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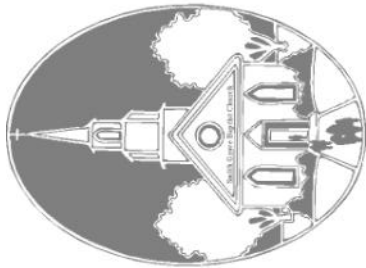
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Wednesday Service 7:00 PM
Bible Clubs 7:00 PM
Thursday Visitation 7:00 PM

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Tues., Aug. 10, 7 pm ~ Robinwood Senior Living

Regular Services:

Sundays—11:00 a.m. & 6 p.m. Worship service
in the sanctuary.

Wednesdays - 6:45 pm - Be Strong Bible Clubs in the yard behind the Fellowship Hall;

7:00 p.m. Prayer Mtg. in the sanctuary.

[BEAMS is always the 3rd Sunday of each month.]

Any changes in this schedule will be announced by Pastor Chuck or Pastor Bruce.

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



~ Save the Date ~ Homecoming 2021 ~ Sun., October 17

Lord willing, we will have lunch in the Fellowship Building after the 11:00 service. *More details later . . .*

Statement of Faith:

We are an Independent Baptist Church (*established in 1921*) 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: 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, Germany (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)



* Please join us in praying for **Camren Harrell**, our grandson, as he leaves in August to begin his service for our country in the Navy. *Love and prayers, Cam!* (The Craters)



Navajo Code Talkers' Day ~ August 14

As World War II raged, the need arose for the improvement of coded messages on the Pacific Front. These messages conveyed secret information from battle lines to air bases and other locations. Cipher machines, which did the coding, didn't work well in the jungles of the Pacific Islands. Additionally, the Japanese were adept at code-breaking, because many knew English well—many even had been educated in the United States. Ultimately, the Navajo Code Talkers were the answer, and we celebrate and remember them today, on **National Navajo Code Talkers Day**.



BEAMS' Report for July 2021

of Pledges: 8; # of Contributions: 4;
Total Contributors: 12
Total Contributed: \$ 660.00 =
80 Bibles in July (plus some postage)

Many thanks to the Adult Fellowship Bible Class for their ongoing BEAMS' ministry which added \$ 250.00 for postage this month!

You can also get the BEAMS' report online at our website:
http://www.smithgrove.org/beams_ministry.htm

Services will be streaming Live every Wednesday at 7 p.m. & Sunday at 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. on [Facebook](#) & [YouTube](#) — (You do not need a



facebook account to watch the video on fb!)



<https://www.facebook.com/mySGBC/>

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCj39_zpMzkkCXdFYy1NKndQ

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 August & September 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.

Patsy Pendry

8054 Clinard Farms Rd
High Point, NC 27265
336-668-4415 ~ August 19

Evelyn Mickey

8350 Tyner Loop Rd
Colfax, NC 27235
336-668-2332 ~ Sept. 1

Doris Nuckles

8324 Tyner Loop Road
Colfax, NC 27235
336-668-2332 ~ August 28

Bobbie Hayworth

1847 Horneytown Rd.
High Point, NC 27265
336-869-3956 (Home)
336-687-3175 (Cell) ~ Sept. 27

Carol Hayden

8413 Adkins Rd
Colfax, NC 27235
336-993-8328 ~ Sept. 1



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!

August Anniversaries



10 Johnny & Laura Smith
19 Calvin & Joy Vaughn



- The fattest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.
- I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.
- Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.
- Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.
- Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other: 'You stay here; I'll go on a head.'
- The midget fortune-teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.
- The soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.
- A vulture boards an airplane, carrying two dead raccoons. The stewardess looks at him and says, 'I'm sorry, sir, only one carrion allowed per passenger.'

2021 ~ Centennial Anniversary for Smith Grove



Rev. R.O. Nuckles



Typical Vintage Tent 1940s



Ben Farrington

Around the years 1946-1947, Pastor Richard Nuckles and Ben Farrington put up a tent along Sandy Ridge Road, just below the church. The meeting lasted several weeks, and many people were saved. Pastor Nuckles also had a burden to start a Baptist camp meeting. With that burden, Piedmont Baptist Camp Meeting was founded, and is still having meetings every summer.

Check back each month for more Smith Grove History!



Summer Lovin'



Give me the sun on the hazy horizon,
the sherbet color morning sky above
give me a clear cloudless day then
you'll know ~ why God I love.

Give me the shade of the golden
willow, the Good Book for me to
read, give me something refreshing to
drink in and I'll have close ~ to all I
need.

Give me a creek's memorizing hum-
ming, chirps coming from a robin's
nest - give me a green pasture with my
Lord, well ~ you can picture the rest.

Give me the sounds of children play-
ing, the laughs and giggles of youth;

give me the peace of a summer's sigh
when God reveals to me ~ another
truth.

Give me the soft breeze of the ocean,
as I watch the sun paint its dazzling set
- give me a cool night in the moonlight
and I'll be as close to heaven ~ as I can
get.

Give me a day in the radiant Son
shine, let me bask in God's glorious
love give me a summer day to spend
reflecting on all the splendor ~ He
sends from above!

Ecclesiastes 3:1

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The White Family ~ Operation Bolivia

Packed and Prepared: At the time of writing this, we have now moved out of the place we were renting here and our things have been packed in our storage building where they will faithfully await our return four years from now. The past few days have been exhausting, having to load and unload all of our things in the summer heat. I have really been able to feel my age and now need a couple of days to recover. ☺ We also got Grace moved into her room where she will be staying, as she started classes at the Our Generation Training Center a couple of weeks ago. She is staying busy with all of her classes and working a couple of different jobs. Now, all that remains is to get all of our suitcases organized and weighed correctly at 49.5 pounds each. This is always a challenge because of needing to take back extra things that we need besides our clothing. We fly out on Wednesday night the 7th of July and will arrive in Cochabamba at around 8:00am on Thursday. Our first task after getting settled will be to look for a house and then move all of our things that we have stored there, into our new place. It is crazy to think that we move four different times in a year's time, during furlough. We have enjoyed our time, but are looking forward to getting back to Bolivia and back to work in the ministry.



Camping for Christ: We recently were able to be a part of our church's teen camp at Sand Mountain Bible Camp. Last year they were not able to have it because of Covid, so everyone was really excited this year. The focus of the camp this year was, "Making Disciples" and we were able to teach a class on examples of making disciples in Bolivia and I also was able to preach on hindrances to becoming and making disciples. The teens were also challenged to sign a pledge to be willing to be a missionary if that is what the Lord wants. I think there were close to 20 that committed their lives to seeking where the Lord would have them serve in World Evangelism. There were several at camp that just a few short years ago signed the same pledge, and are now serving the Lord as missionaries in different places around the world. Please pray for these young people and that the Lord will continue to call many more to take the gospel to the world.

World's Cheapest Mission's Trip [Trip took place July 20-23; too late for church participation.] We would like to invite you to "The World's Cheapest Mission Trip." It is a 4-day event for Teenagers and Young adults who are very serious about going into Gospel ministry and includes going to several religious sites in the Atlanta area to see the need for the Gospel around the world.

Prayer Requests: 1. Pray for a smooth transition as we move back to Bolivia. 2. Pray that we can quickly find a house to rent in a good location and price. 3. Pray for Grace as she adjusts to college life and responsibilities. 4. Pray that things will get better in Bolivia so that we can do more in the ministry.

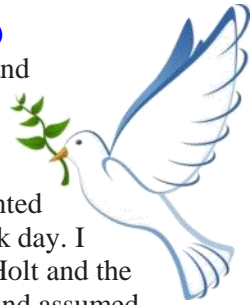
A Word of Praise... by Sherrill Crater (August 2013)

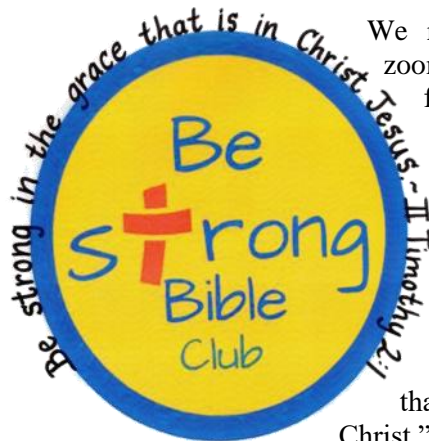
How do we say thank you for your constant thoughts and prayers? There is no doubt that the prayers of God's saints wrought a miracle in our lives.

The prayers began in the Ladies' Prayer Room last August (2012). My son Johnny had a defibrillator implanted that month, yet he felt exhausted at the end of every work day. I shared my worry with our beloved Prayer Leader Reva Holt and the dear ladies in the prayer room; they took up my burden and assumed the mantle of prayer on Johnny's behalf. His tiredness continued and all the prayer warriors of our church and family began to pray. In December, Johnny was admitted to the hospital in critical condition . . . God answered prayer in the form of talented doctors who saved his life with a Left Ventricular Assist Device (LVAD, or heart pump) which was run by electricity and took over the pumping function of the heart. He did well until mid-April when he developed a blood clot in the implanted heart pump. Again, God answered prayer as Johnny underwent a second surgery and the pump was switched out for a new one. All the while our church and precious saints from many other churches prayed. (A dear church in Greensboro [Center UMC] made a prayer cover in the form of a beautiful blanket that they had prayed over as it was created. Johnny was truly "covered" in prayer [& the Duke Blue Devil logo – his favorite team!]. They also committed to future daily prayer.) Recovery was slower with this surgery, but even so Johnny's health improved to the point that he was able to be placed on the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) Heart Transplant list on July 8. For 30 days, he would be placed on the top status of the list, Status 1A.

At 11 p.m. on July 30, Johnny's doctor called from Wake Forest Baptist Medical Ctr. There was a possible donor . . . wait for our call and be ready. At 5 a.m. the next morning, the call came and off we went. That day was packed full of orchestrated procedures by a myriad of skilled individuals – a tireless, unified transplant team. On August 1, after 12 hours of surgery, Johnny left the operating room with a brand, new heart! **A miracle indeed!** . . . People prayed; a grief-torn family gave; talented doctors fulfilled their calling; God wrought a miracle . . . as this transplanted heart began to beat to the rhythm of a new life.

Thank you, donor family, for your unbelievable gift in the midst of your own tragedy; thank you, prayer warriors, for your dedication; thank you, doctors, for your caring and long hours of pain-staking work; thank you, nurses, for excellent daily care; thank you, family, for your support; and thank you, Precious Father, for this gift of life. Not only does Johnny have his eternal life secured through Jesus Christ, he now has the hope of a healthy life here on earth.





We recently wrapped up our weekly zoom meetings by reflecting on how far we've come in the last fifteen months. It was fitting that our last Together Tuesday was spent pondering, *"What has God taught me this year?"* Hearts were blessed as we listened to the testimonies of one another. Misty shared that she has found encouragement and peace in Philippians 4:13, knowing that she "can do all things through Christ." Mackenzie said she has learned

that "family" is more important than anything. Jeffrey humbly mentioned that he feels undeserving of the family with which God has blessed him. Abi shared that she has a new gratitude for waking up each day, realizing that every day is a gift. Glenda testified that she has learned patience, and how to wait on what God wants instead of what she wants. John said that his prayers have changed, and that he has learned to pray differently in these months. Bruce shared that God has used the second chapter of Philippians to teach him that, although people may have differing opinions, we can be loving and "likeminded" because we are still one in Christ. Marshall Freeman learned that he had been taking some things for granted before the pandemic. We can all look back and realize how much God has worked in our lives in this season. When life was suddenly put on hold, so many simple, everyday things became the very things we deeply missed...

This is why our Wednesday night gatherings now hold such significance for our young people. As we meet in the yard behind the fellowship hall, it is evident in the smiles and laughter... it's a joy to be together, in person, at last! Our youth group has gradually changed in our time away... so much that Abi, Addison, and Mackenzie have grown up and right into our teen department! Stephanie and John are leading the teens into a new lesson program called, "Teen Topics." So far, they have focused on anger, technology, and contentment, while using the Bible to learn how to deal with these topics in everyday life.

Our younger students have been taking a look at what the Bible says about worrying. We began with a game of tossing wooden clothespins toward a hula hoop on the grass. Then we sat down on our towels for some discussion. We asked the youngsters, *"What weighs heavy on your minds?"* It touched our hearts to hear some of their sincere responses: *"My appearance, and how I look to people"; "Getting lost in the dark"; "Friends who are troubled"; "What will I be like when I*

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grow up?"; *"How will school be this year?"*; *"What if I get kidnapped?"* Their burdens are very real, which proves that even young children are not exempt from the tendency to grow anxious. I Peter 5:7 urges us to *"Cast all (our) care upon Him; for He careth for (us)."* The students could associate "casting" with fishing, so we discussed the image of flinging, pitching, hurling, slinging, or throwing our many troubles right at the Lord's feet, just as they had tossed clothespins into the hula hoop. Because He cares, He longs for us to thrust our burdens on Him, and find rest from the heavy loads that weigh us down and hold us back.

We continued these insights the next week, when the children went on a "Bird & Flower Hunt." They excitedly brought back the tiny bird figures and blossoms they had found. Next, we looked at the account of the Sermon on the Mount, in the sixth chapter of Matthew. As the Master Teacher, Jesus used familiar visuals to express the lessons He taught, and our students eagerly soaked them up. They agreed they had never seen a little farmer-bird planting or harvesting, yet God watches over birds and provides what they need. Likewise, the beautiful flowers don't fret about how they look; God supplies them with all they need to flourish, grow, and reflect His glory. Even the shortest man can't add to his height by worrying about it... some "what ifs" are just beyond our control. To get an even deeper perspective, we asked, "What if you kids had told me you were bringing Krispy Kreme Doughnuts for our snack tonight?" They loved this idea, but looked a little hurt when we said we might spend the day pacing the floor, looking at the time, fretting about whether they were going to make it, and stressing that we just weren't sure we'd ever really see those doughnuts. They admitted our doubt would hurt their feelings, and when we asked why, Lillie softly said, *"It's like you don't trust us."* Imagine how our loving Father feels when we constantly worry about our burdens... it's as if we don't believe He will see us through. Sometimes, we act like we don't really trust our Savior to fulfill His promise to be with us always. If our loving God cares for birds and flowers, can't we depend on Him to meet our needs? He loves us so much that He gave His life for us... surely we can trust Him with our lives. As Jesus has said, when we consider the lilies and the birds, we will understand that we never have a reason to worry. It's our desire that, when they see a real bird or a bloom, our youngsters will be reminded that their lives are in the trustworthy hands of our all-knowing, ever-loving God, Who loves us infinitely more than we can ever imagine. May we all rest in that truth, and learn to cast our cares on Him...

'Still Learning to Lean on Jesus Each Day,'

Bruce, Darla, and Marshall

Abounding Sin; Superabounding Grace

“Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:” – Romans 5:20

Sin has abounded from Adam to the present, and physical death itself confirms the fact of the sin problem and that the sin problem traces back to the corporate head of the human race, Adam. “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 5:12 The Law of Moses turned the spotlight upon the fact of sin, yet never was designed to provide a remedy for sin! The grievous nature of sin is exposed by the Law in its, “Thou shalt” and “Thou shalt not,” as seen even in the 10 Commandments. The Law exposes sin but cannot cleanse from sin. I think of walking into a dark room and turning the light switch on. The light would cause any potential cock-roach to flee to the cover of some dark nook or cranny. The light itself would not kill the cock-roach but it would dispel the darkness, causing the irritant of light to become a threat to the insect. The nature of the Law can also be illustrated by a mirror. The mirror reveals the appearance or need of attention to our body but can do nothing more than reflect that condition!

Abounding sin is undeniable in our world. It even seems that sin and its devastating results have only intensified with the passing of time. The last days of the Church age are predicted by the Bible to convey similarities to the days of Noah before the flood. Noah’s days were corrupted by sin abounding to the point that God intervened in judgment! Noah’s days mirror our current days. “And GOD saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every imagination of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually.” – Genesis 6:5 **God’s grace superabounds for Jesus can save the vilest sinner!**

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“Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.” – Hebrews 7:25 The core problem today behind violence in the streets, corruption in our government, chaos on our borders, unrest in our world, and hopelessness in human lives is much deeper than human eyes can see. The inherent nature of sin is found in all human beings and is the basic reason for wickedness in this world. “For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.” – Mark 7:21-23

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The superabounding grace of God, alone, can change the heart and turn the sinner around! “Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” – II Corinthians 5:17 Imagine homes, neighborhoods, and even our Country if more people, controlled by abounding sin, experienced the superabounding saving grace of God!

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Our world and Country are in a mess and people are lonely, suffering, and in despair. Multitudes are trying drugs, alcohol, and pleasure, in an attempt to bring real happiness. The answer is still in the old fashioned, tried and proven, and eternally secure salvation that comes through Jesus Christ and His work on the cross.

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The superabounding grace of God is still the greatest need and glorious provision for every sinner on planet earth and the proof for this statement will be illustrated forever by the eternal testimonies of the redeemed in Heaven.

Pastor Chuck Peters