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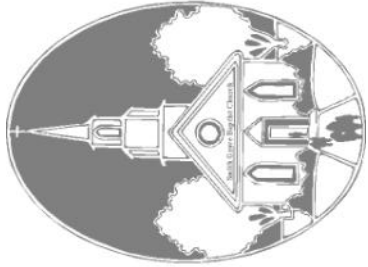
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*Teacher Training ~ every Sunday at 10 a.m. (through June 7) in the Fellowship Bldg.*

**May 3-6 Spring Revival** ~ with Evangelist John Rasey

Sun., May 10 ..... Mother's Day  
Tues., May 12, 7-8 pm ..... Robinwood Retirement Center  
Sunday, May 17 ..... **BEAMS' SUNDAY & Communion**  
Mon., May 25..... Memorial Day

**Statement of Faith:**

We are an Independent Baptist Church 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	Jo Anne Pegram	Clara Ward
Iris Farrington	Ann Rayle	Gerry Williams
Harry Haynes	Barbara Tucker	
Neva Long	Forrest Tucker	

## Assisted Living/Nursing Home

Helen Jones ~ Rose Matthews ~ Betty Robinson

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

Lou Badgett	Gary McArthur (malignant tumor)
Donnie Barham (Cancer)	Maggie McGee
<i>Homer Bowden</i>	Cindy Miller (Health Issues)
Sherri Bowling	Phillip Moore - (Lung Cancer - Dreama's brother-in-law)
Sheridan Bowman	Sally Nester (cancer)
Ann Burke (stroke)	Clarence Parker (Cancer)
Thelma Bullard	Gene & Oma Lou Pitts
Tammy Burnett (cancer)	<i>Allen Priddy</i> (PTSD)
<i>Rebecca Carmine</i> (recovering from brain surgery)	Joe Ray
Johnny Clark (heart transplant)	Sandra Richardson
Patrick Clark (CHF)	Lorene Robertson
Christie Cobb (Breast Cancer)	Claude Royal
<i>Olivia Dunn</i> (9-yr old -- cancer)	Justin Royal
Kathy Fulk (Diabetes & health issues)	Jean Rumsey
Kim Garrett (Cancer & Crohn's Disease)	Violet Sealey
<i>Charles "Junior" Gray</i> (Cancer)	Betty Soyars
George Hayes (heart)	Donise Tucker (respiratory issues)
Rhonda Hedgecock	Brooke Long Wagoner
Ricky Hedgecock	Kenneth Westmoreland
Tim Hedgecock	Reid Westmoreland
<i>Joretta Holt</i> (Surgery)	Jan Wilson
Stephanie Hutton	
<i>Sarah Isenhour</i> (Crohn's Disease)	
Jimmy Johnson (Illness)	
Maureen Lamb	
Wesley Landreth	
Don & Marcie Lemar (Health Issues)	
Clara Farrington Long (health issues)	
Dot Long	

## *Elaine Lowe*

Mark Lowe  
Daniel & Mazie Matthews  
(Special needs)

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

Doris Anderson  
Jim Bowden  
Kevin Canady  
William Coleman  
Max Coltrane  
Adrian Hunt  
Mary Nuckles Westmoreland

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

## BEAMS' Report for April 2015



# of Pledges: **16**; # of Contributions: **7**;  
Total Contributors: **23**  
Total Contributed: **\$1,015.00** =  
**126 Bibles (plus postage) in April**

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)



## **My Favorite Bible Verse ~**

**Ruby Bowden ~ Isaiah 40:31** "*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.*"

## **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)



## ***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."



**Mary Lee Nuckles Westmoreland**, 94, passed away Friday April 17, 2015 at Hospice Home of High Point, achieving her life-long dream, as she is now “in Glory.”

Mary was born on August 24, 1920 in Guilford County. She was one of 15 children born to James Lewis and Alma Long Nuckles. During her working years, Mary was an employee of Mock, Judson & Proximity Print Works in Greensboro. She was a life-long member of Smith Grove Baptist Church in Colfax, where she and her late husband, “Boot” shared their ministry of music. Mary played the piano at Smith Grove for over 40 years. Unless they were on vacation or unable to attend due to sickness, you could find the very dedicated two-some, Mary and Boot (who was the Choir Leader) together at church leading the morning and evening worship music. When the daughters were younger, the family traveled with local evangelist, Rev. D. W. Long and provided music for many revival services. After retirement, Mary’s life revolved around music and her growing family.



Boot & Mary Westmoreland

In addition to her parents, Mary was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence “Boot” Westmoreland; and 13 brothers and sisters.

Surviving are two daughters, Becky Marshall (Dale) and Jo Beeson (Ron); 3 grandsons, Jeff Little (Sheri), Bryan Beeson (BJ) and Randy Beeson (Belinda); 2 great grandchildren, Alyssa and Nick Little; 1 step great grandchild, Mandi and husband Blake; 3 step great-great grandchildren, Kayla, Casey and Kaleb; 1 brother Billy Nuckles (Gale); and many loving nieces and nephews.



## Momma

*Tho small in stature  
She always stood tall.  
She was always ready  
Whenever God gave His Call.*

*With God as her Pilot  
And a song in her heart.  
The memories she left behind  
Will from us never depart.*

*No more suffering  
No more pain.  
She’s forever with Jesus  
Her crown she has gained.*

- Jo Beeson

## 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)

**Kyle Norman**, 565 Outer Drive, Box 190  
JB Lewis-McCord, WA 98438

**David Ortez**, Iraq & Afghanistan

**Jason Sabot** – Serving in Afghanistan



## They shall grow not old

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.



*From Laurence Binyon's poem For the Fallen, written in September 1914*

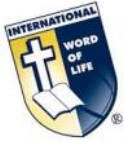
## Food for Thought

There comes a certain point in life when you have to stop blaming other people for how you feel or the misfortunes in your life. You can't go through life obsessing about what might have been.

### Simple Solutions for many complicated issues:

1. “I’m sorry.”
2. “I love you.”
3. “Forgive me.”
4. “You were right.”
5. “Maybe mama was right.”
6. “I’ll just let it go.”
7. “It’s not really that important.”
8. “It’s just ego, I’m acting like a baby.”
9. “Let me just calm down.”
10. “Let me look at it from their point of view.”





## DAVE AND SANDY KELLY

“.... declaring the conversion of the Gentiles: and they caused great joy unto all the brethren.” Acts 15:3b

**Wow, 2015 is FLYING by!** Soon it will be time for our short-term missionaries to **FLY** to their fields of ministry. Lord willing, 105 participants on seven ministry teams will be **fly-ing** out this summer to: *Anguilla, Bahamas, Curacao, Honduras, St. Maarten, Trinidad, and Uganda.*



As your prayers **FLY** heavenward, please pray for:

- Our staff as they prepare the 105 participants for their trips.
- **Souls saved.** That the Holy Spirit will prepare the hearts of those people to whom we will minister.
- That the Lord will give each short-term missionary a boldness and clarity in presenting the gospel.
- Support. Part of the missions experience for the short-term missionary is to raise his/her own support, just like career missionaries. This can be challenging. Out of one's comfort zone and learning to trust God in a whole new way can seem rather daunting. Pray that their support will come in as soon as possible.
- The specific ministries this summer include running summer camps, putting on Vacation Bible Schools, and servicing Word of Life Bible Clubs in local churches.

### **Dave and Sandy specifically.**

1. Safety as we increase interstate travel over the next 6 months to introduce Word of Life Fellowship and the Caribbean ministry to new churches. Our goal is to visit 100 churches.
2. Wisdom as we prepare sermons, challenges, presentations, etc., to reach out to churches, youth ministries, and Christian schools.
3. Our support. We praise the Lord that He has allowed us to partner with so many of you dear folks. Please pray with us as we endeavor to meet others who share our burden and would love to have a part in this ministry.
4. Booking fall meetings in churches, conferences, and Christian schools.
5. Our trip to Curacao in July to run a week of camp.

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**SPECIAL PROJECT** ~ Would you be interested in giving towards the cost of this trip to Curacao? It is **\$2,500** for both of us for eleven days. We will be training camp leaders, assisting in running camp, speaking in various places, meeting with pastors of local churches to set up future ministry trips. Please find enclosed a support slip, specific to the Curacao project. Thank you for giving and praying! **Recently in Quiet Time we read Rev. 5:9, “And they sung a new song, saying, THOU art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for THOU wast slain and hast redeemed us to GOD by THY blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;” GOD is allowing you and us to have a part in that. Praise the LORD!! Thank you and GOD bless you!**

*Dave and Sandy Kelly ~ Caribbean Missionaries  
Word of Life International Ministries*

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- All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother.  
— Abraham Lincoln
- There is nothing in the world of art like the songs mother used to sing.  
— Billy Sunday
- Motherhood: All love begins and ends there. — Robert Browning
- “I remember my mother’s prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life.” — Abraham Lincoln
- “A mother is the truest friend we have, when trials heavy and sudden fall upon us; when adversity takes the place of prosperity; when friends desert us; when trouble thickens around us, still will she cling to us, and endeavor by her kind precepts and counsels to dissipate the clouds of darkness, and cause peace to return to our hearts.”  
— Washington Irving
- Motherhood is a great honor and privilege, yet it is also synonymous with servanthood. Every day women are called upon to selflessly meet the needs of their families. Whether they are awake at night nursing a baby, spending their time and money on less-than-grateful teenagers, or preparing meals, moms continuously put others before themselves.  
— Charles Stanley
- Only God Himself fully appreciates the influence of a Christian mother in the molding of character in her children. — Billy Graham



## “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 *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

### Dovie Dull

1016 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 Road Ext.  
Climax, NC 27233  
685-4196 ~ June 02

### Jo Anne Pegram

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



*Welcome*  *New Member*

**Lindsay Darienzo** ~ 3901 Battleground Ave. APT 126  
Greensboro, NC 27410 ~ Phone: 336.392.6078

During the Sunday morning service the Preacher invites the congregation back that evening for the Lord’s Supper. After the announcements the choir sings, and special music is played. A bit later, a little boy sitting in a pew – leans over to his mom and says “Are we coming back tonight for supper?”



The mother, looking perplexed says, “I have no idea what you are talking about.” The little boys says “I’m talking about that big dinner the Preacher said we are having at church tonight!”

## May Birthdays

- 1 James Watson Crump
- 2 Ann Dean
- 7 Jacob Clodfelter
- 7 Jeffrey Smith
- 8 Stephanie Moore
- 9 Sherrill Crater
- 10 Tim Matthews
- 11 Nora Smith
- 14 Dovie Dull
- 14 Samantha Tucker
- 15 Joanna Dillon
- 15 Jonathan Dillon
- 15 Steve Dillon

- 16 Amanda Clark
- 16 Christopher McCollum
- 18 Ryan William Lowe
- 18 Terry Matthews
- 26 Eloise McCollum
- 28 Esther Campbell
- 31 Jacob Payne
- Chris Bame
- Colter Bame
- Randy Beeson
- Timothy Cromer
- Jesse Holt



## June Birthdays

- 1 Adam Pearman
- 2 Clara Ward
- 3 Heather Pitts
- 3 Laura Williams
- 4 Travis McCollum
- 4 Misty Smith
- 5 Ethan Magnante
- 7 Kyle Norman
- 8 Zach Faulkner
- 10 Addison Moore
- 10 Tim Pitts
- 11 Joey Matthews
- 11 Ann Rayle
- 11 Bryan Tucker
- 12 Samuel Crater

- 13 Angela Cornell
- 13 Bobby Key
- 14 Jo Anne Pegram
- 15 Ronald Rayle
- 15 Dreama Moore
- 17 Brad Flynt
- 18 Cassidy McCollum
- 18 Marshall Moore
- 19 Oma Lou Pitts
- 21 Gary Slate
- 21 Chara Tate
- 24 Pam Blackburn
- 25 Geraldine Johnson
- 28 Waynard Nuckles
- 29 Dean Puckett

## May Anniversaries

Rick & Angela Cornell  
John & Stephanie Moore – May 6  
Allen & Sandra Westmoreland  
Dennis & Brenda Westmoreland – May 19



# “A Holy Nation”

Pastor Chuck Peters

*I Peter 2:9-10 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light; Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.*

America has never, in the truest sense, been a Christian Nation. Our Country, historically, has nurtured Christianity in that the Bible and Gospel preaching have been honored. America has also endorsed religious freedom and accommodated pluralistic religions. Are we so naïve as to believe that a religious Nation is synonymous with being a Christian Nation?

America is today a pagan Nation. We are, in fact, an ungodly Nation inviting the judgment of God on account of our vile National sins.

Nationally, I am an American by birth and by choice! I was born in America and still choose America as my home! I still choose America and its Declaration of Independence. I still choose America and its Constitution. I still, in the words of the song, love the rocks, the rills, the woods and the templed hills.

My heart still skips a beat when “Old Glory” passes by. Every time someone tells me that they appreciate my service, I well up because I know that the collective service and blood of patriots are what has won our freedom.

I grieve that our Constitution and Declaration of Independence seem to have lost the luster and significance in the eyes of many in this generation. It seems that the ingredients promoting the rise and fall of the Roman Empire are hastening the fall of America!

We need to understand, however, that no Nation is guaranteed security and stability purely on account of its own form of government and military force. God has to be the “Defender” of a Nation for it to survive! A Nation is exalted by “righteousness,” and not military might, rich resources, and human government.

I know of a Nation that will survive! A child of God is a citizen of that Nation by birth and by choice! The “new birth” is the initial entry point for citizenship in this special Nation. By word of testimony, I am a citizen of this Nation. I, spiritually, crossed the expansive ocean of death in a ship called grace that docked at the “Ellis Island” of the welcoming arms of God. I have been basking now for almost 50 years beneath the outstretched arms of the “Lady Liberty” of freedom in Christ Jesus!

This Nation called a “holy nation” has the best “Commander in Chief.” Its “Declaration of Independence” will never be tampered with or altered. Citizens of this Nation enjoy a freedom that is permanent. They are clothed in the distinctive uniform of the righteousness of Christ.

## FREEDOM IS NOT FREE

I watched the flag pass by one day.  
It fluttered in the breeze  
A young Marine saluted it, and then  
He stood at ease.

I looked at him in uniform  
So young, so tall, so proud  
With hair cut square and eyes alert  
He'd stand out in any crowd.

I thought, how many men like him  
Had fallen through the years?  
How many died on foreign soil?  
How many mothers' tears?

How many Pilots' planes shot down?  
How many foxholes were soldiers' graves?  
No, Freedom is not free.



I heard the sound of taps one night,  
When everything was still.  
I listened to the bugler play  
And felt a sudden chill.

I wondered just how many times  
That taps had meant “Amen”  
When a flag had draped a coffin  
Of a brother or a friend.

I thought of all the children,  
Of the mothers and the wives,  
Of fathers, sons and husbands  
With interrupted lives.

I thought about a graveyard  
at the bottom of the sea  
Of unmarked graves in Arlington.  
No, Freedom isn't free!!

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