



Happy Father's Day!

*The
Messenger*



June

“Follow Me”

“Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? follow thou me.” – John 21:22

Peter, in the context, inquired as to what John should do. Jesus admonished Peter to focus primarily on his own personal responsibility to follow the Lord.

We have a tendency to want to manage other people's lives while ignoring our own responsibilities and needs. There are far too many lost people who go through life focused on how sinful everyone else is at the expense of overlooking their own sinful condition before a Holy God. They, furthermore, are more concerned in the accumulation of “things” than attending to the need of the salvation of their soul. Multitudes of people are on a sinking ship yet clinging to their luggage while the ship is going down. Their luggage can't save them, they need to grab the life raft of salvation through the cross work of Jesus Christ.

Christians need to quit managing other people's lives and simply get serious about following the Lord! Instead of saying, “what about John,” we need to focus on God's personal will for our own lives. The best approach to following the Lord is to get serious about starting with the basics. Those basics are: Bible reading, prayer, church attendance, witnessing, and stewardship.

We simply need to be a good follower of the Lord. God said Caleb “followed me fully.” Jesus told Peter, “Follow me.” We all fail when it comes to talents and abilities but we can, by the grace of God, follow Him!

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 . . .



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

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Ladies Fellowship

Ladies Fellowship will not meet during the summer months, but we will be back in full swing come September. We hope you will enjoy this word search puzzle if you find some spare time during the lazy – or maybe crazy – days of summer! God bless you and yours!

Names in the Bible

A	B	C	N	O	L	U	B	E	Z	M
B	E	N	J	A	M	I	N	D	C	A
I	E	F	E	Y	G	H	I	Y	D	T
G	J	K	S	H	L	M	R	N	A	T
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I	S	B	S	O	S	U	V	W	I	E
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A	Z	D	C	T	E	A	E	R	F	G
R	H	I	H	L	J	N	K	U	L	M
A	N	P	O	P	Q	N	R	S	T	U
H	A	H	A	I	D	A	B	O	V	W
N	Y	Z	A	R	E	H	T	S	E	X

Abigail	Gabriel	Naphtali	Urijah
Benjamin	Hannah	Obadiah	Vashti
Caleb	Isaac	Peter	MattheW
Daniel	Jesus	Quartus	FeliX
Esther	Korah	Rachel	CYrus
Festus	Leah	Sarah	Zebulon
	Mary	Timothy	

Peace in the Midst

There once was a king who offered a prize to the artist who would create a painting that best demonstrated peace. Many artists tried. The king looked at all the paintings, but there were only two he really liked and he had to choose between them.

One painting was of a beautiful and calm lake scene. The lake was a mirror reflecting the towering snowcapped mountains all around it. Overhead was a blue sky with fluffy white clouds. Most who saw this painting thought that it was the perfect picture of peace.

The other painting had mountains too. But these were rugged and bare. Above was an angry sky from which rain fell, and lightning danced. Down the side of one mountain tumbled a turbulent waterfall. When the king looked, he saw that behind the waterfall grew a tiny bush from a crack in the rock. Within the bush a bird had built a nest. There, in the midst of the rush of angry water, sat the mother bird in her nest. The king chose this picture as the one best demonstrating peace.

People grumbled at the king's choice. The king responded to the people saying that he chose the second picture because peace did not mean being in a place where there is no noise, trouble, or hard work. The king explained that true peace meant to be in the midst of all those things and yet still be calm in heart.

We live in a fast-paced world full of turmoil. Perhaps even now you are experiencing significant challenges that threaten to knock your world off balance and threaten to rob you of peace. Still, as the story points out, the absence of turmoil isn't the real meaning of peace. Like the king in the story, our King, Jesus, knows the meaning of peace. He hasn't chosen to take us out of this world, or to remove all of the sources of trouble, but rather to protect us and offer us the peace that only He can give. Is your world feeling disrupted? Are you looking for peace? Turn to Jesus, Who will be your shelter in times of storm.



Father! - to God himself we cannot give a holier name.

~William Wordsworth

Proverbs 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

"Small boys become big men through the influence of big men who care about small boys."

June Birthdays

1 Adam Pearman	11 Bryan Tucker	19 Candace Nuckles
2 Clara Ward	12 Samuel Crater	19 Oma Lou Pitts
3 Heather Pitts	13 Angela Cornell	21 Gary Slate
3 Laura Williams	13 Bobby Key	25 Geraldine Johnson
4 Travis McCollum	14 Jo Anne Pegram	28 Waynard Nuckles
7 Kyle Norman	15 Ronald Rayle	Priscilo Damazio
10 Jimmy L. Crews	15 Dreama Moore	Sherri Tilley
10 Tim Pitts	17 Brad Flynt	Margaret Tucker
11 Ann Rayle	18 Cassidy McCollum	



July Birthdays

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



June Anniversaries

Adrian & Wendy Barham -June 8	Charles & Kathy Flynt
Ronnie & Jo Beeson	Darrell & Amy Jordan
Mike & Cheryl Cashion	Darris & Dreama Moore
Marvin & Marilyn Donnell	Barbara & Willard Tucker -June 2

Pray for those In the Service of our Country



Matthew Bennett, Afghanistan
 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
 [Ft. Rucker, AL]
 Corporal Mel Wright, US Marines, Charleston, SC
 (Nephews of Clarence Redmon)

Robbie Mullinax & Family

“Taking God’s Word to China”~ www.bibleteam.org

I want to share a recent communication I received from China. It is typical of thousands of remote villages that need the Gospel.

“Jianming lives in a remote village with about 30 other families. There is no farming here - only water-soaked grasslands during the rainy season and desert when it turns dry. The land yields little food, poverty is extreme and poor roads connect far-flung communities. This is where Jianming shares God’s love. As a Christian, he reaches out to his neighbors with the Gospel. So far, about half of the families in his immediate area have accepted Christ. But there are few Christian leaders who can instruct and lead Bible studies in this remote region, so Jianming also preaches at 17 different meeting places in other villages.”

Lack of church leadership in China is not limited to such remote areas. From the coastal Provinces to inner China, to the populous cities of the eastern coasts, there are still thousands of believers that do not own their own Bible. Without basic Christian instruction and Bibles there is always the possibility that new Christians will fall under the influence of false teachings and cults.

The Bible Team is committed to providing Chinese Study Bibles to help fortify Christian leaders like Jianming. You have to understand: a white, American Missionary could never go to most of these areas. We have to help the Nationals reach their own people.

WHY STUDY BIBLES?

- Study Bibles guide and teach believers and church leaders as they read the Word.
- Study Bibles provide a firm foundation in the Truth and provide an elementary reference tool for church leaders and other Chinese Christians.
- Study Bibles empower pastors and Bible study leaders to share the truth of God’s Word with seekers and believers.
- Study Bibles are an excellent way to help guide church leaders with book introductions, cross references, and study notes that challenge the reader to apply the truths in Scripture to everyday life.

We can provide a STUDY BIBLE to a Chinese Pastor for only \$5.00. Will you help us purchase Chinese Study Bibles so Chinese Christians can put on the whole armour of God? Your gift to The Bible Team will give Chinese Christians their own Study Bible, imparting knowledge to church leaders, encouraging discipleship in Bible studies, and supplying believers with hope and strength. We have teams ready to – “Take God’s Word to China”.

Our next Bible Distribution Team leaves for China on May 26, 2011. Call TODAY for more information concerning joining a team for a 10-day Distribution Trip to China. CALL 864-269-2760 ext. 218.

Search THE BIBLE TEAM to follow us on facebook.

Serving the Chinese Underground Church,

Robbie, Jan, Alaina, and Anadele

The Bible Team ~ Tabernacle Baptist Missions International

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Smith Grove Seniors

Louise Byrd	Cleo Holt	Jo Anne Pegram*
Gordon Crouch	Reva Holt*	J. D. Shields
Shirley Crouch	Helen Jones	Raynelle Shields
Iris Farrington*	Lawrence Jones	Wade Shields
June Freeman*	Neva Long	Louise Smith*
Ernest Fulk*	Curney Matthews	Clarence Tucker
Pat George	Rose Matthews	Forrest Tucker
	Bud McCurdy*	Mary Westmoreland

Others in Need of Prayer

(In alphabetical order) *Special Needs

JoAnn Alley	Ricky Hedgecock	Miranda Petkis
Marilyn Alston	Tim Hedgecock	Norma Pilchett*
Fred Bame	Ronnie Holcomb	Claude Royal
Merl Blake	Alice & Barry Holman	Johnny Sealey
Roy Boody	Raleigh Hunt	Eddie Thomson
Thelma Bullard	Opal Jordan	Barbara Tucker
John Carter	Danny Keen	Clara Ward
Bonnie Clark	Leighann Kincade	Kenneth Westmoreland
Aaron Cole	Samantha Marion (at the death of her grandfather)	Gordon Wilkey*
Bette Crouse	Daniel Matthews	Gerry Williams*
Cheryl DeAntonio	Richie McCormick	Tom* & Frances Woody
Jimmy Dillon	Mark Midkiff	Jessi Wright
Rudy Dillon	Fred Murrow*	Skylar Hope Yontz*
Joyce Draughn	John Pearl	Ken Young
David Gindelsberger	Don Peterson	New converts
Debbie Harden		The Unsaved
Rhonda Hedgecock		

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, Johnny & Tammy Cameron
- Preachers, teachers, singers and workers of our church and Bible Clubs
- Our sincere sympathies to the families of Robert Campbell, Jerry Shields, John R. Tucker ("J.R." ~ Larry Tucker's brother), and Hettie Westmoreland.



Services Each Week

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Service	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service	6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Services:

Bible Clubs	7:00 p.m.
Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.
Thursday Visitation	7:00 p.m.



June ~ 2011

Vacation Bible
School

Monday ~ Thursday,
June 13-16,
7:00 p.m. nightly



Sat., June 18, 5 p.m.
Sun., June 19

Picnic for all men and boys of the church
Happy Father's Day!

July 8 ~ 16

Please pray for Pastor Peters as he travels
to Alaska on a mission trip.

September 19-23

Piedmont Baptist Camp Meeting

The *Message of Redemption* (archived sermons preached by Brother Ward Laramore) is broadcast daily on radio station **WPIP ~ 880 AM**, 2:00-2:15 p.m., Monday through Friday.

I Cor. 7:22-24



Gary & Friends Missionary Outreach Ministry

Greetings from Gary and helpers! Oh my, did we get a stirring from the preaching during revival, and the good spirit that was in the midst of our church, in the hearts of saved people looking to get help in these hard days of serving the Lord. There is great power available to us when we gather in unity – now let’s do some things for the cause of Christ!

In our area of ministry and outreach around Colfax, we are working hard and looking for ways to reach more people with the gospel message of Christ. Let’s lay aside bad feeling and get things right with man and God, so that others might be saved before this age of grace runs out.

Please pray one for another, and for Pastor Chuck and Sister Carol, that God will lay upon their hearts guidance for us all, to help us to be stronger members in the local church and the church of Jesus Christ.

Happy in the Lord . . .

Gary and Friends ~ I Peter 5:7

LAUGH OUT LOUD!

Chicken Surprise . . .

A couple go for a meal at a Chinese restaurant and order the ‘Chicken Surprise.’ The waiter brings the meal, served in a lidded cast iron pot.

Just as the wife is about to serve herself, the lid of the pot rises slightly and she briefly sees two beady little eyes looking around before the lid slams back down.

‘Good grief, did you see that?’ she asks her husband. He hadn’t, so she asks him to look in the pot. He reaches for it and again the lid rises, and he sees two little eyes looking around before it slams down.

Rather perturbed, he calls the waiter over, explains what is happening, and demands an explanation.

‘Please sir,’ says the waiter, ‘what you order?’ The husband replies, ‘Chicken Surprise.’

‘Ah! So sorry,’ says the waiter, ‘I bring you **Peeking Duck!**’



“Our Honour Roll”

Smith Grove’s ministry to our widows and widowers
“Honour widows that are widows indeed.”

(I Timothy 5:3)

This is a continuing churchwide ministry to remember widows and widowers of the church in a meaningful way. Each month, we highlight our special “Honour Roll Gang Members” who are having birthdays. 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 (C) /993-1833 (H)~
July 09

Three monkeys sat in a coconut tree
Discussing things as they are said to be
Said one to the others, “Now listen, you two,
There’s a rumor around that can’t be true
That man descended from our noble race
The very idea is a great disgrace.”



“No monkey has ever deserted his wife
Starved her babies and ruined her life
And you’ve never known a mother monk
To leave her babies with others to bunk
Or pass from one on to another
Till they scarcely knew who is their mother.”



“Here’s another thing a monkey won’t do
Go out at night and get in a stew
Or use a gun or club or knife
To take some other monkey’s life
Yes, man descended, the ornery cuss
But, brother, he didn’t descend from us.”



Please Daddy, Let's Go!

A little girl with shining eyes,
Her upturned face aglow,
Said, "Daddy, it's almost time
For Sunday School, you know;
Let's go and hear of Jesus' love
Of how He died for all,
To take them to His home above
Who on His name will call."
"Oh no," said Daddy, "Not to-day;
I've worked hard all the week;
And I must have one day of rest,
And fishing's fine they say;
So run along, don't bother me,
We'll go ANOTHER day."
Months and years have passed away,
But Daddy hears that plea no more—
"Let's go to Sunday School..."
Those childish days are o'er.
And now that Daddy's growing old,
And life is almost through,
He finds some time to go to church,
BUT, what does daughter do?
She says, "Oh, daddy, not to-day.
Was out almost all night;
I've got to get a little sleep:
Besides, I look a fright."
Then daddy lifts a trembling hand
To brush away the tears;
Again he hears that pleading voice,
Distinctly through the years,
He sees a small girl's upturned face,
Upturned with eyes aglow,
Saying, "It's time for Sunday School.
Please, daddy, won't you go?"



My Dad's Hands

Bedtime came, we were settling down,
I was holding one of my lads.
As I grasped him so tight, I saw a strange sight:
My hands. . . they looked like my dad's!
I remember them well, those old gnarled
hooks,
there was always a cracked nail or two.
And thanks to a hammer that strayed from its mark,
his thumb was a beautiful blue!
They were rough, I remember, incredibly tough,
as strong as a carpenter's vice.
But holding a scared little boy at night,
they seemed to me awfully nice!
The sight of those hands - how impressive it was
in the eyes of his little boy.
Other dads' hands were cleaner, it seemed
(the effects of their office employ).
I gave little thought in my formative years
of the reason for Dad's raspy mitts:
The love in the toil, the dirt and the oil,
rusty plumbing that gave those hands fits!
Thinking back, misty-eyed, and thinking ahead,
when one day my time is done.
The torch of love in my own wrinkled hands
will pass on to the hands of my son.
I don't mind the bruises, the scars here
and there
or the hammer that just seemed to slip.
I want most of all when my son takes my
hand,
to feel that love lies in the grip.



By David Kettler