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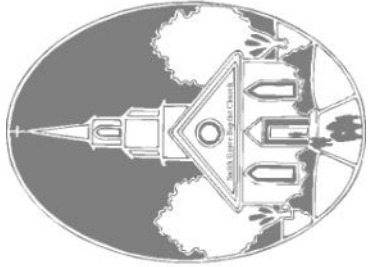
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**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!**



**Sat., June 6 ~ Winston-Salem Rescue Mission**

**Tues., June 9, 7-8 pm ..... Robinwood Retirement Center**

**June 15 ~ 18, 7 pm nightly ~ Vacation Bible School ~**

*Jambo! (Swahili for Hello!) Welcome to Camp Kilimanjaro, where you'll have an epic expedition through the book of Proverbs!*



**Sunday, June 21 .....BEAMS' SUNDAY & Father's Day!**

**Statement of Faith:**

We are an Independent Baptist Church preaching the old time Gospel and still believing that the King James Version of the Bible constitutes the preserved, inerrant, and inspired Word of God for the English speaking people of the earth.

# REMEMBER IN PRAYER

## SHUT-INS

Louise Byrd	Jo Anne Pegram	Clara Ward
Iris Farrington	Ann Rayle	Gerry Williams
Harry Haynes	Barbara Tucker	
Neva Long	Forrest Tucker	

## Assisted Living/Nursing Home

Helen Jones ~ Rose Matthews ~ Betty Robinson

## SICK/OTHER NEEDS: (Newly added names are in italics.)

Lou Badgett	Daniel & Mazie Matthews
<i>Donnie Barham</i> (Cancer– special prayer needed)	(Special needs)
Homer Bowden	Gary McArthur (malignant tumor)
Sherri Bowling	Maggie McGee
Sheridan Bowman	Cindy Miller (Health Issues)
Ann Burke (stroke)	Phillip Moore - (Lung Cancer - Dreama's brother-in-law)
Thelma Bullard	Sally Nester (cancer)
Tammy Burnett (cancer)	Clarence Parker (Cancer)
Rebecca Carmine (brain surgery)	Gene & Oma Lou Pitts
Johnny Clark (heart transplant)	Allen Priddy (PTSD)
Patrick Clark (CHF)	Joe Ray
Christie Cobb (Breast Cancer)	Sandra Richardson
Olivia Dunn (9-yr old -- cancer)	Lorene Robertson
<i>Iris Farrington</i> (Broken arm)	Claude Royal
Kathy Fulk (Diabetes & health issues)	Justin Royal
Kim Garrett (Cancer & Crohn's Disease)	Jean Rumsey
Charles "Junior" Gray (Cancer)	Violet Sealey
George Hayes (heart)	Betty Soyars
Rhonda Hedgecock	Donise Tucker (respiratory issues)
Ricky Hedgecock	Brooke Long Wagoner
Tim Hedgecock	Kenneth Westmoreland
Joretta Holt (Surgery)	Reid Westmoreland
Stephanie Hutton	Jan Wilson
<i>Sarah Isehour</i> (Crohn's Disease)	<i>Greg Wood</i> (Heart attack)
Jimmy Johnson (Illness)	
Maureen Lamb	
Wesley Landreth	
Don & Marcie Lemar (Health Issues)	
Clara Farrington Long (health issues)	
Dot Long	
Elaine Lowe (Health Issues)	
Mark Lowe	

If there are names that may be removed from the prayer list, please alert Pastor Chuck or someone on the Newsletter Committee.

## BEAMS' Report for May 2015



# of Pledges: 15 ; # of Contributions: 9 ;  
Total Contributors: 24  
Total Contributed: \$1,249.00 =  
**156 Bibles (plus some postage) in May**

You can also get the BEAMS' report online at our website:  
[http://www.smithgrove.org/beams\\_ministry.htm](http://www.smithgrove.org/beams_ministry.htm)

## *The Christian Barber*

There was a barber who was a husband and dad, and he wanted to be a better role model for his family. So he thought that he should share the gospel with his customers more than he had been doing lately. So the next morning when the sun came up and the barber got up out of bed he said, "Today I am going to witness to the first man that walks through my door."

Soon after he opened his shop the first man came in and said, "I want a shave!" The barber said, "Sure, just sit in the seat and I'll be with you in a moment." The barber went in the back and prayed a quick desperate prayer saying, "God, the first customer came in and I'm going to witness to him. So please give me the wisdom to know just the right thing to say to him. Amen."

Then quickly the barber came out with his razor in one hand and a Bible in the other while saying, "Good morning sir. I have a question for you... *Are you ready to die?*"



## *The Road to Everlasting Life*

**Romans 3:23** "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God."

**Romans 5:12** "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned."

**Romans 5:8** "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

**Romans 6:23** "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

**Romans 10:9-10** "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

**Romans 10:13** "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

## The Branch Family . . .

### *Serving the Lord in South Africa*

Greetings to all in the name of Christ our Saviour and soon-coming King! As we approach the end of April, we have now been on deputation for nine months, traveled nearly 30,000 miles and visited 115 churches! Our theme verse for deputation is found in Psalm 68:19 *“Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Selah.”* God has granted us safety as we travel, the privilege of seeing old friends, the joy of getting acquainted with new friends in great churches and ministries across America, and the privilege to preach and challenge people to “look on the fields” – not just the field of South Africa – but of a vast world in desperate need of missionaries!!

We have also had the joy of seeing people saved in services. In Greenville, NC, a young lady named “Gracie” came forward and received Christ. She had been visiting for a while and had been under conviction. What a joy to see her gloriously saved!! At another service in Salem, VA, we saw a lady named “Joan” come forward and be saved. She, too, had been visiting and God had been dealing with her. God is still saving souls – the gospel still works!!

Since our last letter, God has added greatly to our monthly financial support bringing our total to *60% of the minimum support need!!* We are so grateful to God for EVERYONE who is standing with us in prayer and financial support! With about half of our anticipated deputation term in the “rearview mirror,” we can now begin to prayerfully look ahead to the time that God has put upon our hearts to go to the field: late January, 2016! Praise the Lord!

The month of May will find us busy with meetings in the Northeast states of Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire and Delaware. During the first week of June, we will be back at BIMI for our 2nd and final week of candidate school. Then, we have a calendar full of other meetings with a couple of Summer camps in between. It’s great to be busy for the Lord!

With all that said, we are COUNTING ON YOU to keep us in your prayers!

**PRAY** for God to continue to give us strength, health, and safety as we travel.

**PRAY** for the work in South Africa; especially for a young man named “James” and the evident work that God is doing in his life.

**PRAY** as we will soon begin the application process for South African visas.

**PRAY** for funds that will be needed by the time we leave for the field:

- Plane tickets . . . \$6,000
- Funds to “set up house” in South Africa . . . \$5,000 to \$10,000
- A used 4x4 truck necessary to minister in the villages . . . \$25,000

Anyone wishing to give special offerings toward these needs should send it to BIMI to our missionary account (#1527) marked “Setup Funds.” It would be a GREAT blessing. Also, if any Pastor, missions’ secretary, church or supporter can receive this letter by email, please notify us as it will greatly save on time and cost of postage.

In Christ, *the Branch Family*

*Pray for those . . .*

### **IN THE SERVICE OF THEIR COUNTRY**



**A1C William Holt**, US Air Force

Pope AFB, Vass, NC 28394

**CW3 Jonathan Harless** (Raleigh, NC)

**Maj. Robert Harless** (160th SOAR, Savannah, GA)

**Charles Holmes**, Al Asad Air Base (Northern Iraq)

**Chief Warrant Officer 4 Michael Maine**, US Army

[Germany] (Nephew of Clarence Redmon)

**Kyle Norman**, 565 Outer Drive, Box 190

JB Lewis-McCord, WA 98438

**David Ortez**, Iraq & Afghanistan

**Jason Sabot** – Serving in Afghanistan



### *Famous Quotes:*

- When a father gives to his son, both laugh; when a son gives to his father, both cry. . . . . William Shakespeare
- When I was a boy of fourteen, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be twenty-one, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years. . . . . Mark Twain
- By the time a man realizes that maybe his father was right, he usually has a son who thinks he’s wrong. . . . Charles Wadsworth
- He who is taught to live upon little owes more to his father’s wisdom than he who has a great deal left him does to his father’s care. . . . . William Penn
- “Train up a child in the way which he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it.” . . . . Proverbs 22:6



**Congratulations!** to Glenda Foust’s son, **Johnny Foust, Jr.**, who earned an Associate Degree *with honors* from Cape Fear Community College in May.



## My Dad's Hands

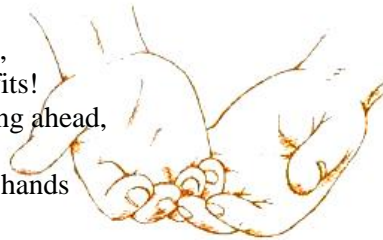
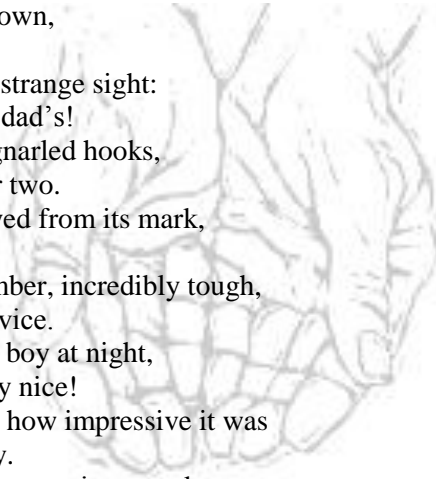
Bedtime came, we were settling down,  
I was holding one of my lads.  
As I grasped him so tight, I saw a strange sight:  
My hands. . . they looked like my dad's!  
I remember them well, those old gnarled hooks,  
there was always a cracked nail or two.  
And thanks to a hammer that strayed from its 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



## June Birthdays

1 Adam Pearman	11 Joey Matthews	18 Marshall Moore
2 Clara Ward	11 Ann Rayle	19 Oma Lou Pitts
3 Heather Pitts Wolf	11 Bryan Tucker	21 Gary Slate
3 Laura Williams	12 Samuel Crater	21 Chara Tate
4 Travis McCollum	13 Angela Cornell	24 Pam Blackburn
4 Misty Smith	13 Bobby Key	25 Geraldine Johnson
5 Ethan Magnante	14 Jo Anne Pegram	28 Waynard Nuckles
7 Kyle Norman	15 Ronald Rayle	29 Dean Puckett
8 Zach Faulkner	15 Dreama Moore	
10 Addison Moore	17 Brad Flynt	
10 Tim Pitts	18 Cassidy McCollum	



## July Birthdays

1 Betty Byrd	19 Bill Dillon
2 Tommy Holt	20 Paul Westmoreland
5 William Keedy	22 Troy Holt
5 Justin Payne	22 Tanya Stafford
6 Homer Bowden	24 Juanita Faulkner
6 Bruce Freeman	24 Brad Hendrix
7 Stephanie Dillon	24 Jonathan Jimenez
7 Jeremy Payne	25 Amy Jordan
9 Becky Redmon	25 Johnny Smith
10 Johnny Foust	27 Victoria Ann Holt
10 Jim Laramore	28 Dan Hayworth
12 Sherrill Bowling	29 Karen Holt
14 Goldie Jones	29 Christopher Sealey
16 Barbara Tucker	Lauren Sechler

### Jambo! Join us at Camp Kilimanjaro Vacation Bible School ~ June 15 ~ 18, 2015



Every day, our kids are faced with choices — will they choose wisely or foolishly? As they safari up Mount Kilimanjaro, your trekkers learn that true wisdom comes only from the one true all-wise God, who wants us to be wise! And He's filled the book of Proverbs with wise sayings for us! As they study Proverbs, your hikers will learn to have: Ears that hear and do the Word of God; Hearts that trust in the Lord; Tongues that are tame; Hands that get to work; Feet that walk with the wise!

Set your compasses for Africa and prepare for an epic expedition at Camp Kilimanjaro!

## June Anniversaries

Adrian & Wendy Barham -June 8

Ronnie & Jo Beeson

Mike & Cheryl Cashion

Darrell & Amy Jordan

Darris & Dreama Moore

Barbara & Willard Tucker -June 2





## “Our Honour Roll”

Smith Grove’s ministry to our widows and widowers

“Honour widows that are widows indeed.”

(1 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



### Betty Byrd

3316 Sandy Ridge Road  
Colfax, NC 27235  
~ July 01

### Jo Anne Pegram

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

### Becky Redmon

8421 Endicott Road  
Colfax, NC 27235  
993-1833  
482-1926 (Cell) ~ July 09

### MEMBER PHONE # CHANGE:

Becky Redmon ~ New Cell #: 336-482-1926



## 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 re-  
joice

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.*



## 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?”



# “A Case of the Violation of Rights”

Pastor Chuck Peters

I Kings 3:16-28



We see in these verses a display of the wisdom of King Solomon in the solving of a problem. The account has to do with two harlots who both had a son. One of the harlots had lost her son and she attempted to claim the other woman's child as her own. Solomon suggested that they divide the child in half and give each woman a half of the child. The woman who was not the child's rightful mother, was okay with the King's suggestion for she had no real love

for the child. The rightful mother of the child was willing to simply allow the other woman to have the child for she preferred the life of the child over her custody of the child. She had the right of custody as mother but chose to value the child's right over her own. She was willing to give up the child in order that it might live!

The child's mother may have had a checkered background morally, but she did choose the high road in terms of human rights! She concluded that the trampling on of her personal rights did not justify the denial of the rights of the child. She may have been an unfit mother but she was still the mother and obviously a mother with a mother's heart.



She had chosen the life of the child over abortion and now chooses its life over possible death. Her sense of values prompted her to trump the child's rights over her own rights!

A distorted view of human rights today is accounting for the murder of precious children in the abortion clinics. The mother's right to decide the destiny of an unborn child is, supposedly, a higher right than the child's life. The Baltimore riots are a case in point of distorted human rights. Even if the allegations of racial bias are true, those whose rights are threatened would better succeed in making their case if they chose the high road of humility and wisdom over the low road of pride and a selfish agenda.

Today's culture is a culture of a subtle form of idolatry which is nothing more than self worship. My rights become more important than anyone else's rights. If my rights are violated, I'll just burn down the city, trample on the law, and take what is not mine! If I can't have what is not mine, I would rather destroy it rather than someone else enjoy it!

We need to step outside the bubble of our own world and respect the world of others. Thinking right involves attention to priority. In this case, the life of the child was of greater value than its custody. The mother's rights were violated but she thought of her child!

## Famous Bible Fathers

God wants men today to be godly fathers and teach their children about Him. We ought to rise to the challenge as many fathers in the Bible did to train our children in the knowledge of God. We are given great examples in the Bible of men who did just that. There are also many examples of bad fathers. We can learn from these men so that we can avoid making the mistakes they did.

**Noah** was chosen by God to build the ark which would be used to save those who would trust Him. This also served as a picture of redemption which would come through Jesus Christ. Noah and his family were not like the rest of the world. They stood out to God. The building of the ark took many years, but his sons and daughters-in-law were right beside him. They could have chosen to walk away, but Noah, as a



father, taught them about God and how to trust in Him. Though he did some horrible things later in his life, God used Noah to preserve life on the earth while teaching later generations about God. The main events of Noah's life are told in Genesis chapters 6 through 9.

**Adam** and Eve were the first man and woman in the Bible. Adam lived to be 930 years old. He had many children. Though Adam and Eve disobeyed God, they still had a great understanding of God's promise of a redeemer. Adam passed this knowledge on to his children. It is obvious in the story of Cain and Abel in Genesis chapter 4 that the boys knew enough about God's promise that Abel consciously chose to acknowledge God's plan while Cain rejected it. Adam diligently taught his children.