



The
Messenger



July

“FREE INDEED”

“If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.” John 8:36

July 4, 1776 was the birth date of our country. For more than 200 years, America, on the Fourth of July, has celebrated her independence. The 4th is a bitter sweet time of the year! Amidst the celebrations is the somber fact that our freedoms are not free. Our founders paid a huge price for our freedom. Many wars have been fought to preserve that freedom. Countless American lives have been lost in the defense of this cherished freedom.

Political freedom is, in fact, a fragile thing. It can be lost! It is apparent that internal enemies are active today and they threaten our freedoms. These enemies are very subtle in that they are attempting to distance us from our history and discredit our constitution. They still approve sending our sons and daughters into battle to fight a war but are confused as to what constitutes winning the war. We had no trouble defining what constituted “victory” in the wars of the last centuries. We have politicians today who act as though America had no enemies! I am personally thankful that World War II didn’t end with America having to learn to speak German or Japanese! I also today prefer speaking English over Arabic!

American history is a history of the accomplishment and the defense of freedom. The defense of freedom, unfortunately, still requires warfare. Daniel Webster warned in a speech in 1834, “God grants liberty only to those who love it, and are always ready to guard and defend it.”

I thank God for the privilege of being an American. I am a full participant in the 4th of July celebrations. Bring on the fireworks and flag-waving! I can assure you that this is one old Military Veteran that will surely weep when I hear the singing of the national anthem. We need to remember one thing though. We are celebrating a fragile freedom that we run the risk of losing. But I’ve got good news! **“If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.”** Charles Spurgeon said, “He is the free man who is master of himself through the grace of God.”

Freedom from sin is actually greater than freedom from tyranny. Spiritual freedom has higher value than political freedom. While an American can say, “I’m free”, a Christian can say, “I’m free indeed!” The American Revolution was fought to secure our country’s freedom but we have had to fight other wars to defend that freedom. The greatest Warrior of all times fought the greatest war and secured an endless victory. **“Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it. (Col. 2:14-15)**

Those who have trusted The Lord Jesus Christ for salvation are “free indeed.” His blood has eternally purchased our freedom. His victory at Calvary can never be challenged and this victory celebration will go on forever. This 4th of July finds me thankful to have served beneath the American flag but more thankful to serve forever beneath the banner of the Cross! **“If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.”**

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 . . .



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

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The Damazios ~ Missionaries to Brazil

It is now fall season here in South Brazil, and it will be winter in just a few weeks. Rains have been very intense here in our State of Santa Catarina, where flooding has left many without homes. Last year at this same time, one of our church families was impacted by floodwaters rising up to their windows, but with God's help and the church member's support, we were able to recuperate all their belongings.

This Letter to you today, comes with a different purpose than all others. I come to you with an URGENT request for your prayers and support. Our church and my ministry is being attacked, and more than ever I need your prayers. The Enemy has used a former trained church pastor to rebel against our church's doctrine and preaching, and against me. Several months ago, this pastor started preaching things that went against the fundamental doctrines on which our ministry is built upon. When approached by our church leadership team and me and asked to leave the position of pastor of one of our congregations, he became irate and determined to destroy our ministry, and do whatever it takes to get rights to the church building. With his lies and disobedience to God, he has built a team of people that support him, and now on a daily basis, I receive threatening calls and e-mails from this group. Also, he has now been calling, sending e-mails and letters to our church members and some of our supporters in the US with lies attacking our ministry and my character. He has also taken us to court and is trying to take possession over the church building of which he was the pastor. All that to say, it's been a stressful year so far, and all this has taken a toll on our church, and me and my family's health. Please pray for our ministry, and that our All Mighty, All Powerful and All knowing father will take these matters into his hands, and that His will be done. I thank God every day for your prayers and for the 8 pastors and our church members that have been behind us through these tough times, and who have reminded us everyday why we fight this battle against the forces of evil.

Our goal for this year is to make two of our satellite churches independent, and graduate and consecrate to the ministry brother Ricardo Camargo, who will Pastor our future Church in Camboriu. The "Igreja da Figueira" (church of the Fig Tree) has services in downtown Florianopolis under a huge Fig tree twice a week, and that ministry has been a blessing and many lives have been saved. Pastor Sergio Henrique is responsible for this ministry and I ask that you keep him in your prayers. Our goal is to also start bible studies with people saved from this ministry, but due to the problems we are having here in our ministry that I mentioned earlier, we have not been able to initiate this new ministry.

Moises Damazio

Old Camp Meeting Days

Verse:

Long ago when but a boy at old camp meeting time,
How my heart would leap for joy to hear the old bells chime,
Calling all the saints of God into the house of prayer,
Oh such singing shouting for the Lord was there

Chorus:

I like the old time preaching, praying, singing, shouting,
I like the old time reading of God's word,
I like to hear those old time, Hallelujah, glory,
I like the old time worship of the Lord

Verse:

Preaching in those good ol' days was filled with a holy flame,
Preaching for the souls of men not for worldly fame,
Under such old preaching sinners fell to pray,
And the Lord would save them in that good ol' fashioned way

Signature Sound Quartet



July Birthdays.....

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



August Birthdays.....

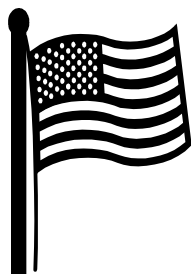
2 Sandy Westmoreland	12 Gerald Pitts	23 Allen Westmoreland
3 Taylor Westmoreland	13 Darrell Jordan	24 Maudean Nuckles
3 Gordon Wilkey	17 Jay Pitts	24 Mary Westmoreland
4 Lorene Robertson	19 Patsy Pendry	25 Annie Nuckles
5 Laura Nuckles	20 Sarah Hendrix	27 Patrick Clark
6 Spencer Holt	21 Tori Kennedy	27 Lindsay Owens
7 Mike McCollum	21 Trudy Nuckles	28 Doris Nuckles
7 Audrey Nuckles	22 Jeanette Dillon	28 Ethan Nuckles
8 Allen Pitts	22 Stephen Hutton	30 Scott Crump
9 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	David and Chasity Ramey-July 25
Bruce and Darla Freeman	Gary and Beverly Sechler
Gary and Helen Hendrix-July 7	Wade and Nora Smith
Lawrence and Helen Jones	Gale and Charlene Tester
	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
 Pope AFB, Vass, NC 28394
 CW2 Jonathan Harless (Raleigh, NC)
 Cpt. Robert Harless (Savannah, GA)
 Charles Holmes, Al Asad Air Base (Northern Iraq)
 Chief Warrant Officer 3 Michael Maine, US Army
 [stationed stateside]
 Corporal Mel Wright, US Marines, stateside
 (Nephews of Clarence Redmon)



A Letter from Heaven

To my dearest family, some things I'd like to say...
 but first of all, to let you know, that I arrived okay.
 I'm writing this from heaven. Here I dwell with God above.
 Here, there's no more tears of sadness; here is just eternal love.
 Please do not be unhappy just because I'm out of sight.
 Remember that I'm with you every morning, noon and night.
 That day I had to leave you when my life on earth was through,
 God picked me up and hugged me and He said, "I welcome you."
 It's good to have you back again; you were missed while you were gone.
 As for your dearest family, they'll be here later on.
 I need you here badly; you're part of my plan.
 There's so much that we have to do, to help our mortal man."
 God gave me a list of things that he wished for me to do.
 And foremost on the list, was to watch and care for you.
 And when you lie in bed at night, the day's chores put to flight.
 God and I are closest to you.... in the middle of the night.
 When you think of my life on earth, and all those loving years
 because you are only human, they are bound to bring you tears.
 But do not be afraid to cry; it does relieve the pain.
 Remember there would be no flowers, unless there was some rain.
 I wish that I could tell you all that God has planned.
 But if I were to tell you, you wouldn't understand.
 But one thing is for certain, though my life on earth is o'er.
 I'm closer to you now, than I ever was before.
 There are many rocky roads ahead of you and many hills to climb;
 but together we can do it by taking one day at a time.
 It was always my philosophy and I'd like it for you too...
 that as you give unto the world, the world will give to you.
 If you can help somebody who's in sorrow and pain,
 then you can say to God at night....."My day was not in vain."
 And now I am contented....that my life has been worthwhile,
 knowing as I passed along the way, I made somebody smile.
 So if you meet somebody who is sad and feeling low,
 just lend a hand to pick him up, as on your way you go.
 When you're walking down the street, and you've got me on your mind;
 I'm walking in your footsteps only half a step behind.
 And when it's time for you to go.... from that body to be free,
 remember you're not just going.....you're coming here to me.
 Ruth Ann Mahaffey ~ Copyright 1998-2002

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Smith Grove Seniors

Louise Byrd	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
Pat George	Laura Nuckles	Mary Westmoreland

Others in Need of Prayer

(In alphabetical order)

*Special Needs

Marilyn Alston	Alice & Barry Holman	Harvey Pitts
Fred Bame	Garland Holt	Claude Royal
Merl Blake	Raleigh Hunt	Jamie Shell
Roy Boody	Daniel Idol	Donald Shields
Mazalean Byerly	Roscoe Johnson*	Eddie Thomason
John Carter	Danny Keen	Melissa Thomason
Bonnie Clark	Leighann Kincade	Barbara Tucker
Aaron Cole	Richie McCormick	Clara Ward
Jimmy Dillon	Mark Midkiff	Kenneth Westmoreland
Rudy Dillon*	John & Dolly Miller	Gordon Wilkey*
David Gindelsberger	Waynard Nuckles	Gerry Williams*
Clyde Gray, Sr.	John Pearl	Arry Wilson
Debbie Harden	Don Peterson	Jessi Wright
Kay Haynes	Miranda Petkis	New converts
Ronnie Holcomb	Norma Pilchett*	The Unsaved

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

- Pastor Chuck Peters
- Wade and Nora Smith (Virginia Beach, VA)
- All the missions and missionaries we support
- Youth Directors
- Preachers, teachers, singers and workers of our church & Discovery Clubs
- Our sincere sympathies to the family of: Lillie Mae Tucker Ward

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.



July 2010



Sun., July 4, 11:00 a.m. Patriotic Service to celebrate our nation's birthday with a special Choir Presentation, I Love America!. There will be old-fashioned hot dogs and hamburgers in the Fellowship Building after the service. *There will be no evening service.*

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Piedmont Baptist Camp Meeting

We are NOT Afraid!



The terrorists are trying to instill fear into our great nation. We will not let them win. We are not afraid; we stand united; we will not fall. We are NOT afraid! Phil. 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

I Cor. 7:22-24



Gary & Friends Missionary Outreach Ministry

Greetings to all of you and God bless you! Happy birthday, America – thank God for our country, and the people of America. Let’s really pray for our country, and those elected by us to govern America, that God will speak to their hearts on how to vote. *Pray, pray, pray.* God wants us to pray for those in authority over us – let’s honor God by our prayers.

The work is going very well with senior citizens. We are going into new homes and seeing and preaching to more people than ever before in the twenty-plus years of this ministry.

Y’all pray for me and our helpers and for guidance into new outreaches for Jesus and His cause.

In Christ, and happy I am in Him,

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
(C) 575-8553; (H) 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
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

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

LAUGH OUT LOUD

A couple had two young boys who were excessively mischievous. Their parents knew that if any mischief occurred in their town, their sons were probably involved.

The boys’ mother heard that a clergyman in town had been successful in disciplining children, so she asked if he would speak with her boys. The clergyman agreed, but asked to see them individually. The mother agreed and sent the youngest in first.

The clergyman, a huge man with a booming voice, sat the younger boy down and asked him sternly, “Where is God?”

The boy’s mouth dropped open, but he made no response. He sat there with his mouth hanging open, wide eyed. So the clergyman repeated the question in an even sterner tone, “Where is God?” Again the boy made no attempt to answer. So the clergyman raised his voice even more and shook his finger in the boy’s face and bellowed, “WHERE IS GOD?”

The boy screamed and bolted from the room, ran directly home and dove into his closet, slamming the door behind him. When his older brother found him in the closet, he asked, “What happened?”

Gasping for breath, the younger brother replied, “We are in BIG trouble this time, dude. God is missing – and they think WE did it!”

Ever wonder about the abbreviation A.S.A.P.? Generally we think of it in terms of even more hurry and stress in our lives. Maybe if we think of this abbreviation in a different manner, we will begin to find a new way to deal with those rough days along the way.

A.S.A.P

There’s work to do, deadlines to meet;
You’ve got no time to spare,
But as you hurry and scurry-
ASAP - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER

In the midst of family chaos,
“Quality time” is rare.

Do your best; let God do the rest-
ASAP - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER.

It may seem that your worries
Are more than you can bear.
Slow down and take a breather-
ASAP - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER

God knows how stressful life is;
He wants to ease our cares,
And He’ll respond to all your needs
A.S.A.P. - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER.



The Battle of the Flag



A protest raged on a courthouse lawn,
Round a makeshift stage they charged on,
Fifteen hundred or more they say,
Had come to burn a Flag that day.
A boy held up the folded Flag,
Cursed it, and called it a dirty rag.
An old man pushed through the angry crowd,
With a rusty shotgun shouldered proud.

His uniform jacket was old and tight,
He had polished each button, shiny and bright.
He crossed that stage with a soldier's grace,
Until he and the boy stood face to face.

“Freedom of speech,” the old man said,
“Is worth dying for — good men are dead,
So you can stand on this courthouse lawn,
And talk us down from dusk to dawn,
But before any Flag gets burned today,
This old man is going to have his say!

My father died on a foreign shore,
In a war they said would end all wars.
But Tommy and I wasn't even full grown,
Before we fought in a war of our own.

And Tommy died on Iwo Jima's beach,
In the shadow of a hill he couldn't quite reach
Where five good men raised this Flag so high,
That the whole world could see it fly.

I got this bum leg that I still drag,
Fighting for this same old Flag.
Now there's but one shot in this old gun,
So now it's time to decide which one,
Which one of you will follow our lead,
To stand and die for what you believe?
For as sure as there is a rising sun,
You'll meet your Maker 'fore this Flag burns, son!”

Now this riot never came to pass
The crowd got quiet and that can of gas,
Got set aside as they walked away
To talk about what they had heard this day.
And the boy who had called it a “dirty rag,”
Handed the old soldier the folded Flag.

So the battle of the Flag this day was won
By a tired OLD SOLDIER with a rusty gun,
Who for one last time, had to show to some,
This flag may fade, *yet these colors don't run.*