

## THE MESSENGER

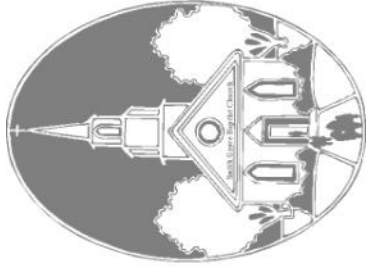
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## June ~ 2021

Sundays ~ 11:00 a.m. worship service; and  
6 p.m. evening worship service in the sanctuary.

Wednesdays ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ Prayer Meeting  
in the sanctuary. *Remember, this schedule is  
subject to change ~ changes will be announced by  
Pastor Chuck or Pastor Bruce.*

(BEAMS is always the 3rd Sunday of each month.)

**Fri., June 4 ~ W-S Rescue Mission (Virtual Service)** (first Friday of each month).

**Sun., June 6, 11 am & 6 pm ~ Visiting Speaker: Rev. Calvin Adams**

All services will continue to be live-streamed on Facebook and YouTube.



### Statement of Faith:

We are an Independent Baptist Church (*established in 1921*) preaching the old time Gospel; we still believe 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:** Iris Farrington      David & Carolyn McBrayer  
                  Neva Long                Willard & Barbara Tucker

**Assisted Living/Nursing Home:** Rose Matthews

## IN THE SERVICE OF THEIR COUNTRY

**PVT Adam Brittain**, Army, Fort Benning, GA (Sam Crater's nephew)

**CW4 Jonathan Harless** (Raleigh)                                } (Hal & Martha  
**LTC Robert Harless** (Fort Campbell, KY)                        } Harless' sons)

**Camren Harrell** (Navy Seal Candidate) -Grandson of the Craters

**E3 Noah Johnson**, US Coast Guard Station Port Canaveral, Cape Canaveral, FL (Henry & Geraldine Johnson's grandson)

**Spec. Jocelyn Laramore**, US Army; Ft. Hood, TX  
(Granddaughter-in-law of Jim Laramore) Pray also for Valentino James Laramore, Jim's great grandson & his namesake.

**CCWO5 Michael Maine**, US Army; Ft. Rucker, AL (Nephew of Clarence Redmon)

**LT Katie Moore**, US Navy; USS Independence (LCS-2)  
(Dreama & Darris Moore's Granddaughter)

**SSgt Kyle Norman**, 2602 Westridge Ave W #L304,  
Tacoma, WA 98466 (Sandy Westmoreland's son)

**PFC Trevor Westmoreland**, PO Box 10197,  
Ft. Irwin, CA 92310 (Allen & Sandy Westmoreland's son)



D-Day, observed annually on June 6, brings overwhelming memories of the brave men and women who fought a strategically planned and well-executed battle that ultimately led to the end of the Second World War. More than 75 years after the end of World War II, these memories remain fresh to the over 300,000 living U.S. veterans of the war.

The rest of us look to their legacy and the rich history of events told through museums and memorials. There is not a more important time than today for us to remember and honor them as we reflect on D-Day, June 6, 1944.



## BEAMS' Report for May 2021

# of Pledges: 12; # of Contributions: 4;  
Total Contributors: 16  
Total Contributed: \$ 700.00 =  
87 Bibles in May (plus some postage)

*Many thanks to the Adult Fellowship Bible Class for their ongoing BEAMS' ministry which added \$ 170.00 for postage this month!*

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)

Smith Grove will be streaming Live every Wednesday at 7 p.m. & Sunday at 11 a.m. on [Facebook](#) & [YouTube](#) — (You do not need a



facebook account to watch the video on fb!)

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To listen & download mp3:

Audio Sermons Online ~ <http://audio.smithgrove.org/>



## Men's & Ladies' Fellowship

Quarterly Mtgs.: (3rd Tuesdays - 7 p.m.)

Meetings will resume when the Covid-19 threat allows.

## 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."



### 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 June & July 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.

#### Oma Lou Pitts

8047 National Service Rd  
Colfax, NC 27235  
336-668-2336 ~ June 19

#### Becky Redmon

8421 Endicott Road  
Colfax, NC 27235  
336-993-1833  
336-482-1926 (Cell) ~ July 09

#### Betty Byrd

3316 Sandy Ridge Road  
Colfax, NC 27235  
336-993-5492 ~ July 01

Q. Why aren't koalas actual bears?  
A. They don't meet the koalafications.  
Q. What do you call someone with no body and no nose?  
A. Nobody knows.



*Are you or a family member turning 90 this year? Please let Pastor Chuck know so that we may recognize you on your special birthday!*

### June Anniversaries

- 2 Barbara & Willard Tucker
- 8 Adrian & Wendy Barham
- 17 Darris & Dreama Moore
- 23 Jim & Sherrie Lowry



Flag Day is celebrated on June 14. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States on June 14, 1777, by resolution of the Second Continental Congress. The Flag Resolution, passed on June 14, 1777, stated: "Resolved, That the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation."



### Dave & Sandy Kelly ~ Word of Life International

We would like to recommend a good book by Irwin Lutzer entitled We Will Not Be Silent. Lord willing, this will be true of the staff of Caribbean Short-Term Missions. We would encourage you also to "Not Be Silent" concerning our Lord Jesus Christ, no matter the location of your sphere of influence. Our 2021 mission trips are all stateside due to Covid. We have three trips going out: Alaska – headed by Dave Burch – this trip is full and ready to go! Trips 2 and 3 are to Spanish speaking young people here in North Carolina: one community in Winston-Salem; one week of camp at Camp Victory specifically for Spanish speaking teens. We still need volunteers for these two trips. If you think the Lord would have you minister with either trip, please contact us at [davek@wol.org](mailto:davek@wol.org).

Recently Dave spent time with one of our tech guys in Florida who specializes in "setting up one's office" and then, "how" to have effective and professional Zoom meetings. The Lord provided all the proper equipment needed to execute a good Zoom conference. We are ready to go and just in time for our staff meeting!

We had a very productive staff meeting. Most all were present in person, but others by Zoom. The purpose of the meeting was to prepare the staff for ministry in the islands, Lord willing, as soon as they're open. Our staff is planning to leave for Curacao, Aruba, St. Lucia, and Nassau this fall to minister to the churches that have our Word of Life ministries. We are preparing for leadership meetings throughout the Caribbean during the winter and spring of 2022. For the summer of 2022 we're preparing to take evangelistic teams for one week of meetings each in Curacao, Aruba, and St. Lucia. Also, we are planning to send our *STUDENT FUSION team* to Anguilla during the summer of 2022. As you pray for each of these trips, perhaps you might ask the Lord if HE would have you participate in one.

Recently in our Quiet Time we read these thoughts regarding the importance of prayer by Dr. Thomas Constable, "Prayer is the most powerful and effective means of service in the Kingdom of God...It is the most dynamic work which God has entrusted to His saints, but it is also the most neglected ministry open to the believer. It is the essential element for Christian victory... We may marvel at the spiritual power and glorious victories of the early apostolic church, but we often forget that its constant prayer life was the secret of its strength..." With that in mind, go back over this letter. Do you notice a pattern? We're planning; we're preparing... "for when the islands open." We cannot go and minister as things stand right now. Brethren, we must pray! We are thankful for Zoom and we will use it, but it does not REPLACE actually being there in person. Our Pastors and educators (among others) all agree on this! Let's be faithful to pray for God to make a way – the best way possible – to minister to the dear people of the Caribbean!

Thank you for all you do to make it possible for Sandy and me to take the message of Christ to the youth of the Caribbean.

Dave & Sandy Kelly  
[davek@wol.org](mailto:davek@wol.org)

<https://give.wol.org/davek>



**“Where is God?” ~ Pastor Chuck Peters**

**“But none saith, Where is God my maker, who giveth songs in the night;” – Job 35:10**

Job’s so called friend, Elihu, made the case that the afflicted do not call out to God for help. Many are similarly saying, “Where is He”? He seems to be silent when I pray; He seems to let bad things happen to good people, He seems to have forgotten about me!”

Where is God? Look up! He is still on the throne! Isaiah said, “I saw the Lord high and lifted up...” Asaph said, “Whom have I in heaven but thee?...” – Psalm 73:25 The vile, wicked, perverted, and depraved specimens of the human race will never dethrone God. Satan tried and it didn’t work and you can rest assured man will not succeed!

Where is God? Look what we have! He is behind every blessing we have received. He daily loads us with benefits! We are breathing air that God provides. We are eating food that He caused the earth to grow. We are wearing clothes made possible by earthly resources that God created.

Where is God? Look around! I see His masterstroke in the morning sky lit up by the rising of the sun. I see that same glorious Artist of the universe painting the stroke of the golden hue of the setting sun at evening time. I see the Artist’s work in the petal of a rose and the wildflowers brightening up the meadow. I don’t even have to stretch my imagination to factor in the goodness of God in the sweet smell of the honeysuckle or the blooming of the dogwood as an extra greeting of spring!

I see the gentleness of God in the smile of a baby and the sincerity of a child. I see the power of God in the flash of the lightning. I see the peace of God in the face of the dying saint. I see the grace of God in the conversion of the sinner. Some say He is nowhere but we know He is now here!

Where is God? Look at yourself! Who are you and what are you? You are not the final phase of an evolutionary process that brought you from a tadpole to a monkey and then human. He is our “Maker” as the verse says.

Where is God? Look at what we sing! He gives “songs in the night” – Job 35:10 The saints of God can sing when it is dark and no amount of darkness can shield His love and care. The words of an old 19<sup>th</sup> Century hymn comes to

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mind, “I love to kiss each print where Christ did set His pilgrim feet; Nor can I fear that blessed path, whose traces are so sweet. When obstacle and trials seem like prison walls to be, I do the little I can do, and leave the rest to Thee.”

Where is God? Look at what we know! “Who teacheth us more than the beasts of the earth, and maketh us wiser than the fowls of heaven?”- Job 35:11

Where is God? He’s everywhere! I could shout from the highest rooftop that He is alive! He saves and gives joy and peace. He is behind every blessing. He is the theme of every song in the hymnbook of the heart of the redeemed! He is in my world, He is in my heart, He is in my song, and He is in my future and is the source of my certainty. “For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.”- II Timothy 1:12

Where is God! He is where the world says He isn’t! He is, when the atheist says He is not! He has always been and will never cease to be who He has always been, the Eternal, all powerful, all knowing and all present God! He will remain eternally the same.

Where is God? He is where He went, when over two thousand years ago, He ascended through the clouds! He is where He went after ratifying the plan of salvation for fallen sinners by His death, burial, and resurrection. He now sits on the Father’s right hand, yet once trod the earth that His hands had created.

Consider the question in the context of the life of Christ upon this earth. Where is God? He’s cradled in the arms of the virgin. He’s the one holding the children on His knees. He’s the one standing before the tomb of His friend and beckoning him to come out of that tomb! He’s the one asleep on the ship yet the proven “Master of the Seas!”

Where is God? He stands patiently on the outside of the heart’s door of the sinner wanting to come in. Would to God that all who read this and cannot say, “He’s in my heart” would, by faith, turn the door handle and let Him come in! “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.” – Romans 10:9

Where is God? He’s found on every page of the Bible and in the fulfillment of all of its promises. He is found by those who earnestly seek Him. He appears at the bedside of His people when they suffer and goes with them to the end for He not only is with His own but in His own! He is inseparable with those whom He calls His own. God is bigger than all the worlds He created. He is mightier than all the armies that have or do exist. He is so worthy of praise and adoration that eternity itself will never afford time to convey the full scope of glory that He alone is worthy to receive. I do believe that all of the ransomed host of God will never cease to gladly extol and give praise to Him who bore our sins upon the tree and made us worthy to be adopted into His royal family. Our feeble, but redeemed lips can say, “He’s in my heart” but the testimony of salvation requires an eternity to express the full joy. “O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!” – Charles Wesley

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## Be Strong Bible Club & Teens

With summer in sight, our “Be Strong” group is excited to soon wrap up another school year! It is always encouraging to watch our young people blossom despite the uncertain times they have faced. What a blessing, knowing they are learning to look to God for strength and hope!

The week of Earth Day, we started a new series, “*Earth Day ~ The Bible Way.*” Especially as the season of spring unfolds, the world is filled with majestic wonders and beauties that declare the powerful, designing hands of our remarkable Creator-God. Our zoomers were asked to bring along anything that reminds them of God’s amazing creation. Mackenzie brought an angel figurine that reminds her that God created angels to watch over us. Abi loves sunrises, sunsets, and dandelions. Addison displayed her sweet cat, Sammy. Jeffrey introduced us to a tent caterpillar he had caught in a cage. Angie brought Daisy the adorable turtle. Stephanie showed us a lovely nest of robin eggs from her yard. Watson gave us a view of his dog, Leroy, playfully chewing on his foot. Darla brought a plump, juicy strawberry. Bruce showed us a delicate, spiraling seashell. Marshall brought a pressed crimson leaf, collected just before the fires in Gatlinburg. Glenda mentioned the joy of watching children and grandchildren grow. While many celebrate “Earth Day” by honoring the earth and its resources, Christians must be careful to worship our *Creator* instead of *creation*, knowing that He has entrusted us to be good stewards of the world He has left to us. As we behold the splendor of God’s amazing earth, we can smile to ourselves, knowing in our hearts that we too, have been created and designed by His loving hands.

The next week in our series, we took a look at what Genesis says about the creation of Adam and Eve. We considered that, as He has created us, God has given us gifts and talents to use for Him. Everyone came ready to tell about a unique, God-given gift that we can use for His glory. Abi shared her passion for caring for plants and animals. Mackenzie mentioned her singing at church. Jeffrey’s gift is a sensitivity to what others are feeling. Catherine told us that she feels compelled to help others communicate through sign language. Misty said that her gift has always been singing, since the age of 11, when a friend asked her to sing at church with her. Bruce expressed a knack for “fixing things.” Marshall’s gift is creativity, while Glenda’s role is being a caregiver and a peacemaker. God has designed all of us so differently... within our family, and even within a church, we each have something to bring to this world. In all our differences, God has not only made us in His image, but He has especially suited us to the role He has given us. Psalm 139:14 declares, “*I will praise Thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are Thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.*” We can keep that verse in our hearts, because He has made us as we are, so that we can reach the people in our

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corners of this world. We may look longingly at others, wishing we had “her hair,” “his voice,” “their family,” “her ability,” or “his brains.” But there is *no mistake* in how we look, how our minds work, or how our personalities emerge. His imprint on each of us gives us a purpose in this life, and we can give Him all the honor and glory as we use our God-given abilities to shine for Him.

The following Together Tuesday brought us to the week of Mother’s Day, so we reflected on the role of Eve in the creation account, and how she became “*the mother of all living.*” (Genesis 3:20) Everyone considered our own moms, and shared “one thing that Mama taught me.” We mentioned that our mothers taught us how to respect others, how to support people, how to pray, how to serve others in love, how to sing from a hymn book, how to cook, how to witness to others about the Lord, how to cross stitch, how to take care of ourselves, how to stay organized and productive, and how to sacrifice for the ones we love. There is no doubt that mothers impact our lives from one generation to the next! We rejoiced that, from the beginning, God has blessed us with strong and loving women to instill His love in our hearts.

We wrapped up our creation series with a look at the tragic moment when temptation and sin entered the garden. When Adam and Eve were tempted by the serpent, they gave in to disobedience. We asked our zoomers what temptations they struggle with... “What’s a sin that is hard for you to avoid?” Several mentioned times they are tempted to lash out in anger when somebody hurts them, or moments when they are asked to join in on questionable parties, or instances when they are envious of others. Being tempted in itself is not sinful, and God always provides us a way of escape. But once we fall into temptation and choose to commit the sin, we’re guilty, and we need to repent and seek His forgiveness. We must not let our guard down, but we should call on the Lord to help us resist the many obstacles that arise each day.

As the school days dwindle, please remember our young people in prayer. They are facing exams and end-of-year testing during the close of a strange and extraordinary session of school. We are grateful to see them thriving, and we celebrate several students who are coming to the end of a special chapter! **Watson graduates from elementary school; Catherine and Joseph are graduating from high school; and Tyler has graduated from high school and the Electrical Lineworker Program at Forsyth Tech.** Help us pray that God will guide the steps of each young person as they move on to fulfill the purpose and plan He has lovingly set before them.

Praying Along With You All, *Bruce, Darla, and Marshall*

- ~ On the Ark, Noah probably got milk from the cows. What did he get from the ducks? *Quackers*
- ~What do we have that Adam never had? *Ancestors*
- ~What do they call pastors in Germany? *German Shepherds*



WATSON, CATHERINE, JOSEPH & TYLER  
YOU DID IT!  
2021  
Congratulations

# 2021 ~ Centennial Anniversary for Smith Grove

Since June is the month when we celebrate our fathers, it seems only fitting that we at Smith Grove Baptist Church take a moment to honor, not only our founding fathers, but the fathers who have pastored our church over the last 100 years. Shown below are the pastors (and their wives) who were called by God to take on the leadership of our church. We have been blessed with four outstanding godly men to serve as pastor, and one equally dedicated associate pastor who is currently serving under Pastor Chuck Peters. Let's pray for all the fathers in our church, and especially those who serve in leadership roles. *We appreciate your dedication; your servant's heart; your humble spirit; your loyalty to the gospel; your love of Christ and His church; your sense of humor; your courage in the face of perilous times; and most of all, we appreciate your integrity, commitment, conviction, competency, and character.* **1 Timothy 5:17** - "Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine."

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### Celebrating Our 100th Anniversary

Rev. & Mrs. Nealis Smith



Rev. & Mrs. R. O. Nuckles



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Rev. & Mrs. Charles (Chuck) Peters



Rev. & Mrs. Bruce Freeman



Check back each month for more Smith Grove History!

Associate Pastor, serving under  
Pastor Chuck Peters