



People have ritually remembered Christopher Columbus beginning at least in the Colonial period. In 1792, New York City and other eastern U.S. cities celebrated the 300th anniversary of his landing in the New World. In 1892, President Benjamin Harrison called upon the people of the United States to celebrate Columbus Day on the 400th anniversary of the event.

Columbus Day was first popularized as a holiday in the United States through the lobbying of Angelo Noce, a first generation Italian, in Denver. The first official non-centennial Columbus Day was decreed by Colorado governor Jesse F. McDonald in 1905 and made state law in 1907. In April 1934, at the behest of the Knights of Columbus, Congress and President Franklin Delano Roosevelt set aside October 12 as Columbus Day and a Federal holiday.

Since 1971, the holiday has been commemorated in the U.S. on the second Monday in October.

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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 . . .



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 Messenger



October

Beware, GOD Forgetters!

“The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.” —Psalm 9:17

Forgetfulness may seem to be a trivial matter and it is true that some things are better forgotten. Christians are better off to forget those things that may hinder our current service for the Lord. “Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,” – Phil. 3:13

The wicked are the ones who are unsaved. They have forgotten God in the matter of turning to Him for salvation. They have rejected the finished work of Christ at Calvary. Their eternal destiny will be the lake of fire according to Revelation chapter twenty.

This area of forgetfulness is most fatal for it results in an eternity of separation from God in a state of conscious torment forever. It also is noteworthy to mention that God holds Nations accountable for their sin.

When Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize he was asked the question, “What made it possible for the Russian Revolution to take place and for Communism to rise to power?” His answer was simple and to the point. “When men forgot God.”

America scorns the Bible. America murders its children in abortion clinics. America sanctions homosexuality which is clearly condemned in the Bible. America laughs at sin and now thumbs its nose in the face of God! America appears to have forgotten God. You draw your own conclusion as to what our Nation’s fate will be unless it turns back to God in repentance.

Pastor Chuck Peters

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Young Johnny finished summer vacation and went back to school. Two days later his teacher phoned his mother to tell her that Johnny was misbehaving.

“Wait a minute!” said Johnny’s mom. “I had him here for two months and I never once called YOU when he misbehaved!”

Late one evening, a man walks into a dentist’s office.

Man: “Excuse me, can you help me? I keep thinking I’m a moth!”

Dentist: “You don’t need a dentist. You need a psychiatrist.”

Man: “Yes, I know.” **Dentist:** “So why did you come in here?”

Man: “Well...the light was on...”

After being interviewed by the school administration, the prospective teacher said:

Let me see if I’ve got this right. You want me to go into that room with all those kids, correct their disruptive behavior, observe them for signs of abuse, monitor their dress habits, censor their T-shirt messages, and instill in them a love for learning. You want me to check their backpacks for weapons, wage war on drugs and sexually transmitted diseases, and raise their sense of self-esteem and personal pride.

You want me to teach them patriotism and good citizenship, sportsmanship and fair play, and how to register to vote, balance a checkbook, and apply for a job. You want me to check their heads for lice, recognize signs of antisocial behavior, and make sure that they all pass the final exams. You also want me to provide them with an equal education regardless of their handicaps, and communicate regularly with their parents in English, Spanish or any other language, by letter, telephone, newsletter, and report card. You want me to do all this with a piece of chalk, a blackboard, a bulletin board, a few books, a big smile, and a starting salary that qualifies me for food stamps.

You want me to do all this and then you tell me. . . I CAN’T PRAY?

~ Malachi Boys School, Inc. ~

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Reaching the World for Christ One Boy at a Time

We apologize for not sending our prayer letter sooner. We had some computer problems, but God is good and provides every need. He knew what we would need before the problem occurred!

We find it hard to believe summer is almost over. We are reminded once again, “The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.” We constantly talk to folks whose homes are torn apart, people who don’t know what to do with unruly children, and we know that lives are being destroyed by sin. Pray with us as we attempt to reach this country for Christ, one boy at a time. Pray for some folks who are interested in placing their children in our home. Pray for the Lord’s wisdom and guidance in our lives.

Our new school year began August 26th. Please pray for our boys as they get back into the routine of studying. More importantly, pray for them spiritually that God would touch their hearts to be saved and to yield their lives completely to His control.

We are thankful for being able to do some remodeling of bathrooms and needed repairs during the summer. We appreciate those who helped and gave special gifts to make this possible.

We were blessed to visit some supporting churches this summer. We were at Auburn Baptist and Tuggles Gap Baptist this past weekend and it was such a blessing to be with old friends, make new ones, and to feel so loved. Thank each of you for your prayers and encouragement and for your sacrificial support.

Please contact us at the cell phone number above if you would like us to visit your church for a special meeting or just to share what God is doing here.

May God bless you richly,

Marty & Ruth Bevis ~ House Parents

“And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers.” Malachi 4:6

October Birthdays.....

01 Breanna Brown	24 Iris Farrington	Matt Evans
02 Ernest Fulk	25 Wendy Barham	Michael Flynt
06 John Moore	25 Gary Holt	Daniel McDowell
11 Brittany Vanderburg	25 Gene Pitts	Donna McDowell
12 Curt Bame	26 Brian Holt	Dave Mros
12 Rhonda Owens	27 Denice Slate	Julie Mros
13 Rose Matthews	30 Kathy L. Crews	Kathy Mros
13 Cody Williams	30 Andrew Raso	Faith Sykes
20 Ruby Bowden	Lydia Baker	Charles Vaughn
20 Tyler Landreth	Ronnie Beeson	Arvin Wynn
23 Marlene Holt	Edna Evans	



November Birthdays.....

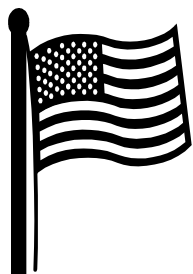
02 Ronnie Key	15 Rusty Tucker	28 Ashley Hendrix
02 Hettie Westmoreland	16 Brittany Key	28 Wade Shields
05 Nancy Westmoreland	17 Jennifer Davis	30 Irene Shields
06 Willard Tucker	22 Darla Freeman	30 Gail Tate
07 Aaron Jordan	22 Cheryl Holt	David Donnell
07 Caleb Jordan	23 Jonathan Smith	Kathy Johnson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

October Anniversaries



05 Scott & Melanie Crump	16 Jerry & Shelby Crump
11 Patrick & Amanda Clark	Ronnie & Donna Key
Eric & Candace Nuckles	

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 in Korea]
Corporal Mel Wright, US Marines, California
(Nephews of Clarence Redmon)

Just Stay

A nurse took the tired, anxious serviceman to the bedside. ‘Your son is here,’ she said to the old man. She had to repeat the words several times before the patient’s eyes opened. Heavily sedated because of the pain of his heart attack, he dimly saw the young uniformed Marine standing outside the oxygen tent. He reached out his hand. The Marine wrapped his toughened fingers around the old man’s limp ones, squeezing a message of love and encouragement.

The nurse brought a chair so that the Marine could sit beside the bed. All through the night the young Marine sat there in the poorly lighted ward, holding the old man’s hand and offering him words of love and strength.

Occasionally, the nurse suggested that the Marine move away and rest awhile. He refused. Whenever the nurse came into the ward, the Marine was oblivious of her and of the night noises of the hospital - the clanking of the oxygen tank, the laughter of the night staff members exchanging greetings, the cries and moans of the other patients.

Now and then she heard him say a few gentle words. The dying man said nothing, only held tightly to his son all through the night.

Along towards dawn, the old man died. The Marine released the now lifeless hand he had been holding and went to tell the nurse. While she did what she had to do, he waited. Finally, she returned.

She started to offer words of sympathy, but the Marine interrupted her. “Who was that man?” he asked. The nurse was startled, “He was your father, wasn’t he?”

“No, he wasn’t,” the Marine replied. “I never saw him before in my life.”

“Then why didn’t you say something when I took you to him?” He responded, “I knew right away there had been a mistake, but I also knew he needed his son, and his son just wasn’t here. When I realized that he was too sick to tell whether or not I was his son, knowing how much he needed me, I stayed.”

The next time someone needs you ... just be there. **Stay.** And remember.... we are not human beings going through a temporary spiritual experience, we are spiritual beings going through a temporary human experience.

2 Corinthians 1:4 - Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

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

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

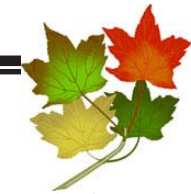
Special Prayer Requests

- 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 family of Glenn Johnson.



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.



October 2009

Tues., Oct. 6, 7:00 p.m.

Men's & Ladies' Fellowship Meeting in the Fellowship Building.

Sun., Oct. 11, 11:00 a.m.

Smith Grove Homecoming Service followed by a covered dish lunch in the Fellowship Building.

Sun., Oct. 11, 6:00 p.m.

No evening service.

Welcome New Members ~ 2009

(in alphabetical order)

Mary Allen
Hal & Martha Harless
Jarrett Jones
Noah Jones
Nancy Smith Kelly
Matthew Norman
Ben Thompson
Jeremiah Thompson
Trevor Westmoreland



I Cor. 7:22-24



Gary & Friends Missionary Outreach Ministry

Greetings to all our church family and missionaries we support at Smith Grove. Man, oh man, the work is going so very well in all the senior homes where we hold services each month and visit as we can. My helpers, Carolyn, Jane, Kay, Phil, Ron, and Andrea when she can – and the Lord himself – keep us going for Christ. It is such a joy to serve Him with these brothers and sisters in Christ.

Please pray for me and this great ministry, and I will pray for you all.

In CHRIST and very happy there,
Gary Smith ~ I Peter 5:7

Do You Believe.....?

. . . the Bible to be the only inspired, infallible, and authoritative Word of God. (*KJV 1611*)

. . . there is one God, eternally existent in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

. . . in the deity of Jesus Christ; in His Virgin Birth; in His sinless life; in His miracles; in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood; in His bodily resurrection; in His ascension to the right hand of the Father; and in His personal return in power and glory.

. . . that for the salvation of lost and sinful humanity, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is essential, and that repentance from sin and acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior is the only way to come into a relationship with God.

. . . in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life. That His power and gifts are available to believers today.

. . . in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost: they who are saved unto the resurrection of life, and they who are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.



“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 October and November 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.

Ernest Fulk

2075 Wallburg-High Point Rd.
High Point, NC 27265
841-8670 ~ October 02

Ruby Bowden

8727 Bame Road
Colfax, NC 27235
668-2495 ~ October 20

Iris Farrington

4207 Kerwick Drive
Greensboro, NC 27409
668-2133 ~ October 24

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 ~ November 13

Forrest Tucker

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



~ LADIES’ FELLOWSHIP ~

The Ladies’ Fellowship would like to extend a special invitation to all the ladies of the church. Please come to the Fellowship Building on the first Tuesday of the month for Christian fellowship, inspiring speakers, and times of self-enrichment.

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.

A Great Analogy

There once was a man named George Thomas, a pastor in a small New England town. One Sunday morning he came to the church carrying a rusty, bent, old bird cage, and set it by the pulpit.

Several eyebrows were raised and, as if in response, Pastor Thomas began to speak.

I was walking through town yesterday when I saw a young boy coming toward me swinging this bird cage. On the bottom of the cage were three little wild birds, shivering with cold and fright. I stopped the lad and asked, "What you got there, son?"

"Just some old birds," came the reply.

"What are you going to do with them?" I asked.

"Take 'em home and have fun with 'em," he answered. "I'm gonna tease 'em and pull out their feathers to make 'em fight."

"But you'll get tired of those birds sooner or later. What will you do then?"

"Oh, I got some cats," said the little boy. "They like birds. I'll let them have 'em."

The pastor was silent for a moment. "How much do you want for those birds, son?"

"Huh?! Why, you don't want them birds, mister. They're just plain old field birds. They don't sing - they ain't even pretty!"

"How much?" the pastor asked again.

The boy sized up the pastor as if he were crazy and said, "\$10?" The pastor reached in his pocket and took out a ten dollar bill. He placed it in the boy's hand. In a flash, the boy was gone.

The pastor picked up the cage and gently carried it to the end of the alley where there was a tree and a grassy spot. Setting the cage down, he opened the door, and by softly tapping the bars persuaded the birds out, setting them free. Well, that explained the



empty bird cage on the pulpit, and then the pastor began to tell this story.

One day Satan and Jesus were having a conversation. Satan had just come from the Garden of Eden, and he was gloating and boasting. "Yes, sir, I just caught the world full of people down there. Set me a trap, used bait I knew they couldn't resist. Got 'em all!"

"What are you going to do with them?" Jesus asked. Satan replied, "Oh, I'm gonna have fun! I'm gonna teach them how to marry and divorce each other, how to hate and abuse each other, how to drink and smoke and curse. I'm gonna teach them how to invent guns and bombs and kill each other. I'll teach them to love the darkness!"

"And what will you do when you get done with them?" Jesus asked. "Oh, I'll kill 'em," Satan glared proudly.

"I can't let that happen," Jesus stated.

"Oh, you don't want those people. They ain't no good. Why, you'll take them and they'll just hate you. They'll spit on you, curse you and try to kill you! You don't want those people!"

Jesus replied, "I love them and I am willing to pay the price – my blood; my very life on a lonely cross. Regardless of whether they accept my sacrifice, I will pay their debt." Then He paid the price on Calvary.

As the congregation sat in complete silence, the pastor picked up the empty cage, opened the door and walked from the pulpit.

Just as the caged birds were saved from a sure fate, we can be saved from the fate of sin and released from its bondage. Jesus paid the ultimate price to pay **our** sin debt, and the result is salvation - full and free. *Have you accepted that gift?*

