

March



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*The
Messenger*



March

He Cares

“Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.” – I Peter 5:7

How do you define “care”? If we mean to care for someone, that’s good! If we mean to imply a charge, such as being under the doctor’s charge or care, that’s good! However, there is a different definition in the context of I Peter 5:7, “Casting all your **care** upon him; for he careth for you.” Here the word means “anxiety.” That’s bad! The implication of this kind of care is bad. Pride is seen.

The word “careth,” on the other hand, used of God, is a different word in the original, and means supervising and fostering care, loving interest – such care as a father has for a child.

I read the story of a young lady who planned to go to India as a missionary. Her plans were way-laid, for her mother became ill. She had to spend three years taking care of her mother. Her mother died, leaving as her last request that her daughter should go and visit her sick sister in one of the western states.

She went still intending to go to India but found the sister dying and once more found herself caring for a relative and unable to go to the mission field. Her sister’s husband died shortly afterwards leaving behind five little orphans who had no soul on earth to care for them but herself.

She concluded that India was now off her mission plans. She devoted fifteen years to raising the children and lived to witness all three of them going to India as missionaries. Her broken plan had been replaced by a larger and a better one. One could not go, but three went in her stead!

The child of God finds that the Heavenly Father not only takes our cares from us but also blesses us in ways beyond our ability to comprehend. His care includes provision for present and future.

“I have no cares O blessed Lord, for all my cares are Thine. I live in triumph too for thou has made thy triumphs mine.” – Anonymous

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

The Ladies Fellowship met on February 1 with nine ladies present. A special “thank you” to Sister Carol who has faithfully led our group for several years now. Carol has asked Sandy Westmoreland – and Sandy graciously accepted the challenge – to take over leadership of our Ladies Fellowship. Our theme this year will be “*A Woman After God’s Own Heart,*” and our key verse will be Proverbs 3:6, “In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.”

Please join us at our next meeting on March 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall when our guest speaker will be author Jennifer Cockerham from Gospel Light Baptist Church.

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.

Mathematical Equation

What does it mean to give MORE than 100%? Ever wonder about those people who say they are giving more than 100%? We have all been in situations where someone says they want us to give more than 100%. But can we really achieve 101%?

Here’s a little mathematical formula that might help answer these questions. If the alphabet is represented as:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26

Then:

HARD WORK (8+1+18+4+23+15+18+11) = **98%**

KNOWLEDGE (11+14+15+23+12+5+4+7+5) = **96%**

ATTITUDE (1+20+20+9+20+21+4+5) = **100%**

But look how far the Love of God will take you:

LOVE OF GOD (12+15+22+5+15+6+7+15+4) = **101%**

The Wilkeys - Gordon & Amy

Independent Baptist Missionaries to Brazil Since 1963

As we come to you by way of this letter we want to wish you a very HAPPY NEW YEAR with many blessings falling your way during 2011. Just think, this might be the year that our wonderful Saviour will come! May it be so and may we all be found faithful doing whatever He has called us to do!

NOT SAVED BUT DOESN’T WANT TO KNOW: “If you were to die today, do you know that you would go to Heaven?” “No.” “Wouldn’t you like to know that you would go to Heaven?” “NO!” This was my conversation with a friend that I had not seen since we were in the 8th grade together. I have never received a “no” before to the second question; so please pray for my friend, Donald, that he would get saved before it’s too late.

JOEL NEEDS YOUR PRAYER AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT:

Joel and his wife, Flavia, head up our prison ministry in Porto Alegre and they are doing a great job ministering to almost 5,000 prisoners. Many have been saved and are now members of some of our churches. It is a full-time job but in order to carry out this ministry he needs financial help. Please pray about what part you can have in this tremendous ministry. Financial support can be sent in my name in care of my home church, the Southland Baptist Temple, P.O. Box 2527, Paducah, KY 42002. Please write Joel in the “memo” or “for” section of the check.

BIBLES STILL NEEDED: With a couple of gifts from a wonderful couple in my home church I was able to buy 76 more Bibles and we are very grateful for this. However, we’re still a long ways off from getting 4,000 Bibles, so please continue to pray about this need. There is no telling of how many would be saved if we could get Bibles in their hands. Pray!

GOD BLESS YOU is our prayer for you as you continue to serve our Lord Jesus Christ. We do thank you for your prayers and support.

March Birthdays

1 Kevin McBrayer	8 Marvin Pitts	20 Violet Rose Sealey
1 Linda Stainback	8 Gary Smith	24 Glenda Foust
2 Dana Lineberry	9 C. H. Holt	28 Ruth Holt
3 David Ramey	10 Kristi Wilkey	30 Wade Smith
4 Melissa Vanderburg	10 Karri Koebel	30 Kent Stainback
6 Dakota Connor Crews	11 Shirley Crouch	31 Allison Finney
6 Melanie Crump	12 Ashley Hutton	
6 Ronda Dudley	13 Johnny Clark	
8 Michaela Hayes	16 Kaylee Smith	



April Birthdays

1 Joseph Barham	7 Larry Tucker	19 Shelby Crump
2 Steve Holt	8 Walter Tate	24 Charlene Tester
2 Carol Nuckles	11 Brandy Ramer	26 Chase Ramey
3 Wanda Holt	12 Lawrence Jones	28 Juleen J. Hayes
3 Lisa Pitts	12 Beverly Sechler	28 Donise Tucker
5 Marilyn Payne	12 Wesley Smith	29 Erma Lee Nuckles
6 Bud McCurdy	16 Myles Pitts	30 Ashley Sechler
7 Pat George	19 Mary Allen	

March Anniversaries

John & Ann Baker
 3/18 Sam & Sherrill Crater
 3/23 Don & Violet Sealey



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)

LAUGH OUT LOUD

A ten-year old, under the tutelage of her grandmother, was becoming quite knowledgeable about the Bible. Then one day she floored her grandmother by asking, "Which virgin was the mother of Jesus? The virgin Mary or the King James Virgin?"



I had been teaching my three-year old daughter, Caitlin, the Lord's Prayer. For several evenings at bedtime, she would repeat after me the lines from the prayer. Finally, she decided to go solo. I listened with pride as she carefully enunciated each word, right up to the end of the prayer: "Lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "but deliver us some E-mail. Amen."



A little boy was in a relative's wedding. As he was coming down the aisle, he would take two steps, stop, and turn to the crowd. While facing the crowd, he would put his hands up like claws and roar. So it went, step, step, ROAR, step, step, ROAR, all the way down the aisle. As you can imagine, the crowd was near tears from laughing so hard by the time he reached the pulpit. The little boy, however, was getting more and more distressed from all the laughing, and was also near tears by the time he reached the pulpit. When asked what he was doing, the child sniffed and said, "I was being the Ring Bear."



"A Miracle . . . and I Am Well Again!" by Edgar Guest

I did not weep to see him dead,
 because upon his face
 I saw a smile of glory spread
 a touch of heavenly grace;
 And tho' my form he could not see,
 I fancied that he knew
 That I was there, and spoke to me
 the way he used to do.
 I fancied that I heard him say,
 who battled long with pain,
 "A miracle occurred today,
 and I am well again!"

I did not cough last night and wake
 from fever's restless sleep,
 To wait to see the morning break
 and hear the wagons creep;
 And I am well and I am strong-
 and glad am I today
 The burden I have borne so long
 has now been put away."
 And standing in that darkened place,
 the smile of long ago,
 Which God had left upon his face,
 told me 'twas better so.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Smith Grove Seniors

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

Others in Need of Prayer

(In alphabetical order)

***Special Needs**

JoAnn Alley	Ronnie Holcomb	Barbara Tucker
Marilyn Alston	Alice & Barry Holman	Clara Ward
Fred Bame	Linda Hooker*	Kenneth Westmoreland
Merl Blake	Raleigh Hunt	Gordon Wilkey*
Roy Boody	Danny Keen	Gerry Williams*
Thelma Bullard	Leighann Kincade	Tom* & Frances Woody
Mazalean Byerly	Daniel Matthews	Jessi Wright
John Carter	Richie McCormick	Skyler Hope Yontz*
Bonnie Clark	Mark Midkiff	(Infant born with many health issues)
Johnny Clark	John & Dolly Miller	Ken & Betty Young
Aaron Cole	Fred Murrow*	New converts
Bette Crouse	John Pearl	The Unsaved (<i>Please remember the two individuals who raised their hands for prayer in a recent service.</i>)
Cheryl DeAntonio	Don Peterson	
Jimmy Dillon	Miranda Petkis	
Rudy Dillon	Norma Pilchett*	
Roy Draughn	Claude Royal	
David Gindelsberger	Gale Tester	
Debbie Harden	Eddie Thomason	

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 Barbara Sue Coffler (Pastor Chuck's sister), Bill Welborn (dear friend of Gene and Oma Lou Pitts), and Arry Ann Wilson (Bessie Kendrick Sloop's mother).



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:

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

Spring



March ~ 2011

Tues., March 1, 7:00 p.m.

Ladies' & Men's Fellowship Meetings

Sun., March 6, 11:00 a.m.

Dan Parsons, Executive Director, *Winson-Salem Rescue Mission*, Guest Speaker

Sun., March 13

Daylight Saving Time: Spring Forward

Update!

~ **Rev. M.W. Laramore** ~

Starting February 28, 2011 the *Message of Redemption* (archived sermons preached by Brother Ward) will be broadcast on radio station **WPIP ~ 880 AM**, 2:00-2:15 p.m., *Monday through Friday*. We hope this will be a better time with better reception in more locations. If you can't receive WPIP locally, you can access the broadcast streaming live on your computer:

<http://www.wpipbereanradio.org/listenlive.html>

The Message of Redemption continues on . . .

I Cor. 7:22-24



Gary & Friends Missionary Outreach Ministry

“Man, oh man!” Kaylee says about some things that happen – in her excitement she uses that saying. I like that, God bless her little heart, soul and body. I love her so much!

We are excited about the senior ministries, and we are hoping to start teen and young adult ministries this year, and maybe full-time work in a church somewhere. A ministry where there is a vision of soul-winning and edification of the saints, who are not afraid of doing things a little differently as people and cultures change. We still need to fulfill the great commission of go ye, preach and teach the gospel to every creature. God’s Word has not changed and it is still THE BOOK we use to lead folks to Christ, through hearing and responding to the drawing of the Holy Spirit of God, receiving Christ as personal Saviour and Lord.

But how do we invite and get them to our churches these days? Psalm 126:6 is still true, (He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him), but we have different things to deal with in these days of cultural changes and of people who have little regard for the things of God. Their moral compass is greatly affected by their earthly thoughts and desires. They need Christ!

And they must hear the gospel to be saved - to be truly born again by God’s Spirit. Time and grace are running out – are we concerned enough to do what we can, in a decent and orderly way, to compel folks to come, laying aside our differences to work for Him together? If we labor collectively in our churches and love one another, God will bless us, and give us souls for our labors!

Striving to win seniors and others to Christ,
Gary Smith and Friends ~ I Peter 5:7

The Places You'll Go . . .

“You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose. You’re on your own. And you know what you know. And YOU are the one who’ll decide where to go...”

~Dr. Seuss~

Psalms 1:1 - *Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.*



“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 *March and April* 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.

Ruth Holt

3210 Sandy Ridge Rd.
Colfax, NC 27235
993-3109 ~ March 28

Bud McCurdy

1624 Mellon Dr.
Kernersville, NC 27284
993-4173 ~ April 06

Patricia George

8415 Endicott Rd.
Colfax, NC 27235
996-1606 ~ April 07

Mary Allen

4100 Castleford Dr.
Colfax, NC 27235
668-2660 ~ April 19



Be Anxious for Nothing



Philippians 4:6 - “*Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.*”

Don’t be anxious! Paul said there is nothing that should cause a child of God to worry. He was well aware of things that cause anxiety. His nation was occupied by a foreign army and ruled by corrupt leaders. He was writing from prison, where he was being held as a result of false accusations. He was separated from those he loved; his motives had been questioned, and he had been misrepresented. Some were trying to undermine all that he had accomplished in starting churches. He suffered physically and faced imminent execution (2 Cor. 11:23–29). Yet Paul said there would never be a crisis so troubling that God could not bring peace in the midst of it!

~ St. Patrick was a Baptist ~

The excerpt below was taken from a sermon entitled, *St. Patrick was a Baptist*, which was delivered to a thronged congregation at the Calvary Baptist Church of New York City by the pastor, Dr. John Summerfield Wimbish, on March 12, 1952. It may be read in its entirety at: <http://www.reformedreader.org/history/patrick.htm>

The libraries of the world contain innumerable biographies of Patrick which we cannot accept as valid. An examination of the facts will reveal that the honored historians of the hierarchy have not always been characterized by honesty, and during the Middle Ages such a web of superstition was spun around this evangelistic zealot that his real self has been distorted in the minds of millions. Most of these traditions and myths may be found in the seven ancient lives of Patrick, assembled and published in 1647 under the title *Trias Thaumaturga*.

There are two documents by Patrick which are recognized by all parties as being genuine: his "Confession" or "Epistle to the Irish" and his epistle to the Christians under the cruel king, Coroticus. Then too, we should mention the *Lorica* or Hymn of Patrick, originally written in Latin and known as *The Breastplate*. These authentic writings in an irrefutable way support our convictions concerning the Apostle to the Irish.

Patrick, in his own "Confession" tells us that he was a Briton, not an Irishman. He first saw the light of day in the town of Dumbarton on the River Clyde in the south of Scotland about the year 389 A.D. His father was a Christian deacon and his grandfather a clergyman in the ancient church of Britain, which had never come under the yoke of Rome. These facts in themselves practically crush the claims of the papacy.

At sixteen years of age, our hero was captured by a band of Scottish slave-dealing pirates who sold him to the Druid chieftain, Milcho, who reigned in the north of Ireland. For six years Patrick herded the cattle of this ruthless pagan chieftain. In his "Confession" he tells us: "When I was a youth, I was taken captive before I knew what I should desire or seek, or what I ought to shun." It was during this time of servitude in the bleak forests of northern Ireland that Patrick turned from his frivolous ways and came into a knowledge of Christ as his own personal Saviour. Of that period he says, "Frequently in the night I prayed and the love of God and His fear increased more and more in me." Possibly it was while a hidden onlooker of the weird Druid ceremonies that he was inspired of God to become a missionary to these heathen people.

He relates how, after six years, he managed to escape from his master and, after a tortuous journey over sea and land, returned to his people in Britain. It must have been a beautiful homecoming as his mother embraced him once again and his father, in amazement, learned of the lad's experiences. They had long before given him up as dead.

Like the great apostle Paul, he received a clear and personal "Macedonian call" from the Lord of harvest to preach the Gospel in the land of his former captivity. Patrick described his call in these words: "Again, I was in Britain with

my parents, who received me as their son, and besought me to promise that, after the many afflictions I had endured, I would never leave them again. And then, truly, in the bosom of the night I saw a man as if coming from Ireland, whose name was Victoricus, with numerous letters, one of which he gave me, and I read the beginning of the epistle, containing the Voice of the Irish . . ."



At forty years of age, the amazing Patrick began his magnificent work on the Emerald Isle. His mission field was wild and primitive. The people who inhabited its primeval forests were animists and they worshiped such things as trees and stones and wells. They believed that spirits dwelt in these idols and they sacrificed their little children on heathen alters to appease the gods and to secure, so they thought, better harvests.

About a year after his arrival in Ireland, Patrick did something that called much attention to his ministry. The *Encyclopedia Britannica* tells us that he challenged the "royal authority by lighting the Paschal fire on the hill of Slane on the night of Easter Eve. It chanced to be the occasion of a pagan festival at Tara, during which no fire might be kindled until the royal fire had been lit."

Ah, this should put iron in our blood! Glorious, audacious Patrick challenged all the forces of hell. Not a little flame did he kindle, but a bonfire! All the people were transfixed and King Loigaire was amazed at his daring and said: "If we do not extinguish this flame it will sweep over all Ireland." This prophecy proved true for it seemed that a holy fire fell from the altar of heaven and for years there were such tears of repentance as have seldom been witnessed by the angels of glory.

When the flames of the great conflagration on Tara's hill, ignited by Patrick, illumined the countryside, the king was curious to see what kind of mortal this Patrick could be, and he sent for him. The druid priests were infuriated and declared they would destroy the preacher by sorcery if he dared to come.

But in the dim light of that Easter morn, in the year 428 A.D., the valiant hero of the Cross and his assistant missionaries marched boldly into the presence of the monarch and told him that Christ was the light of the world and preached Jesus crucified and risen from the dead with such persuasive eloquence that the king was born again by the Spirit of the living God.