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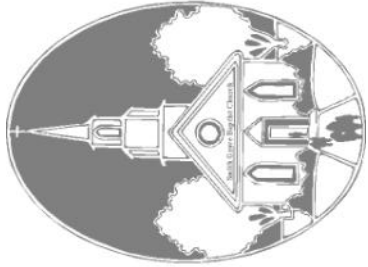
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Sat., Oct. 3..... Winston-Salem Rescue Mission

Sun., Oct. 11 ~ *Homecoming* ~ Western/Pioneer Day. Come dressed in your Western/pioneer outfit! *Special Music by Penny Andrews* (talented vocalist & former singer with the Gethsemane Quartet, Greensboro, NC)*No evening service.*

Tues., Oct. 13, 7-8 p.m. Robinwood Retirement Center

Sun., Oct. 18..... BEAMS' Sunday

Sun., Oct. 25, 6 p.m. Speaker: **Marvin Donnell**,
Missionary to Australia

Looking Ahead:

Sun., Nov. 1, 6 pm ~ *The White Family* ~ Missionaries to Bolivia

Statement of Faith:

We are an Independent Baptist Church 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

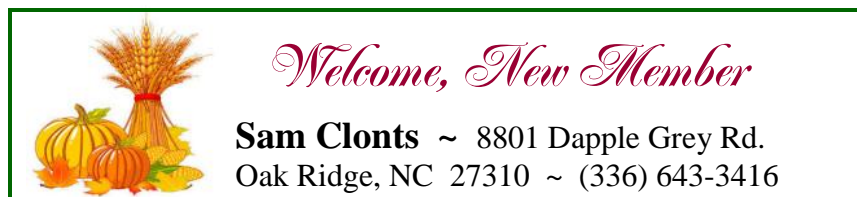
SHUT-INS

Louise Byrd Jo Anne Pegram Clara Ward
Iris Farrington Ann Rayle Gerry Williams
Harry Haynes Barbara Tucker
Neva Long Forrest Tucker

Assisted Living/Nursing Home

Helen Jones ~ Rose Matthews ~ Betty Robinson ~ Lorene Robertson

Prayer List continued on Next Page . . .



SICK/OTHER PRAYER NEEDS:

(Newly added names are in italics.)

J.C. Adams (Car accident)
Dale Austin (Melanie's Dad-leukemia)
Lou Badgett
Donnie Barham (Cancer- *special prayer needed*)
Homer Bowden
Sherri Bowling
Sheridan Bowman
Konny Bridges
Ann Burke (stroke)
Thelma Bullard
Tammy Burnett (cancer)
Johnny Clark (heart transplant)
Patrick Clark (CHF)
Christie Cobb (Breast Cancer)
Olivia Dunn (9-yr old -- cancer)
Iris Farrington (Broken arm)
Diane Foust
Kathy Fulk (Diabetes & health issues)
Kim Garrett (Cancer/Crohn's Disease)
Charles "Junior" Gray (Cancer)
Karen Hart (Kidney Transplant Candidate)
Carol Hayden
George Hayes (heart)
Rhonda Hedgecock
Ricky Hedgecock
Tim Hedgecock
Joretta Holt (CHF)
Marlene Holt (crushed shoulder)
Sarah Hudson (CHF)
Sarah Isenhour (Crohn's Disease)
Jimmy Johnson (Dialysis)
Maureen Lamb
Wesley Landreth
Don & Marcie Lemar (Health Issues)
Clara Farrington Long (health issues)
Dot Long
Neva Long (Recovering at home.)
Elaine Lowe (Health Issues)
Mark Lowe

Daniel & Mazie Matthews
Gary McArthur (malignant tumor)
Howard McCollum
Maggie McGee
Cindy Miller (Health Issues)
Phillip Moore - (Lung Cancer)
Melody Myers (Cancer)
Sally Nester (cancer)
Gail Nuckles
Clarence Parker (Cancer)
Gene & Oma Lou Pitts
Allen Priddy (PTSD)
Charles Raso (Throat cancer surgery)
Joe Ray
Sandra Richardson
Tom Rodgers
Claude Royal
Justin Royal
Jean Rumsey
Violet Sealey
Betty Soyars
Donald Stephens
Samantha Tucker's mother
Brooke Long Wagoner
Reid Westmoreland
Jan Wilson
Greg Wood (Heart attack)
Elizabeth Yeoman

BEREAVED Families of:

Steven D. Carter (Carter Bros. Rest.)
Lonnie Fulp (Pam Blackburn's dad)
Franklin "Bo" Mullins (Ann Rayle's brother)
Ron Rayle
Mason Roten (16-month old car accident victim)
Ralph Welborn (Ann Gray's & Betty Bame's brother)

When Autumn Leaves Begin to Fall by Kathleen Higham

When autumn leaves begin to fall I think of Him most of all Colors bursting with the sun Rays shine down on everyone.	Beneath the earth roots hold tight Tall and stately through the night.
There is a leafy autumn smell I walk on softness where they fell Floating gently to the ground Touching down without a sound.	When autumn leaves begin to fall The Father orchestrates it all Blooms in waiting seem to say He is coming back someday.
Animal are scurrying to and fro Instinctively the creatures know The leaves scattered everywhere Beautifies a place once bare.	Again dressed in a formal gown Branches filled and hanging down See the miracle of God once more Birds leap from her branch to soar.
Rising up to the bluest sky A tree looks down, creaks a sigh Nestled in her hollowed place Life will wait through winter's race.	Here I stand in wonder of this A soft wind blows to me a kiss My spirit tells my mind to hush Peace abounds in Christ for us.
When the tress at last have shed Sturdy branches though not dead	The seasons change, come and go But this is what I truly know When autumn leaves begin to fall I think of Him most of all.

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

David Ortez, Iraq & Afghanistan

Jason Sabot – Serving in Afghanistan



Ponder This . . . While working on a remote site, a brewing storm was ending our work day, and it was my responsibility to lock up. After locking the gate on one side of the road, I got back into my pick-up and pulled inside the second gate. The latch was broken and I had to wrap a short length of chain around the gatepost and then through the edge of the gate.

By then the lightning was closer and the rain was just starting to get a little heavier. I shoved the thick chain around the post and threaded it through the diamond-shaped openings in the fence on the gate and held both ends in my one hand. Next I took the open lock off the fence with my other hand. Just when I was about to put the lock on the chain, a gnat flew into my open right eye. That stung! It stung so much that I instantly dropped the lock and the chain and put my hands to my eye, taking one step back at the same time. Not a second later, lightning struck that fence somewhere close by, and I saw the whole fence in front of me light up and glow bright blue. I stood there awe struck as I realized what had just happened. I was standing, wet, in rain, holding onto a chain that was threaded through a metal fence that was just about to be struck by lightning, when an insignificant insect, an annoying pest, a bug, flew into my eye and saved my life.

I was completely unharmed, not even a tingle. Now, I've always believed that we each have a guardian angel, but I don't know for sure how they do their work. At night when I lie down to go to sleep, I thank those guardian angels for the work that they do. Who knows how many times they saved my life and I don't even know about it.



BEAMS' Report for September 2015

of Pledges: 12 ; # of Contributions: 7 ;
Total Contributors: 19
Total Contributed: \$ 552.00 =
69 Bibles in September.

You can also get the BEAMS' report online at our website:
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://www.smithgrove.org) (top of page) -- simply click on the Audio Sermons button. *Please share this information with everybody you know!*

LORD, HOLD ME...



We all have our days where we feel we can't survive. Sometimes dreams are shattered, friendships may fall apart. Loved ones may hurt us. Finances may worry us. Sickness may overtake us. We may even lose people we love - But God will ALWAYS be there to Guide us through even the toughest of times. Never lose FAITH. Hold onto HOPE. Trust in God always!



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."

October 12, 2015
 Christopher Columbus
 (1451 – 1506)



Columbus Day first became an official state holiday in Colorado in 1906, and became a federal holiday in the United States in 1937, though people have celebrated Columbus' voyage since the colonial period. In 1792, New York City and other U.S. cities celebrated the 300th anniversary of his landing in the New World.

In April 1934, as a result of lobbying by the Knights of Columbus and New York City Italian leader Generoso Pope, Congress and President Franklin Delano Roosevelt proclaimed October 12 a federal holiday under the name Columbus Day. Since 1970 (Oct. 12), the holiday has been fixed to the second Monday in October.



Load up the buckboard with vittles to share
 and head our way on
**Sunday, October 11, for an old-timey,
 Western-themed HOMECOMING!**

Leave the shootin' irons at home and come prepared for an old-time blessing! We have Penny Andrews to sing for our morning service, and our senior saints who are 80 and above will be celebrated in a special way! We'll have vittles in the Fellowship Building after the service, so bring some good-tastin' grub and mosey on in!

Wear your boots, bonnets, cowboy hats, overalls, aprons, or whatever makes you feel that Western pioneer spirit!



October Birthdays

- | | |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Breanna Brown | 25 Gene Pitts |
| 6 John Moore | 26 Rubie Hamilton |
| 11 Brittany Vanderburg | 26 Brian Holt |
| 11 Dennis Westmoreland | 26 Lauren Keedy |
| 12 Curt Bame | 26 Norman Smith |
| 12 Rhonda Owens | 27 Tyler Keedy |
| 13 Rose Matthews | 27 Denice Slate |
| 13 Cody Williams | 30 Jamie Tyler Crews |
| 15 Steve Sexton | 30 Kathy L. Crews |
| 20 Ruby Bowden | 30 Andrew Raso |
| 20 Tyler Landreth | Lydia Baker |
| 23 Marlene Holt | Ronnie Beeson |
| 24 Iris Farrington | Michael Flynt |
| 25 Wendy Barham | Faith Sykes |
| 25 Gary Holt | |

November Birthdays

- | | |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| 2 Ronnie Key | 22 Darla Freeman |
| 5 Nancy Westmoreland | 22 Cheryl Holt |
| 6 Willard Tucker | 23 Jonathan Smith |
| 7 Aaron Jordan | 23 Forrest Tucker |
| 7 Caleb Jordan | 24 Tony Nuckles |
| 8 Carol McBrayer | 24 John Payne |
| 12 Kathryn L. Crews | 26 Marshall Freeman |
| 12 Jay Stafford | 26 Kathy Fulk |
| 13 Helen Hendrix | 28 Nova Darienzo |
| 13 Evelyn Matthews | 28 Ashley Hendrix |
| 13 Virginia Nuckles | 28 Wade Shields |
| 15 Owen Neese | 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 |



October Anniversaries



- | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 5 Scott & Melanie Crump | 16 Jerry & Shelby Crump |
| 8 Ronnie & Donna Key | 28 Doug & Carol Shields |
| 11 Patrick & Amanda Clark | 28 Nathan & Ashley Pilcher |



“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 *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.

Rose Matthews

Southford Assisted Living
1345 Jonestown Rd.
Winston-Salem, NC 27103
~ October 13

Ruby Bowden

2007 Beeson Road
Oak Ridge, NC 27310
993-0220 ~ October 20

Iris Farrington

233 W. Homestead Ave
Shelby, NC 28152
704-434-5485 ~ October 24

Kathy L. Crews

8103 Tam O'Shanter Dr
Greensboro, NC 27409
668-9721 ~ October 30

Nancy Westmoreland

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



James 1:27 *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.*

Hebrews 12:1 - 13:25 - Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset [us], and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

Member Telephone Number Change:

Darrell and Amy Jordan:

New telephone number: (336) 688-9317 (Cell) - (this replaces the old number of 336-475-2936).

Please update your Active Member Listing

The Boffs ~ Serving in Brazil

Porto Alegre, June 2015

John 14:6: *Jesus is the way, the truth and the life.*



We are glad that we are able to share with you the blessings that God has poured on us here in southern Brazil. And this in spite of many difficulties as the enemy, the devil has not stopped attacking us. Even though we have prayed much for some Brazilian brothers, they have been led astray by the devil which has caused some damage in the church of Jesus Christ. However, we continue on evangelizing and winning souls for our Savior as nothing can separate us from the love of God.

CONSTRUCTION: We are still waiting on God to help us get the financial help so that we can finish the concrete ceilings of the Sunday school rooms. We had to stop this part of the construction as we lacked \$18,500 that is needed to finish this stage of construction. We are counting on your financial help so that we can finish this.

THE GROWTH OF THE WORK: We have been blessed with many visitors and many of them have made decisions to accept Jesus as their Savior and are continuing to attend the regular services. So, we have whole families of new converts and they have a great thirst to hear the true Gospel of Jesus Christ!

NEW FAMILIES: We have preached and received 11 new families in our church; families that heard the Gospel and accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior. We are teaching them about their new life in Christ and ask that you pray for these new believers so that they will become grounded in their faith

BIBLE COLLEGE: We now have 8 full-time students who are preparing for the ministry of preaching the Gospel and thanks be to God as they have been faithful in their walk with Christ. Four of these men are already helping with our services and three of them are helping by preaching in our church. All of them are also witnessing on the streets and winning souls for the Lord.

AWANA CLUB: Every Saturday afternoon at 3 PM we have this ministry for 30 children. It is wonderful to see these children memorizing Bible verses and preparing for the future with Christ and also, testifying to their parents. Because of this some mothers have come to visit and see their children participate in the program. This is a great blessing for us as the investment of faith has brought about positive results spiritually speaking!

NEED: We want to ask you to continue to pray for us and the work of the Lord here in the south of Brazil. Besides that, if you could help us financially with our construction we would greatly appreciate it and we will be praying for you. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray that we will have an answer from our beloved brothers in Christ.

John & Yvete Boff, The Boffs for the task

Homecoming ~ *Pastor Chuck Peters*

“In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.” – John 14:2-3

Our church celebrates its homecoming the second Sunday of this month. The homecoming service is a time of reflection on the history of the church. The homecoming service is a memorial service, for memory is made of the precious saints of God who enhanced the rich spiritual history of our church. Homecoming is a time to ponder, remember, and give thanks for the blessings of God upon our church.

Homecoming is a time to rejoice and celebrate the home-going of our many faithful saints down through the years. They not only are not forgotten but their works continue to follow them as we still reap the fruit of their faithful labors here at Smith Grove Baptist Church.

Homecoming is a wonderful time to anticipate the “great homecoming” when the Saviour returns for His bride. He will sweep the church away to be with Him and God’s people will celebrate forever a union with Christ made possible by His shed blood on Calvary.

*“What a day that will be,
When my Jesus I shall see, And
I look upon His face, The One
who saved me by His grace;
When He takes me by the hand,
And leads me through the
Promised Land, What a day,
glorious day that will be.” -
Jim Hill*



The Old Church (Adapted from a poem by Billy Arrington)

You'll notice a smile on Smith Grove's face
As you enter through her doors
It's homecoming time and her children
Have come back home once more
And that really makes her happy
As she greets them one and all
And a tear of joy rolls down her face
For they have heard God's call

And some will share their stories, perhaps of some lost soul
Who knelt down at her altar and came back to the fold
For indeed that is her purpose, to reach out to the lost
And to show the love of Jesus and to point to that old cross

Now some may say she's a ripe old age
She's ninety-four years young, you know
But her mission's high and her spirit's true
So those years don't really show

So we thank you all for being here.
If the church could talk she'd say
God bless all my children
The old church then would pray

The Old Country Church, J.W. Vaughn

There's a place near to me, where I'm longing to be
With my friends at the old country church
There with mother we went and our Sundays we spent
With our friends at the old country church

Chorus:
Precious years of memories
Oh, what joy they bring to me
How I long once more to be
With my friends at the old country church

How I wish that today all the people would pray
Like we prayed in that old country church
If they'd only confess, Jesus surely would bless
As He did in that old country church

Chorus

