



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

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Radio Ministry
 Saturday 8:00 AM
 WPET Radio (950 AM)

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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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Let us remember that, as much has been given us, much will be expected from us, and that true homage comes from the heart as well as from the lips, and in deeds. shows itself



~Theodore Roosevelt

The Messenger



November

“THANKS”

“Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.”
 (II Corinthians 9:15)

This passage of Scripture could rightly be called “the text for two seasons.” The verse speaks of both thanks and giving. It begins with the word, “thanks” and ends with the word, “gift.”

Thanksgiving, as a holiday, is an American observance formally held in the month of November. Its original purpose was to render thanks to God for His bountiful blessings upon our country. God’s blessings are seen in the multiple resources of our land and especially His divine guidance and protection down through the years. He has both fed us and sustained us through difficult times. America has not made it on its own!

Thanksgiving is reflected by **behavior**. The attitude of gratitude should mark the disposition of us all. Those saved have had a supernatural attitude adjustment, for they recognize that God is the Author of all blessings. They share the attitude of the Psalmist, “Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Selah.” – Psalm 68:14

Thanksgiving is reflected not only in **behavior** but also in **bestowal**. It involves the matter of giving. Thanksgiving is “thanks – giving.” The Christian should willingly offer the sacrifices of praise, thanksgiving, self, and substance.

Thanksgiving is reflected in **behavior, bestowal, and furthermore, in belief**. Thanksgiving involves both deed and creed. Paul, in this verse, honors the Lord in thanksgiving by recognizing the blessing as a gift. He exemplified sound creed for he preached salvation by grace. He viewed it as a gift from God and made possible by the finished work of Christ on the cross of Calvary.

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Pastor Chuck Peters

November Birthdays.....

02 Ronnie Key	16 Brittany Key	30 Irene Shields
02 Hettie Westmoreland	17 Jennifer Davis	30 Gail Tate
05 Nancy Westmoreland	22 Darla Freeman	David Donnell
06 Willard Tucker	22 Cheryl Holt	Kathy Johnson
12 Kathryn L. Crews	23 Jonathan Smith	Justin Stainback
12 Ailene Smith	23 Forrest Tucker	Nicole Tucker
12 Jay Stafford	24 Tony Nuckles	Adrith Whittemore
13 Helen Hendrix	24 John Payne	Klinton Wilkey
13 Virginia Nuckles	26 Marshall Freeman	
15 Darlene Pitts	28 Ashley Hendrix	
15 Rusty Tucker	28 Wade Shields	

December Birthdays.....

03 Sheila Payne	19 Todd Tucker
04 Chasity Ramey	20 Andrew Harrison Smith
05 Willis George	23 Bernice Johnson
05 Elaine Lowe	30 Barbara Bowden
10 Reva Holt	31 John David Payne
11 Rhoney Wilson	Andrew Donnell
12 Lydia Beeson	Marvin Donnell
12 Tori Heath	Chris Freeman
16 Gale Tester	Dylon Freeman
16 Jan Wilson	Craig Pearman
17 Jessica Holt	Jennifer Smith
19 Neva Long	Mark Tilley
	Lonnie Tucker

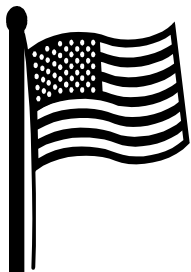


November Anniversaries

Curt & Betty Bame	Gene & Oma Pitts
Mark & Elaine Lowe	Douglas & Carol Shields
Raymond & Helen McDaniel	Rhoney & Jan Wilson



In the Service of our Country



Matthew Bennett (new recruit in Jacksonville, SC)
 A1C William Holt, US Air Force
 Sheppard AFB, TX
 Chief Warrant Officer 3 Michael Maine, US Army
 [stationed in Korea]
 Corporal Mel Wright, US Marines, California
 (Nephews of Clarence Redmon)

The White Family ~ From Bolivia to the Uttermost

Sharing with Friends: Each month in our church we have a specific theme that we focus on for Sundays. It has worked great because the people know what we are going to be preaching on and they can encourage their friends by telling them what we will be talking about. This past month was the month of "Breaking the Chains" How to have freedom in Christ. We made this month a more evangelistic month encouraging the people of the church to invite their friends and family. We have had several visitors throughout the month with several professions of faith. The culmination of the month was our Friendship Banquette that we had on the last Sunday of the month. We passed out invitations and gave each person a card where they could put the names of five people that they were going to pray for and invite for this special day. We decided to have an extended homecoming style service with special activities, special singing, and two messages. We really encouraged our people and set a goal of 150 for the attendance. This is kind of a scary thought knowing that our church auditorium will only hold around 80 people, and that we were preparing food for all of those present. Everyone worked really hard inviting, preparing food, and moving people from one place to another. This was probably one of our most special services for a normal Sunday and the Lord worked in a great way. We had 153 present at last count, 20 first time visitors and 8 professions of faith. This was also a growing time for those in the church as they all chipped in and served with a great spirit.

Go fly a Kite: It continues to amaze me how the Lord has blessed our children's ministry and the work that my wife and the other ladies of the church are doing. Each month, our children's club, Patch the Pirate has a special day to encourage new children to come. This past month it was kite night. We did not give the kids a kite for coming, but each kid made his or her own kite during the service. They were made from a thick tissue paper and pieces of straw. You would think that there is no way that something made from those materials would stay together much less fly. By the end of the night, there were kites flying all over the church with the children running to and fro. In total, there were almost 50 children present and many of them hearing the gospel for the first time.

Training Leaders: Our desire and goal even before we arrived in Bolivia has been to train leaders and the Lord has tremendously blessed us in this area during the two short years we have been here. This training process starts with our discipleship program. From that we have had several that have risen to the top to become leaders and helpers in the church. Part of the goal we have for our church is that it be a place where now and in the years to come leaders can be trained for the ministry. This month we started our first two classes in our Bible Institute, with the desire in the near future to have snore classes so that all those who desire can prepare themselves for the ministry. We had lots of people interested in the classes at first, but we tried to make it something very serious and mostly for those who were willing to pay the price. After we announced the rules and requirements the number dropped significantly. We have in total 9 who are participating, are excited about what they are learning, and have the desire to even do more in the future. Please pray for the future leaders of Bolivia.

Pray: 1. For the Lord's guidance as we out grow our building. 2. For our Bible Institute and those who are studying. 3. For political stability in Bolivia.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Smith Grove Seniors

Inez Alley	Pat George	J. D. Shields
Louise Byrd	Rev. M. W. Laramore	Raynelle Shields
Wilma Farrington	Shirley Crouch	Louise Smith
June Freeman	Bud McCurdy	Clarence Tucker
Ernest Fulk	Mary McCurdy	Hettie Mae Westmoreland

Others in Need of Prayer

(In alphabetical order) *Special Needs

Marilyn Alston	Tyler Hodgins*	Miranda Petkis
Hettie Andrews	Ronnie Holcomb	Norma Pilchett*
Fred Bame	Reva Holt	Claude Royal
Merl Blake	Raleigh Hunt	Jamie Shell
Roy Boody	Daniel Idol	Irene Shields
John Carter	Glenn Johnson	Aileen Smith
Bonnie Clark	Lawrence Jones	Glenn Tedder
Aaron Cole	Amy Jordan	Eddie Thomason
Lib Cooper	Bessie Kendrick	Barbara Tucker
Mary Covington	Leighann Kincade	Kenneth Westmoreland
Gordon Crouch	Napha Klepper	Gordon Wilkey*
Louise Davenport*	Rose Matthews	Arry Wilson
Iris Farrington	Richie McCormick	Jessi Wright
Clyde Gray, Sr.*	Mark Midkiff	New converts
Lillie Gray*	John & Dolly Miller	The Unsaved
Debbie Harden		

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.
- Scott and Melanie Crump ~ Youth Directors
- Preachers, teachers, singers, & workers of our church & Discovery Clubs.
- The Radio broadcast & all visitation programs.
- Our sincere sympathies to the family of Dan Nuckles.



Services Each Week

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
<i>Teen Church in the Fellowship Bldg.</i>	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.
Saturday Morning Broadcast [WPET - 950 AM]	8:00 a.m.



November 2008

Rehearsals for "Bring in the Harvest" will take place every Sunday night after evening service between now and November 23. All choir members, special singers, and anyone who wants to help us sing are encouraged to join us!*

[November 2: Don't forget to "Fall Back" - set your clocks back one hour.]

- Sat., Nov. 1, 5:30 p.m.** Winston-Salem Rescue Mission
- Sun., Nov. 2, 11:00 a.m.** Earley Johnson with Gideons International.
- *Sun., Nov. 23, 11:00 a.m.** "Bring in the Harvest," mini-musical has been moved to this date.

- Sat., Dec. 6** Men's/Ladies Fellowship Christmas Party at Pastor Chuck's & Sister Carol's home.
- Sat., Dec. 13** Smith Grove Church Christmas Party in the Fellowship Building.

Please bring your spare change and place it in the container in the church vestibule throughout November and into early December for the Annual Penny Drive for Wade and Nora Smith

The entire month of November is being designated as "HARVEST HOME" month. Each family is asked to bring non-perishable food items to the church. Food items will be distributed between Malachi Boys' Home, the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission, and the Tabernacle Children's Home.

The Last Phone Call

God is all knowing, and all-powerful, and everywhere present!

“...For with God All things are possible.” Mark 10:27

My mother Mae was born May 11, 1925 but began her new life in Christ in the late 1970's. The Lord filled her new life with His joy as she shared the Lord with others.

March of this year Steve and I went to Texas because she was in the hospital for the second time with heart problems. When arriving in Texas I found that she had more than congestive heart failure, she had dementia. One week turned into four weeks trying to assist in her care arrangements and making plans to move her to an assisted living location. Mother and I had previously discussed her wishes and she had signed the “Do Not Resuscitate” orders in the event if her heart were to stop. Upon returning to NC, Mother and I talked many times. By the end of April she was moved to an assisted living apartment.

Soon after her 83rd birthday she was in and out of the hospital again. The assisted living management would notify me each time, but this time June 27th I received a call from the hospital cardiologist caring for Mother. He said that her condition was deteriorating. God was in control – not only did I receive vital information about her condition from the doctor, he gave me the number for the nurse who was caring for her that night. I called the number and spoke shortly with the nurse, she in turn connected me to Mother.

“Hello Mother,” “Hello Cheryl”, “Cheryl, I'm having trouble breathing”, “I know Mother, just listen to the doctor and nurse and do what they say.” “Ok, Cheryl.” I could tell she was having real trouble breathing. “Mother, don't fight it, try to breath easy and just let the Lord take you on to heaven, I'll see you again in heaven.” “Ok, Cheryl.” “I love you mother,” and she said “I love you too.” We hung up... It was about 10 – 15 minutes and the phone rang, it was the nurse and she said, “Your mother just passed and she passed so easy.”

What more could I have asked...it was such a blessing to have talked to Mother just a few minutes before she left this earth to be with the Lord. Only God could provide the last phone call to say good-by to my mother.

Praise the Lord! He knows all, is all-powerful and is everywhere present! All things are possible with our Heavenly Father!

Cheryl Holt

Many thanks to Cheryl for sharing this beautiful story of the last precious time she spoke with her Mother. Praise God for His caring intervention in our lives!



“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 November and December 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.*

Hettie Mae Westmoreland
Presbyterian Homes — H.T. 107
1575 John Knox Drive
Colfax, NC 27235
668-2200 ~ November 02

Nancy Westmoreland
628 Millwood School Rd.
Greensboro, NC 27409
668-2891 ~ November 05

Ailene Smith
807 S. Bunker Hill Road
Colfax, NC 27235
993-2972 ~ November 12

Virginia Nuckles
4610 Kendale Road
High Point, NC 27265
668-2334 ~ November 13

Forrest Tucker
8017 National Service Rd.
Colfax, NC 27235
668-2173 ~ November 23

Neva Long
8716 Staples Road
Colfax, NC 27235
993-4294 ~ December 19

**Corrected address for Ernest Fulk: 2075 Wallburg-High Point Rd.
High Point, NC 27265 (Phone: 336-841-8670; October 2)*

No Matter Who Wins the Election

1. The Bible will still have all the answers.
2. Prayer will still work.
3. The Holy Spirit will still move.
4. God will still inhabit the praises of His people.
5. There will still be God-anointed preaching.
6. There will still be singing of praise to God.
7. God will still pour out blessings upon His people.
8. There will still be room at the Cross.
9. Jesus will still love you.
10. Jesus will still save the lost.



Isn't it great to know who's still in control?!

I Cor. 7:22-24



Gary & Melissa Memorial Outreach Ministry

Thanksgiving 2008 . . . what am I thankful for? Most of all to be able to say I have Bible salvation; that Bible led me to faith in Jesus. I am saved – I am a Christian by God’s grace – thank you, Lord Jesus.

I am thankful for my family. Oh, how I love them, and I know they love me. God bless my family and my extended family. God bless my mom and my brothers and sisters, bless their families, and another dear part of my family, the Caudles. I love them very much. God bless you all.

I am thankful for my local church family, for friends and neighbors, and my co-workers. God bless you all. I am thankful for my senior citizens’ family. We have three senior churches going for Jesus on a weekly basis, and I love them. They also love me, and we are a heaven bound family – God bless them all.

I am thankful for life, and extended life. After two, three, or four near-death experiences in the last five years, I thank the Lord for His mercy and grace to me. Thank God for Kaylee, my granddaughter – she is **grand**, and my love is grand for her, and she loves her Grandpaw Smith.

In Christ and Happy there ~ *Gary Smith*, 1Peter.5:7
(Remember Him this Thanksgiving 2008)

LAUGH OUT LOUD

A mechanic was removing a cylinder-head from the motor of a Harley motorcycle when he spotted a well-known cardiologist in his shop. The cardiologist was there waiting for the service manager to come take a look at his bike when the mechanic shouted across the garage, “Hey Doc, want to take a look at this?”

The cardiologist, a bit surprised, walked over to where the mechanic was working on the motorcycle. The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag and asked, “So Doc, look at this engine. I open its heart, take the valves out, repair any damage, and then put them back in, and when I finish, it works just like new.

So how come I make \$39,675 a year and you get the really big bucks when you and I are doing basically the same work?”

The cardiologist paused, smiled and leaned over, then whispered to the mechanic... “Try doing it with the engine running.”

Ladies’ Fellowship

The Ladies Fellowship met on October 7, with seven ladies present. We discussed some business and then Cheryl Holt brought a very timely lesson about facing challenges and decisions and gave us three distinct solutions to “worry:”

1. **CAST** – I Peter 5:7 says, “Casting all your care upon him, for he careth for you.”
2. **TRUST** – Jeremiah 17:7 – “Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is.”
3. **WAIT** – Psalms 27:14 – “Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart; wait, I say on the Lord.”

And while we are casting our cares on the Lord, trusting Him and waiting on Him, we can do what Ephesians 5:19-20 says, “Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Thank you, Cheryl, for reminding us we don’t have to face today’s challenges alone . . . the Lord is with us.



Discovery Clubs

Welcome, November! It is so much fun to see the falling leaves and the cooler temperatures. The shift in the weather is a sign of the coming holiday season. Can you believe that Thanksgiving and Christmas are just around the corner?! That being said, the pecans arrived just in time! Thank you so much for supporting our Discovery Club throughout the pecan sales. We were able to order 96 bags for purchase. Cheryl and Steve Holt were instrumental in collecting orders and coordinating the efforts for distributing the pecans. Thank you so much, Steve and Cheryl! Our calendar sale will begin on November 2 and run through November 16. If you are interested in ordering the scripture-filled calendars, you may sign up for those in the church foyer. And again, thank you for your interest and support of our youth program.

As this academic school year progresses, we are seeing more and more the need for constant prayer with our students. As they age, many more pressures and temptations move in. Without a solid foundation, our children will have no basis to make a solid, faith-based decision. Please pray that our students will not only come to know Christ, but move to a deeper understanding of what it means to be a Christian. Their eternity depends on it.

Abraham Lincoln's Thanksgiving Proclamation

It is the duty of nations as well as of men to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God; to confess their sins and transgressions in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon; and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations are blessed whose God is the LORD.

We know that by His divine law, nations, like individuals, are subjected to punishments and chastisements in this world. May we not justly fear that the awful calamity of civil war which now desolates the land may be a punishment inflicted upon us for our presumptuous sins, to the needful end of our national reformation as a whole people?

We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has ever grown.

But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us.

It has seemed to me fit and proper that God should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged, as with one heart and one voice, by the whole American people. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November as a day of Thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens.

Abraham Lincoln - October 3, 1863

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take His harvest home;
From His field shall in that day all offenses purge away,
Giving angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast;
But the fruitful ears to store in His garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come, bring Thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified, in Thy garner to abide;
Come, with all Thine angels come, raise the glorious harvest home.

Giving Thanks

For the hay and the corn and the wheat that is reaped,
For the labor well done, and the barns that are heaped,
For the sun and the dew and the sweet honeycomb,
For the rose and the song and the harvest brought home --
Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving!

For the trade and the skill and the wealth in our land,
For the cunning and strength of the workingman's hand,
For the good that our artists and poets have taught,
For the friendship that hope and affection have brought --
Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving!

For the homes that with purest affection are blest,
For the season of plenty and well-deserved rest,
For our country extending from sea unto sea;
The land that is known as the 'Land of the Free' --
Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving!

