

In **September of 1813**, the United States got its nickname, "Uncle Sam." The name is linked to Samuel Wilson, a meat packer from Troy, New York, who supplied barrels of beef to the United States Army during the War of 1812. Wilson (1766-1854) stamped the barrels with "U.S." for United States, but soldiers began referring to the grub as "Uncle Sam's." The local newspaper picked up on the story and Uncle Sam eventually gained widespread acceptance as the nickname for the U.S. federal government.

In the late 1860s and 1870s, political cartoonist Thomas Nast (1840-1902) began popularizing the image of Uncle Sam. Nast continued to evolve the image, eventually giving Sam the white beard and stars-and-stripes suit that are associated with the character today.



*The
Messenger*



September

“A Closer Look at Calvary”

Romans 3:24-26

There is a tendency to regard the cross work of Christ with a mere sentimental emotion. The physical sufferings were no doubt extreme and terrible. The suffering of Christ from the hands of God far exceeded His sufferings from the hands of man! We lack the capacity to fully understand the depth of suffering in the saying, “My God...why hast thou forsaken...”? When we carefully survey that “wondrous cross,” we understand more clearly the cause to glory in that cross.

A closer look at Calvary reveals the significance of the place of the Substitute. Jesus literally became the sacrifice or offering for the sin of the world. He was divinely offered or set forth by God. (Verse 25) Two offerings in the Old Testament illustrate the precious significance of the cross-work of Christ. The sin offering indicated the vileness of the sinner being transferred to the substitute and the burnt offering indicated the virtue of the sacrifice being transferred to the sinner. We think of II Corinthians 5:21 which states, “For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.”

A closer look at Calvary reveals the pleasure of the Sovereign. “The cross is the public declaration that God is righteous in the way He handled the sin question” (John Phillips) God’s holiness, justice, and righteousness is not compromised in saving the sinner! The Lord Jesus has fully discharged all our obligations and there are no legal grounds for charges to be pressed against us anymore. He qualified to fully pay our sin debt by virtue of the riches of His character. He is sinless. The penalty of the law was upheld, God’s justice was honored and His holiness was not compromised because a full compensation has been provided by the Saviour. God is both just and the justifier! (v.26)

A closer look at Calvary reveals the portion of the saved. “Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:” (3:24) The tense of the word “justified,” implies a continual action and the word “freely,” indicates the fact that there is no cause in us to merit that justification. His grace is the key!

The child of God can say in the words of the great hymn, “No condemnation now I dread, Jesus, and all in him, is mine! Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,” – *Charles Wesley*

Pastor Chuck Peters

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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 Messer Message

Me thinks it be time for an update. As I sit here typing, the computer screen seems all blurry to me—I have pink eye, a.k.a. Apollo, a.k.a. conjunctivitis. It's a BIG bother to me, but compared to the troubles of some others that I am praying for these days, it's nothing at all. I know. This is totally scary. I am trying to show the red eyes. They got even worse than that—all puffy and goopy. Last night a mosquito was biting me on my hands—I wanted to get up and kill it, but my eyes were stuck shut. First I had to get a wet rag, and get my eyes unstuck. Then everything was blurry. I did finally kill the mosquito (I sprayed at three of them, but I'm not really sure if it was all the same one or three different ones.) Ha. Anyhow, he's dead and I'm still here with my red, sticky eyes.

Our family has increased by two members. The first is a man named Prince (it's a nickname). He has suffered from a hernia for many years. We were able to use the Crisis Relief funds to help him have a much needed operation. Because he cannot work for several months AND his family does not live in San Pedro, Prince is living in our upstairs guest room. Prince does not know how to read or write, so we've been using this time to do school every day in English (Prince is ½ Liberian and speaks/understands English). He is a good house guest. We had several citrus juicer machines that were broken – Prince has repaired them all. He also fixed David's broken shoes. He is handy and likes to repair things. He used to hunt a lot, and would often bring us "bush meat" (crocodile, gazelle, and porcupine)... Prince is eager to get back into the jungle to help with our meat supply, but we are trying to be careful about any heavy lifting until at least 6 months. He plans to go hunt and then call Andy to come get him and the meat. We'll see how that goes.

The other new member is a little baby named Julie. She is 11 months old and we are keeping her 6 days a week from 7 AM to 8 PM. Her mother goes to our church (on her day off) and is a good friend. The lady who used to keep Julie can't do it anymore and the mom was desperate to find someone. The baby has been sick (malaria) and is a little on the malnourished side, so after talking and praying about it (this is a big step for us to go back to the baby days) we decided to offer to keep her. We're all still getting adjusted, but she is a sweet little girl and not hard to care for at all. I just want to see her get stronger and healthier. My kids love Baby Julie, and they all take turns holding her or playing with her. We are trying to get her on a normal schedule (she sleeps a lot right now and does not eat very much) of eating and sleeping... We trust that with time this will all smooth out. So, it's back to diapers and bottles for Andy and me. :)

Our latest Crisis Relief case: Rebecca – a young woman from our church. She noticed something hard in her belly but since it wasn't hurting, she ignored it. Then it began to grow. She thought she was just gaining weight. It began to hurt. She went to the doctor and after a sonogram, was told that her uterus was full of fibroid tumors. They wanted to take her whole uterus out. She came to us for help. Some of you know that early this year we went through

something very similar with a dear friend named Caroline. We took Rebecca to the same Dr. who had helped Caroline. To make a long story short, Dr. Amon was able to remove a HUGE tumor from Rebecca's abdomen (praise the Lord it was not in her uterus at all!) She is still recovering, but she is doing VERY well. She was discharged from the clinic after just two days and unlike Caroline who needed three bags of blood, Rebecca only needed one. It is practically impossible to get blood these days (I think with the war it has all been used up!) God helped us in so many ways and our whole church is just praising the Lord for His goodness.

While I feed baby Julie, and run folks like Prince and Rebecca back and forth to the Doctor's office, Andy stays super busy with the original church work as well as two new church plants. Our church, Église Baptiste Biblique (because we're based upon the Bible!), is very active with Andy in trying to get the new works up and running. It sure keeps Andy running, but thankfully he is not working alone. Of course the Lord is with him always, but God has graciously provided him with an Outreach Team (Pastor Williams, deacon Motché, deacon Rodrigue, Yoland, and a host of young people from our church who want to minister and be involved!) This is how it usually goes. Monday morning: counseling at our church and meeting with Outreach Team. Monday afternoon: take the kids to the beach – PLAY. Tuesday afternoon: preaching at Jules Ferry (new church plant). Wednesday afternoon: prayer meeting at our church (E.B.B.) Thursday: preaching at Seweké (new church plant). Friday: DAY OFF—fix things that are broken, study for preaching. Saturday: visitation either in our area, Seweke or Jules Ferry. Sunday: services in La Cite, Seweké and Jules Ferry (Andy, Williams, Motche and Rodrigue take turns preaching – each week one of them gets a day off and the other three preach. In between all that we have visitors who come all the time with various needs and requests. Needless to say, Andy does not have very many dull moments.

Well, this update has gotten so long. Just want you all to be up to speed on the work out here. We are doing fine as a family. We have not been too sick (other than the pink eye) and there has not been any more fighting in our city. Things are calm; the works are moving forward; we are glad to be here. We appreciate all of you who have prayed for us (so we could stay throughout the crisis time) and who have given financially to help meet our needs and the needs of the people to whom we minister. God has blessed us and given us a VERY fruitful work. There are so many who come to Christ every month here. It is exciting and encouraging. Thank you for praying and giving! We love you!

Andy and Becky Messer

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September Birthdays

1 Heath Bryant	13 Courtney Forbes	21 Raynelle Shields
1 Evelyn Mickey	14 Landon Ramey	23 Don Sealey
2 Glenn Blackburn	14 Trevor	26 Melissa Briggs
4 Lala Pitts	Westmoreland	26 Michelle Hendrix
5 Brandon Nuckles	15 Donnie Campbell	27 J. D. Shields
5 Kasie Powell	15 Bob Ingold	30 Chuck Peters
5 Sherrill Vanderburg	17 Clarence Redmon	
5 Helen Jones	18 Linda Hooker	
7 Billy Pendry	18 Andrea Nelson	



October Birthdays

1 Breanna Brown	13 Cody Williams	26 Rubie Hamilton
2 Ernest Fulk	20 Ruby Bowden	26 Brian Holt
6 John Moore	20 Tyler Landreth	27 Denice Slate
11 Brittany Vanderburg	23 Marlene Holt	30 Kathy L. Crews
11 Dennis Westmoreland	24 Iris Farrington	30 Andrew Raso
12 Curt Bame	25 Wendy Barham	
12 Rhonda Owens	25 Gary Holt	
13 Rose Matthews	25 Gene Pitts	



September Anniversaries



Chris and Laura Bame	Tony and Trudy Nuckles
Bob and Shirley Ingold	Ronald and Ann Rayle (Sept. 21)

Love's Blessing

Life bestows love's blessing,
 On a very special few.
 And I believe it happened,
 When life encountered you.
 You are a perfect couple,
 In a marriage that is blessed;
 May your love shine like a beacon,
 A guide for all the rest.



By Karl Fuchs

Ladies Fellowship

The Ladies Fellowship extends a cordial invitation to ALL ladies of the church to join us on Tuesday, September 13, as we kick off our 2011-12 year. We would love to see you at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and welcome your input as we plan for the year ahead.

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.

~ 2011 Scrabble ~

PRESBYTERIAN:

When you rearrange the letters: BEST IN PRAYER

ASTRONOMER:

When you rearrange the letters: MOON STARER

DESPERATION:

When you rearrange the letters: A ROPE ENDS IT THE EYES:

When you rearrange the letters: THEY SEE

THE MORSE CODE:

When you rearrange the letters: HERE COME DOTS

DORMITORY:

When you rearrange the letters: DIRTY ROOM

SLOT MACHINES:

When you rearrange the letters: CASH LOST IN ME

ANIMOSITY:

When you rearrange the letters: IS NO AMITY

ELECTION RESULTS:

When you rearrange the letters: LIES - LET'S RECOUNT

SNOOZE ALARMS:

When you rearrange the letters: ALAS! NO MORE Zs

A DECIMAL POINT :

When you rearrange the letters: I'M A DOT IN PLACE

THE EARTHQUAKES:

When you rearrange the letters: THAT QUEER SHAKE

ELEVEN PLUS TWO:

When you rearrange the letters: TWELVE PLUS ONE

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Smith Grove Seniors

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

Others in Need of Prayer **Special Needs*

(In alphabetical order)

JoAnn Alley	Harry Haynes	Norma Pilchett*
Marilyn Alston	Rhonda Hedgecock	Claude Royal
Fred Bame	Ricky Hedgecock	Johnny Sealey
Roy Boody	Tim Hedgecock	Betty & Karen Smith
Mr. Bray	Ronnie Holcomb	Lonnie Sorrell
Thelma Bullard	Alice & Barry Holman	Wanda Stafford
John Carter	Garland Holt*	Eddie Thomason
Bonnie Clark	Joretta Holt	Barbara Tucker*
Aaron Cole	Raleigh Hunt	Clara Ward
Wayne Covington	Sherry Jones	Kenneth Westmoreland
Bette Crouse	Opal Jordan	Gordon Wilkey*
Cheryl DeAntonio	Leighann Kincade	Gerry Williams*
Jimmy Dillon*	Daniel Matthews*	Tom* & Frances Woody
Rudy Dillon	Richie McCormick	Jessi Wright
Joyce Draughn	Mark Midkiff	Skylar Hope Yontz*
Myrtle Echols	Fred Murrow*	Ken Young
David Gindelsberger	John Pearl	New converts
Katie Griffin	Don Peterson	The Unsaved
Debbie Harden	Miranda Petkis	

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
- Missionaries Wade and Nora Smith (Virginia Beach, VA)
- All the missions and missionaries we support
- Youth Directors, Johnny & Tammy Cameron
- Preachers, teachers, singers and workers of our church and Bible Clubs
- Our sincere sympathy to the families of Merl Blake, Rev. George Presson and Argie Smith.

Services Each Week

Sunday School
 Sunday Morning Service
 Sunday Evening Service



10:00 a.m.
 11:00 a.m.
 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Services:

Bible Clubs
 Prayer Service
 Thursday Visitation

7:00 p.m.
 7:00 p.m.
 7:00 p.m.

Labor Day



September ~ 2011

Sun., Sept. 4, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Guest Speaker: Dr. Billy Martin

Tues., Sept. 13, 7:00 p.m. Ladies' and Men's Fellowship Meetings in the Fellowship Building.

Piedmont Baptist Camp Meeting ~ 7:30 nightly

**Monday, Sept. 19: Rev. Bobby Wilmoth
 Rev. Brian Taylor**

**Tues., Sept. 20: Rev. Bruce Freeman
 Rev. Roscoe Bowden**

**Wed., Sept. 21: Rev. Robert Hutchens
 Rev. Chuck Peters**

**Thurs., Sept. 22: Rev. Mike manuel
 Rev. Charles Mustian**

**Friday, Sept. 23: Rev. Greg Cassady
 Rev. Rick Hamann**

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I Cor. 7:22-24



Gary & Friends Missionary Outreach Ministry

Hello from Gary and Friends! We're hoping that everyone's fall season will be blessed.

We are very busy in God's ministry and we are currently starting a new visitation program in private homes with seniors and the sick. (James 1:27a "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction . . .") Please pray for us on Monday nights as we begin this important outreach.

Thank you for your prayers — we will be praying for each of you!

Because of Him,
Gary and Friends
I Peter 5:7

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 4 Michael Maine, US Army
[Ft. Rucker, AL] (Nephew of Clarence Redmon)

SSgt. Samuel A. Priddy, Marines - New River (Jacksonville, NC) - son of Brenda Westmoreland



“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 *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 Road
Kernersville, NC 27284
~ September 01

Linda Hooker

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

Raynelle Shields

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

J. D. Shields

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

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

On The Wings Of Prayer . . .

Just close your eyes and open your heart,
And feel your worries and cares depart.

Just yield yourself to the Father above,
And let Him hold you secure in His love.

For life on earth grows more involved,
With endless problems that can't be solved.

But God only asks us to do our best,
Then He will take over and do the rest.

So when you are tired, discouraged and blue,
There is always one door that is open to you.

And that is the door to the House of Prayer,
And you'll find God waiting to meet you there.

And the House of Prayer is no further away,
Than the quiet spot where you kneel to pray.

For the heart is a temple when God is there,
As we place ourselves in His loving care.

And He hears every prayer and answers each one,
when we pray in His name, Thy will be done.

The burdens that seemed too heavy to bear,
Are lifted away on the wings of a prayer



by Helen Steiner Rice

I Am The Flag



I am the flag of the United States of America.
My name is Old Glory.
I fly atop the world's tallest buildings.
I stand watch in America's halls of justice.
I fly majestically over institutions of learning.
I stand guard with power in the world.
Look up and see me.
I stand for peace, honor, truth and justice.
I stand for freedom.
I am confident. I am courageous. I am proud.
When I am flown with my fellow banners, my head is a little higher, my colors a little truer.
I bow to no one! I am recognized all over the world.
I am exalted - I am saluted.
I am loved - I am revered. I am respected - and I am feared.
I have fought in every battle of every war for more than 200 years.
I was flown at Valley Forge, Gettysburg, Shiloh and Appomattox.
I was there at San Juan Hill, the trenches of France, in the Argonne Forest, Anzio, Rome and the beaches of Normandy, Guam, Okinawa, Korea and KheSan, Saigon, Vietnam.
I was there. I led my troops.
I was dirty, battleworn and tired, but my soldiers cheered me
And I was proud.
I have been burned, torn and trampled on the streets of countries I have helped set free.
It does not hurt, for I am invincible.
I have been soiled upon, burned, torn and trampled on the streets of my country.
And when it's by those whom I've served in battle - it hurts.
But I shall overcome - for I am strong.
I have slipped the bonds of Earth and stood watch over the uncharted frontiers of space from my vantage point on the moon.
I have borne silent witness to all of America's finest hours.

But my finest hours are yet to come.
When I am torn into strips and used as bandages for my wounded comrades on the battlefield,
When I am flown at half-mast to honor my soldier,
Or when I lie in the trembling arms of a grieving parent at the grave of their fallen son or daughter, I am proud.

MY NAME IS OLD GLORY . . .
LONG MAY I WAVE.



*September 11, 2001 ~ A day
that will live in infamy.*