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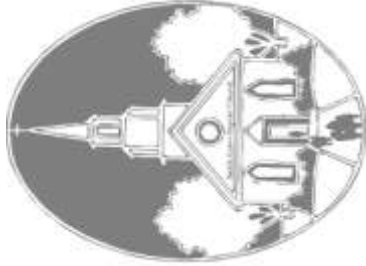
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Morning Worship 11:00 AM  
Children's Church 11:15 AM  
Evening Worship 6:00 PM  
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Bible Clubs 6:45 PM  
Thursday Visitation 7:00 PM

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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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# The Messenger



# March

## 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."

We are an independent Baptist Church, still preaching the Word of God - as it is, to people as they are. We are furthermore satisfied that the King James Version of the Bible is the preserved, inspired Word of God.

If you have not yet followed the Lord in Believer's Baptism or if you feel the Lord is leading you to join Smith Grove Baptist Church, please see Pastor Chuck.

## March 2015



Sun., March 8 ..... **DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS**  
(Spring Forward)

Sun., March 8, 11:00 a.m. .... **BEAMS' Missionary**  
**Rev. Dave Peters**

Tues., March 10, 7-8 pm ..... **Robinwood Retirement Center** ~  
The *Smith Grove Ensemble* will sing, along with musical presentations by teens of the church.

Sunday, March 15 ..... **BEAMS' SUNDAY**



Sat., March 28, 2-4 pm..... **Easter Egg Hunt** in the Fellowship Building, for the Bible Club & all children of the church.

# REMEMBER IN PRAYER

## SHUT-INS

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

## Assisted Living/Nursing Home

Helen Jones ~ Rose Matthews ~ Betty Robinson

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

Robert & Doris Anderson	Maggie McGee
Curt Bame (broken hip)	Cindy Miller (Health Issues)
Donnie Barham (Cancer) - Adrian's Dad	Phillip Moore - (Lung Cancer)
Sara Benach (cancer)	Sally Nester (cancer)
Sherri Bowling	Clarence Parker (Cancer)
Sheridan Bowman	Gene & Oma Lou Pitts
Ann Burke (stroke)	<b>Joe Ray</b>
Thelma Bullard	Sandra Richardson
Tammy Burnett (cancer)	Lorene Robertson
Kevin Canady (Illness)	<b>Claude Royal</b>
Rebecca Carmine (8 yrs old - Surgery)	<b>Justin Royal</b>
Johnny Clark	Jean Rumsey
(heart transplant patient)	Violet Sealey
Patrick Clark (CHF)	Betty Soyars
Christie Cobb (Breast Cancer - Drema's niece by marriage)	Donise Tucker (respiratory infection)
Clara Farrington (health issues)	Brooke Long Wagoner
Kathy Fulk (Diabetes & health issues)	Kenneth Westmoreland
Kim Garrett (Cancer & Crohn's Disease)	Reid Westmoreland
George Hayes (heart)	Jan Wilson
Rhonda Hedgecock	
Ricky Hedgecock	
Tim Hedgecock	
Joretta Holt (CHF)	
Stephanie Hutton	
Jimmy Johnson (Illness)	
Wesley Landreth	

## **BEREAVED: Family of**

Patty Crater Brittain  
 Luke W. Jobe (*Shaila Puckett's dad*)  
 Helen Landreth (*Kathy Crews' Mother*)  
 Terry Nelson (*Rose Matthews' brother*)

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

**Don & Marcie Lemar** (Health Issues)  
 Dot Long  
 Mark Lowe (Surgery)  
 Daniel & Mazie Matthews (Special needs)  
 Gary McArthur (malignant tumor)

**Schedule of COMMUNION SERVICES**  
 May 17 ~ Aug. 16 ~ Nov. 22

## BEAMS' Report for February 2015



# of Pledges: **13**; # of Contributions: **5**;  
 Total Contributors: **18**  
 Total Contributed: **\$793.00** =  
**99 Bibles (plus postage) in February**

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)

## Address Corrections:

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 Colfax, NC 27235

**Carol & Waynard Nuckles**  
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 Summerfield, NC 27358

## **What is your favorite Bible verse?**

Place it in The Messenger box in the foyer & we'll share it in an upcoming Messenger! (Or email: [sherrill@triad.rr.com](mailto:sherrill@triad.rr.com))

## **AIN'T IT THE TRUTH!**

- The will of God will never take you to where the Grace of God will not protect you.
- God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.
- Don't give God instructions; just report for duty!
- The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us.
- We don't change the message; the message changes us.
- God doesn't call the qualified; he qualifies the called.
- If God is your co-pilot, swap seats!
- Don't put a question mark where God put a period.
- Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous.
- Some minds are like concrete: thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.
- We're called to be witnesses, not lawyers or judges.
- Peace starts with a smile.
- Many people want to serve God, but only as advisors.
- When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there.
- Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass; it's about learning to rejoice in the rain.

## Genesis 1:14

*And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:*

**Spring is a miraculous experience.** The whole world comes alive after the winter in which it seemed that everything was dead. The world comes filled with color and the scent of delicious greenery. The world that seemed so dull and cold has come alive once again. Little did we know that beneath the cold hard ground the plants and trees were preparing for rebirth. Spring gives us hope for rejuvenation in our own lives as well. Spring is a time to renew the excitement and zest for life that lives inside the Christian heart.

### It Must Be Spring

Hush, Can you hear it?  
The rustling in the grass,  
Bringing you the welcome news  
Winter's day is past.  
Soft, Can you feel it?  
The warm caressing breeze,

Telling you the sticky buds  
Are bursting on the trees.  
Look, Can you see them?  
The primrose in the lane,  
Now you must believe it -  
Spring is here again.

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“God uses broken things. It takes broken soil to produce a crop, broken clouds to give rain, broken grain to give bread, broken bread to give strength. It is the broken alabaster box that gives forth perfume. It is Peter, weeping bitterly, who returns to greater power than ever.”  
— Vance Havner

“If you are renewed by grace, and were to meet your old self, I am sure you would be very anxious to get out of his company.”  
— Charles H. Spurgeon

“It's spring fever. That is what the name of it is. And when you've got it, you want—oh, you don't quite know what it is you do want, but it just fairly makes your heart ache, you want it so!”  
— Mark Twain

“The sun just touched the morning; The morning, happy thing,  
Supposed that he had come to dwell, And life would be all spring.”  
— Emily Dickinson

## 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)

**Ann. Kyle Norman**, PCS Box 5000, JB Lewis-McCord, WA 98438

**David Ortez**, Iraq & Afghanistan

**SSgt. Samuel A. Priddy**, Marines - New River (Jacksonville, NC) - son of Brenda Westmoreland

**Jason Sabot** – Serving in Afghanistan

“God is not looking for brilliant men, is not depending upon eloquent men, is not shut up to the use of talented men in sending His Gospel out in the world. God is looking for broken men, for men who have judged themselves in the light of the Cross of Christ. When He wants anything done, He takes up men who have come to an end of themselves, and whose trust and confidence is not in themselves but in God.”

~H.A. Ironside

### Remembered Joy

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free!  
I follow the plan God laid for me.  
I saw His face, I heard His call,  
I took His hand and left it all...  
I could not stay another day,  
To love, to laugh, to work or play;  
Tasks left undone must stay that way.  
And if my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss...  
Ah yes, these things I, too, shall miss.  
My life's been full, I've savoured much:  
Good times, good friends, a loved-one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief—  
Don't shorten yours with undue grief.  
Be not burdened with tears of sorrow,  
Enjoy the sunshine of the morrow.



**Psalm 23:4** *Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*



## Please Pray for *The Smiths* Missionaries to our Military

We just celebrated our 21st year of serving our military in the Tidewater Area of Virginia! Homecoming Day was November 2, and we rejoice in our heart how God has used His ministry to reach many military

personnel in this area! By God's Amazing Grace and the prayers and sacrificial giving of God's people, we have been privileged to provide them with a home atmosphere away from home. This time has been filled with many blessings by being able to be here for them especially in their times of need. Thank you for the part you have been in this military ministry the Lord has called us to do. May the Lord continue to bless you above measure is our prayer. Please continue to pray for us as we begin a new year for the cause of Jesus Christ our Saviour with great joy and excitement In Him.

The Psalmist said, "...Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning." We have seen the truthfulness of this over and over again as ships pull out on their seven to nine month deployments with moms, dads, sons or daughters on board. This was the "night" when the USS GEORGE H. W. Bush departed from Norfolk Naval Base with nearly 6000 Sailors on board for its nine month deployment on February 15th in defense of our country. Now after all of these long months the "morning" has come when the ship pulled back into port on November 15. Needless to say, we were excited to see Philip again after these long months of deployment. The attachment of pictures will attest to our happiness! [Note: See full transcript of article in church foyer.] We praise the Lord for His protection on them while no doubt they were at times in harm's way. On the back of this prayer letter is an article that was published on September 28, 2014 by ABC News!

The following is a portion of Philip's e-mail he sent during his deployment that we would like to share with you: *"Now that we ore on the home stretch to coming back to the states, we couldn't be more excited and the squadron and I would like to thank you for all the wonderful core packages, prayers, treats and kind words sent our way. When anyone saw that a package come for me from Little Creek Baptist Church or anyone that I said I go to church with, they were ecstatic because they knew I would share as much as I possibly could with everyone. You all have, in more ways than one, boosted the moral of my shipmates and shown the love that God's people hove for one another and what it means to be truly Christ-like. In Christ, Brother Philip."*

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It was our joy to be there for him and the others even though they were thousands of miles away at sea.

We saw Desiree leave with the USS Cole deployment back in August. She has e-mailed Mrs. Nora several times saying how very homesick she is and how she misses not only her husband of just a few months but also the fellowship of God's people at church. Mrs. Nora received an email from her this week and these are her words: *"Hello Mrs. Nora/ How are you doing and Pastor Wade? I am doing well here, and we just got mail tool I got the care package, I was sorting all the mails when they came and I saw one of the box and it has Pastor Wade's name and address on it, as soon as I saw it I knew it's mine! Thank you so much Mrs. Nora. How's everybody doing at church? I hope they are doing well... I miss you all Mrs. Nora... Love, Des"*. Please continue to pray for Desiree that God would comfort her and keep her out of harm's way!

The last few months have seen our attendance up and down. This is due to many reasons such as: Military training and duty often keep some out of church; some are out of town on leave and as always Satan is fighting on an overtime basis. But in the midst of all of this, we can see the Lord working as some are growing stronger in their faith and their walk with the Lord. It is a joy for us to be a part of their lives and to be able to offer them the hope that only comes through the Lord Jesus Christ. We would again appreciate your prayers as we try to serve those who are serving us. May God Bless you for your faithfulness in helping us to be here for those who are wearing the uniform of our country.

Thankful to be in His service, *Wade & Nora*  
1140 Birnam Woods Drive ~ Virginia Beach, VA 23464  
Phone: 757-424-1380  
Sent out by *Smith Grove Baptist Church, Colfax, NC 27235*



### **Children in a family are like flowers in a bouquet:**

There's always one determined to face in an opposite direction from the way the arranger desires. ~Marcelene Cox~

#### **A guy shows up late for work.**

The boss yells, "You should have been here at 8:30!"

He replies: "Why? What happened at 8:30?"



**A second grader came home from school** and said to her grandmother, "Grandma, guess what? We learned how to make babies today." The grandmother, more than a little surprised, tried to keep her composure. "That's interesting," she said... "How do you make babies?" "It's simple," replied the girl. "You just change 'y' to 'i' and add 'es'."

## March Birthdays

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|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Anthony Darienzo   | 12 Ashley Neese        |
| 1 Kevin McBrayer     | 13 Johnny Clark        |
| 2 Dana Lineberry     | 18 Brenda Westmoreland |
| 3 David Ramey        | 20 William Matthews    |
| 4 Melissa Vanderburg | 20 Violet Rose Sealey  |
| 6 Dakota Crews       | 24 Glenda Foust        |
| 6 Melanie Crump      | 26 Henry Johnson       |
| 8 David McBrayer     | 28 Ruth Holt           |
| 8 Marvin Pitts       | 30 Wade Smith          |
| 9 C. H. Holt         | 31 Allyson Finney      |



## April Birthdays

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|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Joseph Barham | 8 Walter Tate      | 24 Charlene Tester |
| 2 Steve Holt    | 10 Laura Smith     | 26 Chase Ramey     |
| 2 Carol Nuckles | 11 Brandy Ramer    | 27 H. B. Clegg     |
| 3 Wanda Holt    | 12 Beverly Sechler | 28 Donise Tucker   |
| 3 Lisa Pitts    | 16 Myles Pitts     | 29 Kelyn Tate      |
| 5 Marilyn Payne | 19 Mary Allen      | 30 Ashley Sechler  |
| 7 Larry Tucker  | 19 Shelby Crump    | Jo Beeson          |

## March Anniversaries

- 18 Sam & Sherrill Crater  
 23 Don & Violet Sealey  
 31 Norman & Misty Smith



### The shamrock:

According to legend St. Patrick used the three leaf clover (or shamrock) to explain the Trinity.

**Corned beef and cabbage:** This is an Irish American dish. Irish Americans were so poor they could not afford certain meals. On St. Patrick's Day, the best meal they could afford was beef and cabbage. It became a staple for the holiday.



## “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 *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

### Mary Allen

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



## Irish Blessings

May the blessing of God's soft rain be on you,

Falling gently on your head, refreshing your soul

With the sweetness of little flowers newly blooming.

May the strength of the winds of Heaven bless you,

Carrying the rain to wash your spirit clean

Sparkling after in the sunlight.

May the blessing of God's earth be on you,

And as you walk the roads,

May you always have a kind word for those you meet.



## An Irish Prayer

May God give you...

For every storm, a rainbow,

For every tear, a smile,

For every care, a promise,

And a blessing in each trial.

For every problem life sends,

A faithful friend to share,

For every sigh, a sweet song,

And an answer for each prayer.

May joy and peace surround you,  
 contentment latch your door,  
 and happiness be with you now  
 and bless you evermore!

## “The Business of Trouble”

“They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters;”  
“Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses.” (Psalm 107:23, 28)

The Jews, historically, did not aspire to navigation as a medium for pleasure. Solomon, himself, owned no pleasure yacht! It seems that the Jewish people considered the sea primarily for business. They even regarded the sea as a “going down.” (V.23)

The sea and oftentimes, corresponding storms, remind us of the life of the Christian. The storms of life have a tendency to frighten us and we tend to categorize these storms as troublesome. We view troubles as enemies. As the notice the context of what the Psalmist is saying, we learn that trouble, itself, serves as a master teacher for it drives us to the Lord. It would appear, then, that God has a business use of trouble! It produces prayer and dependence.

We travel across the sea of life and eventually will anchor down in the fair haven of Glory. Along the way, we encounter storms. The sailing is not always smooth. We tend to think that life is only about our business “in the waters!” God’s business is greater than ours. We go about our business on the sea but God is performing a much greater business. While we fear the winds, waves, and storms of life, God is accomplishing the glorious work of sanctification in our lives. We respond to the trouble with “melted souls,” and find ourselves at wit’s end. (Verses 26-27) We then are made to cry out to Him for help. (V.28)

He, in His own time and way, calms the storm. The mighty victory over the storm then arouses within us a greater realization of God’s deliverance and we find ourselves praising the Lord for His wonderful work of deliverance. Our storms prove to be more of a friend than enemy for they teach us of God’s love, care, and deliverance. Yes, trouble has a far greater business in the lives of God’s people than we realize.



## “JOY FOR TODAY”

Psalm 118:24

An earlier devotion had to do with our being daily armed. Today our thought is “daily joy.”

Joy also provides a defense for the Christian soldier. Joy is a daily need! “This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.” (Ps.118:24)

Our joy can be kindled as we ponder the fact that God made this day! It is newly created and one of a kind. It has the promise of new challenges and new blessings. It constitutes a new beginning and a new opportunity. Every day is a “New Year’s” day when we view it in the context of life instead of the calendar!

Today’s promises do not have to be dampened by yesterday’s problems. Today’s successes do not have to be cancelled by yesterday’s failures. Today’s joy does not have to be robbed by yesterday’s sorrow. The precious moments of today can become a most valuable memory tomorrow! Time is too valuable to be wasted and life is too short to be simply endured. Make your moments count.

Joy is strengthening to the Christian. “The joy of the Lord is your strength.” (Nehemiah 8:10) Joy is experienced in giving. Giving is not just a thing of the hand but more importantly a thing of the heart. It is possible to have a kind hand and a cold heart. There are many who would give the clothes off their back yet they are known as an unkind person!

Practice kindness and love. Practice forgiveness and compassion. Offer your heart along with your hand and you will have joy along with generosity. Determine that today you will accept it as newly created by God and full of precious moments that make priceless memories tomorrow. Determine that today you will balance all spiritual bankbooks by practicing forgiveness and kindness to people. Thank God for the opportunity to serve Him and rejoice today even if you cried yesterday. The amazing thing is that the Child of God can have tears and joy at the same time anyway. Today has been newly created for God’s people to enjoy!