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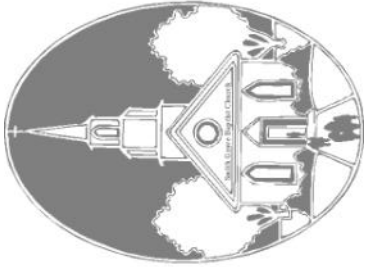
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The entire month of November is being designated as "HARVEST HOME" month. Each family is asked to bring nonperishable food items to the church. Food items will then be distributed to: Winston-Salem Rescue Mission; Tabernacle Childrens' Home; and Malachi Boys' Home.

Sun., Nov. 1, 6 pm ~ *The White Family* ~ Missionaries to Bolivia  
Sat., Nov. 7 ..... Winston-Salem Rescue Mission  
Tues., Nov. 10, 7-8 p.m. .... Robinwood Retirement Center  
Sun., Nov. 15 ..... **BEAMS' SUNDAY**  
Tues., Nov. 24..... Prayer Mtg (**change from Wed.**)  
Sun., Nov. 29 ..... 5th Sunday Night Song Service

**Schedule of COMMUNION SERVICES:**  
Nov. 22, 2015 ~ Feb. 28; Aug. 22; Aug. 28; Nov. 27, 2016

**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 ~ Betty Robinson ~ Lorene Robertson

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*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  
[Alaska] (Nephew of Clarence Redmon)

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

Jason Sabot – Serving in Afghanistan



“Fall, leaves, fall, die flowers, away  
Lengthen night and shorten day  
Every leaf speaks bliss to me  
Fluttering from the autumn tree . . .”  
Emily Jane Bronte

## MEMBER INFORMATION UPDATE:

Please correct the following telephone numbers in your Active Member Listing:  
Marlene Holt ~ (336) 993-5329 (replaces number listed)  
Violet Sealey ~ (336) 497-4200 (replaces number listed)



## BEAMS' Report for October 2015

# of Pledges: 13; # of Contributions: 7;  
Total Contributors: 20  
Total Contributed: \$ 711.00 =  
**88 Bibles in October (Plus some postage.)**

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)

Audio Sermons

**Don't forget:** We now have Pastor Chuck's sermons online (beginning with the Jan. 4, 2015 message)! They are included in the Home Page navigation on [smithgrove.org](http://smithgrove.org) (top of page) -- simply click on the Audio Sermons button. *Please share this information with everybody you know!*



## 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.”

## THE WHITE FAMILY - YOUR MISSIONARIES TO BOLIVIA

**Last Call:** We are now down to one month left to be able to pay off the final amount remaining on our land in Bolivia. We had one of our supporting churches take up a special offering this past week and they gave \$2000 toward the need. With this offering that should bring us to right at \$20,000 left to pay off our land. This has been a long journey, and the Lord has blessed us tremendously, so now we are trusting that He will provide the remaining amount needed. We thank you for your love for God, for us and His people in Bolivia. If you would like to help us reach our goal before the month ends, let us know by writing to [kwhite@goreachtheworld.org](mailto:kwhite@goreachtheworld.org) and sending your offering/ donation to: Vision Baptist Missions ~ c/o Bolivia Land Fund

P.O. Box 442, Alpharetta GA 30009

**The Work Continues:** We praise the Lord for how He is blessing the churches in Bolivia and how they are continuing on with the work. The church in Quillacollo just had their first baptism and Lord's Supper this past month. To make it a special occasion, the whole church went to a park and had a picnic and they baptized in a river there. The only problem is that it is winter and the water is pretty close to freezing. Needless to say, being baptized in extremely cold water will be an experience they never forget! In the afternoon everyone celebrated the Lord's Supper at church. It was an wonderful experience for them and the people are really excited about reaching others with the gospel.

Also, as you know the church in Cochabamba is working hard on the construction of their church building. They have the roof finished and are working on construction of the walls to help protect from the elements. This past month they had an unseasonal storm with rain and wind that turned the floor from dirt to mud during the service. The church's biggest goals now are to finish the walls, pour the cement floors, begin to work on the bathrooms, and other rooms for classes, etc. The whole project will cost about \$15,000 so we ask you to pray for them as they face this great challenge.

**Furlough Update:** As we have continued to travel over the past month or so we have been in some really great churches, both new and supporting. Our family has been really encouraged visiting our supporting churches and seeing how the Lord is blessing them and also sharing what the Lord has been doing in Bolivia. Many of these churches have never met our children because we visited them when we were first on deputation, before our children were born. We have also heard from at least two new churches that have decided to take us on for support. This has been a great blessing as we are needing to raise additional support for our ministry. We praise the Lord for how He has been blessing us and keeping us safe as we travel many miles across the USA.

### Prayer Requests:

- Pray that our car in Bolivia will sell to help pay off the land.
- Pray for Isaac and Pablo as they lead the churches in Cochabamba and Quillacollo.
- Pray for the construction of our new church building so that the church can have services on the land

## SICK/OTHER PRAYER NEEDS:

*(Newly added names are in italics.)*

J.C. Adams (Car accident)	Clara Farrington Long (health issues)
<i>Melvin &amp; JoAnn Alley</i> (Guilford House, GBoro)	Dot Long
Dale Austin (Melanie's Dad-leukemia)	Neva Long (Recovering at home.)
Lou Badgett	Elaine Lowe (Health Issues)
Homer Bowden	Mark Lowe
Sherri Bowling	Daniel & Mazie Matthews
Sheridan Bowman	Gary McArthur (malignant tumor)
Konny Bridges	Howard McCollum
Ann Burke (stroke)	Maggie McGee
Thelma Bullard	Cindy Miller (Health Issues)
Tammy Burnett (cancer)	Phillip Moore - (Lung Cancer)
Johnny Clark (heart transplant)	Melody Myers (Cancer)
Patrick Clark (CHF)	Sally Nester (cancer)
<i>Sundae Clark</i> (Heart Surgery - Sherrill Crater's sister-in-law in Minnesota)	Gail Nuckles
Christie Cobb (Breast Cancer)	<i>Mattie Mae Nuckles</i>
<i>Teresa Duggins</i> (Heart Surgery)	Clarence Parker (Cancer)
Olivia Dunn (9-yr old -- cancer)	Gene & Oma Lou Pitts
Iris Farrington (Broken arm)	Allen Priddy (PTSD)
Diane Foust	Charles Raso (Throat cancer surgery)
Kathy Fulk (Diabetes & health issues)	Joe Ray
Kim Garrett (Cancer/Crohn's Disease)	Sandra Richardson
Charles "Junior" Gray (Cancer)	Tom Rodgers
Karen Hart (Kidney Transplant Candidate)	Claude Royal
Carol Hayden	Justin Royal
George Hayes (heart)	Jean Rumsey
Rhonda Hedgecock	Violet Sealey
Ricky Hedgecock	Betty Soyars
Tim Hedgecock	Donald Stephens
<i>Blake Hemric</i> (Car Accident)	Samantha Tucker's mother
Joretta Holt (CHF)	Brooke Long Wagoner
Marlene Holt (crushed shoulder)	Reid Westmoreland
Sarah Hudson (CHF)	<i>Sandy Westmoreland</i>
Sarah Isenhour (Crohn's Disease)	Jan Wilson
Jimmy Johnson (Dialysis)	Elizabeth Yeoman
Maureen Lamb	
Wesley Landreth	
Don & Marcie Lemar (Health Issues)	

### **BEREAVED Families of:**

**Donnie Barham** (*Adrian's Dad*)  
**Patricia Fulk** (*Ernie Fulk's daughter*)  
**Paul Landreth** (*Kathy Fulk's dad*)  
**Mildred Shields Robertson** (*Wade Shields' sister*)  
**Ken Sterling**

## LILAC LESSONS *by Darla Crump Freeman*



“At a loss” ... that’s where my words have stayed over the summer. I’ve searched for the proper words to write, but I always come up empty. My thoughts and my pen have had no words to describe the state of my beloved grandma, and sometimes I haven’t even known how to pray for her. The ongoing struggle heightened four months ago, when she stumbled backward and simply bumped her head on her kitchen counter. Though she seemed fine at first, the resulting brain

bleed led to seizures, which led to her hospital stay, which led to long weeks in a rehab facility ... then a “welcome home” that seemed more foreign than familiar. Throughout her struggles to recover, my memory has wandered back to the prayers I’ve lifted up for her in the past few years: “Dear Lord, protect Grandma in these last years of her life ... guard her steps, and most of all, don’t let Grandma lose her joy.”

But it wasn’t to be, and perhaps that’s why I’ve wrestled so ... the two requests I’d earnestly prayed about for years are the very robbers that God allowed to come. Grandma did fall, despite her guarded steps, and now her joyful spirit rarely sparkles in her twinkling eyes. We long to hear her head-tossed-back, opened-mouth “cackle,” a deep and hearty laugh that she’s lovingly known for. Her weary daughters (my mama and my auntie) search Grandma’s 95-year-old face for a glimmer of peace, but it seems only sorrow and anxiety gleam in her tired eyes now. I have to admit, I have struggled with this, and there are moments when my faith has wavered. How could this strong woman of faith, the spiritual rock of our family, suddenly become so frail and so fearful? What about the prayers I have prayed, that she might be filled with peace and joy ‘til the end of her earthly days? The senseless struggle has stirred within my soul. Yet in His wisdom, God has faithfully addressed my questions and eased my uncertainty for Grandma in this storm. And as He often does, He gently used an unexpected messenger.

Years ago, my green-thumbed grandma transplanted a cutting of her lilac bush in our yard. I was honored to watch the tiny bush grow and thrive as seasons passed --a faithful, green reminder of Grandma’s gift for growing blossoms ... they’ve always flourished in her care. But on a recent summer Saturday, as he spread mulch, Bruce mentioned that I might want to check on Grandma’s lilac ... maybe we should consider “moving it when the days get cooler”, he said, as I watered my flowers. So, dragging the water hose along, I crossed the yard to inspect the struggling little shrub. Along the edge of the woods, the rim of shade has grown, along with the bordering trees, and the lilac’s once-sunny spot is now blotched with dark shadows. I fingered the frail limbs, leaning instinctively toward the sunlight just out of their reach. I noticed the whole bush actually appeared crooked as it bent out of the shady ledge, grappling for the light. I recalled how nary a blossom had been seen all season ... it’s as though every ounce of the lilac’s energy is spent stretching ... reaching out of the darkness and striving for the sun.

With that thought, I caught my breath and the leaning lilac’s message to me summoned the tears to puddle on the rims of my lashes. In her dark place, our precious grandma has been wearily reaching for the Light. And though she is struggling ... Jesus is very near, just beyond the shadows. He knows all about Grandma’s fall and all the heartaches it set into motion. He knows that, right now, in the shadows of this weakness, it takes all of Grandma’s strength just to survive, and that’s why we rarely see a glimpse of her usual “blossoms” ... her teasing, her laughter, her songs. I lifted the water hose to the lilac’s roots and gave it a deep, long soaking, then coated its branches with sparkling, nourishing water. Tenderly grasping and watering the lilac’s parched leaves, I watched them eagerly drink it up, their emerald sheen gleaming in the speckled sunlight. I know that, as long as the lilac lives in this shady spot, it will weaken and thirst for another place ... my eyes closed as I pictured another season for Grandma’s lilac ... perhaps even by next summer ... in a new, sun-drenched spot elsewhere, it will grow steady and thrive again, its lacy-lavender blossoms hanging heavy on straight, sturdy limbs reaching skyward. Oh, what a hope we have in heaven! I prayerfully whispered, “Dear Lord, You know what Grandma needs in this season of her life. You have loved her through all of her yesterdays and You’ll love her through all of her tomorrows. We trust Your care of her and know You will heal her ... maybe here in her earthly home, but definitely in her heavenly home. Please let her feel Your peaceful presence.” Just then, even on this warmest of summer days, the gentlest breeze instantly swept across my tear-stained cheek. Reassured, I smiled ... to bring hope to my troubled heart, the Lord had used an unlikely messenger ... a leaning lilac that longs for a new place in the sun.

The hymn-writer, Fanny Crosby, whose physical blindness kept her in the shadows, put it this way, “*There are depths of love that I cannot know ‘til I cross the narrow sea. There are heights of joy that I may not reach ‘til I rest in peace with Thee*” ... that’s it ... the new place we all yearn for ... in the Son ... the reason our redeemed hearts reach and stretch for our heavenly home. And the moment of our crossing is left up to our Savior, Whose timing is always perfect ... never too early, never too late, but always precisely on time. So, we trust Him in Grandma’s journey, as we ease her through moments of sorrow ... and as we grasp hold of every treasured glimpse of the witty, playful grandma that still shines through from time to time. More than ever before, I’m grateful for her crooked little lilac bush, an unexpected lesson whose outstretched limbs will always remind me of the longing in our weary souls ... a living picture of our leaning to the Light, in Whose presence we will someday thrive, whole and healed, blooming for His glory forevermore.

“For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, Who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.”

~Philippians 3:20-21



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## “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 *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.

### Nancy Westmoreland

628 Millwood School Rd.  
Greensboro, NC 27409  
336-454-1438 ~ November 05

### Virginia Nuckles

4610 Kendale Road  
High Point, NC 27265  
336-668-2334 ~ November 13

### Forrest Tucker

8017 National Service Rd.  
Colfax, NC 27235  
336-668-2173 ~ November 23

### Sam Clonts

8801 Dapple Grey Rd  
Oak Ridge, NC 27310  
336-643-3416 ~ December 6

### Joretta Holt

8412 Stafford Mill Rd.  
Oak Ridge, N.C. 27310  
336-993-2493  
336-707-6624 (Cell) ~ December 7

### Neva Long

8716 Staples Road  
Colfax, NC 27235  
336-993-4294 ~ December 19

### Bernice Johnson

5220 Prince Charles Dr.  
Kernersville, NC 27284  
336-788-6302 ~ December 23



1 Thessalonians 5:18 - *In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.*



When a person tells you that you hurt them,  
You don’t get to decide that you didn’t.

- Humility is a strange thing – when you think you’ve gained it, you’ve lost it.
- It is strange, but a big head is a sign of a small man.
- If you cannot come to God with a broken heart, then come to Him for a broken heart.
- If you are too big to be willing to do little things, you are probably too little to be trusted with big things.

## November Birthdays

2	Ronnie Key	22	Cheryl Holt
5	Nancy Westmoreland	23	Jonathan Smith
6	Willard Tucker	23	Forrest Tucker
7	Aaron Jordan	24	Tony Nuckles
7	Caleb Jordan	24	John Payne
8	Carol McBrayer	26	Marshall Freeman
12	Kathryn L. Crews	26	Kathy Fulk
12	Jay Stafford	28	Nova Darienzo
13	Helen Hendrix	28	Ashley Hendrix
13	Evelyn Matthews	28	Wade Shields
13	Virginia Nuckles	30	Nathan Pilcher
15	Darlene Pitts	30	Irene Shields
15	Rusty Tucker	30	Gail Tate
16	Brittany Key	31	Kathy Johnson
17	Jennifer Davis		Nicole Tucker
22	Darla Freeman		

## December Birthdays

1	Adalyn Finney	16	Jan Wilson
3	Sheila Payne	17	Jessica Holt
4	Mackenzie Ann Barham	18	Brian Faulkner
5	Willis George	19	Neva Long
5	Elaine Lowe	19	Todd Tucker
6	Sam Clonts	20	Andrew Harrison Smith
7	Joretta Holt	21	Johnny Cameron
9	Shaila Puckett	23	Bernice Johnson
10	Reva Holt	23	Nancy Kelly
11	Joshua Sexton	30	Barbara Bowden
11	Rhoney Wilson	30	Lillie Mae Crump
12	Lydia Beeson	31	John David Payne
12	Tori Heath		Craig Pearman
16	Gale Tester		Lonnie Tucker

## November Anniversaries

5	Mark & Elaine Lowe	20	Curt & Betty Bame
6	Brian & Juanita Faulkner	23	Rhoney & Jan Wilson
8	Jay & Wanda Stafford	26	Gene & Oma Pitts



*Pastor Chuck Peters*

## **“Churches Need Warriors, Not Wimps!”**

*“Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.” II Timothy 2:3*

Those saved by the grace of God are inducted into the ranks of Christian soldiers. Soldiering is not intended to be an easy occupation. Soldiering involves hardness and discipline. Soldiering is not for wimps! Soldiers function for the good of their outfit. Good soldiers always display attitude and actions compatible to mission accomplishment. Good soldiers conduct themselves with orderliness in the carrying out of assignments and always show respect for command. Good soldiers are trainable and progress along the line of advancement. They learn leadership skills and graduate from being a follower to a leader. A good leader in turn, will always have the back of the subordinates and never exploit authority for self glory.

It seems that many today in our churches fit the category of a “wimp” more so than a “warrior!” Church wimps tend to easily have their feelings hurt. Church wimps usually take the path of least resistance. They want the easy road approach. They tend to highlight problems yet never volunteer to be a part of a solution. They run from trouble instead of facing it and fighting it as a real soldier. A church wimp is big on words but little on action.

A Christian warrior is a blessing to the church. They look at problems within the church as challenges that can be overcome instead of obstacles that can defeat. Good soldiers never allow defeat as an option and treason is considered a capital offense. Good soldiers don’t desert the Unit when the going gets tough; they just buckle down and figure out a way to improve the Unit’s strength by personal sacrifice and contribution.

Local churches would continually need building programs to accommodate numerical growth if more church members would be more of a warrior than a wimp! After all, soldiers are not trained for the playground but rather the battlefield.



## **“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. “Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.”