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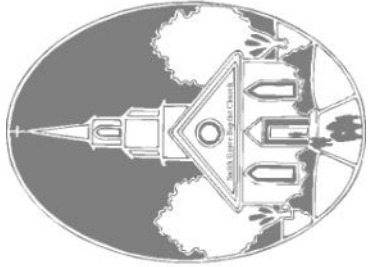
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3 John 1:4 - I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.



**Sat., June 4..... Winston-Salem Rescue Mission**  
**Tues., June 14, 7-8 p.m. .... Robinwood Retirement Center**  
**Sun., June 19                      BEAMS' SUNDAY & Father's Day!**



*Fin the Dolphin says, "Join me!" for*  
**Vacation Bible School – Ocean Commotion**  
June 20 – 23, 2016 ~ 7 pm nightly  
*[Look inside for more information!]*

**Statement of Faith:**

We are an Independent Baptist Church (*established in 1921*) 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

Iris Farrington    Neva Long    Forrest Tucker    Gerry Williams  
Harry Haynes    Barbara Tucker    Clara Ward

## Assisted Living/Nursing Home

Helen Jones    Ann Rayle  
Rose Matthews    Lorene Robertson  
Jo Anne Pegram

*Prayer List continued on  
Next Page . . .*

*Pray for those . . .*

## IN THE SERVICE OF THEIR COUNTRY



**A1C William Holt**, US Air Force  
Pope AFB, Vass, NC 28394  
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**Maj. Robert Harless** (160th SOAR,  
Savannah, GA)  
**Charles Holmes**, Al Asad Air Base  
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**Jason Sabot** – Serving in Afghanistan



“It was June, and the world smelled of roses. The sunshine was like powdered gold over the grassy hillside.” . . . . . Maud Hart Lovelace



One summer evening during a violent thunderstorm a mother was tucking her small boy into bed. She was about to turn off the light when he asked with a tremor in his voice, “Mommy, will you sleep with me tonight?”  
The mother smiled and gave him a reassuring hug. “I can't, dear,” she said. “I have to sleep with Daddy.”  
A long silence was broken at last by his shaky little voice: “The big sissy.”



## BEAMS' Report for May 2016

# of Pledges: 11 ; # of Contributions: 4 ;  
Total Contributors: 15  
Total Contributed: \$ 489.00 =  
**61 Bibles in May** (plus some postage)

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)

Audio Sermons

**Don't forget:** Pastor Chuck's sermons are online. They are included in the Home Page navigation on [smithgrove.org](http://www.smithgrove.org) (top of page) -- Audio Sermons button.

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**Ann Rayle**  
The Stratford  
1573 Skeet Club Rd - Room 210  
High Point, NC 27265



## *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.”



June 20 – 23,  
7 pm nightly



Okay, kids, are you ready for Vacation Bible School? Please join me, Piers the Puffin, and my friends, Fin the Dolphin, Paw the Sea Otter, Hammer the Hammerhead Shark, and Hydro the Whale as we learn about Noah and the great Flood! With God's help, Noah was able to Stand for God, Obey God, Trust God, Thank God, and Fear God . . . no matter what. At



*Ocean Commotion VBS*, we will all dive deep into the account of Noah and the Flood from the book of Genesis!



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

**DAD:** Be a role model of adult manhood. Both boys and girls need you as a role model for what it means to be adult and male. Make no mistake: The kids are observing you every minute. They are taking in how you treat others, how you manage stress and frustrations, how you fulfill your obligations, and whether you carry yourself with dignity. Consciously or not, the boys will become like you. The girls will look for a man very much like you. Give them an idea of manhood (and relationships) you can be proud of.

## SICK/OTHER PRAYER NEEDS:

*(Newly added names are in italics.)*

Melvin & JoAnn Alley	Sally Nester (cancer)
Dale Austin (leukemia)	Gail Nuckles
Lou Badgett	Clarence Parker (Cancer)
Thurmond Bondurant (throat cancer)	Darla Parks (Pulmonary infection)
Homer Bowden	Jo Anne Pegram (Broken Hip)
Ruby Bowden (Surgery)	Ethel Pendry
Sheridan Bowman	Gene & Oma Lou Pitts
Chad Branch (kidney stones)	Allen Priddy (PTSD)
Ann Burke (stroke)	Joe Ray
Thelma Bullard	Larry Rayle (Health concerns)
Tammy Burnett (cancer)	Sandra Richardson
Kenneth Case (cancer)	Tom Rodgers
Christie Cobb (Breast Cancer)	Claude Royal
Kay Collins (Health issues)	Justin Royal
Olivia Dunn (9-yr-old - cancer)	Violet Sealey (Special prayer, please)
Jamie & Jan Estes	Irene Shields (Recovering from hip surgery)
Diane Foust	<i>Nora Smith</i> (Hip surgery)
Kathy Fulk (Health issues)	Debra Snipes (CHF/Cardiomyopathy)
Kim Garrett (Cancer/Crohn's Disease)	Betty Soyars (Broken Hip)
Samuel Hall (Health Issues)	Allen Steele (Syria)
Carol Hayden	Donald Stephens
George Hayes (heart)	Michael Tate
Rhonda Hedgecock	Chara Tate's mother (cancer)
Ricky Hedgecock	Amy Thompson (Suffered a fall)
Tim Hedgecock	Brooke Long Wagoner
Gary Holt (ALS)	Clara Ward
Joretta Holt (CHF & Foot Surgery)	<i>Brenda Westmoreland</i> (Back surgery)
Marlene Holt (crushed shoulder)	Reid Westmoreland
Reva Holt (Back issues & eyesight)	Johnny Willard (New health issues)
Sarah Hudson (CHF)	Elizabeth Yeoman
Sarah Isenhour (Crohn's Disease)	
Cindy Johnson (Cancer)	
Helen Jones (Broken hip)	
<i>Mary Ann Klein</i> (Hip surgery)	
Bernice Knight (Suffered a fall)	
Maureen Lamb	
Wesley Landreth	
Don & Marcie Lemar (Health Issues)	
Clara Farrington Long (health issues)	
Dot Long (Suffered a fall)	
Neva Long (Recovering at home.)	
Daniel & Mazie Matthews	
Gary McArthur (malignant tumor)	
Maggie McGee	
Mary Miller (Health issues)	
Phillip Moore - (Lung Cancer)	
Clara Morgan (broken hip)	

### **BEREAVED:** *Families of*

Louise Byrd  
Bonnie Clark

*As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.*

John F. Kennedy

## The Branch Family update ~ South Africa

“*Sanibonani!*” (Hello) from South Africa to our friends and supporters. We praise God for all He has been doing since our last report.

**PERSONAL:** On a Tuesday morning in March, I woke up with a sharp pain in my side. A visit to the Emergency Room was in order and a scan revealed that I was suffering from a kidney stone. I was admitted into the hospital and two days later underwent a quick surgical procedure to remove it. God was so gracious and used the experience in several ways. First, we experienced the great medical care available here; second, Vicky learned to drive in a new country; and third, I was able to witness to several of the hospital staff during my stay. I’m thankful for God’s special care in our lives!

With each passing day, we are settling into the “routine” of our new home. Malachi and Anna are working diligently in their home schooling. Vicki is learning how to mix certain spices and ingredients available here to make dishes that we like. Common items available in the U.S. like hot dog chili or boxed mac & cheese are not available in this country. (I know – can you believe it?!) We’re also trying to pick up the language along the way. South Africans appreciate the fact that we are trying to learn and are usually happy to help us. We’re also very thankful to have dear friends like the Badgetts, with their years of experience, to help us.

**MINISTRY:** Both village churches are growing with several first-time visitors coming as a direct result of weekly outreach and tract distribution on Saturdays. We praise God for a total of eleven people that have made professions of faith in March and April. While some have been saved during our regular services, several were saved during an Easter revival meeting, and others were saved this past Sunday night after a showing of an evangelistic film in Zulu. Please pray for Zandile, Violet, Catiwe, Carol, Alfred, Samaria, Constance, Joyce, John, Felicia, and Nelson to be discipled and grounded in their new-found faith. We’ve also seen four new believers baptized. Being baptized is a HUGE step for most of them, as they have a great fear of water. What a great victory to see them take this step of obedience, and we rejoice with them!

Bible and leadership training with Belito continues to progress well. Given and Themba, two young men who show great promise, are coming to church faithfully and growing in the Lord. We’re also getting closer to being able to obtain land for both churches to establish permanent homes in their respective village. There is also a growing interest to start a Sunday evening service among the white Afrikaners in our town, which would fill a great need as there is very little gospel available to them.

Preaching and ministering each Thursday at Sakile High School and the daycare is one of the highlights of our week. The young people and children are so receptive to the gospel. Concerning the daycare, we have been considering purchasing some playground equipment for them in order to be a blessing to the lady who owns it. This dear lady, along with two others, operates this low-cost daycare for people in the village. We’ve never seen less than fifty children attending. If you or your church would like to help us be a blessing to this lady and these precious children, you can send funds to BIMI and mark it “daycare playground.”

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**PRAYER:** **PRAY** for God to grant permanent pieces of land needed for both village churches; **PRAY** for our family and for the Badgetts for health and strength and for God’s wisdom and guidance; **PRAY** for the baptism and discipleship of converts as some have language and literacy barriers; **PRAY** for more people to come to know the Lord and for young men who will be called to preach; **PRAY** for Siyabonga, a young man we’ve met and befriended recently, who is interested in coming to church.

**Please note our updated contact information – we love hearing from you.** Vonage Phone: 434-688-0632; Email: [preachkjb1@aol.com](mailto:preachkjb1@aol.com);  
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In Christ’s service, *The Branch Family*



**“Love, Respect, Honor and Courage”**  
An Award Winning Essay by Perry M, 5th Grader

When I place my hand upon my heart, I am reminded of the love that I feel for my country. As I look up at the American Flag, I am reminded of the respect I have for what it symbolizes. For me, the white stars on a sky of blue represent the heavens above looking down on us. The stripes of red represent the blood that was, is, and will be shed by all who sacrifice to protect us, and the stripes of white represent the purity our nation should strive for every day.

When I recite “The Pledge of Allegiance,” it is more than just words to me. It is a reminder of what a great honor it is to be a citizen of “the land of the free and the home of the brave.” To maintain this honor, I must be willing to do something that will be difficult or even dangerous. By definition, this is what courage means. To say, “I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all,” I am promising to be courageous. I am promising to have the courage to be loyal to my country and the values it was founded on. I am promising to have the courage to be responsible and to actively participate in our government. I can currently do this by studying the history and foundation of our nation. Historical Knowledge will give me the courage to protect those values when I am able to vote. Having the courage to be a nation “under God” means that our Creator gives us the freedom to choose our own path on Earth, even though He has already chosen one for us. This is why it is important that we courageously stand by the values our country was founded on, so we will never be divided. Our freedoms will continuously be protected, and our rights will always be preserved. By performing these acts of courage, we will be helping to keep our country strong.

By reciting the Pledge of Allegiance daily, I am blessed with a constant reminder that it will always take love, respect, honor and courage to keep our home, the United States of America, indivisible and free.



## “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.

### Ann Rayle

The Stratford  
1573 Skeet Club Rd - Room 210  
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~ June 11

### Betty Byrd

3316 Sandy Ridge Road  
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~ July 1

### Becky Redmon

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### Jo Anne Pegram

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~ June 14

Flag Day in the United States: People across the United States celebrate Flag Day on June 14 each year to honor the United States flag and to commemorate the flag’s adoption. On the same day, the United States Army celebrates its birthday.

## When Father Reads the Book – By G.E. Foster

When we hurry off to work,  
I’m reminded of those early times  
When father read the Book.  
When father read the Book  
As we each our places took  
Round the dear old family altar  
When father read the Book

O they say it was old-fashioned,  
And what waste of time ‘twould look  
To now take half-an-hour  
To let father read the Book,  
But as father read the Book,  
Blessed thought in our minds stuck;  
And the day went so much better  
Just ’cause father read the Book.

O those dear old Bible stories,  
Psalms that flowed like rippling brook;  
Warnings, promises, and precepts  
Lived, as father read the Book.  
As father read the Book  
Satan’s kingdom round us shook,  
And our savior early claimed us  
Because father read the Book.

Oft I’m troubled as I journey  
On toward heav’n with upward look,  
To see families all about me  
Grow up without father’s Book  
Let father read the Book;  
Your home will be so different  
If your father reads the Book.

## June Birthdays

1	Adam Pearman	13	Angela Cornell
2	Clara Ward	13	Bobby Key
3	Heather Pitts Wolf	14	Jo Anne Pegram
3	Laura Williams	15	Dreama Moore
4	Travis McCollum	16	Kim Landreth
4	Misty Smith	17	Brad Flynt
5	Ethan Magnante	18	Cassidy McCollum
7	Kyle Norman	18	Marshall Moore
8	Zach Faulkner	19	Oma Lou Pitts
10	Addison Moore	21	Gary Slate
10	Tim Pitts	21	Chara Tate
11	Joey Matthews	24	Pam Blackburn
11	Ann Rayle	25	Geraldine Johnson
11	Bryan Tucker	28	Waynard Nuckles
12	Samuel Crater	29	Dean Puckett

## June Anniversaries



1	Darrell & Amy Jordan	8	Adrian & Wendy Barham
1	Andrea & Hal Nelson	13	Travis & Sara McCollum
2	Barbara & Willard Tucker	17	Darris & Dreama Moore
6	Mike & Cheryl Cashion	29	Ronnie & Jo Beeson

## Congratulations!

To Glenda Foust, on the  
marriage of her son,  
Johnny Foust, Jr!

God bless the union of  
Samantha Moore and Johnny Foust, Jr.  
~ May 14, 2016 ~



*He didn’t tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it.* ~Clarence Budington Kelland

*It is a wise father that knows his own child.* William Shakespeare

*Father! — to God himself we cannot give a holier name.*  
~William Wordsworth

## “Listen to the Mockingbird”

Around 5:30 A.M. each morning, the new day is serenaded by a chorus of mockingbirds. You could set your watch by the timing of the chirper’s commencement of morning song. This particular bird is on my list of favorites. Its variety of sound is amazing and, to me, quite beautiful in its own right!

I am reminded of the old American Ballad, “Listen to the Mockingbird,” written around the time of the American Civil War. It became one of the most popular ballads of the era. During the Civil War it was often used as marching music. “It relates the story of a singer dreaming of his sweetheart, now dead and buried, and a mockingbird, whose song the couple once enjoyed, now singing over her grave.” – (Wikipedia) President Abraham Lincoln loved the ballad! He stated, “It is as sincere as the laughter of a little girl at play.” - (Wikipedia)

I marvel at God’s creation and recognize His creative genius in every aspect of creation. “The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.” – Ps.19:1 I listen to the mockingbird and am assured that my Creator and Redeemer lives! Does this sound strange? Not to those of us who have come to believe that the same Mighty God who spoke this world into existence whispers into the instinctive ear of the little mockingbird and tells him it’s time to sing. The harmony of creation right down to the timing of a song bird’s song echoes the truth of God’s control over creation.

I am thrilled that God is Creator and Controller of the material universe. I read that truth in the Scriptures. “For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.” – Col.1:16-17 I see that truth in the beauty and majesty of creation. I hear that truth in the orderly timing of the morning mockingbird’s song!

My morning devotion began with the mockingbird’s song. I listened, I enjoyed the sweet sound, I thought of my Lord’s goodness, I was blessed, and I was assured that He was calling the little bird to sing while, at the same time, assuring me of His love and care. I also was reminded that God has a way of blessing His people with simple things that usually get taken for granted. Perhaps we would be much wiser and more greatly enriched if we would spend less time occupied with human gadgets and more time enjoying the sights and sounds of the Creator!

**“Listen to the Mockingbird!”**

Pastor Chuck Peters



## The Therapy of a Merry Heart

**“A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.”  
Proverbs 17:22**

There are a host of words found in the Word of God that prove that God intended an upside in the nature of His people. The Lord desires that His people be of good cheer. He desires that we have joy. “These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.” – Jn.16:33

The Bible uses several different words which fit into the category of an upbeat and positive state of mind. I think of words such as joy, peace, cheer, shout, amen, praise, and laughter. “A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;” – Eccles. 3:4; “Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The LORD hath done great things for them.” – Ps.126:2 “A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.” – Pro. 15:13

Think of the genetic makeup of a human being: We are given emotions, intellect, and will by our Creator. Human beings smile, laugh, cry, fear, sorrow, and grieve. A Merry heart is a heart that is cheerful. Cheer is defined as a happy feeling or attitude. Human beings have the capacity of a sense of humor and the ability to laugh. Laughter, itself, is therapeutic!

Someone researched the subject of laughter and concluded that a child laughs 400 times a day on the average, while an adult laughs only 15 times each day. That finding is puzzling given the healthful contributions of laughter to the emotional and physical well being of the human body. To us!

The Mayo Clinic reported that laughter aids breathing by disrupting your normal respiration pattern and increasing your breathing rate. It’s good for your heart. It increases circulation and improves the delivery of oxygen and nutrients to tissues throughout your body.

It’s also good for allergies. And it helps control pain by raising the levels of our brain’s natural endorphins, which are 50-100 times more potent than morphine itself. Furthermore, it is a natural stress reliever. It has also been proven that people who laugh live longer!

I admire people who can even laugh at themselves. I laughed this morning when I read where someone wrote, “One out of every three Americans is suffering from some form of mental illness. Think of two of your best friends. If they are OK, then it must be you.” You say, “I don’t have anything to laugh about.” *Do you have a mirror?*

I believe that Jesus had a cheerful disposition and a merry heart that came from His Father! I believe that He laughed and practiced the very thing He challenged His followers to do. Little children were drawn to Him and I believe that His kindness was matched with cheerfulness. Besides, do you think for a moment that Jesus held the children on His lap and hugged them while conveying gloom and doom?

A Merry heart does do well like medicine and the challenge to be of good cheer was good advice even on a physical level. God knows all that we are going through and the state of things around us but still challenges us to “cheer up” and gives the resources to meet the challenge at the same time. Thank God for even a good laugh. Try that for therapy!