

Happy Thanksgiving!



Praise God from whom all blessings flow . . .

The Messenger



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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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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 Old Time Religion

“Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.” – James 1:27

The word “religious” is seldom used in the Bible. It is not found in the Old Testament and found only five times in the New Testament. Its usage here in James and in Acts 26:5 has reference to outward religious service. Paul adhered to outward religion as a Pharisee prior to his salvation. “Which knew me from the beginning, if they would testify, that after the most straitest sect of our religion I lived a Pharisee.” – Acts 26:5

Many conform only to outward forms of ceremony. Many have religious zeal yet know nothing about the saving grace of God. Many have only an empty form religion.

James uses the word “pure” to describe religion. He mentions that this “pure” religion involves visiting the fatherless and the widows. It also is a religion of separation for it includes maintaining a testimony of being unspotted from the world. We could make the application that this is “old time religion.” I would simply mention the fact that salvation through the finished work of Christ is the only preparation for dying and the only way of getting to heaven.

How do you get this “old time religion?”

- “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.
- For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.
- For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.
- For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” (Romans 10:9-13)

*Give me that old-time religion, Give me that old-time religion,
Give me that old-time religion, It's good enough for me*

– Charles Davis Tillman

Pastor Chuck Peters



Ladies Fellowship



Hello ladies! Tuesday, November 2, is Election Day, so we will move our November meeting to Tuesday, November 9, in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m. We plan to address Christmas cards for our missionaries and have a craft time with a Thanksgiving theme. We would love to have you join in the fun.

We all know the holidays are just around the corner. Smith Grove has always been a very giving church and we know this Thanksgiving and Christmas Seasons will be no exception. May the Lord bless you as you are a blessing to others. Here are some reminders of our annual outreach ministries:

1. November will once again be designated as **Harvest Home Month**. Please bring non-perishable food items during the month of November. These 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. Feel free to bring your **Christmas cards** for the church family between November 28 and December 19 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 small 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 and we'll see they are put to good use.

We want to extend a special “Thank You” to Sam and Sherrill Crater who shared a slide show of their trip out west this summer to the Ladies and Men's Fellowship on October 5. We marveled at God's handiwork and thoroughly enjoyed their presentation.

Life's #1 Rule . . .

– *It's Golden . . . and straight out of God's Word*

I grew up in Trenton, a west Tennessee town of five thousand people. I have wonderful memories of those first eighteen years, and many people in Trenton influenced my life in very positive ways. My football coach, Walter Kilzer, taught me the importance of hard work, discipline, and believing in myself. My history teacher, Fred Culp, is still the funniest person I've ever met. He taught me that a sense of humor, and especially laughing at yourself, can be one of life's greatest blessings.

But my father was my hero. He taught me many things, but at the top of the list, he taught me to treat people with love and respect...to live the Golden Rule. I remember one particular instance of him teaching this “life lesson” as if it were yesterday. Dad owned a furniture store, and I used to dust the furniture every Wednesday after school to earn my allowance. One afternoon I observed my Dad talking to all the customers as they came in...the hardware store owner, the banker, a farmer, a doctor. At the end of the day, just as Dad was closing, the garbage collector came in.

I was ready to go home, and I thought that surely Dad wouldn't spend too much time with him. But I was wrong. Dad greeted him at the door with a big hug and talked with him about his wife and son who had been in a car accident the month before. He empathized, he asked questions, he listened, and he listened some more. I kept looking at the clock, and when the man finally left, I asked, “Dad, why did you spend so much time with him? He's just the garbage collector.” Dad then looked at me, locked the front door to the store, and said, “Son, let's talk.”

He said, “I'm your father and I tell you lots of stuff as all fathers should, but if you remember nothing else I ever tell you, remember this... treat every human being just the way that you would want to be treated.” He said, “I know this is not the first time you've heard it, but I want to make sure it's the first time you truly understand it, because if you had understood, you would never have said what you said.” We sat there and talked for another hour about the meaning and the power of the Golden Rule. Dad said, “If you live the Golden Rule everything else in life will usually work itself out, but if you don't, your life probably will be very unhappy and without meaning.”

I recently heard someone say, “If you teach your child the Golden Rule, you will have left them an estate of incalculable value.” Truer words were never spoken. *Mac Anderson ~ Founder, Simple Truths*

Matthew 7:12 - Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

Luke 6:31 - And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.

November Birthdays.....

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

December Birthdays.....

3 Sheila Payne	19 Neva Long
4 Mackenzie Barham	19 Todd Tucker
4 Chasity Ramey	20 Andrew Harrison Smith
5 Willis George	21 Johnny Cameron
5 Elaine Lowe	23 Bernice Johnson
10 Reva Holt	23 Nancy Kelley
11 Rhoney Wilson	30 Barbara Bowden
12 Lydia Beeson	31 John David Payne
12 Tori Heath	Andrew Donnell
16 Gale Tester	Marvin Donnell
16 Jan Wilson	Chris Freeman
17 Jessica Holt	Dylon Freeman



Craig Pearman
Jennifer Smith
Mark Tilley
Lonnie Tucker

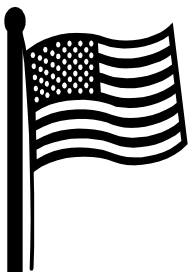


November Anniversaries

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

Pray for those In the Service of our Country

Matthew Bennett, Afghanistan
A1C William Holt, US Air Force
Pope AFB, Vass, NC 28394
CW2 Jonathan Harless (Raleigh, NC)
Cpt. Robert Harless (Savannah, GA)
Charles Holmes, Al Asad Air Base (Northern Iraq)
Chief Warrant Officer 3 Michael Maine, US Army
[Ft. Rucker, AL]
Corporal Mel Wright, US Marines, Charleston, SC
(Nephews of Clarence Redmon)



PUNS FOR EDUCATED MINDS

- The roundest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.
- I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.
- A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class, because it was a weapon of math disruption.
- No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.
- A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.
- A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.
- Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.
- Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other: 'You stay here; I'll go on a head.'
- The short fortune-teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.
- The man who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.
- In a democracy it's your vote that counts. In feudalism it's your count that votes.



The Power Strip

What if we plugged in a power strip into itself? It has plugs, right? That would be pretty silly! But isn't that what we do when we don't rely on God to supply our power?

When things are closing in and we "re-group," don't we usually say something like, "I can do this and I can do it better than this?" Don't we just plug ourselves into our own selves instead of going to the only real source of Power and asking for His wisdom and help?

Take a minute the next time you are faced with a difficult situation and ask yourself if you are plugging into your own resources or God's!A MountainWings Original by Hank Crismore



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Smith Grove Seniors

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

Others in Need of Prayer

(In alphabetical order)

***Special Needs**

Marilyn Alston	Garland Holt	Jamie Shell
Fred Bame	Linda Hooker*	Gale Tester
Merl Blake	Raleigh Hunt	Eddie Thomason
Roy Boody	Roscoe Johnson*	Barbara Tucker
Mazalean Byerly	Danny Keen	Clara Ward
John Carter	Leighann Kincade	Kenneth Westmoreland
Bonnie Clark	Daniel Matthews	Gordon Wilkey*
Johnny Clark	Richie McCormick	Gerry Williams*
Aaron Cole	Mark Midkiff	Arry Wilson
Bette Crouse	John & Dolly Miller	Tom* & Frances Woody
Jimmy Dillon	Waynard Nuckles	Jessi Wright
Rudy Dillon	John Pearl	New converts
Vicky Dye*	Don Peterson	The Unsaved [Please
David Gindelsberger	Miranda Petkis	remember the 2 individuals
Debbie Harden	Norma Pilchett*	who raised their hands
Ronnie Holcomb	Harvey Pitts	during a recent invitation.]
Alice & Barry Holman	Claude Royal	

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

- Pastor Chuck Peters
- Wade and Nora Smith (Virginia Beach, VA)
- All the missions and missionaries we support
- Youth Directors
- Preachers, teachers, singers and workers of our church and Discovery Clubs
- Our sincere sympathies to the family of Clyde Gray, Sr.

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.



[Sundays at 7:30 a.m. ~ WPET - Brother Ward Laramore]

Tues., Nov. 2 ~ VOTE your Christian convictions! ~

Tues., Nov. 9, 7 p.m. Men's and Ladies' Fellowship
meetings in the Fellowship Building.

Tues., Nov. 23, 7 p.m. Weekly Prayer Meeting ~ No service on Wednesday, Nov. 24.

The entire month of November is being designated as "**HARVEST HOME**" month. Each family is asked to bring nonperishable food items to the church. Food items will then be distributed among Tabernacle Children's Home, the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission, and Malachi Boys' Home. Thank you for your support of this important community outreach.

I Cor. 7:22-24



**Gary & Friends Missionary
Outreach Ministry**

Greetings, and God's blessings to all of you is my prayer.

I have been really busy this last month – I've worked at my job, tried my best to be what I should be outside my home and at home for my family, attended church, and held regular meetings in senior homes. I visited at the hospitals, held a Saturday night gospel sing, sang at a funeral, held two noon-time senior lunch meetings where we sang thirty minutes of wonderful old gospel songs and shared the gospel. We have done a lot for the cause of Christ – but an unsaved person could do these things – **they don't make you saved.**

Believing and trusting what Christ has already done on the cross is where our salvation lies. Are you a Bible Christian? I am, and I pray I'll see you in Heaven!

In Christ and happy with Him,
Gary Smith and helpers ~ I Peter 5:7

A Thanksgiving Prayer

Thank you, Father, for the blessings you've given this day.
Help us to remember, Thou has shown us the way.
And give us strength to help those in need.
Never letting us forget, Thy merciful deeds.
Keep us in Thy tender loving care.
Save us, O Lord, when we are in despair!
Give us grace as we walk through life.
Inspire us to seek our brothers amid the strife.
Victory in Thee will be our guiding star.
In courage we march not caring how far.
Now we ask for the most important thing.
Grant us salvation to escape death's sting.

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“Our Honour Roll”

Smith Grove's ministry to our widows and widowers
“Honour widows that are widows indeed.”

(I 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 *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 ~ November 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 ~ Nov. 23

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



~ Rev. M.W. Laramore ~

Tune in each Sunday morning at 7:30 a.m., when W.P.E.T. Radio (950 AM) will be playing sermons from the archives of sermons preached by Brother Ward. If you can't receive WPET locally, you can access the broadcast streaming live on your computer at www.wpetam950.com. Click on the “LISTEN LIVE” link.

The Message of Redemption continues on . . .

We are thankful for . . . *Wade and Nora Smith ~ Missionaries to our Military*

We continue to praise the Lord for His many blessings to us since our last writing to all of you whom we love and appreciate so very much in the Lord. We have just gone through The Book of Psalms and saw the many different occasions where the praises to our Great God were recorded in His Holy Word. We have also been going through Paul's second Epistle to Timothy. We have experienced some of the realities of Chapter 4:3-4, "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." We had a young sailor who decided to leave the fundamentals of the Bible and become a part of one of the local charismatic churches. Also another young couple has been led astray by some other false teachings. We have another young couple who are going through a bitter separation due to sin in their lives. We have worked with these young people and have been there for them. Paul has warned us what would take place in these last days which are upon us. In days like these, we must continue to preach the Word and take comfort in Isaiah 55:11, "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please...." Praise the Lord for His faithfulness.

We have enjoyed reunions with some who were once with us but have since gotten out of the Navy and moved away. Gregg and Heather just recently came down from PA for a week-end to be with us. When his enlistment was over he and Heather moved back to PA where he is now in the Naval Reserves and is also going to college on his GI Bill.

Also Adam who has been on deployment for past seven months, is back with us. What a blessing to see those again whom the Lord has allowed us the wonderful privilege of working with and being a part of their lives return from their deployments.

Joe, who has been with us about five months, is on the USS Monterey. A few weeks ago his family from Colorado came and



stayed a week with Joe. We had the privilege of taking Joe to the airport for the glorious reunion with his family. We praise the Lord for allowing us the opportunity to work with our men and women who are in the military and be able to give them a home away from home.

See *Prayer Letter in the church vestibule for picture...* of Pete, Martha and their two children, Solomon and Leah. Mrs. Nora led Martha to the Lord when she was about 12 years old. She grew up and married Pete, who was in the military for ten years before getting out and moving the family to Minnesota where he was from. Last month, Martha and the two kids came down from MN to visit for a week. Pete is now working in the Prison in MN and couldn't come with her. It is a joy to be able to still visit with those whom we have had the privilege of ministering to here in the Tidewater area of Virginia.

We close this prayer letter with five special prayer requests:

1) Philip, who is leaving for Bahrain in a week. He will be there for 9 months; 2) Jason, who will be leaving this week to meet the USS Truman, who has three months left on their seven-month deployment, 3) Joe, who is leaving for a three-week workup for their future deployment; 4) Mary, who will be leaving around the first of December for Iraq and 5) Tammy and her husband, Terrence, who will be leaving for Afghanistan in December. We praise our Heavenly Father for the privilege of being able to minister to our men and women who are serving our country. Please help us pray that God will keep them safe while they are away from their loved ones.

We again want to thank you for your continual prayers for us and your financial giving. May God richly bless you is our prayer.

THANKFUL TO BE IN HIS SERVICE, *Wade and Nora*
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