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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 . . .



Sunday School            10:00 AM  
Morning Worship        11:00 AM  
Evening Worship        6:00 PM  
Wednesday Service    7:00 PM

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***I Stood Before My Flag***

I stood one day before my flag,  
Unfurled in all its glory.  
The stars and stripes my eyes beheld,  
they told my Nation's story.

They spoke of tears, of sweat, of blood.  
Of duty beyond all measure.  
That all her heroes gladly paid,  
that we might have her treasure.

I stood there tall, my shoulders straight,  
my flag I did salute.  
I thanked my God that let her wave,  
and clothed her robe with truth.

I stand before an empty staff,  
where once Old Glory flew.  
The stars and stripes no longer wave,  
or the dear red, white, and blue.

Old Glory now lay on the ground,  
her stars and stripes are stained.  
Her honor now was in the dust,  
her story now was vain.

My tears did flow from a broken heart,  
for now I knew the story.  
Freedom and peace forever gone,  
No longer waved, "Old Glory"

*Pastor Chuck Peters*

# Freedom Isn't Free

[Reprinted by request.]

I watched the flag pass by one day.  
It fluttered in the breeze.  
A young Marine saluted it,  
And then he stood at ease.



I looked at him in uniform;  
so young, so tall, so proud.  
With hair cut square and eyes alert,  
he'd stand out in any crowd.

I thought how many men like him  
had fallen through the years.  
How many died on foreign soil;  
how many mothers' tears?

How many pilots' planes shot down?  
How many died at sea?  
How many foxholes were soldiers' graves?  
No, freedom isn't free.

I heard the sound of Taps one night,  
when everything was still.  
I listened to the bugler play  
And felt a sudden chill.

I wondered just how many times  
That Taps had meant 'Amen.'  
When a flag had draped a coffin  
of a brother or a friend.

I thought of all the children,  
of the mothers and the wives,  
of fathers, sons and husbands  
With interrupted lives.



I thought about a graveyard  
At the bottom of the sea.  
Of unmarked graves in Arlington .  
No, freedom isn't free.

*Enjoy your freedom and God bless our troops.*

# The Wilkeys ~ Gordon & Amy

*Missionaries to Brazil since 1963*

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ from the land of Brazil.

## TWENTY DECISIONS FOR CHRIST:

The months of March and April were months of many blessings and we certainly praise the Lord for them. I had the privilege of preaching in several churches and the Lord moved in a great way. I preached in a church in Porto Alegre, a church that I had started with 22 charter members and 6 came to the altar during the invitation. Then, I preached in Canoas, a city close to Porto Alegre and where John Boff pastors and 4 stepped out for Christ. Preaching in another church in Porto Alegre that I started with 20 charter members was a great blessing but as far as I know no decisions were made there. Also, I preached in a church in Camboriu, a city close to Florianopolis and 10 came forward in the invitation with some weeping. These decisions were made by people already saved but we pray and trust that they will result in others getting saved. Please join us in this prayer.

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. A car to be used in our ministry.
2. Fernando, a young man with a serious drug problem.
3. Our granddaughter, Cecillia, seriously sick.
4. Those that made decisions for Christ.
5. The power of the Holy Spirit upon our ministry.

## THANK YOU:

Yes, we thank you for standing with us with your prayers and financial support as we try to get the Gospel to those here who need it so badly.



## July Birthdays.....

01 Betty Byrd	14 Goldie Jones	29 Karen Holt
02 Tommy Holt	16 Barbara Tucker	29 Christopher Sealey
06 Homer Bowden	17 Glenn Johnson	Hudson Donnell
06 Bruce Freeman	19 Bill Dillon	Stephanie Dowd
07 Jeremy Payne	22 Troy Holt	Charles Flynt
09 Becky Redmon	22 Tanya Stafford	Helen McDaniel
10 Johnny Foust	24 Brad Hendrix	Justin Payne
10 Jim Laramore	24 Jonathan Jimenez	Lauren Sechler
12 Sherrill Raso	25 Amy Jordan	Dana Stainback
	27 Victoria Ann Holt	David Vaughn



## August Birthdays.....

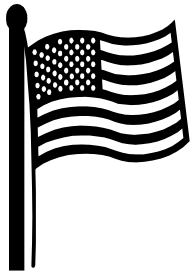
02 Sandy Westmoreland	12 Gerald Pitts	23 Allen Westmoreland
03 Taylor Westmoreland	13 Darrell Jordan	24 Maudean Nuckles
03 Gordon Wilkey	17 Jay Pitts	24 Mary Westmoreland
04 Lorene Robertson	19 Patsy Pendry	25 Annie Nuckles
05 Laura Nuckles	20 Sarah Hendrix	27 Patrick Clark
06 Spencer Holt	21 Tori Kennedy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



## July Anniversaries

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

## 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  
 Johnathan Hurless (CW2, Iraq)  
 Cpt. Robert Hurless (Afghanistan)  
 Chief Warrant Officer 3 Michael Maine, US Army  
 [stationed in Korea]  
 Corporal Mel Wright, US Marines, California  
 (Nephews of Clarence Redmon)

## Old Glory

Hello, remember me? Some people call me Old Glory, others call me the Star-Spangled Banner, but whatever they call me, I am your flag, the flag of the United States of America. Something has been bothering me, so I thought I might talk it over with you – because it is about you and me.

I remember some time ago, people would line up on both sides of the street to watch the parade, and naturally I was leading everyone, proudly waving in the breeze. When your daddy saw me coming, he immediately removed his hat and placed it against his left shoulder so that his hand was directly over his heart – remember? And you, I remember, were standing there, straight as a soldier. You didn't have a hat, but you were giving a right salute. Remember your little sister? Not to be outdone, she was saluting the same as you with her right hand over her heart – remember?

What happened? I am still the same old flag. Oh, I have added a few more stars since you were a boy, and a lot more blood has been shed since those parades of long ago. But now, somehow I don't feel as proud as I used to feel. When I come down the street, you just stand there with the hands in your pockets. You may give me a small glance, and then you look away. I see children running around you shouting, they don't seem to know who I am.

I saw one man take his hat off, then he looked around, and when he didn't see anybody else take off their hats, he quickly put his back on again. Is it a sin to be patriotic today? Have you forgotten what I stand for, and where I have been? Anzio, Guadal Canal, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, and several other places that people don't know about.

Take a look at the Memorial Honor Rolls, and see the names of those patriotic Americans who gave their lives to keep this Republic free. When you salute ME you are actually saluting THEM. Well, it won't be long until I will be coming down your street again. So when you see me, please stand straight and place your hand over your heart, and I will know that you remembered. I will salute you by waving back.

# REMEMBER IN PRAYER

## Smith Grove Seniors

Louise Byrd	Pat George	J. D. Shields
Wilma Farrington	Shirley Crouch	Raynelle Shields
June Freeman	Bud McCurdy	Louise Smith
Ernest Fulk	Mary McCurdy*	Clarence Tucker
		Hettie Mae Westmoreland

## Others in Need of Prayer

Marilyn Alston	Ronnie Holcomb	<b>*Special Needs</b>
Fred Bame	Cheryl Holt	Norma Pilchett*
Merl Blake	Reva Holt	Claude Royal
Roy Boody	Raleigh Hunt	Jamie Shell
John Carter	Daniel Idol	Walter Tate
Bonnie Clark	Glenn Johnson	Glenn Tedder
Cody (13-yr old in Thomasville)	Lawrence Jones	Eddie Thomason
Aaron Cole	Bessie Kendrick	Melissa Thomason
Lib Cooper*	Leighann Kincade	Barbara Tucker
Gordon Crouch	Napha Klepper	Hettie Westmoreland
Shirley Crouch	Rose Matthews	Kenneth Westmoreland
Louise Davenport*	Richie McCormick	Gordon Wilkey*
Adam Easter	Mark Midkiff	Arry Wilson
Iris Farrington	John & Dolly Miller	Jessi Wright
Clyde Gray, Sr.*	Laura Nuckles	New converts
Debbie Harden	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

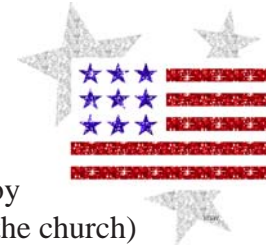
- Those on our Youth Prayer List
- Pastor Chuck Peters
- Wade and Nora Smith (Virginia Beach, VA)
- All the missions & missionaries we support.
- Youth Program Directors
- Preachers, teachers, singers, & workers of our church & Discovery Clubs.
- Our sincere sympathies to the families of Pastor Bobby Edwards and Hettie Tucker.



## 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 <i>[Will not meet during the summer]</i>		7:00 p.m.
Prayer Service		7:00 p.m.
Thursday Visitation		7:00 p.m.

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**Sun., July 5, 11:00 a.m.**

Service with patriotic theme followed by hamburgers and hotdogs (provided by the church)

**Sun., July 19, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.** Speaker: Dr. Tim White

**July 20 ~ 24** *Piedmont Baptist Camp Meeting*

**Looking Ahead:**

**Sept. 20 - 23** *Prophetic Conference* with Dr. Hoyle Bowman

### *Show and Tell*

A kindergarten teacher gave her class a "show and tell" assignment. Each student was instructed to bring in an object to share with the class that represented their religious affiliation. The first student got up in front of the class and said, "My name is Benjamin. I'm Jewish and this is a Star of David." The second student got up in front of the class and said, "My name is Mary. I'm a Catholic and this is a rosary." The third student got up in front of the class and said, "My name is Nathan. I'm Baptist and this is an apple pie."

## Discovery Clubs

What a month! With the end of June comes the hot days of July and the close of another cool Bible School! This year our students jumped into a time machine and traveled through the life of Jesus, visiting his birthplace in Bethlehem, then on to Nazareth through which the children learned to obey their parents. During the next nights we visited the Sea of Galilee where He began calling His followers to be fishers of men, Capernaum where Jesus raised Jarius' daughter back to life, and finally to Calvary where He established eternal life for all of those who would choose it. Our numbers were solid this year as we averaged between 60 and 70 people nightly. We also raised funds for one of the missionaries to the Jewish People. And Bible School certainly would not have been the same without our faithful friend Whiskers who shows up every year with his cohort of friends and the message of salvation! It truly was a blessing.

Special thanks must be given to Darla and Bruce Freeman who orchestrated the entire Bible School this summer, even on top of their other duties as a pastoral family with another church. Through the diligence of Darla Freeman, schedules fell perfectly in to place, materials were secured and organized in a timely fashion and all involved got to feel the warmth of her thoughtfulness once again. We certainly cannot forget the comic relief of "Time Traveler Brucie" and the support he offered, not only to our students as a teacher, but to our staff as well. Lastly, we were thankful to have Tony and Sheila Ball from Manna Baptist to help "fill in the gap". Willing to assist in any way, the couple filled in nightly with the Teens classroom (Tony) and the first- and second-graders (Sheila). We appreciate their willingness to provide the message of Christ to the Colfax community as well as their own!

Well that's it from our end. Here's hoping that your summer is filled with sunshine and your heart with SONshine!



## "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 595-8553/993-1833 ~ July 09	Lorene Robertson 2410 Sandy Ridge Rd. High Point, NC 27265 668-2372 ~ August 04
Laura Nuckles 7924 Highfill Road Summerfield, NC 27358 6433523 ~ 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
Annie Nuckles 8712 Staples Rd. Colfax, NC 27235 993-5297 ~ August 25	Doris Nuckles 8324 Tyner Loop Road Colfax, NC 27235 668-2332 ~ August 28	

I Cor. 7:22-24



## Gary & Friends Missionary Outreach Ministry

Greetings, and happy 4th of July to all of you. I pray you will be blessed and very happy this year and every year as Americans. Thank God for America and the way we have been blessed as a nation "under God." Thank you, Lord, for your blessings on our lives.

We will be conducting a God and country service at Skeet Club Manor on July 3. This is where Louise Davenport lives. I really do enjoy singing those 4th of July songs, and then we'll sing a few of the old time hymns, and end the service with Amazing Grace, the national anthem of the church.

Thank God for Kay and Ron Reiffer, who help us on Friday nights and Saturday mornings in the senior homes around the Triad area. These dear folks love the Lord and have hearts dedicated to His service. May all we do advance the cause of Christ. God bless you all!

In Christ and satisfied there,

Gary Smith ~ I Peter 5:7

## *The Miracle of Independence* – Glenn Rawson

In 1789 as he became our nation's first president, George Washington said the following:

“No people can be bound to acknowledge and adore the invisible hand which conducts the affairs of men more than the people of the United States. Every step by which they have advanced to the character of an independent nation seems to have been distinguished by some token of providential agency.”

My friends, America and her freedom have been and are cradled in the hands of God. Now this week we will celebrate the 4th of July. But if you wouldn't mind, may I tell you the circumstances of a certain historical July 2nd that gives all the meaning and heart to this wonderful holiday?

At 9:30 A.M. on the morning of July 2nd, 1776, John Hancock calls the second Continental Congress to order in Philadelphia's Independence Hall. The room is hot, and the delegates are anxious. Foremost on everyone's mind in that room today is the vote that will decide whether America will be a free and independent people, or the oppressed subjects of a distant monarch.

Now what of that issue of independence? Maybe if years before, England had not fought that costly war with France, and then tried to regain that money by taxing the American colonies without their consent, or maybe if England had not so impudently refused to listen to the pleas of the colonists for their rights, or maybe if England had not been so determined to beat the upstart Americans into submission after the Boston Tea Party, or maybe a host of other things that happened, maybe independence wouldn't be the issue that day. Or maybe if there hadn't been so many wise men and women raised up by God living among Americans at that time in whom the fires of freedom burned so hotly, maybe independence wouldn't be the issue in that room today.

***But it is the issue.*** This is the time, and these are the men, and this is the moment. It will be the greatest decision of courage they will ever make!

The day before, July the 1st, a vote had been taken late in the evening - a test vote if you will. It had stood nine colonies in favor of independence and four opposed. It was a majority, sure enough, but that was not enough. Every man in that room knew that if they did not hang together in unanimity, they would, as Franklin put it, 'surely all ... hang ... together.' There cannot be one dissenting colony. If there is, England will use it as a wedge, and split the Union apart.

Finally, in the afternoon, Hancock calls for a vote on the resolution



for independence. By now, the sky had grown black. Rain is coming down in sheets, and the thunder is so loud that the delegates at times cannot hear each other, when suddenly at the back of the room, the door opens, and in walks Caesar Rodney of Delaware. Now, therein lies a story.

Sitting in that room are two men representing Delaware who are on both sides of the issue of independence. They cancel out Delaware's vote. The night before, a rider had been dispatched to Dover, Delaware with a message for Rodney to come quickly and break the deadlock in favor of independence. No one had wanted to disturb Caesar Rodney, for you see, he was dying of cancer, and lived in constant pain.

It was well known that Rodney could have gone to England for treatment, but he staunchly refused to receive aid and comfort from those he considered the enemy. Now, he stands before them still wearing his boots and spurs. He has ridden 80 miles in a chilling downpour all through the night. He is soaking wet and covered with mud. The cloth covering the large cancerous sore on his face is soaked and matted to his skin. With a fire in his eye, and a smile on his face, Rodney takes his seat amid the admiring stares of his fellows.

As the vote is called, I wonder what might have been going through the minds of those men in that room. I don't know, but maybe it was this. That very moment, there are some 130 British warships anchored in New York Harbor ready to do battle, aimed at America, the largest war fleet ever assembled in the history of the world. Moreover, tens of thousands of professional British soldiers and ruthless mercenaries stand well equipped and ready to crush the 9000 untrained farmers, merchants, and whatever that comprised Washington's army. Surely - surely those delegates in that congress knew that of the approximately 2 1/2 million people they represented in the colonies, one third of those are loyal to England, and they will fight from within against the patriots' cause. The opposition was incredible, and surely they knew that England had already declared them as rebels, and if they were caught, a hangman's noose would be their fate.

The vote is called. As the night before, nine of the colonies still vote in favor. Then, the four dissenting colonies following Delaware's lead suddenly change their vote in favor of independence. It is unanimous; it is miraculous! America, the nation of prophecy will be a land of liberty.

My dear friends, the temple of American freedom was built of the bricks of divinely guided people and events, and mortared with the blood of patriots. It is precious beyond price. I do not hesitate to tell you that if we gain all the world and lose that freedom, we have lost it all.