



AN OUTREACH MINISTRY OF
SMITH GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
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Sunday School 10:00 AM
Morning Worship 11:00 AM
Evening Worship 6:00 PM
Wednesday Service 7:00 PM
- NURSERY PROVIDED -
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Saturday 8:00 AM
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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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July

“DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY”

General Douglas MacArthur challenged the cadets at West Point to never forsake obedience to these three words. These words were to translate into marching orders and also regulate pure character for those who wear the uniform of the American fighting man.

Who has demonstrated “duty, honor, and country” any more than the defender of freedom? These ethics are certainly not observed in the character of a liberal politician who out of political expediency forfeits our cherished freedom! It is apparent that some of our politicians are self seeking and blinded by a quest for power. Yet, “duty, honor, and Country still remain the creed of the soldier.

Today we celebrate our freedom. Our celebration includes tears of patriotic pride for it understands the price of freedom. We emotionally sing the American Anthem and still proudly wave “Old Glory”. We rejoice in the history of the God given victories that brought our freedom. We also solemnly honor the memories of the thousands who died that we might be free.

This 4th of July finds us safely at home with our families. We attend the parades, roast our hot dogs, and enjoy our holiday. This celebration especially involves a prayer and a salute to that lonely hero in Iraq and Afghanistan who still model the words, “duty, honor, and Country.” This 4th of July finds them highlighting the very definition of this holiday!

“I do not know the dignity of their birth, but I do know the glory of their death. They died unquestioning, uncomplaining, with faith in their hearts, and on their lips the hope that we would go on to victory. Always for them – Duty – Honor – Country; always their blood and sweat and tears as we sought the way and the light and the truth.” – General Douglas MacArthur, West Point, May 12, 1962

Pastor Chuck Peters

July Birthdays.....

01 Betty Byrd	16 Barbara Tucker
02 Tommy Holt	17 Glenn Johnson
05 William Keedy	19 Bill Dillon
06 Homer Bowden	22 Troy Holt
06 Bruce Freeman	22 Tanya Stafford
07 Jeremy Payne	24 Brad Hendrix
09 Becky Redmon	24 Jonathan Jimenez
10 Johnny Foust	25 Amy Jordan
10 Jim Laramore	27 Victoria Ann Holt
12 Sherrill Raso	29 Karen Holt
14 Goldie Jones	29 Christopher Sealey

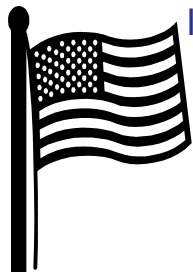
August Birthdays.....

01 Dan Nuckles	12 Gerald Pitts	23 Allen Westmoreland
02 Sandy Westmoreland	13 Darrell Jordan	24 Maudean Nuckles
03 Taylor Westmoreland	17 Jay Pitts	24 Mary Westmoreland
03 Gordon Wilkey	19 Patsy Pendry	25 Annie Nuckles
04 Lorene Robertson	20 Sarah Hendrix	27 Patrick Clark
05 Laura Nuckles	21 Corinne Keedy	27 Lindsay Owens
06 Spencer Holt	21 Tori Kennedy	28 Doris Nuckles
07 Mike McCollum	21 Trudy Nuckles	28 Ethan Nuckles
07 Audrey Nuckles	22 Jeanette Dillon	30 Scott Crump
08 Allen Pitts	22 Stephen Hutton	Spencer Dowd
09 April Owens	22 Carol Peters	Daniel Vaughn
12 Cleo Holt	23 Curney Matthews	



July Anniversaries

Homer and Barbara Bowden	Lawrence and Helen Jones
Jimmy and Kathy Crews	Curney and Rose Matthews
Bruce and Darla Freeman	Chuck and Carol Peters-July 11
Gary and Helen Hendrix-July 7	Gary and Beverly Sechler
Wade and Nora Smith	
Gale and Charlene Tester	
Duain and Faye Whittemore	



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, California
(Nephews of Clarence Redmon)

THE RECRUIT WRITES HOME

Dear Ma and Pa,

I am well. Hope you'uns are. Tell brother Walt and brother Elmer the Marine Corps beats working for old man Smith by a mile. Tell them to join up quick before maybe all the places are filled. I was restless at first because you've got to stay in bed till nearly 6 a.m., but am getting so I like to sleep late. Tell Walt and Elmer all you do before breakfast is smooth your cot and shine some things. No hogs to slop, hay to pitch, mash to mix, wood to split, fire to lay; practically nothing. Men got to shave but it's not so bad, there's warm water. Breakfast is strong on trimmings like fruit juice, cereal, eggs, bacon, etc., but kind of weak on pork chops, fried potatoes, ham, steak, pie and other regular food, but tell Walt and Elmer you can always sit by the two city boys that live on coffee. Their food plus yours holds you till noon when you get fed again. It's no wonder these city boys can't walk much.

We go on "route marches," which the platoon Sergeant says are long walks to harden us. If he thinks so, it's not my place to tell him different. A "route march" is about as far as to our mailbox at home. Then the city guys get sore feet and we all ride back in trucks.

The country is nice but awful flat. The Sergeant is like a school teacher. He nags a lot. The Captain is like the school board. Majors and Colonels just ride around and frown. They don't bother you none.

This next will kill Walt and Elmer with laughing. I keep getting medals for shooting. I don't know why. The bulls-eye is near as big as a chipmunk head and don't move, and it ain't shooting at you like the Higgett boys at home. All you got to do is lie there all comfortable and hit it. You don't even load your own cartridges. They come in boxes.

Then we have what they call hand to hand combat training. You get to wrestle with them city boys. I have to be real careful though, they break real easy. It ain't like fighting with that ole bull at home. I'm about the best they got in this except for Tug Jordan from over in Silver Lake. I only beat him once. He joined up the same time as me, but I'm only 5' 6" and 130 pounds, and he's 6' 8" and weighs near 300 pounds dry.

Be sure to tell Walt and Elmer to hurry and join before other fellers get into this setup and come stampeding in.

Your Loving Daughter,
Angie

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Smith Grove Seniors

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

Others in Need of Prayer

(In alphabetical order) *Special Needs

Marilyn Alston	Reva Holt	Norma Pilchett*
Fred Bame	Raleigh Hunt	Claude Royal
Merl Blake	Daniel Idol	Jamie Shell
Roy Boody	Glenn Johnson	Irene Shields
John Carter	Lawrence Jones	Aileen Smith
Bonnie Clark	Ronnie Jones	Eddie Thomason
Aaron Cole	Bessie Kendrick	Barbara Tucker*
Lib Cooper	Leighann Kincade	Hazel Tuggle*
Louise Davenport*	Napha Klepper	Kenneth Westmoreland
Iris Farrington	Rose Matthews	Gordon Wilkey*
Clyde Gray, Sr.	Richie McCormick	Arry Wilson
Lillie Gray*	Mark Midkiff	Jessi Wright
Debbie Harden	John & Dolly Miller	New converts
Ed Heath	Pam Neal	The Unsaved
Tyler Hodgins*	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.
- Rev. Bruce Freeman, Pastor, Manna Baptist Church
- Preachers, teachers, singers, & workers of our church & Discovery Clubs.
- The Radio broadcast & all visitation programs.
- Our sincere sympathies to the families of Lucy Bishop, Jeanette Dillon, Mae Puryear, Teresa Joyce Tucker, David Westmoreland, and Billy B. Wilson.



Services Each Week

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
<i>Teen Church in the Fellowship Bldg.</i>	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.



July 2008



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

Winston-Salem Rescue Mission

July 21 - 25, 7:00 nightly

Piedmont Baptist Camp Meeting

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 28 ~ Oct. 1

FALL REVIVAL with Dr. Billy Martin

Sunday, October 12 ~

Smith Grove Homecoming

Contact for Flowers to be sent for Sick/Bereaved:

Eloise McCollum - (336) 996-6320

“In its main features the Declaration of Independence is a spiritual document. It is a declaration not of material but spiritual conceptions. Equality, liberty, popular sovereignty, the rights of man—these are not elements which we can see and touch. They are ideals. They have their source and their roots in religious convictions. They belong to the unseen world. Unless the faith of the American people in these religious convictions is to endure, the principles of our Declaration will perish. We cannot continue to enjoy the result if we neglect and abandon the cause. If all men are created equal, that is final. If they are endowed with inalienable rights, that is final. If governments derive their just power from the consent of the governed, that is final. No advance, no progress can be made beyond these propositions. If anyone wishes to deny their truth and their soundness, the only direction in which he can proceed historically is not forward, but backward toward the time when there was no equality, no rights of the individual, no rule of the people. Those who wish to proceed in that direction cannot lay claim to progress.”

—Calvin Coolidge

I Cor. 7:22-24



Gary & Melissa Memorial Outreach Ministry

Greetings to all and happy 4th of July. God bless America! America, we need to thank God for all that we have – we have been blessed by Him in so many ways since WWII.

Thank God, the work is going very well in senior homes as we go place to place, and always share the Gospel with them. We try to encourage them in word and song nearly every Friday night as we hold song services in different homes. On Sundays we have church services, just as we do at Smith Grove.

On the morning of July 4th at 10:30, we will go to a new home for me, Brighten Place of Guilford, and hold a God and Country service. I really look forward to that, and something else new, starting on July 6th at Heritage Greens. We will be starting a van ministry to bring people to our church for the morning worship service, and return to Heritage Greens at 12:30 for their lunch.

Let's all remember to pray for Bruce, Darla, and their entire family, as they start their new ministry the first Sunday of July. And let's pray one for another.

God bless,
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 July and August 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.

Betty Byrd
3316 Sandy Ridge Road
Colfax, NC 27235
~ July 01

Becky Redmon
8421 Endicott Road
Colfax, NC 27235
575-8553 ~ July 09

Lorene Robertson
2410 Sandy Ridge Rd.
High Point, NC 27265
668-2372 ~ August 04

Laura Nuckles
7924 Highfill Road
Summerfield, NC 27358
643-3523 ~ August 05

Louise Smith
8330 Tyner Loop Road
Colfax, NC 27235
662-0951 ~ August 06

Mary Westmoreland
2705 Sandy Ridge Rd.
Colfax, NC 27235
668-2818 ~ August 24

Doris Nuckles ~ 8324 Tyner Loop Road
Colfax, NC 27235 ~ 668-2332 ~ August 28

DAWG

Dawg was a stray, a mixed-breed Schnauzer. My son was just two, but Dawg instinctively knew to handle him with care. He tolerated my daughter's affection, his low, muttering growls reminding her not to mess with him.

I became his mother. I've never seen a dog love a person so. He'd stand up on his hind legs and beg to be hugged. When I came down to his level, he pressed his muzzle into my neck and all but sniffed me up his nose. I soon felt guilty about this. As much as he adored me, he seemed to be a hoodlum at heart, making it hard for me to return his unwavering love.

As soon as we all left for the day, Dawg would jump to the kitchen counter and help himself. If he managed to access a bathroom, he shredded (and often ingested) the contents of the wastebasket. If we left him outside he promptly dug under the fence. So we yelled and threatened, banished him to his corner, tied him to the table – nothing corrected his delinquent behavior. He might be good for weeks, and then give in to his baser instincts. I was ready to change his name to Dirty Dawg.

After a particularly disgusting offense, leaving me with a gross, smelly mess, I banished him to the utility room. While he cowered in the corner, I towered over him, making him understand that what he had done was unforgivable, and that he would now be locked in this room every time we left the house. When I stopped for breath, I looked into Dawg's face and suddenly realized I wasn't alone with him. Though a personal relationship with God was new to me, I knew something unusual was happening: I suddenly saw in my mind images of my past unholy behavior that still lingered in the wake of my salvation.

When I really looked at my dog, his eyes afraid and miserable, I realized that I must look that way to the Father at times.

“Oh, Jesus,” I often had whispered. “Help me. Forgive me.” And over and over again, He did. In that moment with Dawg, I felt mercy wash over me so powerfully that I choked and started to cry. I repented of my bitter anger and asked the Lord for patience. I stroked Dawg and spoke sweetly to him. He stopped shaking and nestled against me. While I tended him something changed in us both. With time, his fear of abandonment lessened and his hoodlum escapades lessened while I discovered what it felt like to be truly forgiven and forgiving. Dawg is a different animal today, and I'm a different person. We are both still works in progress. *Psalm 103:11-12* [From “Laugh Yourself to Sleep” by Rachel St. John-Gilbert]

What is An American?

. . . by Peter Ferrara, associate professor of law at the George Mason University School of Law in Northern Virginia. It was published by National Review on September 25th, 2001, twenty-four days after the attack by terrorists.

You probably missed it in the rush of news last week, but there was actually a report that someone in Pakistan had published in a newspaper an offer of a reward to anyone who killed an American, any American. So I just thought I would write to let them know what an American is, so they would know when they found one.

An American is English, or French, or Italian, Irish, German, Spanish, Polish, Russian or Greek. An American may also be Mexican, African, Indian, Chinese, Japanese, Australian, Iranian, Asian, or Arab, or Pakistani, or Afghan. An American may also be a Cherokee, Osage, Blackfoot, Navaho, Apache, or one of the many other tribes known as native Americans.

An American is Christian, or he could be Jewish, or Buddhist, or Muslim. In fact, there are more Muslims in America than in Afghanistan. The only difference is that in America they are free to worship as each of them choose.

An American is also free to believe in no religion. For that he will answer only to God, not to the government, or to armed thugs claiming to speak for the government and for God.

An American is from the most prosperous land in the history of the world. The root of that prosperity can be found in the Declaration of Independence, which recognizes the God given right of each man and woman to the pursuit of happiness.

An American is generous. Americans have helped out just about every other nation in the world in their time of need. When Afghanistan was overrun by the Soviet army 20 years ago, Americans came with arms and supplies to enable the people to win back their country. As of the morning of September 11, Americans had given more than any other nation to the poor in Afghanistan. The best products, the best books, the best music, the best food, the best athletes. Americans welcome the best, but they also welcome the least. The national symbol of America welcomes your tired and your poor, the wretched refuse of your teeming shores, the homeless, tempest tossed.

These in fact are the people who built America. Some of them were working in the Twin Towers on the morning of September 11, earning a better life for their families. [I've been told that the people in the Towers were from at least 30, and maybe many more, other countries, cultures, and first languages, including those that aided and abetted the terrorists.]

So you can try to kill an American if you must. Hitler did. So did General Tojo, and Stalin, and Mao Tse-Tung, and every bloodthirsty tyrant in the history of the world. But, in doing so you would just be killing yourself. Because Americans are not a particular people from a particular place. They are the embodiment of the human spirit of freedom. Everyone who holds to that spirit, everywhere, is an American.

So look around you. You may find more Americans in your land than you thought were there. One day they will rise up and overthrow the old, ignorant, tired tyrants that trouble too many lands. Then those lands, too, will join the community of free and prosperous nations. *And America will welcome them.*

JOHN & YVETE BOFF ~ Missionaries to Brazil

It is with much joy and thankfulness that we come to you by way of this letter. We have prayed for you every day and are thankful to God for your love for us and the work here in Rio Grande do Sul. We thank God and you for your help and prayers in our behalf. We are understanding more and more that we need your prayers and financial help in order to continue the work here in Brazil.

Please continue to pray for us as a month ago both me and my wife came down with a severe bad cold that took us to the doctor but we still have not recovered. My wife is still having treatments for her kidneys and on top of that, she is having constant pain in her spine. Please pray for her. Also, pray for my wife's sister, Ila, that is waiting for kidney transplant. All of this leaves us unhappy, but we trusting in our Lord Jesus.

Also, we are suffering a great deal with the devaluation of the dollar and has hindered us with the exchange. Even with all these difficulties God has given us many blessings:

1. Our missionary Joel that is with Rock of Ages and is working in the prisons has been greatly blessed by God and many doors in different prisons have been opened to the preaching of the Gospel. However, he and his family need prayers as their daughter has epilepsy and recently had pneumonia. Really, Satan is not happy with this ministry.
 2. In April we had two adults, Cesar & Clarice to get saved and they are already doing Bible studies.
 3. Our AWANA program has been a great answer from God. This ministry has caused the parents of the students to come to church and while the children are involved with AWANA the mothers have a devotional. Also, in the "Club of Lillies" they learn to do handcrafts.
 4. Beloved brothers, thank you for all the help given to buy the property beside our church because we now have a fellowship hall, a place for the AWANA program on Saturdays and parking room on Sundays. Only God can repay you!
 5. Our churches are still growing even with all the difficulties and the attacks of Satan. God has sent people for the growth of His church here in the extreme south of Brazil.
 6. We continue on with our visitation program, evangelism, tract distribution and Bible studies in the homes and in the church during the week.
- We need Bibles & tracts in Portuguese. If you can help or know someone that could help with this we would appreciate it.

Send to: Caixapostal, 612 - 90001-970, Porto Alegre, R.S Brasil

Pray for our people in our churches because we are in Autumn with Winter almost here which means the temperature will fall to around 30 to 50 degrees -F. This extreme drop in temperature always means severe health problems for our people. Don't forget to pray for us, our ministry and our health.

Your Missionaries ~ *John & Yvete Boff*

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Dino Detectives ~ VBS Update

What a wonderful week for a dinosaur dig! Everyone who attended our 2008 VBS got more than dinosaur bones, though – we were digging for God’s truth! All ages from 2 years to adult sought answers to some of life’s most perplexing questions, such as “Who created the world?”, “Why am I here?”, “How can I be right with God?”, “What happened to dinosaurs?”, and “Does God keep His promises?”. The answers were found in the book of Genesis, as we focused on creation, Adam and Eve, and Noah’s ark. What a blessing to present the gospel in every single Old Testament lesson, as each truth pointed ahead to the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ! At least two youngsters made decisions to trust in Christ for salvation, and how we rejoiced about this! Our attendance reached more than 80 on some nights, and we also have an offering of nearly \$300 to send the Edens family for translating Bibles for people in Africa!

It seems the past month or two was a whirlwind of preparation for all those involved in VBS, and our “dig” would not have been possible without teamwork! Just taking on a classroom entails so much work as teachers and assistants not only study and prepare Bible lessons, but strive to also transform their classroom into an exciting excavation site! We know this is a great sacrifice of time, and we deeply thank all of you for everything you did to serve our youngsters.

More than we can say, we appreciate you for spending your talents and time to accomplish great things in serving the Lord!

Many thanks to . . . **Cheryl and Steve Holt**, for teaching the little Preschoolers’ class; **Ruby Bowden**, for assisting in the Preschool class; **Chasity and David**, for teaching the PrePrimary class together; **Melanie Crump**, for directing the music so enthusiastically and teaching the Primary class, too; **Scott Crump**, for teaching the Primary class, performing as “Dr. Doug A. Fossilup” in the puppet shows; for the many hours of t-shirt preparation – from knowing whom to borrow equipment from, to buying the shirts, to ironing on the decals in the basement; and for researching and supplying information to our teachers from creation scholar, Dr. Ken Hamm; **Shelby Crump**, for assisting in the Middler class, preparing gifts for the workers each night, stuffing endless bags of popcorn, bringing many items to decorate with; for running countless errands that we just couldn’t get to, for bringing grilled cheese for lunch; for letting Marshall “hang out” at your house so many times in the past month; and for all the help cleaning up; **Jerry Crump**, for your help in the “Dig Site Diner,” for



preparing worker gifts, for gathering up decorating items, for cleaning up, and for holding t-shirts in the fan before peeling off the decals! **Homer Bowden**, for driving the van, and for teaching the junior class; **Jean Rumsey**, for assisting Homer by decorating the room, bringing items to decorate, and for many hours of cleanup (whew – what a lot of sand to shovel up!); **Ronda Dudley**, for assisting the junior class, bringing decorations, supplying wonderful cakes for the workers’ snacks, and for help cleaning up; **Glen Blackburn**, for teaching the Teen class (and to **Pam** for helping him decorate, even when she didn’t feel well); **Pastor Chuck Peters**, for teaching the adult class; **Denice and Gary Slate**, for planning, and buying food for the “Dig Site Diner,” and for serving and cleaning up each night; **Ann and Ronald Rayle**, for shopping for more food through the week, and for serving and cleaning up in the “Dig Site Diner”; **Clyde Gray**, for all his help in the kitchen all week, and for deliciously grilled hot dogs on “Family Night”; **Helen Hendrix**, for help in the kitchen and for serving food to our “diggers” with a smile; **Steve Dillon**, for help in the kitchen, and for lending us those really cool cow skulls! (Thanks, **Jonathan**) **Mary Buchanan**, for helping in the kitchen too! **Charlene Tester**, for designing VBS certificates, addressing and mailing all those many VBS postcard invitations, writing names on all our certificates, for counting our offering each night, and for recording attendance through the week; **Brad Hendrix**, for helping Charlene with attendance, running between the kitchen and the church, with messages and room counts; and for working the sound system; **Jodie Hendrix**, for being willing to jump into any classroom that needed assistance on any given night! **Jim Laramore**, for working the sound system for assembly and in the fellowship hall; **Becky and Mike McCollum**, for bringing so many neat props to decorate with; **Reva and Cleo Holt**, for supplying decoration items; **Jeff Slate**, for lending us the cool fossils to share with the children; **Trudy and Tony Nuckles**, for cleaning up around our piles of stuff on Saturday, and for vacuuming up sand and dinosaur nests (those dinos sure do make a mess); **Randy Foust**, for stopping by to fold our Family Night programs for us (you saved the day, Randy!)

We are also very grateful to Scott’s friend, **Lloyd, of Quality Foil and Stamping** in Kernersville. He generously loaned us an iron press so that Scott could make our beautiful DinoDetectives t-shirts! On Friday night, our troop of young people looked wonderful on stage together as Melanie led them in their songs. We thank God for His blessings throughout our DinoDetectives Vacation Bible School! “Digging for God’s Truth” has never been more fun and exciting!