



Happy Mothers' Day, May 9, 2010

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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 . . .



Sunday School 10:00 AM
 Morning Worship 11:00 AM
 Evening Worship 6:00 PM
 Wednesday Service 7:00 PM

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The Messenger



May

Realizing Redemption's Purpose

"Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus." - Philippians 3:12

Paul was a sinner who had become a saint. He had been apprehended by the Lord. He had been released from the bondage of sin and joyfully proclaimed that he was now a "prisoner of Jesus Christ." (Eph.3:1) He knew that he was saved. (I Tim.1:12) He knew, however, that he wasn't perfect.

He knew that his full understanding of the purpose of his redemption was imperfect. He, therefore, "followed after" to apprehend why he had been apprehended. He desired to realize fully redemption's purpose. He not only was a sinner who became a saint but a saint who became an investigator! God would have us to understand that salvation is more than a fire escape from hell. Paul was saved by grace and wanted to know why.

The Apostle was a sinner who became a saint, a saint who became an investigator and a investigator who became a discoverer. He certainly "apprehended" and wrote under inspiration the function and purpose of the Christian life. The Christian, as a runner, runs to win. (I Cor.9:24) The Christian race involves faith and obedience. It includes a pursuit of holiness and requires our eyes staying fixed upon Jesus Christ. The great purpose of redemption is Christ likeness. It is a blessing to discover that salvation is not simply a deliverance from the Egypt of the world and sin. It includes redemption into the Canaan land of Christian maturity, victory, and blessing.

"Oh! To be like Thee, blessed Redeemer, This is my constant longing and prayer; Gladly I'll forfeit all of earth's treasures, Jesus, Thy perfect likeness to wear." - (Thomas O. Chisholm)

Pastor Chuck Peters

The Job Hunt

1. My first job was working in an Orange Juice factory, but I got canned. Couldn't concentrate.
2. Then I worked in the woods as a Lumberjack, but just couldn't hack it, so they gave me the axe.
3. After that, I tried being a Tailor, but wasn't suited for it – mainly because it was a sew-sew job.
4. Next, I tried working in a Muffler Factory, but that was too exhausting.
5. Then, tried being a Chef - figured it would add a little spice to my life, but just didn't have the thyme.
6. Next, I attempted being a Deli Worker, but any way I sliced it...couldn't cut the mustard.
7. My best job was a Musician, but eventually found I wasn't noteworthy.
8. I studied a long time to become a Doctor, but didn't have any patience.
9. Next, was a job in a Shoe Factory. Tried hard but just didn't fit in.
10. I became a Professional Fisherman, but discovered I couldn't live on my net income.
11. Managed to get a good job working for a Pool Maintenance Company, but the work was just too draining.
12. So then I got a job in a Workout Center, but they said I wasn't fit for the job.
13. After many years of trying to find steady work, I finally got a job as a Historian - until I realized there was no future in it.
14. My last job was working in Starbucks, but I had to quit because it was the same old grind.
15. So, I tried Retirement and found I'm perfect for the job!

Mahatma Gandhi, as you may know, walked barefoot most of the time, which produced an impressive set of calluses on his feet. He also ate very little, which made him rather frail, and with his odd diet, he suffered from bad breath.

This made him - a "super callused fragile mystic hexed by halitosis."

~ Ladies Fellowship ~

The Ladies Fellowship extends a cordial invitation to **ALL** ladies of the church to join us for this year's "*Be a Friend*" Brunch on Saturday, May 15, at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall. We encourage you to bring as many guests as you'd like – mother/daughter/granddaughter/daughter-in-law/mother-in-law/friend/neighbor/sister/niece – anyone who is a female is invited! Just be sure to sign up on the sheet in the church vestibule with the total number of guests in your party. **DEADLINE FOR SIGNING UP IS SUNDAY, MAY 9.** Please feel free to contact Carol or Charlene if you have any questions. *We hope to see you all there!*

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.



How God Created Mother

God took the fragrance of a flower,	The laughter of the rippling brook,
The majesty of a tree,	The grace of a bird in flight,
The gentleness of morning dew,	Then God fashioned from these things
The calm of a quiet sea,	A creation like no other,
The beauty of a twilight hour,	And when His masterpiece was through,
The soul of a starry night	He called it simply...MOTHER.

And Grandmas too...

While we honor all our mothers with words of love and praise.
While we tell about their goodness and their kind and loving ways.
We should also think of Grandma, she's a mother too, you see....
For she mothered my dear mother, as my mother mothers me.

May Birthdays.....

02 Ann Dean	16 Christopher McCollum	Joanna Dillon
07 Jacob Clodfelter	18 Ryan William Lowe	Jonathan Dillon
09 Sherrill Crater	26 Eloise McCollum	Steve Dillon
09 Logan Kennedy	31 Jacob Payne	Jesse Holt
11 Wilma Farrington	Chris Bame	Casey Mros
11 Nora Smith	Colter Bame	Elaine Stephens
14 Dovie Dull	Randy Beeson	Peggy Vaughn
14 Samantha Tucker	Timothy Cromer	Duain Whittemore
16 Amanda Clark	Lucas Damazio	

June Birthdays.....

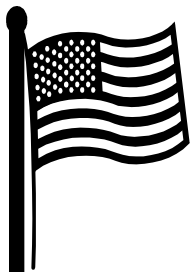
02 Clara Ward	13 Bobby Key	
03 Heather Pitts	14 Jo Anne Pegram	
03 Laura Williams	15 Ronald Rayle	Priscilo Damazio
04 Travis McCollum	15 Dreama Moore	Brad Flynt
07 Kyle Norman	18 Cassidy McCollum	Adam Pearman
10 Jimmy L. Crews	19 Candace Nuckles	Sherri Tilley
10 Tim Pitts	19 Oma Lou Pitts	Margaret Tucker
11 Ann Rayle	21 Gary Slate	
11 Bryan Tucker	25 Geraldine Johnson	
12 Samuel Crater	28 Waynard Nuckles	
13 Angela Cornell		



May Anniversaries

Rick & Angela Cornell	Homer & Margaret Hullette
Moises & Ruth Damazio	John & Marilyn Payne
Craig & Michelle Hendrix - May 7	Kent & Linda Stainback
Don & Elaine Stephens	
Allen & Sandra Westmoreland	

Pray for those In the Service of our Country



Matthew Bennett (new recruit in Jacksonville, SC)
 A1C William Holt, US Air Force
 Sheppard AFB, TX
 CW2 Jonathan Harless (Iraq)
 Cpt. Robert Harless (Savannah, GA)
 Chief Warrant Officer 3 Michael Maine, US Army
 [stationed stateside]
 Corporal Mel Wright, US Marines, stateside
 (Nephews of Clarence Redmon)

The Knots Prayer

Dear God,

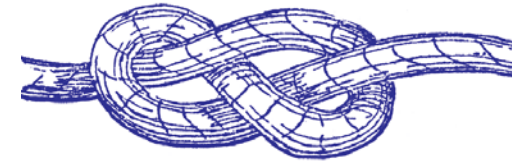
Please untie the knots
 That are in my mind,
 My heart and my life.
 Remove the have nots,
 The can nots and the do nots
 That I have in my mind.

Erase the will nots,
 May nots, and
 Might nots that find
 A home in my heart.

Release me from the could nots,
 Would nots and should nots
 That obstruct my life.

And most of all, dear God,
 I ask that you remove from my mind
 My heart and my life all of the am nots
 That I have allowed to hold me back,
 Especially the thought
 That I am not good enough.

Amen.



4 YEARS OF AGE - My Mommy can do anything!
 8 YEARS OF AGE - My Mom knows a lot! A whole lot!
 12 YEARS OF AGE - My Mother doesn't really know quite everything.
 14 YEARS OF AGE - Naturally, Mother doesn't know that, either.
 16 YEARS OF AGE - Mother? She's hopelessly old-fashioned.
 18 YEARS OF AGE - That old woman? She's way out of date!
 25 YEARS OF AGE - Well, she might know a little bit about it!
 35 YEARS OF AGE - Before we decide, let's get Mom's opinion.
 45 YEARS OF AGE - Mother will know the right thing to do.
 65 YEARS OF AGE - Wish I could talk it over with Mom.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Smith Grove Seniors

Louise Byrd	Cleo Holt	J. D. Shields
Gordon Crouch	Reva Holt	Raynelle Shields
Shirley Crouch	Helen Jones	Wade Shields
Louise Davenport*	Lawrence Jones	Louise Smith
Iris Farrington	Neva Long	Glenn Tedder
Wilma Farrington	Curney Matthews	Clarence Tucker
June Freeman	Rose Matthews	Forrest Tucker
Ernest Fulk	Bud McCurdy	Hettie Westmoreland
Pat George	Laura Nuckles	

Others in Need of Prayer

(In alphabetical order)

Jo Ann Alley	Debbie Harden	Miranda Petkis
Marilyn Alston	Kay Haynes	Norma Pilchett*
Dorothy Alley Avant*	Ronnie Holcomb	Harvey Pitts
Fred Bame	Alice & Barry Holman	Claude Royal
Merl Blake	Garland Holt	Jamie Shell
Roy Boody	Raleigh Hunt	Eddie Thomason
Mazalean Byerly	Daniel Idol	Melissa Thomason
John Carter	Pam Johnson	Barbara Tucker
Bonnie Clark	Roscoe Johnson	Clara Ward
Cody (13-yr old in Thomasville)	Leighann Kincade	Lillie Mae Ward*
Aaron Cole	Napha Klepper	Kenneth Westmoreland
Alice Covington	Richie McCormick	Gordon Wilkey*
Tom Covington	Mark Midkiff	Gerry Williams*
Jimmy Dillon	John & Dolly Miller	Arry Wilson
David Gindelsberger	Darius Moore	Jessi Wright
Clyde Gray, Sr.*	John Pearl	New Converts
	Don Peterson	The Unsaved

*Special Needs

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

- Those on our Youth Prayer List
- Pastor Chuck Peters
- Wade and Nora Smith (Virginia Beach, VA)
- All the missions & missionaries we support.
- Youth Directors
- Preachers, teachers, singers, & workers of our church & Discovery Clubs.
- Our sincere sympathies to the family of Robert Cisom.

Services Each Week

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Service	11:00 a.m.
<i>Children's Church</i>	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.



May 2010



May 2 - 5 *Spring Revival Meeting* with Brother Robbie Mullinax (Beginning Sunday morning through Wednesday evening.)

Sun., May 9, 6:00 p.m. **Good News Quartet**
[and deadline to sign up for the "Be a Friend" Brunch]

Sat., May 15 "Be a Friend Brunch" sponsored by the Ladies' Fellowship

Sun., May 16, 6:00 p.m. Speaker: **Andy Messer**

Smith Grove Outreach Effort: *What can we do?*

- Pray . . . that God will move in a great way.
- Invite family, friends, and neighbors to our church.
- Share visitation requests with the Pastor (in writing).

I Cor. 7:22-24



Gary & Friends Missionary Outreach Ministry

Greetings, and God bless you all. We hope your spring season will be blessed by God, and we will be a blessing to others.

Man oh man, my little granddaughter Kaylee would say — we had a time at Clapps Health Care home in Pleasant Garden, in the month of April. This was the first time we have had services there. The Lord really moved in our hearts, and some of the people who live there were blessed by the presence of the Lord. Thank God for His presence, as we labor for our precious Savior, Jesus. The workers got more than 50 of their people to the room where we had services! We thank God for them and for all the people with whom we were able to share the Gospel. We all work together for the cause of Christ — seeking salvation for the lost.

Please pray for us, and we will pray for all of you.

Gary and friends ~ I Peter 5:7



“Our Honour Roll”

Smith Grove’s ministry to our widows and widowers

“Honour widows that are widows indeed.”

(I Timothy 5:3)

Listed below are May and June 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 Dean
4632 Kendale Road
High Point, NC 27265
668-9875 ~ May 02

Alta Key
4454 Peace Rd
Trinity, NC 27370
431-0079 ~ May 03

Wilma Farrington
572 D Piney Grove Rd
Kernersville, NC 27284
993-8576 ~ May 11

Dovie Dull
1026 Madison Place Circle
Kernersville, NC 27284
996-6330 ~ May 14

Eloise McCollum
8626 Bull Road
Colfax, NC 27235
996-6320 ~ May 26

Clara Ward
4465 Kime Farm Rd Ext.
Climax, NC 27233
685-4196 ~ June 02



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



GOD’S Rosebud

A new minister was walking with an older, more seasoned minister in the garden one day. Feeling a bit insecure about what God had for him to do, he was asking the older preacher for some advice. The older preacher walked up to a rosebush and handed the young preacher a rosebud and told him to open it without tearing off any petals.

The young preacher looked in disbelief at the older preacher and was trying to figure out what a rosebud could possibly have to do with his wanting to know the will of God for his life and ministry. But because of his great respect for the older preacher, he proceeded to try to unfold the rose, while keeping every petal intact. It wasn’t long before he realized how impossible this was to do.

Noticing the younger preacher’s inability to unfold the rosebud without tearing it, the older preacher began to recite the following poem.

“It is only a tiny rosebud,
A flower of God’s design;
But I cannot unfold the petals
With these clumsy hands of mine.”



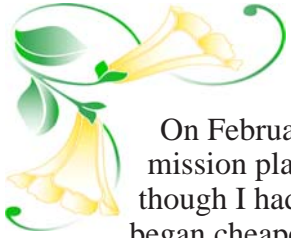
“The secret of unfolding flowers
Is not known to such as I.
God opens this flower so easily,
But in my hands they die.”

“If I cannot unfold a rosebud,
This flower of God’s design,
Then how can I have the wisdom
To unfold this life of mine?”

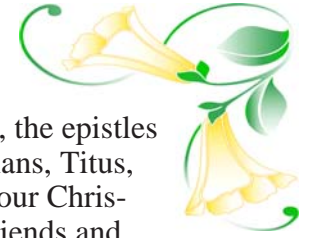


“So I’ll trust in God for leading
Each moment of my day.
I will look to God for guidance
In each step of the way.”

“The path that lies before me,
Only my Lord knows.
I’ll trust God to unfold the moments,
Just as He unfolds the rose.”



David & Donna Edens ~ Niger



On February 12 I flew out of Agadez on a small mission plane for Niamey, the capital of Niger. Although I had a round-trip airfare on a new airlines that began cheaper flights from Agadez to Niamey in mid-2009, I was not able to take advantage of it on the return trip. This airline ceased to operate by the end of December. (This makes about the fifth or sixth airline that has attempted to operate in the interior of Niger over the years, but all have gone bust because of the high expense of running airplanes in such a remote and underdeveloped environment.) We praise the Lord for helping us to realize that this flight service would not be able to carry me to Niamey to meet the international flight for the States. Their office workers in Agadez would not tell me that they had ceased operations, probably because they feared that I would try to reclaim the funds I had paid for a round-trip airfare. Thank you for praying for us.

Praise the Lord for the opportunity to renew fellowship with several missionaries while I was in Niamey for four days. This was encouraging to me, and I hope that I was an encouragement to them as well. I left Niamey on schedule on the 17th of February. The next day (February 18) there was a military overthrow of the government in Niger. All borders and airports were closed for a few days. Again, we are grateful to the Lord for allowing me to make the flight out before this. Otherwise I may have been delayed for a week or more. I have been in contact with one of our Christian brothers in Agadez by phone since then. He tells me that everything is stable and conditions may actually be better than before this change of government. An impending overthrow had been rumored for some time before. Let us pray that God will oversee the changes and that the doors for the Gospel will remain open.

It was a joy to be back with Donna and Rachel and the rest of the family here. Donna is doing progressively better (since the heart attack in July). She tires out often, however. We appreciate your continued prayers for her health. She was able to accompany me on a meeting in a supporting church this past week, and we all had a wonderful time there.

While in Agadez we completed the duplication of five

hundred cassette tapes of the Gospel of Mark, the epistles of Thessalonians, Timothy, Ephesians, Galatians, Titus, Hebrews, James, and Philippians. Several of our Christians took a portion of these to distribute to friends and neighbors. They also have taken some of the Tamajaq New Testaments and Gospels to distribute. Pray for each of these as they witness and distribute the Word of God. Pray for Jabrila, Michel, Abraham, Ahmad, and Dulaba. These men are now called upon to “stand in the gap” in a real way. Satan will most certainly single them out for his attacks.

Continue to pray for the radio messages that are being broadcast in the Agadez area each Saturday morning at 8 a.m. (which would be 2 a.m. Eastern Daylight time). Others are broadcast on Sunday mornings throughout the entire country on the nationwide network at 11 a.m. (5 a.m. EDT). Pray that these messages will continue to reach the hearts of the unsaved and bless those who have already trusted Christ.

Pray for us here as we continue to prepare other broadcasts. I am attempting to set up some sort of a recording studio here in which I will make some broadcasts to carry over when I return to Agadez. We are also working on the preparation of a complete Cifinagh New Testament for those Tamajaq speakers who have never been to any school and cannot read the phonetic script. Pray for Ghali and Algassim as they continue to bear witness in their neighborhood.

As the Lord leads, I expect to return to Agadez in July or August. Pray for us as we visit some churches who have supported our ministry and some other churches as well.

Pray especially for Donna during this time. Her father, Missionary Don Wardlaw passed away on yesterday (March 27). He served the Lord many years on various mission fields and pastored several churches at times when he was in the States. We know that he is now in the Presence of the Lord Jesus Christ. He was truly a soldier of the cross and the Gospel of our Lord, and we will miss him and his prayers and encouragement to us. Thank you for your faithfulness to pray for us and to support the ministry in Agadez financially.

“The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it.” Psalm 68:11