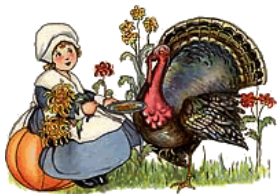




Thanksgiving  
is a  
time  
of sharing



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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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Morning Worship	11:00 AM
Evening Worship	6:00 PM
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### “Glory Now and Glory Awaiting”

*“And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one – John 17:22*

Christians have a tendency to emphasize the future glory awaiting when physical life is over. We speak of heaven and the glory associated with that future home of the redeemed. It is clear that the future glorification of the child of God is as much a reality in the mind of God as the fact of justification. “Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.” – Rom.8:30

What about the glory which has already been given the saints? Jesus spoke of a glory transferred to His people. That glory is as much of a reality as the one reserved for the future!

Those saved have become new creatures in Christ Jesus. They are partakers of divine nature. They have received the glory of holiness. Their character is stamped with the glory of Christ likeness. This Christ likeness does more than simply provide uniformity. It provides unity. “And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one” – John 17:22

The Christian is indwelt by the Holy Spirit who is referred to as the Spirit of glory. “If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.” – I Pet. 4:14 His operation within the life of the believer includes the exaltation of the Head of the church as well as the unity of the body!

*“Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.” – John Fawcett*

Pastor Chuck Peters

## ***LORD, PROP US UP.....***

Every time I am asked to pray, I think of the old deacon who always prayed, "Lord, prop us up on our leanin' side." After hearing him pray that prayer many times, someone asked him why he prayed that prayer so fervently.

He answered, "Well sir, you see, it's like this ... I got an old barn out back. It's been there a long time; it's withstood a lot of weather; it's gone through a lot of storms, and it's stood for many years.

It's still standing. But one day I noticed it was leaning to one side a bit. So I went and got some pine poles and propped it up on its leaning side so it wouldn't fall. Then I got to thinking about that and how much I was like that old barn. I've been around a long time. I've withstood a lot of life's storms. I've withstood a lot of bad weather in life, I've withstood a lot of hard times, and I'm still standing, too. But I find myself leaning to one side from time to time, so I like to ask the Lord to prop us up on our leaning side, 'cause I figure a lot of us get to leaning at times.

Sometimes we get to leaning toward anger, leaning toward bitterness, leaning toward hatred, leaning toward cussing, leaning toward a lot of things that we shouldn't. So we need to pray, *Lord, prop us up on our leanin' side, so we will stand straight and tall again, to glorify the Lord.*"

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## **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!

## **John & Deborah Caudle**

*~ Serving for 26 Years ~*  
**Ontario, Canada**

It's always good to touch base with you. We trust that you have had a prosperous summer in the Lord. Fall is here and my how time does fly! Summer has been a very busy time for us as we have seen the Lord use us to start a new church. He has worked in hearts to put together a group of sincere believers. We are very thankful for the conviction we see on lost souls as we have witnessed to them. We ask that you pray for Darrel, Ray, Carol and others who we have a burden for. We praise God for a precious couple named Steve and Tammy. Tammy confirmed Christ as her Savior and she will follow the Lord in baptism. Steve rededicated his life to Christ. They need prayer as they are discipled in the Word of God.

At present, we are meeting in the homes of the group, are looking for a local facility to rent. Canada is trying to enforce new laws that would hinder a new work, so please pray that the government bylaws will not hinder the work. In Canada, we are forced to be registered with the government and have a constitution drawn up and placed in their hands.

We thank God for Bro. Harley Case & his family, who will moving to Canada in January of 2010. He seems to be a sound man, full of faith & ready to serve in Canada. It has been hard to get good men motivated to come and stay long enough to adapt to the culture and become bonded with the people, so we are excited over the Case family and ask that you pray for their entry into Canada. They are sent out from our home church in the States.

We are grateful to Lakeside Baptist Church for sending the much needed Bibles. Others have sent John/Romans booklets, which have been a tremendous blessing & we thank you.

Needs:

- Various gospel tracts in English language
- Good used van for Sunday School use
- Much prayer for the new work being started
- Prayer for conviction in the city of Whitby

In closing, we would like to thank you for your faithful support and the many prayers on our behalf. We are grateful!

God bless each of you as you faithfully do your part to serve our Lord.

Because of Calvary,

***John & Deborah Caudle***

## November Birthdays.....

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

## December Birthdays.....

03 Sheila Payne	16 Jan Wilson	Andrew Donnell
04 Chasity Ramey	17 Jessica Holt	Marvin Donnell
05 Willis George	19 Neva Long	Chris Freeman
05 Elaine Lowe	19 Todd Tucker	Dylon Freeman
10 Reva Holt	20 Andrew Harrison Smith	Craig Pearman
11 Rhoney Wilson	21 Johnny Cameron	Jennifer Smith
12 Lydia Beeson	23 Bernice Johnson	Mark Tilley
12 Tori Heath	30 Barbara Bowden	Lonnie Tucker
16 Gale Tester	31 John David Payne	



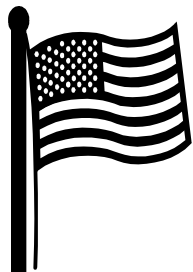
## November Anniversaries

Curt & Betty Bame  
 Mark & Elaine Lowe  
 Rhoney & Jan Wilson

Gene & Oma Pitts  
 Douglas & Carol Shields



## 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 (Afghanistan)  
 Chief Warrant Officer 3 Michael Maine, US Army  
 [stationed stateside]  
 Corporal Mel Wright, US Marines, stateside  
 (Nephews of Clarence Redmon)

## ~ LADIES' FELLOWSHIP ~

The Ladies' Fellowship would like to extend a special invitation to all the ladies of the church. Tuesday, November 3, is Election Day, so we will move our November meeting to **Tuesday, November 10**. Please come to the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m. for Christian fellowship, a lesson from God's Word, and a season of prayer. Sandy Westmoreland will be our speaker. *We would love to have you join us.*

We all know the holidays are just around the corner. Here are some reminders of outreach ministries we've had in the past as well as a couple of new ones that we want the entire church family to get involved with:

1. November will once again be designated as Harvest Home Month. Please bring non-perishable food items during the month of November. They will be distributed the week of Thanksgiving.
2. In keeping with our Annual Penny Drive for Wade & Nora Smith – our missionaries in Virginia Beach, VA – don't forget to drop your change in the buckets at both doors as you leave the church. Whatever is collected for Wade & Nora will be sent to them in time to make Christmas special for the children in their community.
3. Due to the fact that postage continues to rise, wouldn't it be nice to have a way to exchange Christmas cards with the church family without incurring the cost of postage? Feel free to bring your Christmas cards between November 29 and December 16 and place in the mailbox on the front pew. They will be distributed before Christmas.
4. In addition to the fruit baskets that are distributed to the widows and widowers, we also plan to fill a Christmas Box for our Senior Saints who are not able to come to church. We are asking the church family to donate empty shoe boxes along with other items that seniors can use – i.e. sugar free candy, gum, lotion, Kleenex, anything else you can think of – just be sure they're packaged small enough to fit into a regular-size shoe box. Please bring to Charlene between now and December 13 and we'll see they are put to good use.

Smith Grove has always been a very giving church and we know this Christmas Season will be no exception. May the Lord bless you as you are a blessing to others.

*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.*

# REMEMBER IN PRAYER

## Smith Grove Seniors

Louise Byrd	Pat George	Raynelle Shields
Wilma Farrington	Shirley Crouch	Louise Smith
June Freeman	Bud McCurdy	Clarence Tucker
Ernest Fulk	J. D. Shields	Hettie Westmoreland

## Others in Need of Prayer

(In alphabetical order)

### \*Special Needs

Jo Ann Alley	Debbie Harden	Don Peterson
Marilyn Alston	Ronnie Holcomb	Miranda Petkis
Fred Bame	Alice & Barry Holman	Norma Pilchett*
Merl Blake	Cheryl Holt	Claude Royal
Roy Boody	Reva Holt	Jamie Shell
John Carter	Raleigh Hunt	Wade Shields
Bonnie Clark	Daniel Idol	Walter Tate
Cody (13-yr old in Thomasville)	Roscoe Johnson	Glenn Tedder
Aaron Cole	Lawrence Jones	Eddie Thomason
Lib Cooper*	Bessie Kendrick	Melissa Thomason
Alice Covington	Leighann Kincade	Barbara Tucker
Tom Covington	Napha Klepper	Clara Ward
Gordon Crouch	Neva Long	Hettie Westmoreland
Shirley Crouch	Rose Matthews	Kenneth Westmoreland
Louise Davenport*	Richie McCormick	Gordon Wilkey*
Jimmy Dillon	Mark Midkiff	Gerry Williams*
Adam Easter	John & Dolly Miller	Arry Wilson
Iris Farrington	Darius Moore	Jessi Wright
David Gindelsberger	Laura Nuckles	New converts
Clyde Gray, Sr.*	Karen O'Neal Rowland	The Unsaved
	John Pearl	

## 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 families of C. A. Long and Rev. A.G. Wall.



## 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.
<b>Wednesday Services:</b>	
Discovery Bible Clubs	7:00 p.m.
Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.
Thursday Visitation	7:00 p.m.



## November 2009

Sun., Nov. 8, 11:00 a.m.

*Gideon Sunday with Brother  
Early Johnson*

Tues., Nov. 10, 7:00 p.m.

**Men's & Ladies' Fellowship  
Meetings** in the Fellowship  
Building.

Wed., Nov. 18

**Deadline for Operation Christmas Child  
shoe boxes. (Samaritan's Purse)**



## *Harvest Home Month*

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 other community outreach organizations.

I Cor. 7:22-24



## Gary & Friends Missionary Outreach Ministry

Greetings and God bless you all. I hope and pray that fall is great for you and your loved ones. I really like fall, even more than spring.

The work in senior homes is going very well. We minister to about one hundred people each week. Let me tell you about September 22 at River Landing. None of my helpers could go that day, but God had me fully loaded – me and my Heavenly Trio went, God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We went and those people were blessed, and I surely was blessed by them – about 55 of them. Thank God for His mercy and grace! Please pray for us and we will pray for you.

Love in Christ,  
Gary Smith ~ I Peter 5:7

## LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Two hunters got lost in the woods. The first hunter said, “Don’t worry. All we have to do is shoot into the air three times, stay where we are, and someone will find us.”

So they shot in the air three times, but no one came. After a while, they tried it again; still no response.

Finally the second hunter said, “I suppose we can try again, but it better work this time. We’re down to our last three arrows.”

After being laid off from three jobs in the past year, Dewey was hired to work in a warehouse. Unfortunately, one day he lost control of the forklift and drove it off the loading dock. Surveying the damage, the owner shook his head and said, “I’m sorry, Dewey, but I’m going to have to withhold 10 percent of each of your paychecks until we get back the damage.”

“How much will it cost?” Dewey asked. “About \$5,000,” the owner replied. “Finally!” Dewey exclaimed. “Job security!”

Antennas don’t work anymore. “I guess I’ll have to get a digital converter box!”



## “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**

2708 Sandy Ridge Rd.  
Colfax, NC 27235  
~ November 02

**Nancy Westmoreland**

628 Millwood School Rd.  
Greensboro, NC 27409  
668-2891 ~ Nov 05

**Virginia Nuckles**

4610 Kendale Road  
High Point, NC 27265  
668-2334 ~ Nov 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



### Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Gift Ideas:

#### TOYS

small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, etc.

#### SCHOOL SUPPLIES

pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

#### HYGIENE ITEMS

toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

#### OTHER

Hard candy and lollipops (please double bag all candy), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

#### DO NOT INCLUDE:

Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snowglobes or glass containers; aerosol cans

# ~ Jesus Loves Me ~

While watching TV on Sunday, I watched a church in Atlanta honoring one of its senior pastors who had been retired many years. He was 92 at that time.

After a warm introduction of this speaker, and as the applause quieted down, he rose from his high back chair and walked slowly, with great effort and a sliding gait to the podium. Without a note or written paper of any kind he placed both hands on the pulpit to steady himself and then quietly and slowly he began to speak.

“When I was asked to come here today and talk to you, your pastor asked me to tell you what was the greatest lesson ever learned in my 50-odd years of preaching. I thought about it for a few days and boiled it down to just one thing that made the most difference in my life and sustained me through all my trials. The one thing that I could always rely on when tears and heartbreak and pain and fear and sorrow paralyzed me... the only thing that would comfort was the thought contained in this childhood verse:

“Jesus loves me this I know.  
For the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to Him belong,  
we are weak but He is strong.....  
Yes, Jesus loves me....  
The Bible tells me so.”

When he finished, the church was quiet. You actually could hear his foot steps as he shuffled back to his chair. I don't believe I will ever forget it.

A pastor once stated, “I always noticed that it was the adults who chose the children's hymn ‘Jesus Loves Me’ (for the children, of course) during a hymn sing, and it was the adults who sang the loudest because I could see they knew it the best.”

## “Senior version of Jesus Loves Me”

Here is a new version just for us who have white hair or no hair at all. For us over middle age (or even those almost there) and all you others, check out this newest version of Jesus Loves Me.

## **JESUS LOVES ME**

Jesus loves me, this I know,  
Though my hair is white as snow  
Though my sight is growing dim,  
Still He bids me trust in Him.

(CHORUS)

YES, JESUS LOVES ME. YES, JESUS LOVES ME.  
YES, JESUS LOVES ME, THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO.

Though my steps are oh, so slow,  
With my hand in His I'll go  
On through life, let come what may,  
He'll be there to lead the way.

(CHORUS)

When the nights are dark and long,  
In my heart He puts a song.  
Telling me in words so clear,  
“Have no fear, for I am near.”

(CHORUS)

When my work on earth is done,  
And life's victories have been won.  
He will take me home above,  
Then I'll understand His love.

(CHORUS)

I love Jesus, does He know?  
Have I ever told Him so?  
Jesus loves to hear me say,  
That I love Him every day.

(CHORUS)

