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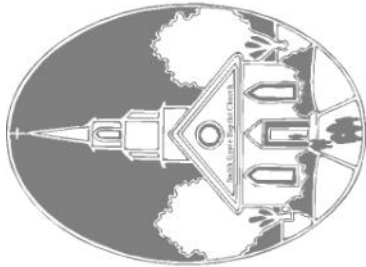
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O taste and see that the Lord is good....



Sat., May 7 **Winston-Salem Rescue Mission**
Tues., May 10, 7-8 p.m. **Robinwood Retirement Center**
Sun., May 15 **BEAMS' SUNDAY**
Sun., May 22, 6 pm **Speaker: Robbie Mullinax,**
The Bible Team (Bible Distribution)



*Fin the Dolphin says, **Save the Date!** And join me for
Vacation Bible School – **Ocean Commotion**
June 20 – 23, 2016 ~ 7 pm nightly*

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

Prayer List continued on Next Page . . .

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



Sunday, May 8th



- ☞ “All that I am or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel mother.” —Abraham Lincoln
- ☞ “I remember my mother’s prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life.” —Abraham Lincoln
- ☞ “My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw. All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute my success in life to the moral, intellectual and physical education I received from her.” —George Washington
- ☞ “Motherhood: All love begins and ends there.” —Robert Browning
- ☞ “Life began with waking up and loving my mother’s face.” —George Eliot



BEAMS' Report for April 2016

of Pledges: 15; # of Contributions: 4 ;
Total Contributors: 19
Total Contributed: \$ 798.00 =
99 Bibles in April (plus some postage)

You can also get the BEAMS' report online at our website:
http://www.smithgrove.org/beams_ministry.htm

Audio Sermons

Don't forget: Pastor Chuck's sermons are online. They are included in the Home Page navigation on [smithgrove.org](http://www.smithgrove.org) (top of page) -- Audio Sermons button.

Memorial Day (May 30, 2016) was originally called Decoration Day and was initiated to honor the soldiers for the Union and Confederate armies who died during the American Civil War. The establishment of a public holiday was meant to unify the celebration as a national day of remembrance instead of a holiday celebrated separately by the Union and Confederate states. By the late 19th century, the holiday became known as Memorial Day and was expanded to include the deceased veterans of all the wars fought by American forces. In 1971, Memorial Day became a federal holiday.



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.”

Welcome New Members

Fields, Jacob David
3309 Sandy Ridge Rd.
Colfax, NC 27235
336-310-4440 (Home)
Birthday: July 29

Landreth, Kim
8707 Bame Rd.
Colfax, NC 27235
336-549-4450
Birthday: June 16

Landreth, Tyler
8707 Bame Rd.
Colfax, NC 27235
336-549-4450
Birthday: Oct. 20

Matthews, Bailey Ann
1780 Sandy Ridge Rd.
Colfax, NC 27235
336-399-1698
Birthday: Dec. 5

Rayle, Cathy
3306 Sandy Ridge Rd.
Colfax, NC 27235
336-345-5971 (Cell)
336-993-3905 (Home)
Birthday: Oct. 3
Anniversary: Sept. 21



BOY Oh **BOY**

Congratulations!

...to Scott and Melanie Crump at the birth of their baby boy, **Anthony Scott Crump**.
Born April 2, 2016, 4:05 pm; 7 lbs., 3 oz., 20"



And to Glen & Pam Blackburn at the birth of their grandson,
Waylon James Valentine. Born March 5, 2016; 8.75 lbs., 20.5"

Psalms 127:3 - *Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.*

Proverbs 22:6 - *Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.*

Ephesians 6:4 - *And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.*

SICK/OTHER PRAYER NEEDS:

(Newly added names are in italics.)

Melvin & JoAnn Alley	Kevin McBrayer (Heart Issues)
Dale Austin (leukemia)	Chris McCollum (While on work assignment in Puerto Rico)
Lou Badgett	Maggie McGee
Thurmond Bondurant (throat cancer)	Cindy Miller (Health Issues)
Homer Bowden	Mary Miller (Health issues)
Ruby Bowden (Surgery)	Phillip Moore - (Lung Cancer)
Sheridan Bowman	Clara Morgan (broken hip)
Chad Branch (kidney stones)	Sally Nester (cancer)
Ann Burke (stroke)	Gail Nuckles
Thelma Bullard	Clarence Parker (Cancer)
Tammy Burnett (cancer)	Darla Parks (Pulmonary infection)
Kenneth Case (cancer)	Jo Anne Pegram (Broken Hip)
Johnny Clark (heart transplant)	Ethel Pendry
Patrick Clark (CHF)	Vera Peters (Heart Attack)
Christie Cobb (Breast Cancer)	Gene & Oma Lou Pitts
Kay Collins (Health issues)	Allen Priddy (PTSD)
Olivia Dunn (9-yr-old - cancer)	Charles Raso (Recovering at home)
Jamie & Jan Estes	Joe Ray
Iris Farrington (Broken arm)	Larry Rayle (Health concerns)
Diane Foust	Sandra Richardson
Kathy Fulk (Health issues)	Tom Rodgers
Kim Garrett (Cancer/Crohn's Disease)	Claude Royal
Samuel Hall (Health Issues)	Justin Royal
Carol Hayden	Jean Rumsey
George Hayes (heart)	Violet Sealey (Special prayer, please)
Rhonda Hedgecock	Irene Shields (Recovering from hip surgery)
Ricky Hedgecock	Violet Smith (Stage 4 Cancer)
Tim Hedgecock	Debra Snipes (CHF/Cardiomyopathy)
Gary Holt (ALS)	Betty Soyars (Broken Hip)
Joretta Holt (CHF & Foot Surgery)	Allen Steele (Syria)
Marlene Holt (crushed shoulder)	Donald Stephens
Reva Holt (Back issues & eyesight)	Michael Tate
Sarah Hudson (CHF)	Chara Tate's mother (cancer)
Sarah Isenhour (Crohn's Disease)	Amy Thompson (Suffered a fall)
Cindy Johnson (Cancer)	Brooke Long Wagoner
Helen Jones (Broken hip)	Clara Ward
Bernice Knight (Suffered a fall)	Reid Westmoreland
Maureen Lamb	Jan Wilson
Wesley Landreth	Elizabeth Yeoman
Don & Marcie Lemar (Health Issues)	
Clara Farrington Long (health issues)	BEREAVED: Family of:
Dot Long (Suffered a fall)	
Neva Long (Recovering at home.)	Nancy Westmoreland
Elaine Lowe (Health Issues)	
Mark Lowe	
Daniel & Mazie Matthews	
Gary McArthur (malignant tumor)	

TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

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E-MAIL: home@tabernacleministries.org

I cannot thank the Lord enough for the strength to carry on in the ministry here at the home. I am amazed over and over of how He meets the needs as they arrive. I just marvel at the goodness of God.

Today we have taken in three young boys. Please be in prayer for them as they adjust. We desire to see them come to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ while they are with us. The arrival of these children makes the need of house parents ever more a burden on my heart. We desperately need a set of parents for both the younger and older boys. There is nothing quite like having a couple who will head up their family unit. Even though this doesn't quite replace their own parents, it does more closely resemble the way God instituted the family. The children do have certain needs that are met by both a mother and a father. Will you please pray that the Lord will send workers for this very worthwhile ministry?

The elementary children competed last Friday in various areas such as music, arts, academics and drama. Our children did a wonderful job. All of them scored at least an excellent in their area of competition. Two of our girls were even show cased at the awards ceremony. This was a high honor. I was so proud of all of our children. The high school level will compete in two weeks. They are busy preparing for the competition. All of the children are eagerly looking forward to Spring Break. It is hard to believe it is only two weeks away.

It was our pleasure to be a part of the Sunday services of Little Mountain Baptist Church of Ararat, NC and Liberty Baptist Church of Mocksville, NC. The churches were so kind to the children, and both provided a wonderful meal. We also enjoyed singing at the WGCR radio share-a-thon. The children always find it interesting that they are singing live on the radio. After the children sang, they fed us and then we enjoyed their evening service. If you would like for the children to be a part of a service at your church, please let us know. It would be our joy to worship with you.

Thank you so much for all that you do on a monthly basis. Thank you also for the special gifts and offerings that are given throughout the year. It is through the help and prayers of so many, that we are able to continue with this ministry.

In Christ,
Kathi Sanney, Director
James 1:27

May Birthdays

1	James Watson Crump	15	B.J. Foster
2	Ann Dean	16	Amanda Clark
7	Jacob Clodfelter	16	Christopher McCollum
7	Jeffrey Smith	18	Ryan William Lowe
8	Stephanie Moore	18	Terry Matthews
9	Sherrill Crater	26	Eloise McCollum
10	Tim Matthews	28	Esther Campbell
11	Nora Smith	31	Jacob Payne
14	Dovie Dull		Chris Bame
14	Samantha Tucker		Colter Bame
15	Joanna Dillon		Randy Beeson
15	Jonathan Dillon		Timothy Cromer
15	Steve Dillon		Jesse Holt

May Anniversaries

6	John & Stephanie Moore
14	Allen & Sandra Westmoreland
19	Dennis & Brenda Westmoreland
26	Rick & Angela Cornell



June 20 – 23, 2016



Every day, our kids are challenged to stand for God in their schools, among their friends, in our culture... no matter what. Noah experienced the same challenges during the time of the great Flood thousands of years ago. Yet, by God's grace, he was able to Stand for God, Obey God, Trust God, Thank God, and Fear God . . . no matter what. The biggest watery catastrophe the world has ever known happened during his lifetime. But through it all, Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. At *Ocean Commotion VBS*, your kids will dive deep into the account of Noah and the Flood from the book of *Genesis*!



“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
336-668-9875 ~ May 02

Eloise McCollum

8626 Bull Road
Colfax, NC 27235
336-996-6320 ~ May 26

Jo Anne Pegram

710 Lakedale Road
Colfax, NC 27235
336-993-5776 ~ June 14

Alta Key

4454 Peace Rd
Trinity, NC 27370
336-431-0079 ~ May 03

Clara Ward

4465 Kime Farm Rd Ext.
Climax, NC 27233
336-685-4196 ~ June 02



Dovie Dull

1016 Madison Place Cir
Kernersville, NC 27284
336-996-6330 ~ May 14

Ann Rayle

3306 Sandy Ridge Rd.
Colfax, NC 27235
336-993-3905 ~ June 11



In his class lecture, the linguistics professor was explaining the double negative. “In English, a double negative forms a positive. In some languages, though, such as Russian, a double negative is still a

negative. However,” he pointed out, “there is no language wherein a double positive can form a negative.”

A voice from the back of the room piped up, “Yeah, right.”



- “Bigamy” is when two rites make a wrong.
- The minutes spent at the table will not make you fat, the seconds will.
- It is generally agreed that some people are wise and some are otherwise.
- English is a funny language: A fat chance and a slim chance are the same thing!
- If you got everything you wanted, where would you put it?
- When a mule has it, no one calls it will power.
- Flattery is soft soap. And soap is 80% lye.

My Mother ~ Violet Inez Smith Alley

.....by Sherrill Alley Crater

Mother was the greatest role model
a girl could ever have known.
She tried to live right all of her life,
and through her, seeds of inspiration were sown.

She served her Heavenly Father
with a close and loving daily walk.

Mother raised her girls on that same narrow road –
and filled their minds with righteous talk.

Mother was my hero,
in life my true best friend.
When trouble came into my life
She my woes would mend.

I miss my mother very much,
and life is now quite strange;
for the world is a much lonelier place
without Mother – yes, life has changed.

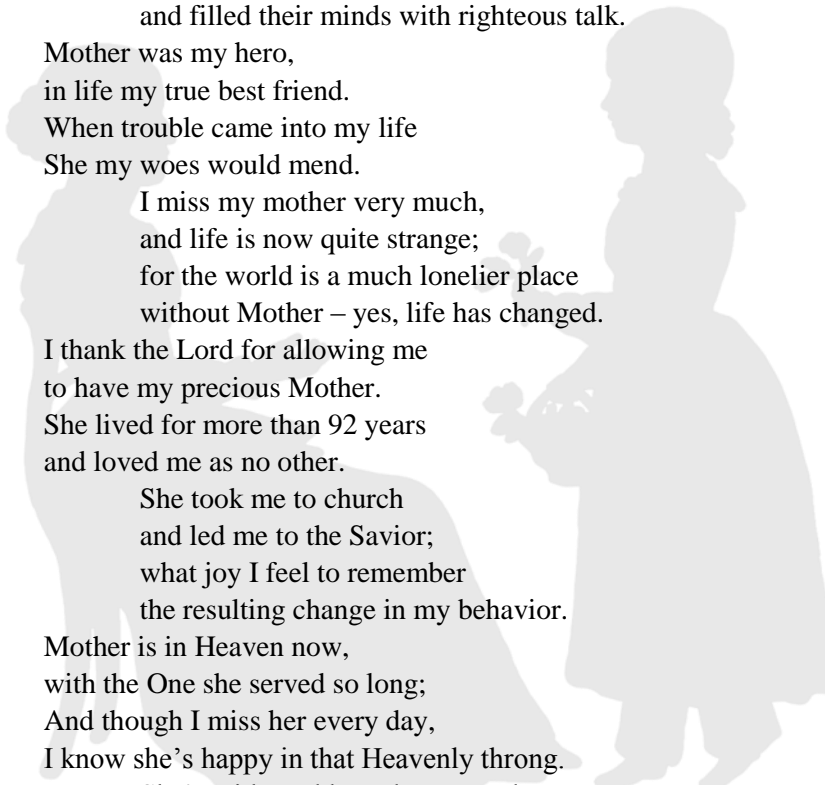
I thank the Lord for allowing me
to have my precious Mother.
She lived for more than 92 years
and loved me as no other.

She took me to church
and led me to the Savior;
what joy I feel to remember
the resulting change in my behavior.

Mother is in Heaven now,
with the One she served so long;
And though I miss her every day,
I know she’s happy in that Heavenly throng.

She’s with Daddy and my grandparents,
And so many who’ve gone on before;
With Libby and Tish; Larry, Bridget, Bobby and Glenn –
Oh, don’t you know she feels such joy!

Thank you, Mother, for your legacy of love,
Your hope in Christ and life ever after.
I cherish your memory and a life well-lived –
A faithful servant to the Master.



Aged but Still Engaged

“Now Joshua was old *and* stricken in years; and the LORD said unto him, Thou art old *and* stricken in years, and there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed.” – Joshua 13:1

Joshua had reached a ripe old age at the time of the events of this chapter in the Book of Joshua. He was stricken in years which was probably in the tune of close to 100 years. Age did not keep him from an assignment. He is in charge of dividing the land out to the tribes. He is not going to be in a fighting mode in terms of conquering more land but he is still not through with his work. He is not discharged, he is re-assigned! He is stricken with age but will not “strike out!”

Joshua was aged but still engaged! He maintained his resilience and, like Caleb, is still asking for a mountain! Aging had occurred but his work didn't end. He was refocused.

Joshua was a man of character. It has been said that the test of character is what it takes to stop you. He didn't even consider age as a “show stopper!” The Christian may run out of years but never grace! I like what the Psalmist says, “They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing,” – Psalm 92:14

Joshua was now to cheer, challenge, and model before the young generation what a soldier was made of. He had a story to tell! He could say, “Gather around, I want to tell you what I have seen God do.” Joshua had not been an “arm chair” General! He had his battle scars to prove it! He had taken refuge in God's promises and provisions for the task and had learned by experience that God's promise is God's provision! He had furthermore learned that God's calling is His enabling. This old soldier led the way, modeled the way, and never totally stepped out of the way! He never retired from serving God!

Many older Christians have walked a long time in the path of righteousness. They are a treasure of wisdom, a treasure of experience and a treasure of understanding. They know the agony of defeat by experience but also the triumph of victory. They have fought the battle over and over and experienced everything that younger Christians are waiting to experience. They are a great treasure to the church and can say, “O God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works.” – Ps.71:17

The prayer for the aged saint of God should be, ***“Dear Lord I may be aged, but please give grace to keep me engaged. I have experienced your grace and strength and want the youth to likewise walk with You as has been my privilege.”*** We may be stricken in years but there is more land to be possessed!

Pastor Chuck Peters

.....an excerpt from **THE OLD MAN'S SERMON ~ NO. 1256**

A sermon delivered on Lord's-day morning, September 26, 1875, by **C. H. Spurgeon**, at the Metropolitan Tabernacle, Newington. Psalm 71:17, 18.

“... Venerable brother, I hope you can say, “O God, You have taught me from my youth. I have not bowed my soul to every wind of doctrine and made myself as the bulrush, which yields to every passing breath of air. But I have been steadfast, unmovable, holding fast the Word of truth . . .”

“... Our last point is this, here is HIS WISH, or a good ending. “Forsake me not until I have showed Your strength unto this generation and Your power to everyone that is to come.” He had spent a lifetime in declaring God's gospel, but he wanted to do it once more. Aged saints are reluctant to cease from active service. Many of them are like old John Newton, who, when he was too feeble to walk up the pulpit stairs of St. Mary Woolnoth Parish, was carried up to his place and preached on. His friends said, “Really, Mr. Newton, you are so feeble, you ought to quit.” And he said, “What? Shall the old African blasphemer ever leave off preaching the grace of his Master as long as there is breath in his body? No, never.”

It is harder work to leave off than to go on, for the love of Christ constrains us still, and burns with young flames in an aged heart. So here the good man pines to show forth, once more God's strength. I think I hear somebody say to the aged man, “You are very unfit to show forth God's strength, for by reason of years your strength is failing.” But such a speech would be foolish, for the very man to show forth the Lord's strength is the man who has none of his own. It is no small thing to be in a condition to need great help, and so to be fitted to receive it, and qualified to illustrate what great things divine power can accomplish. My aged friend, your weakness will serve as a foil to set forth the brightness of divine strength. The “old man eloquent,” feels that if he could bear one more testimony, everybody would know it was not the strength of his natural spirit or his fine juvenile constitution which upheld him. If he spoke up for his Maker, all men would say, “That feeble old man who testified so bravely for his Lord is himself the best of all testimonies to the power of divine grace, for we see how it strengthens him.” Moreover, he thought that if he witnessed for his Lord the young people would note the strength of divine grace which could last out so many years—they would see that many waters could not quench love, neither could the floods drown it. They would see the strength of God's pardoning mercy in blotting out his sins so long and the power of God's faithfulness in remaining true to His servant, even to the end. Because of all this he eagerly desired to bear one more testimony.

