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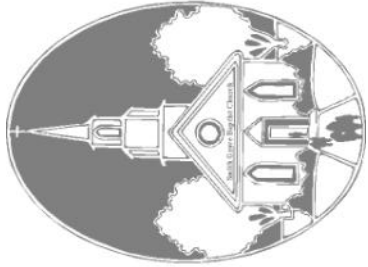
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Christ is Risen!

March 2016

IT IS FINISHED...
Paid in Full!

Sat., March 5Winston-Salem Rescue Mission

Sun., March 6, 11 am & 6 pm ... Evangelist Cliff Burwell

Tues., March 8, 7-8 p.m. Robinwood Retirement Center

Sun., March 20.....BEAMS' SUNDAY

Sun., March 27, 7:00 a.m......**EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE**

~ message by **Rev. Bruce Freeman**, Pastor of Manna Baptist Church. & **breakfast (7:30 a.m.)** in the Fellowship Bldg

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

Louise Byrd
Iris Farrington
Harry Haynes
Neva Long

Jo Anne Pegram
Ann Rayle
Barbara Tucker
Forrest Tucker

Clara Ward
Gerry Williams

Assisted Living/Nursing Home

Helen Jones ~ Rose Matthews ~ Lorene Robertson

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Pray for those . . .

IN THE SERVICE OF THEIR COUNTRY

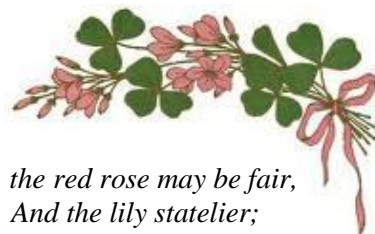


A1C William Holt, US Air Force
Pope AFB, Vass, NC 28394
CW3 Jonathan Harless (Raleigh, NC)
Maj. Robert Harless (160th SOAR,
Savannah, GA)
Charles Holmes, Al Asad Air Base
(Northern Iraq)

David Laramore, Fort Leonard Wood, MO, US Army
Chief Warrant Officer 4 Michael Maine, US Army
[Alaska] (Nephew of Clarence Redmon)
Kyle Norman, 565 Outer Drive, Box 190
JB Lewis-McCord, WA 98438
Jason Sabot – Serving in Afghanistan



*May your blessings outnumber
The shamrocks that grow,
And may trouble avoid you
Wherever you go.
~Irish Blessing*



*O, the red rose may be fair,
And the lily statelier;
But my shamrock, one in three
Takes the very heart of me!
~Katherine Tynan*



BEAMS' Report for February 2016

of Pledges: 16; # of Contributions: 5 ;
Total Contributors: 21
Total Contributed: \$ 891.00 =
111 Bibles in February (plus some postage)

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http://www.smithgrove.org/beams_ministry.htm

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Member Listing Phone Number Changes:

Please update your active member listing.

Glen & Pam **Blackburn** ~ 336-497-4629 (H)

Sandra **Westmoreland** ~ 336-340-0447



Hebrews 2:9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.



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."



Dear Pastor and Church,

I hope you folks are doing well. I am so thankful for God's gracious faithfulness to us. That's what I want to be to my Lord – **faithful**. First Corinthians 4:2 says, **“Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.”** I want to share some ways God has been faithful to me and Diane. He has been faithful to:

- Keep us safe on the highways as we travel thousands of miles each year in mission work with no major automobile problems.
- Open doors of opportunity for us and filling our calendars every Sunday and most Wednesdays through June. We also have many other meetings through the summer and fall. We expect to fill those in the next couple of months. Thus far, we have meetings scheduled in approximately 40 churches – including 12 missions' conferences this coming year, one revival, two family conferences, and a week-long Christian College module class on missions. We praise the Lord for open doors.
- Bless His word as we have preached it with His enabling – seeing lives challenged and changed and giving to missions increase in our meetings.
- Watch over and protect our family – to God be the glory.
- Over these past 11-12 months to bring in over 70% of our needed support and supply our needs along the way.
- Give us good supporting churches that we depend upon to enable us to do the work of missions Christ has called us to – fruit may abound to them.

Please pray for our upcoming trip to Europe in May and their 750 million souls for whom Christ died. There is so much planning that has to go into a trip like this – to six different countries.

I will share more details as the time approaches. Thank you!

Roger and Diane Baker

Acts 1:8

SICK/OTHER PRAYER NEEDS:

(Newly added names are in italics.)

J.C. Adams (Car accident)	Mark Lowe
Melvin & JoAnn Alley (Guilford House, GBoro)	Daniel & Mazie Matthews
Dale Austin (Melanie's Dad-leukemia)	Gary McArthur (malignant tumor)
Lou Badgett	Kevin McBrayer (Heart Issues)
<i>Danny Baugess</i> (cancer - critical)	Maggie McGee
Thurmond Bondurant (throat cancer)	Cindy Miller (Health Issues)
Homer Bowden	Mary Miller (Health issues)
Sherri Bowling	Phillip Moore - (Lung Cancer)
Sheridan Bowman	<i>Clara Morgan</i> (broken hip)
Ann Burke (stroke)	Melody Myers (Cancer)
Thelma Bullard	Sally Nester (cancer)
Tammy Burnett (cancer)	Gail Nuckles
Kenneth Case (cancer)	Clarence Parker (Cancer)
Johnny Clark (heart transplant)	<i>Jo Anne Pegram</i> (Broken Hip)
Patrick Clark (CHF)	Ethel Pendry
Christie Cobb (Breast Cancer)	Vera Peters (Heart Attack)
Kay Collins (Health issues)	Gene & Oma Lou Pitts
Teresa Duggins (Heart Surgery)	Allen Priddy (PTSD)
Olivia Dunn (9-yr old -- cancer)	Charles Raso (Recovering at home)
Iris Farrington (Broken arm)	Joe Ray
Diane Foust	Larry Rayle (Health concerns)
Kathy Fulk (Diabetes & health issues)	Sandra Richardson
Kim Garrett (Cancer/Crohn's Disease)	Tom Rodgers
Samuel Hall (Health Issues)	Claude Royal
Carol Hayden	Justin Royal
George Hayes (heart)	Jean Rumsey
Rhonda Hedgecock	Violet Sealey (Special prayer, please)
Ricky Hedgecock	<i>Cody Shaw</i> (Lung issues)
Tim Hedgecock	Violet Smith (Stage 4 Cancer)
<i>Gary Holt</i> (ALS)	<i>Debra Snipes</i> (CHF/Cardiomyopathy) (Ashley Pilcher's mother)
Joretta Holt (CHF)	Betty Soyars
Marlene Holt (crushed shoulder)	Allen Steele (Syria)
Reva Holt (Back issues & eyesight)	Donald Stephens
Sarah Hudson (CHF)	Michael Tate
Sarah Isenhour (Crohn's Disease)	<i>Chara Tate's mother</i> (cancer)
Helen Jones (Broken hip)	Amy Thompson (Suffered a fall)
Maureen Lamb	Brooke Long Wagoner
Wesley Landreth	Clara Ward
Don & Marcie Lemar (Health Issues)	Reid Westmoreland
Clara Farrington Long (health issues)	<i>Johnny Williard</i> (Health issues)
<i>Dot Long</i> (Suffered a fall)	Jan Wilson
Neva Long (Recovering at home.)	Elizabeth Yeoman
Elaine Lowe (Health Issues)	BEREAVED: <i>Family of</i> Donald Rayle

YOUR BLOOD

Beautiful saviour and precious Lord,
 I thank you for your blood
 That flowed that day at Calvary,
 A demonstration of your love


For no one has ever loved that much
 For their life to be poured out,
 But you took upon your beaten body
 The death sentence that was ours

We can never fully comprehend
 All that you had to endure
 You came a sinless, sacrificial Lamb

And offered a life so pure
 We read how you were so mistreated,
 Rejected with no mercy or love,
 But still, you willingly laid down your life
 And poured out your life's blood

For it's by your blood, we can be healed,
 Forgiven and set free
 It was necessary that you died for us
 So we may have eternity

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Lord, I Hate Buttermilk!

One Sunday morning at a small southern church, the pastor called on one of his older deacons to lead in the opening prayer. The deacon stood up, bowed his head and said, "Lord, I hate buttermilk." The pastor opened one eye and wondered where this was going. The deacon continued, "Lord, I hate lard." Now the pastor was totally bumfuzzled. The deacon continued, "Lord, I ain't too crazy about plain flour. But after you mix 'em all together and bake 'em in a hot oven, I just love biscuits.

"Lord, help us to realize when life gets hard, when things come up that we don't like, whenever we don't understand what You are doing, that we need to wait and see what You are making. After you get through mixing and baking, it'll probably be something even better than biscuits. Amen."

Romans 8:28: "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose."



March Birthdays

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



April Birthdays

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

Anniversary Prayer

Ephesians 5:33 - Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.

*Dear Lord, please bless this husband and wife
 With a comfortable home and a happy life.*

We pray for love that never ends,

Contentment, joy and lots of friends.

And when each pleasant day is through,

We pray they'll turn their hearts to you.

By Joanna Fuchs

March Anniversaries

17 Richard & Nancy Kelley
18 Sam & Sherrill Crater
23 Don & Violet Sealey
27 Donnie & Mary Campbell
31 Norman & Misty Smith





“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
336-993-3109 ~ March 28



Mary Allen

4100 Castleford Dr.
Colfax, NC 27235
336-668-2660 ~ April 19

If you don't endure doing the right thing, you must endure the consequences of the wrong thing.

~Nathaniel Bronner~

Quotable Quotes

Charles Haddon Spurgeon

“There are times when solitude is better than society, and silence is wiser than speech. We should be better Christians if we were more alone, waiting upon God, and gathering through meditation on His Word spiritual strength for labour in his service. We ought to muse upon the things of God, because we thus get the real nutriment out of them. . . . Why is it that some Christians, although they hear many sermons, make but slow advances in the divine life? Because they neglect their closets, and do not thoughtfully meditate on God’s Word. They love the wheat, but they do not grind it; they would have the corn, but they will not go forth into the fields to gather it; the fruit hangs upon the tree, but they will not pluck it; the water flows at their feet, but they will not stoop to drink it. From such folly deliver us, O Lord. . . .”

Schedule of COMMUNION SERVICES:

May 22; Aug. 28; Nov. 27, 2016

The Joy That Invades Our Hearts

He is not here; for he has risen... –Matthew 28:6

Only a week had passed since that triumphant Palm Sunday entrance into Jerusalem – but what a difference in the little procession that set out now! No cheering crowds, no waving branches. Just a few silent women setting out in the gray dawn to perform the last sad rites at the tomb.

The day that changed human history was not a public occasion but a private one. The day when everlasting life broke into earthly time began not with celebration but with tears.

This is still the way Easter breaks into our lives – when we least expect it, when all seems lost. That’s when the stone rolls away and the angel speaks and “death is swallowed up in victory” (1 Corinthians 15:54)

If it seems too good to be true, this joy that invades our hearts, it seemed so on the first Easter morning too. Mary Magdalene could not believe what her eyes were telling her; she took Jesus to be a gardener at work early among the graves. Preoccupied with her loss, she barely glanced at the figure standing before her on the path. She had a mournful task to fulfill and –

“Mary.”

There in the first light of dawn, Mary stood still. That voice...that tone of loving involvement. This was the moment, the moment when Jesus called her by name, that Easter broke like the sunrise into her heart. It is how we recognize Him still. The risen Jesus calls us so personally, comes into our lives so individually, that with Mary Magdalene, we cry out in glad recognition.

And then we do what the women did on that first Easter Sunday. Dropping their spices and ointments, the burdens of their sad errand, they rushed to tell the others. They set the pattern, these women who were first at the empty tomb, the two-fold pattern of the Christian faith newborn that Easter morning. They met the living Jesus. And they brought the good news to those who grieved.

That’s always our role, when it’s Easter in our lives; to tell someone else that He is risen.

Allelujah! Allelujah! Allelujah!



By Elizabeth Sherrill

How Did Our Country Get Into Such A Mess?

Pastor Chuck Peters

I dislike beginning this article on a negative note but must do so as a matter of honesty based upon credible evidence. The spiritual condition of our Country verifies the mess we are in. Yes, there is much religious activity in America's churches but religious activity is no substitute for a vibrant, pure, and God-fearing Christianity, as referenced in the Word of God. It seems that the trend increasingly is towards that of form religion without the power thereof.

The moral collapse of America verifies the mess we are in. We could argue by the apparent examples of the success in the attack upon the institution of the home and marriage. We witness the lack of shame in terms of immoral practices. Our American culture is fast-tracking down the same road traveled by the Roman Empire.

I have been thinking about the political success of the self proclaimed socialist politician, pursuing the office of President. He has captured the attention of the youth in our land. Why? Well, we do know that he promises free education! Now that is a selling card for our Millennial generation who are prepping for college and having to deal with exorbitant college tuition! Why will many of our youth pull the lever for this Presidential candidate because of a "freebie?" Why is it that character and morality no longer seem to matter when it comes to Presidential candidates? How can it be that educated, thinking people are determined to vote for an individual who is dishonest, unlawful, and deceitful? Why is it that multitudes persist in voting along party lines and never once consider how the candidate lines up with the Constitution they vow to protect?

It appears to me that among the destructive vices that threaten our way of life is the crippling vice of humanism which elevates self and self interest as preeminent. I believe that the education system of America is the main culprit



effecting a general brainwashing on the part of so many. Many colleges are staffed with rank Marxists and socialists who make no pretense in their attack against the Constitution and Capitalism. They openly challenge our core values as a Nation and, sadly, do so with ease. An examination of curriculum in our public schools reveals low dosages of American history and subsequent patriotism. The youth of our land are academically steered away from an attitude of gratitude and support for the historical way of life that focuses upon the good of Country. Our youth are taught that they are entitled by the government to receive subsidies and financial benefits.

If anything in America needs to be overhauled it is the Department of Education. Why are politicians not addressing that need? We are a product of learning. The socialists and Marxists need to be kicked off of the faculty and replaced by teachers who really have the backs of the students. How can you really have the backs of your students if you deny them right education? Our youth need to be introduced to an old fashioned, required course called "American History" again. Our youth need to again be taught the principle of God and Country. Honesty, integrity, and hard work need to be exemplified by those who teach and instruction along those lines should permeate all components of curriculum.

Above all, America's youth must be taught that this Nation was founded as one Nation under God and that any aspiration towards success would only be made truly possible by a proper relationship with God. That relationship is established through salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ.

America's main problem is a spiritual problem. It would appear that the greatest need is that of repentance and humility before a Holy God. That alone is the answer for the mess we are in!

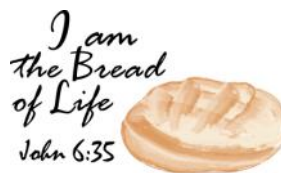
Hunger-Bitten or Hunger-Blessed

"His strength shall be hunger-bitten, and destruction shall be ready at his side." – Job 18:12; "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." – Matthew 5:6

Pastor Chuck Peters

The attempted counsel of Job's so called friend, Bildab, was accurate in terms of substance but inaccurate in terms of application. It is true that the wicked and hypocritical person is hunger bitten in strength but Bildab failed to realize that he was preaching to the wrong person! He lacked discernment in the ability to understand the reason for Job's suffering. A wise and understanding caregiver of counsel is capable of matching the information with the needs of the individual as a good dietitian knows the diet needs of their patient. No wonder that Bildab earned the title, "Miserable Counselor!"

It is a terrible thing when strength is hunger bitten. The ungodly of this world live hungry! They find that no amount of money or fame truly satisfies the soul. Gold is always a hard pillow to rest the head upon. The rich who have not Christ are in the category of the Church of Laodicea in Revelation, Chapter three. They were a rich, poor church. While increased in goods, they were in reality poor in God's sight for they lacked spiritual substance. It also is noteworthy to mention that Christians must beware of



the world's attraction and the lure of things. We will find that our soul can only be properly fed by the Word of God and fellowship with Christ! Many of God's people relate to the words of Solomon in respect to things by the words, "Vanity of vanities!"

It is a blessed thing to be hungry for righteousness. Those hungering for righteousness are promised a filling. Instead of strength being "hunger bitten," strength is renewed. "But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." – Isaiah 40:31 Those "hungering for righteousness" learn to wait upon the Lord. When life's priority is a quest for wrong things, strength languishes. When the quest is for that which has eternal value, strength is provided and renewed. "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." – Matthew 6:33