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Sunday School      10:00 AM  
 Morning Worship    11:00 AM  
 Evening Worship     6:00 PM  
 Wednesday Service   7:00 PM

- NURSERY PROVIDED -

Radio Ministry  
 Saturday 8:00 AM  
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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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*The Messenger*



*September*

**CAN'T**

*by Edgar Guest*

Can't is the worst word that's written or spoken;  
 Doing more harm here than slander and lies;  
 On it is many a strong spirit broken,  
 And with it many a good purpose dies.  
 It springs from the lips of the thoughtless each morning  
 And robs us of courage we need through the day:  
 It rings in our ears like a timely-sent warning  
 And laughs when we falter and fall by the way.

Can't is the father of feeble endeavor,  
 The parent of terror and half-hearted work;  
 It weakens the efforts of artisans clever,  
 And makes of the toiler an indolent shirk.  
 It poisons the soul of the man with a vision,  
 It stifles in infancy many a plan;  
 It greets honest toiling with open derision  
 And mocks at the hopes and the dreams of a man.

Can't is a word none should speak without blushing;  
 To utter it should be a symbol of shame;  
 Ambition and courage it daily is crushing;  
 It blights a man's purpose and shortens his aim.  
 Despise it with all of your hatred of error;  
 Refuse it the lodgment it seeks in your brain;  
 Arm against it as a creature of terror,  
 And all that you dream of you some day shall gain.

Can't is the word that is foe to ambition,  
 An enemy ambushed to shatter your will;  
 Its prey is forever the man with a mission  
 And bows but to courage and patience and skill.  
 Hate it, with hatred that's deep and undying,  
 For once it is welcomed 'twill break any man;  
 Whatever the goal you are seeking, keep trying  
 And answer this demon by saying: "I can."

## September Birthdays.....

01 Heath Bryant	14 Landon Ramey	26 Melissa Briggs
01 Evelyn Mickey	14 Trevor Westmoreland	26 Michelle Hendrix
02 Glenn Blackburn	15 Donnie Campbell	27 J. D. Shields
04 Lala Pitts	15 Bob Ingold	28 Roscoe Johnson
05 Brandon Nuckles	17 Clarence Redmon	30 Chuck Peters
05 Kasie Powell	18 Linda Hooker	Ann Baker
05 Sherrill Vanderburg	18 Andrea Nelson	Joy Cisom
05 Helen Jones	20 Louise Davenport	Robert Cisom
06 Ward Laramore	21 Raynelle Shields	Patricia Fulk
06 Lillie Mae Ward	22 June Freeman	Sandy Hancock
07 Billy Pendry	23 Lib Cooper	Mike Poindexter
13 Courtney Forbes	23 Don Sealey	Gary Sechler

## October Birthdays.....

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



## September Anniversaries

Chris and Laura Bame  
 Tony and Trudy Nuckles  
 Ronald and Ann Rayle (21)



## In the Service of our Country



Matthew Bennett (new recruit in Jacksonville, SC)  
 A1C William Holt, US Air Force  
 Sheppard AFB, TX  
 Chief Warrant Officer 3 Michael Maine, US Army  
 [stationed in Korea]  
 Corporal Mel Wright, US Marines, California  
 (Nephews of Clarence Redmon)

## Duain & Faye Whittemore

What a blessing to serve the Lord in these days. I believe with all of my heart and soul that we are the generation that will experience the coming of our Redeemer. Glad day, glad day! No other generation can say that they have seen what we have concerning the last days and his second coming, AMEN! This brings great excitement to us that are saved, but a great burden for the lost. God is still saving souls where the Gospel is being preached!

**MISSION BOARD:** We praise the Lord for the privilege to help missionaries with their finances and many times their physical needs. What a joy to visit the different fields, see needs, then come home and tell you about it and watch God provide!

God has supplied the funds to rebuild Laurel Ridge Baptist Church-Philippines that burned in the slum area in Manila. Lord willing, it will be built better than before. Romans 8:28

ABMI helped many that suffered from the typhoon in the Philippines. Money was sent to purchase plane tickets for several of our Filipino pastors to fly and help some of their own people. Disaster relief funds were also sent. This was a special blessing to see them helping each other, Amen!

I try to talk to our missionaries on a regular basis. Bolivia is seeing a touch of revival. Please pray for Steven Fanning and his family as they labor in La Paz. **INDIA:** God's blessings are evident in the churches and the pastor's school. Funds have been sent to provide wells that people may have good water. **MISSION WAREHOUSE:** June was a good month, not as good as some, but still a blessing.

42,093 lbs of food and other items came in; 6.8 million tracts were transported **PRAISE THE LORD!**; 13,648 cases of baby product sent out; 43,759 lbs of food and other items given to missionaries and ministries; 22 families assisted with SNAP boxes; 211 families came in for help of some kind; 40 missionaries and ministries were helped.

Total records for June show that 273 families were helped in some way. It truly is more blessed to give than receive!

**MISSION TRIPS:** There have been teams from out West to the upper Arctic Circle, Alaska. June 28th a team returned from Nuiqsut, in the upper Arctic Circle of Alaska, having had a very good response with 7 being saved. They also had a good contact with open doors in Dead Horse – a very hard and closed place.

Pray that the project to reach the Arctic circle from the Canadian side will be as successful as the one on the Alaskan side has been. Pray for **OPERATION SATURATION** as the villages are saturated with God's Word and a personal witness to every village. Pray that God will give safety and souls. Also pray about the finances for these trips.

My wife and I will be going again this year. We will leave the last of August along with a team of two other preachers. I need to raise at least \$2,500 for this trip, not including my wife's ticket to Fairbanks. If you would like to have a part in this, please mark your offering "Whittemore-Alaska Trip." One hundred per cent will go toward the Arctic project. Thank you for any assistance.

ABMI has been able to help in some of the recent disasters. So far the trucks have been able to stay on the road despite the high fuel prices, but God only knows the future. Fuel prices at this time are a real burden. There have been trips, two in fact, to South Dakota, Ohio, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia as well as other states. Of course it takes money to run them and for maintenance. You can put \$1,000 at one time in a truck. **PLEASE PRAY.**

**PLANES:** The 402 remains down for repairs. Please pray for the planes: the Cessna 3 10, Cherokee 6 and 189 Piper. All are tools to get the Gospel to the World. The increase to 25,000 watts is reaching much farther than we ever thought! **PRAISE THE LORD!**

# REMEMBER IN PRAYER

## Smith Grove Seniors

Inez Alley	Pat George	J. D. Shields
Louise Byrd	Rev. M. W. Laramore	Raynelle Shields
Wilma Farrington	Shirley Crouch	Louise Smith
June Freeman	Bud McCurdy	Clarence Tucker
Ernest Fulk	Mary McCurdy	Hettie Mae Westmoreland

## Others in Need of Prayer

(In alphabetical order) \*Special Needs

Marilyn Alston	Tyler Hodgins*	Miranda Petkis
Hettie Andrews	Ronnie Holcomb	Norma Pilchett*
Fred Bame	Reva Holt	Claude Royal
Merl Blake	Raleigh Hunt	Jamie Shell
Roy Boody	Daniel Idol	Irene Shields
John Carter	Glenn Johnson	Aileen Smith
Bonnie Clark	Lawrence Jones	Eddie Thomason
Aaron Cole	Bessie Kendrick	Barbara Tucker*
Lib Cooper	Leighann Kincade	Kenneth Westmoreland
Gordon Crouch	Napha Klepper	Gordon Wilkey*
Louise Davenport*	Rose Matthews	Arry Wilson
Iris Farrington	Richie McCormick	Jessi Wright
Clyde Gray, Sr.	Mark Midkiff	New converts
Lillie Gray*	John & Dolly Miller	The Unsaved
Debbie Harden	Pam Neal	

**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

- Those on our Youth Prayer List
- Pastor Chuck Peters
- Wade and Nora Smith (Virginia Beach, VA)
- All the missions & missionaries we support.
- Rev. Bruce Freeman, Pastor ~ Manna Baptist Church
- Preachers, teachers, singers, & workers of our church & Discovery Clubs.
- The Radio broadcast & all visitation programs.
- Our sincere sympathies to the family of Jesse Sutphin.



## Services Each Week

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
<i>Teen Church in the Fellowship Bldg.</i>	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.
Saturday Morning Broadcast [WPET - 950 AM]	8:00 a.m.



## September 2008

**Tues., Sept. 2, 7:00 p.m. Men's & Ladies' Fellowship will meet at the home of Cleo & Reva Holt.**

8316 Holt-Parrish Lane ~ Stokesdale (643-7310)

Anyone interested in riding in the Church Van should meet at the church at 6:45 p.m.

**Wed., Sept. 3, 7:00 p.m. Discovery Clubs will begin their new year.**

**Sat., Sept. 6, 5:30 p.m. Winston-Salem Rescue Mission**

**Sept. 28 ~ Oct. 1 FALL REVIVAL with Dr. Billy Martin**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, October 12 ~ Smith Grove Homecoming**

**Coming this Fall: The entire month of November is being designated as "HARVEST HOME" month. Each family will be asked to bring non-perishable food items to the church. More details will follow . . .**

**Contact for Flowers to be sent for Sick/Bereaved:**

*Eloise McCollum - (336) 996-6320*

I Cor. 7:22-24



## Gary & Melissa Memorial Outreach Ministry

Greetings, and God bless you all. Love and fellowship among the brethren is my prayer for us – love in the local church is needed, that we might win others for Christ.

The Piedmont Baptist Camp Meeting was great last month. It wasn't too hot, and the services were filled with good fellowship each night. May God bless our 2009 meetings.

Well, school has started, and Bible Clubs have started in our church, and God needs people to work for the cause of Christ. Let's all do our part.

My work is going very well in senior homes – I visit the sick, pray with those going through trials, and just try to be there for them. I help them as a pastor would help them in his flock.

God bless you all!  
In Christ. happy. satisfied,  
Gary Smith ~ I Peter 5:7

### LAUGHTER . . .

### THE BEST MEDICINE!

A blonde was weed-eating her yard and accidentally cut off the tail of her cat which was hiding in the grass. She rushed her cat, along with the tail over to WAL-MART!

Why WAL-MART? Helloooooooooooooooooo! WALMART is the largest re-tailer in the world!

### Church Directories have arrived!

The 2008 Smith Grove Baptist Church Directory is now a reality! We will have the directories available at the church on the following Sundays: August 31, September 7, and September 14.



## “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 September and October 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.

### Evelyn Mickey

9024 County Line Rd  
Kernersville, NC 27284  
~ September 01

### Ward Laramore

1534 Canstaff Road  
Kernersville, NC 27284  
869-3276 ~ Sept. 06

### Lillie Mae Ward

308 Oakview Road  
High Point, NC 27265  
885-2281 ~ Sept. 06

### Linda Hooker

463 Macy Grove Rd.  
Kernersville, NC 27284  
993-5789 ~ September 17

### Louise Davenport

Skeet Club Manor  
1560 Skeet Club Road  
High Point, NC 27265 ~ Sept. 20

### \*\* Raynelle Shields

170 Tracie Lane  
Winston Salem, NC 27107  
769-1333 ~ September 21

### June Freeman

803 El Toro Dr.  
Kernersville, NC 27284  
996-3209 ~ September 22

### Lib Cooper

9000 Foxlair Drive  
Kernersville, NC 27284  
993-8296 ~ September 23

### J. D. Shields

8705 Boylston Road  
Colfax, NC 27235  
996-2655 ~ September 27

### Ernest Fulk

847 Goldfloss Street  
Winston-Salem, NC 27107  
784-7664 ~ October 02

### Ruby Bowden

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

\*\* Note corrected address for Raynelle Shields.

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“Forgiveness is the key to action and freedom.”

Hannah Arendt, American author and philosopher (1906-1975)

“Sin cannot be undone, only forgiven.”

Igor Stravinsky, Russian-born composer (1882-1971)

## Baptist Distinctive

**B – The Bible:** The Bible is the Word of God and the only rule of faith and practice. “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:” – **II Timothy 3:16**; “Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. – **II Peter 1:20-21**

**A – The autonomy** of the local church. The local church is to be independent, self governing, self supporting, and self propagating. The local church is composed by individual members who are saved and baptized. “Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.” – **Acts 2:41**

**P – The priesthood** of the believer. “Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.” – **I Peter 2:5**; “But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:” – **I Peter 2:9**

**T - Two** ordinances of the local church. Baptism and the Lord’s Supper. “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” – **Matthew 28:19-20**; “For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord’s death till he come.” – **I Corinthians 11:23-26**

**I – Individual** soul responsibility. The personal responsibility of an individual to God in the matters of salvation and conduct. “But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:” – **John 1:12**; “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.” – **II Corinthians 5:10**

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**S – Separation** – Personal, Ecclesiastical, and Political. (Separation of Church and State) “But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world. “ – **Galatians 6:14**; “Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.” – **II Corinthians 6:14-17**; “They say unto him, Caesar’s. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar’s; and unto God the things that are God’s.” – **Matthew 22:21**

**T – Two** offices of the local church. (Pastor and Deacons) “*1:* This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.  
*2:* A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;  
*3:* Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous;  
*4:* One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity;  
*5:* (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)  
*6:* Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.  
*7:* Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.  
*8:* Likewise must the deacons be grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre;  
*9:* Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.  
*10:* And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless.  
*11:* Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things.  
*12:* Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well.  
*13:* For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.” – **I Timothy 3:1-13**

*Pastor Chuck Peters*

# *The Shoes and the Sole*

My alarm went off – it was Sunday again;  
I was tired – it was my one day to sleep in.  
But the guilt I'd have felt the rest of the day  
Would have been too much, so I'd go; I'd pray.  
I showered and shaved, adjusted suit and tie,  
Got there and swung into a pew just in time.

Bowing my head in humble prayer  
But before I closed my eyes,  
I saw that the shoe of the man next to me  
Was touching my own and I sighed.  
With plenty of room on either side, I thought,  
“Why do our soles have to touch?”

It bothered me so; he was glued to my shoe,  
But it didn't seem to bother him much.  
Then the prayer began: “Heavenly Father,” someone said –  
But I thought, “Does this man with the shoes have no pride?”  
They were dusty, worn, scratched end to end.  
What's worse, there were holes on the side!

“Thank You for blessings,” the prayer went on.  
The shoe man said a quiet “amen.”  
I tried to focus on the prayer,  
But my thoughts were on his shoes again.  
Aren't we supposed to look our best  
when walking through that door?

“Well, this certainly isn't it,” I thought,  
Glancing toward the floor.  
Then the prayer ended and songs of praise began.  
The shoe man was loud, sounding proud as he sang.  
He lifted the rafters; his hands raised high;  
The Lord surely heard his voice from the sky.

Then the offering was passed; what I threw in was steep.  
The shoe man reached into his pockets so deep

And I tried to see what he pulled out to put in,  
Then I heard a soft “clink,” as when silver hits tin.

The sermon bored me to tears –  
And no lie –  
It was the same for the shoe man,  
For tears fell from his eyes.  
At the end of the service, as is custom here,  
We must greet the visitors and show them good cheer.  
But I was moved inside to want to meet this man,  
So after the closing, I shook his hand.

He was old, his skin dark, his hair a mess.  
I thanked him for coming, for being our guest.  
He said, “My name's Charlie, glad to meet you, my friend,”  
And there were tears in his eyes – but he had a wide grin.

“Let me explain,” he said, wiping his eyes.  
“I've been coming for months, and you're the first to say, “Hi.”  
I know I don't look like all the rest,  
But I always try to look my best.”  
“I polish my shoes before my long walk,  
But by the time I get here they're as dirty as chalk.”

My heart fell to my knees, but I held back my tears,  
He continued, “And I must apologize for sitting so near.”  
“I know when I get here, I must look a sight.  
And I thought . . . if I touched you, our souls might unite.”

I was silent for a moment knowing anything I said  
would pale in comparison, so I spoke from my heart, not my head.  
“Oh, you've touched me,” I said. “And taught me, in part  
That the best of a man is what's in his heart.”

The rest, I thought, this man will never know. . .  
***How thankful I am that he touched my soul!***

