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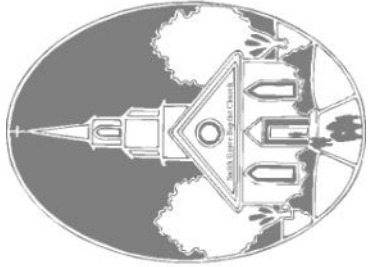
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Sun., Sept. 6 ~ .....Speaker: Leon Wood, Faith Baptist Church  
Tues., Sept. 8, 7-8 pm .....Robinwood Retirement Ctr.  
Sept. 14 ~ 18, 7:30 pm .....*Piedmont Baptist Camp Meeting with Dr. Billy Martin, Speaker*  
Sun., Sept. 20 .....**BEAMS' SUNDAY**  
Sept. 20 ~ 23 .....**REVIVAL with Dr. Mark Sanney,**  
Tabernacle Baptist College, Greenville, SC

**Looking Ahead:**

**Sun., Oct. 11 ~ Homecoming ~ Special Music by Penny Andrews**  
(talented vocalist & former singer with the Gethsemane Quartet, Greensboro, NC)  
**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

## SICK/OTHER NEEDS: (Newly added names are in italics.)

<i>J.C. Adams</i> (Car accident)	Don & Marcie Lemar (Health Issues)
<i>Dale Austin</i> (Melanie's Dad-leukemia)	Clara Farrington Long (health issues)
Lou Badgett	Dot Long
Donnie Barham (Cancer- <i>special prayer needed</i> )	Neva Long (Recovering at home.)
Homer Bowden	Elaine Lowe (Health Issues)
Sherri Bowling	Mark Lowe
Sheridan Bowman	Daniel & Mazie Matthews (Special needs)
Konny Bridges	Gary McArthur (malignant tumor)
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)
Christie Cobb (Breast Cancer)	Clarence Parker (Cancer)
Olivia Dunn (9-yr old -- cancer)	Gene & Oma Lou Pitts
Iris Farrington (Broken arm)	Allen Priddy (PTSD)
Diane Foust (Cancer)	Charly Raso (COPD & throat cancer)
Kathy Fulk (Diabetes & health issues)	Joe Ray
Kim Garrett (Cancer/Crohn's Disease)	<i>Ron Rayle</i> (Special prayer needed)
Charles "Junior" Gray (Cancer)	Sandra Richardson
Karen Hart (Kidney Transplant Candidate)	<i>Tom Rogers</i>
<i>Carol Hayden</i>	Claude Royal
George Hayes (heart)	Justin Royal
Rhonda Hedgecock	Jean Rumsey
Ricky Hedgecock	Violet Sealey
Tim Hedgecock	Betty Soyars
Joretta Holt (CHF)	Samantha Tucker's mother
Marlene Holt (crushed shoulder)	Brooke Long Wagoner
Sarah Hudson (CHF)	Kenneth Westmoreland
Stephanie Hutton	Reid Westmoreland
Sarah Isenhour (Crohn's Disease)	Jan Wilson
Jimmy Johnson (Illness)	Greg Wood (Heart attack)
Maureen Lamb	Elizabeth Yeoman
Wesley Landreth	

**BEREAVED Family of:**  
**Hubert Goforth**



## BEAMS' Report for August 2015

# of Pledges: 15 ; # of Contributions: 4 ;  
Total Contributors: 19  
Total Contributed: \$ 909.00 =  
**113 Bibles (plus some postage) in August**

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!*

*These statements were shared through a daily praise journal . . . The best sermons are lived:*

. . . Today, after I watched my dog get run over by a car, I sat on the side of the road holding him and crying. And just before he died, he licked the tears off my face.

. . . Today, when I witnessed a 27-year-old breast cancer patient laughing hysterically at her 2-year-old daughter's antics, I suddenly realized that I need to stop complaining about my life and start celebrating it again.



## *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."

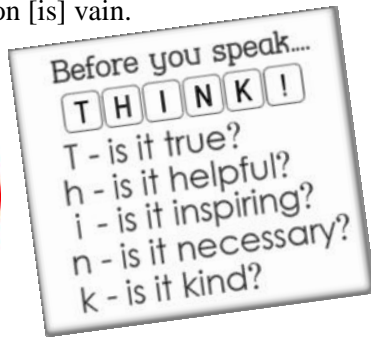
**Romans 10:13** "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

## Ponder This . . .



**Proverbs 12:18** - There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise [is] health.

**Proverbs 15:1** - A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger. **James 1:26** - If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion [is] vain.



## GOD. IS. OUR. STRENGTH.

**No weapon formed against me shall prosper.** Isaiah 54:17

**Let go and let God.** Phil. 4:6

**Good things fall apart so that better things can fall together.**

Romans 8:28

**This too shall pass.** 2 Corinthians 4:17-18. *"For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal."*

**All endings are beginnings; we just don't know it at the time.** Isaiah 43:18 *Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. 19 Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, [and] rivers in the desert.*

**"When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has been opened for us."** Helen Keller (June, 1880 - June, 1968)

## 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



*This day, too, shall live in infamy . . .*



Sept. 11,  
2001

Remember the innocent victims who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. The attacks resulted in the deaths of 2,996 people, including the 19 hijackers. The 2,977 victims included 246 on the four planes (from which there were no survivors), 2,606 in the World Trade Center and in the surrounding area, and 125 at the Pentagon.





It is my prayer that all is well with each of you. May our Lord continually uphold us faithfully in this day and hour when so many changes are coming upon America and we don't even know what Christians, pastors and churches will face in our future. I want to thank all of you for your continuing support of my ministry. I also thank you for your continuing prayers for my safety as I travel and the work of the ministry.

In my last few letters I mentioned that I came in contact with two of my best friends who were with me on my last ship while in the Navy. I postponed my trip to earlier because I had developed shingles when returning from the Ukraine. Last month the opportunity arose to meet them in Anderson, IN. The time between our first contact and my arrival in Indiana I had not mentioned I was a missionary for fear they might put up a defense. After my arrival I met with Dennis at Waffle House. As I sat down he asked how I was doing then asked, "**What's this ministry stuff**"? I had no idea that he knew and he caught me totally off guard. I explained only some basics because it was my intention to meet with both of them at the same time. The next day we drove to see Randy. When we arrived I didn't know that his wife and son would be there. I had no opportunity to share the gospel with everyone continually talking. When we returned to Anderson I had a great opportunity to explain to Dennis the gospel, salvation and my changed life. Both noticed my changed life because I didn't use foul language. Dennis asked, "**What about those that go to church on Sunday and Monday they get drunk and Tuesday they commit fornication**"? I explained they are not true Christians. That evening at Dennis' birthday party, his son and daughter-in-law attending, he asked, "**Tell them what countries you were in and about those papers (tracts) you hand out**". I had the opportunity to give his son a Chick tract and explained what I did. I didn't accomplish everything I wanted too, at the same time wasn't going to force anyone into a confession. It was the first time they heard the gospel. I will probably have to return in the future.

## NEW YORK

After my return from Indiana I travelled to New York to work with Bro. Jay Brandon whom I have worked with before. There were several places where we worked. We started in Brighton Beach with the Russian speaking Jews setting up a table, as it began to rain, to distribute tracts and bibles. During those days I spoke with one Ukrainian Christian women who truly understood that money and materialism is not everything in life. Another woman I spoke with, to my shock, said, "**The bible ruined America**"! I was taken back a little and engaged her in more conversation. She insisted that education is all we need. As she walked away I called her back and told her that America was built on biblical principles. She said, "I know that" and insisted that only education is important as she walked away. I saw young man coming toward me and asked, "Would you like some free Bibles"? He answered, "I'm Jewish" as he passed by. I said, "The Bibles are in Hebrew and Russian, you speak those don't you?" He turned around and asked, "How much?" And I said, "Free." He was excited to get the Bibles and walked off. He didn't know there was a New Testament in the bag. It can be difficult to speak with the Russians in Brighton Beach because they are always in a hurry. Many of the Russians still ignore you when trying to get them a tract. We also helped Liberty Baptist Church in Brooklyn that was recently started by a young pastor and had the opportunity to invite several Christians that we met on the street.

## CUBA

Our next trip at the end of July is to meet with an "**End-time Outreach Fellowship**" group in Santiago and meet with several pastors to discuss a future outreach in October. There are several possible cities we are considering for the Outreach. It is our intention to invite other American pastors or missionaries that want to participate. We will also meet with an antique motorcycle club and have a pig roast. The last time we held a roast 144 members attended with about 15 being saved. We are praying that again hearts will be open to the truth. Bro. Henry and I used to ride motorcycles years ago so we can relate to them.

## UKRAINE

Bro. Henry and I have been given a special invitation by Eastern Gate Baptist Church to return to conduct a special Outreach assisting the church in their soul winning efforts. We are making plans to return sometime in September.

Shalom,

*Thomas Jeran*

Thomas Jeran



## “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 *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

### Lala Pitts

2520 Sandy Ridge Rd.  
Colfax, NC 27235  
668-2218 ~ September 4

### Helen Jones

Countryside Manor Ret. Home  
7700 US 158 E  
Stokesdale, NC 27357  
643-2996 ~ September 5

### Linda Hooker

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

### 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



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.*

# Congratulations!

Happy Anniversary



**Bill & Jeanette Dillon**

Celebrating their 60th  
Wedding Anniversary!

## September Birthdays

- |    |                     |    |                  |
|----|---------------------|----|------------------|
| 1  | Heath Bryant        | 18 | Linda Hooker     |
| 1  | Evelyn Mickey       | 18 | Andrea Nelson    |
| 2  | Glenn Blackburn     | 21 | Tyler Pilcher    |
| 4  | Lala Pitts          | 23 | Don Sealey       |
| 5  | Brandon Nuckles     | 26 | Melissa Briggs   |
| 5  | Kasie Powell        | 26 | Michelle Hendrix |
| 5  | Sherrill Vanderburg | 27 | Bobbie Hayworth  |
| 5  | Helen Jones         | 30 | Chuck Peters     |
| 13 | Courtney Forbes     |    | Joy Cisom        |
| 14 | Trevor Westmoreland |    | Patricia Fulk    |
| 15 | Donnie Campbell     |    | Sandy Hancock    |
| 15 | Bob Ingold          |    | Mike Poindexter  |
| 17 | Clarence Redmon     |    | Gary Sechler     |

## 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           |    |                   |



## September Anniversaries

- |    |  |
|----|--|
| 2  | Bob and Shirley Ingold                       |
| 3  | Bill and Jeanette Dillon (60 years in 2015!) |
| 12 | Tony and Trudy Nuckles                       |
| 16 | Chris and Laura Bame                         |
| 20 | Dean and Shaila Puckett                      |
| 21 | Ronald and Ann Rayle                         |



# “Ono” or “Oh No”

Pastor Chuck Peters

“That Sanballat and Geshem sent unto me, saying, Come, let us meet together in *some one of the villages in the plain of Ono*. But they thought to do me mischief. And I sent messengers unto them, saying, I *am* doing a great work, so that I cannot come down: why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you?” Nehemiah 6:2-3

The Book concerns a great work on the part of a great worker. The great worker was Nehemiah. He was a willing, wise, witnessing, and warring worker. The enemies witnessed his commitment to complete the work on the wall as he wielded a sword and trowel.

Nehemiah evaluated the work as a “**great work**” – I believe that this should be the attitude of the Christian today in reference to the work of God! The Book concerns an attack on the part of the enemy. The enemy attempted to snare Nehemiah with a meeting in a place called “**Ono**.” The place was 25-35 miles from Jerusalem. The enemy had ill intentions.

Nehemiah basically said “**Oh No**” for good reasons. He was determined to stay with the work because of the **origin** and the **magnitude** of the work. The work was “**wrought of God**” (6:16) and “**great**” (6:3). The child of God is assigned, by grace, to a work which deserves faithful and diligent attention. That work is the “work of the ministry.” (Eph. 4:12) We have no business at “**Ono**” and must say “**Oh No**” to the Devil’s invitation to come down! The origin and magnitude of the work forbade our leaving it.

The work of the ministry is wrought of God and has priority status because of its **framing, funding, and fame**. The “framing” or “design” is God’s glorious plan of salvation, for Jesus came “to seek and to save that which was lost.” (Lk. 19:10) That design causes us to say, “Oh No!”

What is the price or funding behind the work? The cross-work of the Lamb of God. The plan of redemption cost God the death of His dear Son! How can we leave the work considering what God has invested in the work!

The **fame** or importance of the work requires an “**Oh No!**” The work has an eternal fame. It has an everlasting fame. God’s work has no competitors! What can be greater than a work that impacts human souls both for time and eternity!



The **magnitude** of the work should keep us on the wall. It is “**great!**” How great is the glorious work of redemption, which is the essence and driving force behind ministry? The saving grace of God is great enough to take a hell-bound sinner out of the miry clay of degradation, implant his feet upon the rock of salvation, sweep away the fear of condemnation, gladden the heart with jubilation, sweeten the voice with a song of inspiration, clean up the life with sanctification, and promise a future of glorification. How great is that? It’s a great work because it is supernatural, eternal, fulfilling, rewarding, precious, and above all, God honoring.

## *The Road Of Faith*

Shine your light, O Lord,  
So that I may see,  
Just where I am heading  
And what's in front of me  
Your word is the light,  
The lamp unto my feet  
It may not light far ahead,  
Nor show me where it's steep  
But it gives enough light  
For each step I take,  
Just enough to see ahead,  
Along this road of faith  
For this is what it surely is  
As we walk with Jesus Christ,  
The road that we are travelling on  
Is by faith, not by sight  
So shine your light, O Lord,  
So we may see our way,  
Though you only show in part,  
It's enough for each new day.

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## *2 Corinthians 5:6-10*

“Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: (For we walk by faith, not by sight:) We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him. 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.”