches that we have here; in Cochabamba, Quillacollo and Pacta 2. Pray for a little girl named Maite in our church that has stage four brain cancer. 3. Pray for the intern that we had here, Andrew Wilder, as he returns to the US and seeks God's will for his life. 4. Pray for laborers for Bolivia that we can reach many more with the gospel.



*Mary* Poppins was traveling home, but due to worsening weather, she decided to stop at a hotel for the night. She went in and asked for a room for the night.

"Certainly madam," the clerk replied courteously. "Is the restaurant open still?" inquired Mary. "Sorry, no," came the reply, "but room service is available all night. Would you care to select something from this menu?" Mary smiled and took the menu and perused it. "Hmm, I would like cauliflower cheese please," said Mary.

"Certainly, madam," he replied. "And may I have breakfast in my room?" asked Mary politely. The receptionist nodded and smiled. "In that case, I would love a couple of poached eggs, please," Mary mused. After confirming the order, Mary signed in and went up to her room for the night.

The night passed uneventfully and the next morning Mary came down early to check out. The same guy was still on the desk.

"Morning, madam. Sleep well?" "Yes, thank you," Mary replied.

"Food to your liking?" "Well, I have to say the cauliflower cheese was exceptional, I don't think I have had better. Shame about the eggs, though... they really weren't that nice at all," replied Mary truthfully.

"Oh...well, perhaps you could contribute these thoughts to our Guest Comments Book. We would value your opinion," said the receptionist.

"OK, I will...thanks!" replied Mary...who checked out, then scribbled a comment into the book. Waving, she left to continue her journey.

Curious, the desk clerk picked up the book to see the comment Mary had written. "Supercauliflowercheesebuteggswarequiteatrocious!"

## Youth Ministry

Whew! What a busy season for our young people! After weeks of preparing, they sweetly brought the message of Christ's birth in our play, "The Missing Manger." Nestled beside Granny Mouse's mountain cabin, they helped Scottie and Whiskers set up the nativity scene in the snow. While the children sang us through the story, searching for the missing manger, our teen group mirrored the wooden characters displayed before the congregation. Our Bible Club choir consisted of Marshall Moore, Mackenzie Barham, Audrey Hendrix, Jeffrey Smith, Caleb Jordan, Parran Crump, Evan Cho, Aaron Jordan, Abi Jones, Addison Moore, Lillie Crump, and Watson Crump. Stephanie and John Moore beautifully portrayed Mary and Joseph as these young people gathered at the manger underneath the magnificent star: Marshall Freeman as the Innkeeper; Joseph Barham, Chase Ramey, Landon Ramey, and Jacob Ferguson as the Shepherds; and Makayla Seals, Katelyn Crum, and Veronica Smith as the Angels. We are deeply grateful for the way Misty Smith encouraged our youngsters as she taught and led them in their heartfelt singing of our mountain Christmas carols... what a talented music director she is! Thank you also to Scott Crump, for once again pairing with Whiskers, this time to narrate the story of the sweetest gift ever given. We also appreciate our young people for their enthusiasm in honoring Jesus... for weeks, they demonstrated their hearts for people as they lovingly prepared to bring Christ's message of salvation to our audience that special night. We thank all the families and leaders who partnered with us to proclaim the joy found in God's promise come true! Thanks also go to Adrian Barham for his skill at the sound board; to Tony and Trudy Nuckles for building the baptistry platform; to Steve Dillon for loaning his hay bales; and to Sherrill Crater for designing and printing the program flyers.

Thankfully, our new year still finds us immersed in the joy of Christmas, as the excitement of the youngsters doesn't end with the passing of the season. We begin 2018 still pursuing the truths of Jesus' birth in our Wednesday night study, "Happy Birthday, Jesus!" We have acted out the scenes in which angels visited both Mary and Joseph; we examined how John the Baptist would prepare the way for Jesus; and we have learned about the journey Mary and Joseph took to Bethlehem. Later in January, our lessons will culminate with another birthday celebration as we again rejoice that God's long-ago promise came true in the form of a tiny baby boy Who came to be our Savior. It has been a blessing to spend an entire semester, preparing our hearts for Christmas ...and beyond!

With Prayers for a Blessed New Year for You All,  
~ Bruce, Darla, and Marshall



It doesn't seem possible that *The Messenger* is entering its **35th** year! And what a joy it is for all of us on the newsletter committee to have a part in this publication outreach ministry. *Thank you*, Pastor & Smith Grove, for allowing us to do this! It is a commitment we are honored to keep. Many thanks to Becky Redmon and Glenda Foust for their faithfulness to this work. And a special thank you to our "tabbing crew" who help us prepare our mailing each month: Clarence Redmon and Sam Crater. Their help is invaluable.

To our readers..... It is our aim to provide church ministry updates, uplifting content, spiritual encouragement, and, most of all.... to exalt our precious Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. We ask that you pray for us, *The Messenger*, and all its contributors – may God always be glorified in every edition!

Proverbs 2:6 *"For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding."*

**Happy New Year** from the Newsletter Committee,  
*Sherrill Crater, Becky Redmon, & Glenda Foust*



### Words to Remember by Preachers of the Past . . .

"God is not looking for brilliant men, is not depending upon eloquent men, is not shut up to the use of talented men in sending His Gospel out in the world. God is looking for broken men, for men who have judged themselves in the light of the Cross of Christ. When He wants anything done, He takes up men who have come to an end of themselves, and whose trust and confidence is not in themselves but in God."  
~H.A. Ironside

"What a compelling motive we have for prayer, for preaching, for soul-winning when we learn that every responsible human being who leaves this world without a definite change in heart, immediately lifts his eyes in Hell, tormented in flame!" ~John R. Rice

"There are some promises in the Bible which I have never yet used; but I am well assured that there will come times of trial and trouble when I shall find that poor despised promise, which I thought was never meant for me, will be the only one on which I can float. I know that the time is coming when every believer shall know the worth of every promise in the covenant." ~ C.H. Spurgeon

Pastor Chuck Peters

## The Threshold of a New Year

We stand on the threshold of the year, 2018, and feel somewhat like a combat soldier rallying after a battle. Adrenaline is flowing while emotions soar! The Commander attempts to assess the situation while considering the mission success and potential casualty count.

We face a New Year knowing that the war is still raging though we have survived the various battles of the previous year. We journey into 2018 confident that ample resources will accompany our new battle needs. The Christian discovered adequate spiritual provisions for spiritual warfare in 2017 and can be confident of equal provisions for the New Year!

January ushers in the New Year. January signals the chill of winter and the bareness of the landscape following the deadness of vegetation. The earth, however, only reflects the appearance of deadness. Beneath the cold and barren sod lies the seed germ of life which will beckon to the call of a coming Spring and again sprout forth from the frozen earth!

The chill of winter is matched by the warmth of the heat of home. The fireplace, the woodstove, or the furnace compensate for the cold of the season.

I chill at the thought of the violence, the deaths, and the carnage witnessed in 2017. I shiver at the thought of the senseless terrorist killings and havoc of the current war. I think of the destructiveness of sin displaying its ugly face in drug usage, depraved lifestyles, and despicable activity. I, however, am warmed by the fact that God is still on the throne, the Word of God can still be trusted, and the future of the child of God is still secure!

God's Person is unchanging, His power is unchallenged, and His purposes are being carried out. He is Creator, Sustainer, and upholds all things by the Word of His power. He is the safe and secure habitation of His redeemed ones. "Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God." – Psalm 90:1-2

Yes, we are chilled by the plight of sin but we are warmed by the presence, power, and provision of the Lord. Our "threshold" viewing of the New Year may be unsettling from a mere human perspective. A viewing of 2018 from the vantage point of redemption in Christ Jesus is the viewing of a wonderful and exciting year! The Christian can be confident that God will supply our needs. He will sustain our labors and go with us through the New Year. The child of God will never leave His presence. If the year includes physical death, we meet Him in glory! If the year includes the rapture, we go up with Him into glory!



## New Year's Resolutions

Below are Resolutions penned by Jonathan Edwards during the years 1722 and 1723, when he was around twenty years old. Stephen Nichols said: "When he wrote these seventy resolutions, Edwards was completing his schooling and ministerial training and was anticipating setting out on his life's work. He took advantage of the opportunity to pause and reflect on the type of person he wanted to be and the way in which he wanted to live his life." As we turn the corner on a new year, many of us will find it profitable to reflect on our own lives. New Year's Resolutions are often made flippantly and have little value. But they can also reflect a sincere desire to grow spiritually. To this end, let me present some of Jonathan Edwards' resolutions as a stimulant to those of us who are interested in reflecting on our lives at the start of our new year, 2018. (Excerpt from an original post by Rick Phillips, 2013)

**Some Resolutions**, by Jonathan Edwards (selected from the 70 penned)

5. Resolved, never to lose one moment of time; but improve it the most profitable way I possibly can...

7. Resolved, never to do anything that I should be afraid to do if it were the last hour of my life...

9. Resolved, to think much on all occasions of my own dying, and of the common circumstances which attend death...

14. Resolved, never to do anything out of revenge...

21. Resolved, never to do anything that, if I should see it in another, I should count a just occasion to despise him, for, or think any way the more meanly of him.

28. Resolved, to study the Scriptures so steadily, constantly, and frequently that I may find, and plainly perceive myself to grow in the knowledge of them.

34. Resolved, in narrations never to speak anything but the pure and simple verity...

52. I frequently hear persons in old age say how they would live, if they were to live their lives over again: Resolved, that I will live just so as I can think I shall wish I had done, supposing I live to old age.

53. Resolved, to improve every opportunity... to cast and venture my soul on the Lord Jesus Christ, to trust and confide in him, and consecrate myself wholly to him; that from this I may have the assurance of my safety, knowing that I confide in my Redeemer.

63. On the supposition, that there never was to be but one individual in the world, at any one time, who was properly a complete Christian, in all respects of a right stamp, having Christianity always shining in its true luster, and appearing excellent and lovely, from whatever part and under whatever character viewed: Resolved, to act just as I would do, if I strove with all my might to be that one, who should live in my time.