



AN OUTREACH MINISTRY OF
SMITH GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
<http://www.smithgrove.org>

Sunday School 10:00 AM
Morning Worship 11:00 AM
Evening Worship 6:00 PM
Wednesday Service 7:00 PM
- NURSERY PROVIDED -
Radio Ministry
Saturday 8:00 AM
WPET Radio (950 AM)

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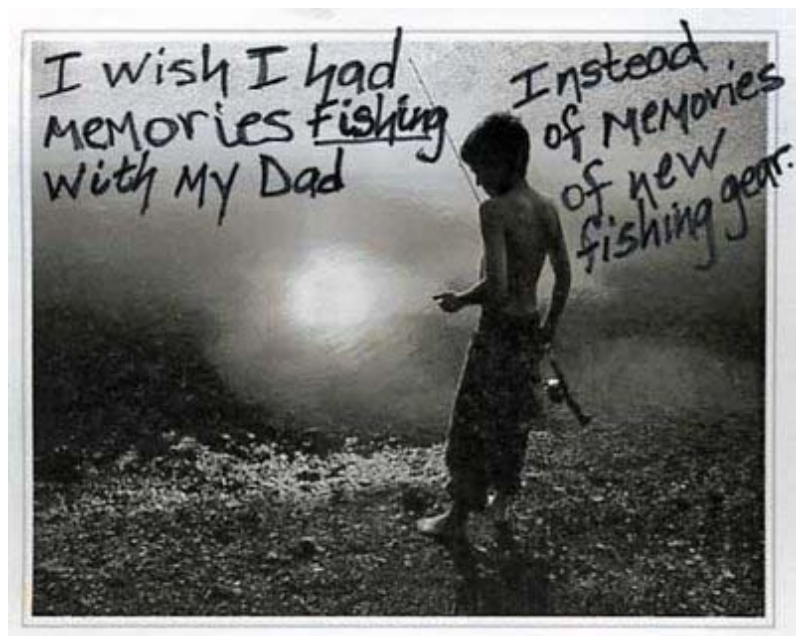
PROVERBS 25:13

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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*The
Messenger*



June

“HE GIVETH AND GIVETH”

“He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?”
(Romans 8:32)

The cross work of the Lord Jesus Christ was mysterious, marvelous, and matchless. God gave the absolute best in the sacrifice of His Son. Calvary witnessed the fulfillment of countless prophecies. The Jewish altars stained by the blood of sacrificial animals now found full explanation for God Himself was the Lamb slain! He, in fact, was “the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.” (Rev.13:8)

He who spared not the greatest gift certainly can spare to give His people the lesser gifts! Charles Spurgeon illustrates this point in the form of two questions. “Do you think that he who is willing to die is unwilling to apply the results of his passion? If a man leaps into the water to bring out a drowning child, after he has brought the child alive on shore, if he happens to have a piece of bread in his pocket, and the child needs it, do you think that he who rescued the child’s life will deny the child so small thing as a piece of bread?” (Metropolitan Tabernacle Pulpit, Vol.62 P. 248)

Notice what Peter says about God’s giving, “According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:” (II Pet.1:3) The riches of God’s saving grace are not exhausted in the least in His giving to His people all that they need in life. He has already given the best! He gives in the supply of all of the needs of those saved by His grace. “But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” (Phil.4:19)

“His love has no limit; His grace has no measure; His power has no boundary known unto men. For out of His infinite reaches in Jesus. He giveth, and giveth, and giveth again.” – *Annie Johnson Flint*

Pastor Chuck Peters

June Birthdays.....

02 Clara Ward	13 Angela Cornell	Priscilo Damazio
03 Heather Pitts	13 Bobby Key	Brad Flynt
03 Laura Williams	14 Jo Anne Pegram	Adam Pearman
04 Travis McCollum	15 Ronald Rayle	Sherri Tilley
07 Kyle Norman	15 Dreama Moore	Margaret Tucker
10 Jimmy L. Crews	18 Cassidy McCollum	
10 Tim Pitts	19 Candace Nuckles	
11 Ann Rayle	19 Oma Lou Pitts	
11 Bryan Tucker	21 Gary Slate	
12 Samuel Crater	25 Geraldine Johnson	
	28 Waynard Nuckles	



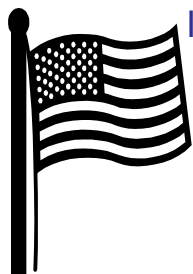
July Birthdays.....

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

June Anniversaries

08 Adrian & Wendy Barham		Charles & Kathy Flynt
Ronnie & Jo Beeson		Darrell & Amy Jordan
Mike & Cheryl Cashion		Darius & Dreama Moore
Marvin & Marilyn Donnell		02 Barbara & Willard Tucker

Please remember to pray for those who are currently in harm's way, or who may be facing imminent deployment.



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)

David and Donna Edens ~ GREETINGS FROM NIGER!

Heartrending things continue to dominate the news and Agadez, which is still under military rule. I plan to depart, the Lord willing, on Monday morning May 5, to return to northern Niger.

Also, I have been working at preparing another printing of the Tamajaq New Testament (in Romanized phonetic script). This edition will be a nice hard back edition, and will have some maps and illustrations included. Five hundred copies will be printed, and the cost is close to \$8,000, not counting the transport of the Books to Agadez. That will probably cost about the same amount.

One of our men, Alqassim, has worn out two of the paper back editions. He is attempting to memorize the entire New Testament!

We have also been working on duplicating cassette tapes of the Reading of the New Testament that we have completed. We were able to purchase two duplicating machines, secondhand. They will duplicate seven tapes at each cycle. The Lord had also supplied us with another duplicating machine from one of our supporting churches in Georgia. I will be taking this one with me to Niger on Monday.

Donna eventually had to have surgery on her hand on March 13. The operation was very successful, and she has recuperated well. Please continue to pray for her concerning her heart arrhythmia. Her thyroid imbalance problem has been restored to normal.

I have been in touch with friends in Agadez while here in the states. The war there has escalated somewhat. Please pray that God will protect our Christian friends there. One of our young men, Michel, has had some problems and some unpleasant encounters with powers-that-be there. Pray for him. He has told us that he feels that God has called him to be a pastor. In the past several weeks, I have been gathering good Bible doctrine and Bible survey books in French to carry over in order to get him started in a Bible-based pastor training program. Michel attended school up to a point until he was put out in middle school, but he reads French fairly well.

Two weeks ago I received a contact from friends in southern Niger who have a worker in their employ who is from the Agadez area. He is reporting that a group of his fellow tribesmen desire to begin a church in their vicinity. If God allows, I will check on this rumor. I understand that travel to that area is allowed as long as one travels with the military convoy that passes that way once each week. Pray for our safety.

We also hope to continue our reading of the New Testament on tape. I expect to work on this in temporary quarters while the recording room building is being repaired. We also continue to work on completing the translation of Exodus into the Tamajaq language, as well as other Old Testament books. There is a need as well, to produce the new, special radio broadcast.

Pray that the Lord will give us special wisdom to behave ourselves wisely in the midst of a very tricky political atmosphere. Already we have been warned to be especially careful of our conduct with the tribe with which we work. They have been made a particular target by the powers-that-be.

We appreciate your prayers for us, and your faithful and sacrificial financial support. God bless each of you. "He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye." Deut. 32:10

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	Cheryl Holt's mother	Miranda Petkis
Fred Bame	Reva Holt	Norma Pilchett*
Merl Blake	Raleigh Hunt	Claude Royal
Roy Boody	Daniel Idol	Jamie Shell
John Carter	Glenn Johnson	Irene Shields
Bonnie Clark	Lawrence Jones	Aileen Smith
Aaron Cole	Ronnie Jones	Eddie Thomason
Lib Cooper	Bessie Kendrick	Barbara Tucker*
Louise Davenport*	Leighann Kincade	Hazel Tuggle*
Iris Farrington	Napha Klepper	Kenneth Westmoreland
Clyde Gray, Sr.	Rose Matthews	Gordon Wilkey*
Lillie Gray*	Richie McCormick	Arry Wilson
Debbie Harden	Mark Midkiff	Charles Wolff
Ed Heath	John & Dolly Miller	Jessi Wright
Tyler Hodgins*	Pam Neal	New converts
		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

- 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, Youth Director & Church Administrative Officer
- Preachers, teachers, singers, & workers of our church & Discovery Clubs.
- The Radio broadcast & all visitation programs.



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.



June 2008



Happy Father's Day!

Sun., June 15, 6:00 p.m. Missionary Jonathan Johnson, serving in China

June 23-27, 7-9 p.m.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ~
 "Dino Detectives" Digging
 for God's Truth



UPCOMING EVENTS

July 21 - 25, 7:00 nightly Piedmont Baptist Camp Meeting

Sept. 23 ~ Oct. 1 FALL REVIVAL with Dr. Billy Martin

"The most important thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother."



New Address for Cleo & Reva Holt:

8316 Holt-Parrish Lane
 Stokesdale, NC 27357 ~ (336) 643-7310

I Cor. 7:22-24



Gary & Melissa Memorial Outreach Ministry

Greetings to all and may God bless you richly! I pray that things are going well for you and your family and friends! Life is very unpredictable in many ways these days, but God still loves us; His promises are still true; His Word is true, and He still saves to the uttermost all those who will believe and accept His sacrifice. To the uttermost – *to be born again* – indicates a life that is changed from the heart out: ways are changed, actions are changed, speech is changed, and even the outward appearance is changed. A newborn child of God will clean up on the outside because of that changed heart that controls all of our ways and actions.

My work with senior citizens is going very well. I truly feel that God has put me in a place where I can make a difference in many lives. What a humbling experience to share the gospel with these dear saints and see the love and gratitude they have for one who cares. Praise God for His comforting presence in their lives!

Please pray for this important ministry ~ Friday nights at various homes, Sunday morning and Sunday evening, and on Wednesday night before our evening prayer and Bible Study service. It is my desire to do more, and I pray that God will help me to work out the time constraints and permit the ministry to grow.

*In Christ and Happy There,
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 June and July 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.

Clara Ward
4465 Kime Farm Road Ext.
Climax, NC 27233
685-4196 ~ June 02

Jo Anne Pegram
710 Lakedale Road
Colfax, NC 27235
993-5776 ~ June 14

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

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

Dad

by Judy Burnette

Dad...so many images come to mind
whenever I speak your name;
It seems without you in my life
things have never been the same.



What happened to those lazy days
when I was just a child;
When my life was consumed in you
in your love, and in your smile.

What happened to all those times
when I always looked to you;
No matter what happened in my life
you could make my gray skies blue.



Dad, some days I hear your voice
and turn to see your face;
Yet in my turning...it seems
the sound has been erased.

Dad, who will I turn to for answers
when life does not make sense;
Who will be there to hold me close
when the pieces just don't fit.



Oh, Dad, if I could turn back time
and once more hear your voice;
I'd tell you that out of all the dads
you would still be my choice.

Please always know I love you
and no one can take your place;
Years may come and go
but your memory will never be erased.



Today, Jesus, as You are listening
in your home above;
Would you go and find my dad
and give him all my love.

Ladies' Fellowship

Ladies Fellowship wants to thank all the ladies who attended our Mother/Daughter Banquet on May 17. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. Special thanks to all who participated in the program and donated items to make our evening a success. And special thanks also to Pastor Chuck, Bruce Freeman, Steve Holt & Gary Slate for serving us and cleaning up afterward !!

Ladies Fellowship will not meet during the summer months but we'll be back in full swing come September. Here's hoping you and yours have a safe summer and enjoy fellowship of loved ones and friends.

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.

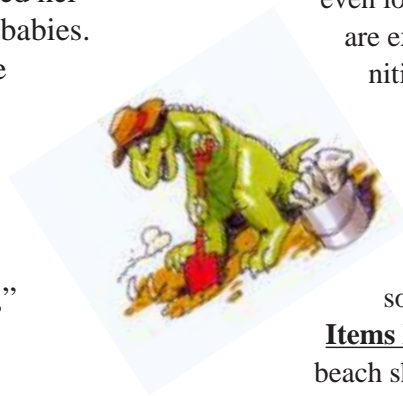
LAUGHTER . . . THE BEST MEDICINE!

Eight-year-old Susie came home from school and informed her mother that today in class they had learned how to make babies. The mother, rather shaken by the development, called the teacher to complain about this type of instruction for her young daughter.

After listening to the mother complain for a few minutes, the teacher responded, "Did you ask her to explain how it is done?"

"No," said the mother. "Then ask her and call me back," replied the teacher.

"So how DO you make babies?" the mother asked her daughter. Susie responded, "You drop the 'y' and add 'ies.'"



Discovery Clubs

Our year is drawing to a close, and we're getting all geared up for this summer's Vacation Bible School! In our last month, we'll celebrate the June birthdays of Laura Williams, Angie Cornell, and Cassie McCollum. We will also soon be sharing birthday cake with William Keedy, Jonathan Jimenez, Homer Bowden, and Bruce Freeman for their special days in July. In our Bible lessons, we focus on Peter this month, and we'll wrap up the year learning about Paul's ministry.

Our DinoDetectives VBS will be held June 23-27, from 7:00 to 9:00 nightly. There is a class for all ages from two years through adult, so be sure to come and join us as we go "digging for God's truth," in an effort to answer life's greatest questions! Monday night, we'll ponder, "Who made the world?" as we look at what Genesis tells us about creation. Tuesday night we will ask, "Why am I here?" while we examine God's creation of mankind, and focus on how God designed us to have a deep and loving friendship with Him. Wednesday night brings the question, "How can I be right with God?" and we will take a look at the fall of Adam and Eve that brought sin to the world, rejoicing that God wants to mend man's broken relationship with Him through His Son, Jesus. Thursday night will bring us to the Genesis account of Noah's ark and the worldwide flood that changed the world, as we ask, "What happened to the dinosaurs?" Friday night will wrap up the story of the flood, as we try to answer the question, "Does God keep His promises?"

All ages will greatly benefit from looking back to Genesis, where even long ago, God's perfect plan of salvation was being played out. We are excited about this summer outreach, which gives us many opportunities each night to present the Gospel to those who attend.

In the weeks ahead, we will be working to transform our church grounds into a "dinosaur dig"! If you would like to contribute to creating our excavation site, the items below would be greatly appreciated. Please remember to label your contributions with your name and bring them to the fellowship hall. Thank you so very much!

Items Needed: buckets; small tents; trowels; portable canopies (like beach shelters); shovels; camping chairs; spades; big bones or fossils; picks; large plastic eggs (like L'eggs stockings used to come in); wooden crates; khaki vests; goggles; dinosaur models; wheel barrows; stuffed dinosaurs (especially big ones); tubs; inflatable dinosaurs; hiking boots; small gardening tools; any plants; artificial vines and ivy; canteens.

Come join us, and be a DinoDetective!



The Birth of the Song, "Precious Lord"



Back in 1932, I was 32 years old and a fairly new husband. My wife, Nettie, and I were living in a little apartment on Chicago's south side. One hot August afternoon I had to go to St. Louis, where I was to be the featured soloist at a large revival meeting. I didn't want to go.

Nettie was in the last month of pregnancy with our first child. But a lot of people were expecting me in St. Louis. I kissed Nettie good-bye, clattered downstairs to our Model A and, in a fresh Lake Michigan breeze, chugged out of Chicago on Route 66.

However, outside the city, I discovered that in my anxiety at leaving, I had forgotten my music case. I wheeled around and headed back. I found Nettie sleeping peacefully. I hesitated by her bed; something was strongly telling me to stay. But eager to get on my way, and not wanting to disturb Nettie, I shrugged off the feeling and quietly slipped out of the room with my music.

The next night, in the steaming St. Louis heat, the crowd called on me to sing again and again. When I finally sat down, a messenger boy ran up with a Western Union telegram. I ripped open the envelope. Pasted on the yellow sheet were the words: **YOUR WIFE JUST DIED.**

People were happily singing and clapping around me, but I could hardly keep from crying out. I rushed to a phone and called home. All I could hear on the other end was "Nettie is dead. Nettie is dead."

When I got back, I learned that Nettie had given birth to a boy. I swung between grief and joy. Yet that same night, the baby died. I buried Nettie and our little boy together, in the same casket. Then I fell apart.

For days I closeted myself. I felt that God had done me an injustice. I didn't want to serve Him anymore or write gospel songs. I just wanted to go back to that jazz world I once knew so well. But then, as I hunched alone in that dark apartment those first sad days, I thought back to the afternoon I went to St. Louis. Something kept telling me to stay with Nettie. Was that something God? Oh, if I had paid more attention to Him that day, I would have stayed and been with Nettie when she died.

From that moment on I vowed to listen more closely to Him. But still I was lost in grief. Everyone was kind to me, especially a friend, Professor Fry, who seemed to know what I needed. On the following Saturday evening he took me up to Malone's Poro College, a neighborhood music school. It was quiet; the late evening sun crept through the curtained windows. I sat down at the piano, and my hands began to browse over the keys. Something happened to me then. I felt at peace. I felt as though I could reach out and touch God. I found myself playing a melody, once into my head the words just seemed to fall into place:

'Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand! I am tired, I am weak, I am worn ~ Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light, take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.'

The Lord gave me these words and melody; He also healed my spirit. I learned that when we are in our deepest grief, when we feel farthest from God, this is when He is closest, and when we are most open to His restoring power.

And so I go on living for God willingly and joyfully, until that day comes when He will take me and gently lead me home.

~ Tommy Dorsey ~

I Am a "Kept" Man

You see, there were a few times when I thought I would lose my mind, but GOD kept me sane. (Isa. 26:3)

There were times when I thought I could go no longer, But the LORD kept me moving. (Gen 28:15)

At times, I've wanted to lash out at those whom I felt had done me wrong, but the LORD kept my mouth shut. (Psa. 13)

Sometimes, I think the money just isn't enough,

But GOD has helped me to keep the lights on, the water on, the car payment paid, the house payment paid, etc., (Matt. 6:25 -34)

When I thought I would fall, HE kept me up.

When I thought I was weak, HE kept me strong! (I Pet. 5:7, Matt. 11:28-30)

I'm blessed to be "kept."

I'm Kept by the Love and Grace of God!