

June 21, 2009



The Messenger



June

**“Beauty like the Olive Tree”**

*“His branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be as the olive tree, and his smell as Lebanon.” – Hosea 14:6*

The Prophet is referencing a future time when Israel is destined to be restored and placed into its land where it will enjoy the full blessings of God. It will display the beauty of holiness. It will one day have the beauty of the “olive tree.”

The olive has been called the crown of the fruit trees in Palestine. It is a vivid picture of the beauty of holiness in the life of the Christian. There is a peculiar beauty about the olive tree. It has green, grey foliage. At first sight there is little that is attractive about the olive tree. It has to grow on you. The Christian is many times observed that way. Their beauty may not be an outward beauty. In fact, the real beauty of the Christian is the humility and godliness of character. Peter reflects on that inward beauty. “But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.” – I Peter 3:4

There are no two Olive trees that are alike. God has also made all of us different. Peculiarity adds intrinsic value to the Christian. The rarity of coins is based upon its limited minting or unique oddities. The less a coin is circulated the more value it holds. The individuality of the Olive tree is a part of its charm. Every one of us is uniquely different. That means we are more valuable by being what we are and not attempting to duplicate someone else. “But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour.” – II Timothy 2:20

The key to that special beauty is the grace of God that saves a poor old wretched sinner and then makes them a new creature in Christ Jesus. (Ref. II Cor.5:17) They are given a special beauty comparable to the peculiar beauty of the Olive Tree.

*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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# *DADS are special people*

Dads are special people  
No home should be without,  
For every family will agree  
They're 'SO NICE TO HAVE ABOUT' -



They are a happy mixture  
Of a 'SMALL BOY' and a 'MAN'  
And they're very necessary  
In every 'FAMILY PLAN'

Sometimes they're most demanding  
And stern, and firm and tough  
But underneath they're 'soft as silk'  
For this is just a 'BLUFF'



But in any kind of trouble  
Dad reaches out his hand.  
And you can always count on him  
To help and understand -



And while we do not praise Dad  
as often as we should,  
We love him and admire him,  
And while that's understood,

It's only fair to emphasize  
His importance and his worth -  
For if there were no loving Dads  
This would be a 'LOVELESS EARTH'.



~ Helen Steiner Rice ~

## **The Stover Family ~ Missionaries to PERU**

God has been so good to us and continues to bless in the ministry here in Peru. Psalm 90:12 states, "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

### **Progress:**

My Missions & Islam class at the Bible College is going well. We have just started covering some of the basic concepts of Islam. What a great need there is to reach these people with the Gospel! Just being able to teach in Spanish for an hour, 3 days a week is helping my language skills tremendously.

We have been averaging about 35 people in the English classes in the church. We are excited to see some of these people visiting the church for regular services also. In class we are working on learning several English Bible verses (the Romans Road). Please pray that many would come to know Christ by way of this ministry.

The discipleship class I was teaching at the church has come to an end. I am excited to see several students "graduating" and moving up to the next class. Please pray these young Christians would continue to grow in the Lord and be faithful to His house.

### **New Arrival!**

We are pleased to announce the arrival of Caleb Mark. He was born on March 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:44 p.m. He weighed 6 lbs. 10 oz. and was 20 inches long. Everything went well and, thankfully, very quickly for Sara. We arrived at the hospital just a few minutes after 4, so we definitely were not waiting long! He is doing fine and getting chubby already. Thank you for your prayers for his safe arrival.

### **Blessings:**

We were thankful to be able to have Sara's mom visiting for a few weeks to help with the new baby – and of course to see Josiah! We are thankful for the wonderful family God has given us and look forward to having more of them visit in the future. If you would be interested in making a trip here as well, we would be thrilled to show you the ministry that the Lord has allowed us to be a part of. Thank you to all those who have called or sent notes of encouragement to us. It is always a pleasure to hear from you.

The Lord gave us great services at the Faith Baptist Church the week of Easter, with **29 people saved** and Christians encouraged in the faith. There is a definite need for the church to purchase its own facility, as our current building is full. We know that this will be expensive because of the area in which we are located, but we also know that the Lord has everything in control. Please pray with us for this need.

### **Upcoming Events:**

We are looking forward to having 2 medical clinics this summer. The clinic in June will be in Ilo, a city about 6 hours from here. I am looking forward to taking my missions class on a "mission's trip" there during that time. Please pray for our trip. The clinic in July will be here in Arequipa. The Lord has worked in a mighty way through clinics held in the past. Please pray that people would be helped not only physically, but spiritually as well.

Your Servants for Him, *Robert, Sara, Josiah, & Caleb Stover*

## June Birthdays.....

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

## 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



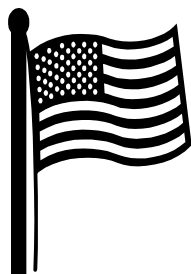
## June Anniversaries

June 2- Barbara & Willard Tucker  
 June 8- Adrian & Wendy Barham  
 Ronnie & Jo Beeson  
 Mike & Cheryl Cashion



Marvin & Marilyn Donnell  
 Charles & Kathy Flynt  
 Darrell & Amy Jordan  
 Darius & Dreama Moore

## 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)

## Ladies' Fellowship

**The Smith Grove Ladies' Fellowship will not meet during the months of June through August, but join us again in September!**

*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.*

### A Special Message from Charlene . . .

Last month, we honored our Senior Saints – those precious souls who have faithfully lived for God and served Him for many years; and in recent weeks, we have witnessed several from our church family called home to be with the Lord. As I look over our congregation, I see those who are now serving in positions which were handed down from generations before them. Many of our Senior Saints are now watching the “young folks” doing the things they faithfully did for years.

We are humbled by your dedication and desire your prayers that we will be as diligent in our tasks as you were. Our Smith Grove heritage is strong and deep and we don't take it lightly. We trust we will stand for Christ and never waver and “remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set.” Proverbs 22:28

*I love you all! . . . Charlene*

### ~ Father Is A Source of Strength ~

A father is a source of strength,  
 A teacher and a guide,  
 The one his family looks up to  
 With loving trust and pride...  
 A father is a helper  
 With a willing hand to lend,  
 A partner, an adviser,  
 And the finest kind of friend

# 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

### \*Special Needs

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

**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.
- Scott and Melanie Crump ~ Youth Directors
- Preachers, teachers, singers, & workers of our church & Discovery Clubs.
- All those serving our country & in harm's way.



## 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	7:00 p.m.
Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.
Thursday Visitation	7:00 p.m.



## June 2009



**Tues., June 2, 7:00 p.m.** ~ Hospice of the Piedmont will provide a presentation on the topic of "Advance Directives for Medical Care Decisions" in the Fellowship Building. The Director of Support Services, Jacqueline Parker-Hatch will present this topic which will include answers to some questions you might have regarding the legal documents such as a Living Will and a Health Care Power of Attorney. Forms for these documents will be provided to all attending the presentation. No lawyer is required to complete these forms.

*Please sign up in the church foyer so we will know how many plan to attend.*

**Sat., June 6, 5:30 p.m.** Winston-Salem Rescue Mission

**Wed., June 10, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.** Discovery Club Cook-out

**Sat., June 20, 5:00 p.m.** Father & Son Banquet,  
Smith Grove Fellowship Building

**June 22-26 ~ 7 - 9 p.m.** Vacation Bible School

Passport  
to the  
Promised Land

Following the Steps of Jesus

## Discovery Clubs

As we come to the conclusion of another year with the Discovery Club and Teens, we feel blessed to have been able to be a part of this ministry. The students have continued to study God's word, and participated in outside excursions, all of which have been adventuresome! What a blessing it is to talk of being Christ-like and to watch and hear of our youth living these actions outside in "the real world." A great big thank you goes out to Homer, Carol, Bernie, Steve, Cheryl, Ronda, Gary, Chasity and David as they have volunteered their time and energy to our students. This year would not have been possible without you. As a "thank you" to both the leaders and the students, we will conclude our year on Wednesday, June 10, 2009 with a Discovery Club cook-out. The cook-out will begin at 6:30 p.m. and last until 8:00 p.m. The students need to bring only themselves. :)

On a different note, let us continue to remember our church community as we inch closer to Bible School (June 22-26). As previously stated in last month's message, the planning for "Passport to the Promised Land!" is well underway and our key verse for the week will be John 12:26: *If any man serve*



*me, let him follow me; and*

*where I am, there shall also my servant be.*

Please remember: It is still not too late to search your heart and pray about volunteering your time and talents to our children, either in the classroom or behind the scenes. It is so easy to imagine that others will step in to assist. Do not leave such a task to others, though. Step in and be a witness for Christ in Colfax! Services start at 7 p.m. nightly and end at 9 p.m. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated!



## "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  
 595-8553/993-1833 ~ July 09



**I Cor. 7:22-24**



## Gary & Friends Missionary Outreach Ministry

Greetings, and God bless you all! God bless America, our homeland. This is Melissa's birthday month, and what memories I have of our ministry together, and those days when we were getting started. Many thanks to everyone who helped us so faithfully week after week. Here we are more than nineteen years later, and still going strong with God's help. And what a tremendous ministry we have, with senior citizens and local churches right here in homes around the triad.

People ask me all the time, "How is it going in your senior ministry?" Well, I would love for you to go with us on a Friday night, Saturday morning, or on Sunday, and see for yourself. This is such a great ministry for the LORD, and for the dear people in these homes. I'm just sorry we can't be in a lot more homes each week. I am willing, but the support has got to come, and we will go.

Thank God, and pray one for another.

In Christ,

Gary Smith ~ I Peter 5:7

## *Dad . . .*

Dad is a person  
who is loving and kind,  
And often he knows  
what you have on your mind.

He's someone who listens,  
suggests, and defends.  
A dad can be one  
of your very best friends!

He's proud of your triumphs,  
but when things go wrong,  
A dad can be patient  
and helpful and strong

In all that you do,  
a dad's love plays a part.  
There's always a place for him  
deep in your heart.

And each year that passes,  
you're even more glad,  
More grateful and proud  
just to call him your dad!

Thank you, Dad...  
for listening and caring,  
for giving and sharing,  
but, especially, for just being you!

***Happy  
Father's  
Day!***

## *Walk a little slower*

Walk a little slower, Daddy,  
Said a little child so small.  
I'm following in your footsteps  
And I don't want to fall.

Sometimes your steps are very fast,  
Sometimes they are hard to see;  
So, walk a little slower, Daddy,  
For you are leading me.

Someday when I'm all grown up,  
You're what I want to be;  
Then I will have a little child  
Who'll want to follow me.

And I would want to lead just right,  
And know that I was true;  
So walk a little slower, Daddy,  
For I must follow you.

### *"Dad, Thank You."*

Thank you for the laughter,  
For the good times that we share,  
Thanks for always listening,  
For trying to be fair.

Thank you for your comfort,  
When things are going bad,  
Thank you for the shoulder,  
To cry on when I'm sad.

This poem is a reminder that  
All my life through,  
I'll be thanking Heaven  
For a Special Dad like you.



## *Only a Dad* ~ Edgar A. Guest (1916)

Only a dad with a tired face,  
Coming home from the daily race,  
Bringing little of gold or fame  
To show how well he has played the game;  
But glad in his heart that his own rejoice  
To see him come and to hear his voice.

Only a dad with a brood of four,  
One of ten million men or more  
Plodding along in the daily strife,  
Bearing the whips and the scorns of life,  
With never a whimper of pain or hate,  
For the sake of those who at home await.

Only a dad, neither rich nor proud,  
Merely one of the surging crowd,  
Toiling, striving from day to day,  
Facing whatever may come his way,  
Silent whenever the harsh condemn,  
And bearing it all for the love of them.

Only a dad but he gives his all,  
To smooth the way for his children small,  
Doing with courage stern and grim  
The deeds that his father did for him.  
This is the line that for him I pen:  
Only a dad, but the best of men.