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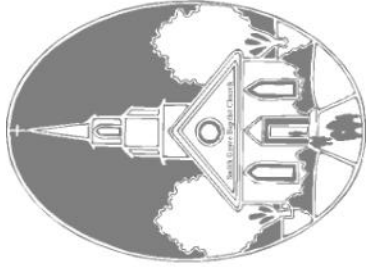
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Children's Church	11:15 AM
Evening Worship	6:00 PM
Wednesday Service	7:00 PM
Bible Clubs	7:00 PM
Thursday Visitation	7:00 PM

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God is Love



Until we are given a different directive, the church will remain open for services as follows: **Sundays, 11:00 a.m. worship service**, and on **Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. for 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.)

Thank you for continuing to wear masks as you enter the sanctuary, having a temperature check upon entry, using hand sanitizer and maintaining safe distancing. (Facilities & hymnals are sanitized after each service.) Thank you for your cooperation with all of these safety measures – they are in place so that we can worship together safely and minimize any chance of possible exposure to Covid-19. *Please pray for all those who are fighting this Covid-19 virus.*

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, Fort Benning, GA (Sam Crater's nephew)

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

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

CCWO5 Michael Maine, US Army; Ft. Riley, KS (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)



Sam & Sherrill Crater are proud to share the news that our grandson, **Camren Harrell**, has committed to the Navy Seal program, to begin active duty 7 months from now. While we are very proud of him, we are ever mindful of the dangers inherent with this field of service. Please help us pray for Camren's success and safety throughout the rigors of this challenging career.

FEBRUARY

February is mostly recognized for Valentine's Day, flowers, and depending on where you are, being incredibly cold! ~February and January were the last months added to the Roman numeral calendar. ~February was the last month of the calendar year until c. 450 BC, when it became the second month. At certain times February was truncated to 23 or 24 days, and a 27-day intercalary month, Intercalaris, was occasionally inserted immediately after February to realign the year with the seasons. ~February fluctuates between having 28 and 29 days per year. The 29th day only occurs every 4 years during leap years. ~If you were born in February, your birthstone is an amethyst and your flower is a primrose. The western zodiac signs in February are Aquarius which is until February 19th, and Pisces, which is until February 20th. The name of February comes from the Latin word "februum" which means purification.



BEAMS' Report for January 2021

of Pledges: 11; # of Contributions: 2;
Total Contributors: 13
Total Contributed: \$ 546.00 =
68 Bibles in January (plus some postage)

Many thanks to the Adult Fellowship Bible Class for their ongoing BEAMS' ministry which added \$ 200.00 for postage this month!

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

Pastor Chuck 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!)

<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 *February and March* 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.

Jean Rumsey

8730 Bame Road
Colfax, NC 27235
336-668-2080 ~ February 01

Ruth Holt

3210 Sandy Ridge Rd.
Colfax, NC 27235
336-993-3109 ~ March 28

Joy Overcast

441 Mountain View Dr, Apt. 110
Kernersville, NC 27284
336-996-7563 ~ February 12



February Anniversaries



8 Gary & Denice Slate
14 Steve & Cheryl Holt



Dedicated to all those who lost loved ones in recent days/weeks.

*"God weaves all the tangled threads of our life into a beautiful tapestry."
.....Calvin Vaughn*

The Plan of the Master Weaver

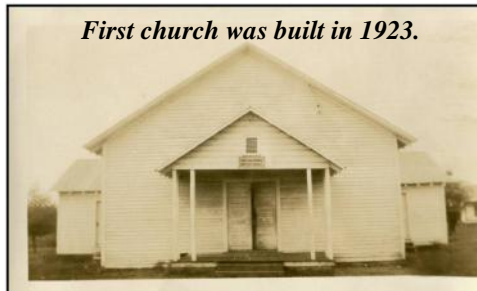
My life is but a weaving between the Lord and me,
I may not choose the colors,
He knows what they should be,
For He can view the pattern upon the upper side,
While I can see it only on this, the underside

Sometimes He weaveth sorrow, which seemeth strange to me,
But I will trust His judgment, and work on faithfully,
'Tis He who fills the shuttle, and He knows what is best,
So I shall weave in earnest, leaving to Him the rest
Not till the loom is silent and the shuttles cease to fly
Shall God unroll the canvas and explain the reason why
The dark threads are as needed in the Weaver's skillful hand



2021 ~ Centennial Anniversary for Smith Grove

First church was built in 1923.



EARLY MEMBERS

Drew Smith, Elmer & Cordie Smith, Inez Smith Alley, Joan Campbell, Walter Westmoreland, Bill Johnson, Maude Clark Smith, Bill Barker, Big Jim Nuckles, & Lina Bell Smith (Westmoreland), to name a few.

Lina Bell and her sister Margie were charter members of Smith Grove. Lina Bell said that in the early 1920s there were no cars filling parking spaces at church – people either walked or rode in horse-drawn buggies to church. Lina Bell & Margie were two of the first people saved at Smith Grove, and Lina Bell went 16 years without missing a single service.



Richard Nuckles was saved in the Brush Arbor meetings at age 16. (He would become our second pastor in 1928, with wife Ruby by his side.)

Check back each month for more Smith Grove History!

Smith Grove Baptist Church is turning 100!

To commemorate this special occasion we are creating a cookbook of recipes from our past and present members.

If you would like to submit a recipe or a Smith Grove historical photo, you can do so in the following ways:

- ~Place your recipe or photo in the folder marked "Recipe Folder" in the church vestibule.
- ~Email your recipe or photo to Stephanie Moore at sjobe2010@gmail.com.
- ~Mail to Stephanie's home address:

Stephanie Moore
9002 Hawkins Trail
Colfax, NC 27235



Please make sure to include your name on your recipe and photo (so the photo can be returned.) **The deadline for recipes and photos is April 15.** If you would like to help type recipes for the cookbook please let me (Stephanie Moore) know.

Thank you for your participation in this fun project! ...Stephanie Moore



Be Strong Bible Club & Teens

Even though the days are still far from “normal,” our young people have welcomed the start of another year. School has started back for most, and the stress on our youngsters is evident as their prayer requests center around the pandemic... they mention friends who are worrying, they have teachers who are burdened, and they are weary from wearing masks and staying far apart. Our weekly “gatherings” on zoom provide welcome distractions from the difficulties that surround us, and we’re grateful for the blessing of staying in touch with the youngsters who are faithful to check in on Together Tuesdays.

Before we met on “Hot Cocoa Night,” each zoomer chose a favorite mug and mixed up some hot chocolate with marshmallows. While we sipped together, everyone shared something special we received for Christmas. What a fun time for all, surprising one another and showing gifts that are dear to their hearts... a new tv for Mackenzie’s room; a lifelike kitten for Addy; ear buds for Catherine; a soccer play set for Angie; a metal detector for Marshall Moore; a rare old Herbie model for Marshall Freeman; and a new beagle puppy named Leroy for the Crump Crew! Sharing from I Peter 4:10, Bruce reminded us of another kind of gift... *“As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.”* As believers, we have assuredly received the gifts of life and salvation, but the Lord has also given us abilities that we should use for Him. What a blessing, helping young hearts to recognize their God-given gifts and talents, then encouraging them to use them for His glory! Especially in this new year, when the days can be dismal, we can all find ways to minister to others as we shine the Lord’s light in the darkness.

On “Resolutions Night,” we kicked off 2021 reflecting on things we would like to accomplish in the months to come. Some of us hope to exercise more, study the Bible more consistently, or become more organized. Others desire to lose weight, study better, procrastinate less, act less shy, or train a puppy! While it’s commendable to assess our lives and set some goals, our highest concern ought to be pleasing the Lord. *“...Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God.” (Romans 12:2)* One of our loftiest goals should be to spend time in scripture, so our minds will be renewed. Opening our hearts daily to what the Lord has to say will help us stay better focused on Him in the year to come, no matter what we may face.

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Throughout February, our zoom meetings will be celebrating the season of Valentine’s Day with “Love and Friendship Sessions.” These sessions began with “First Friends Forever Night,” when we reminisced about the first friend we remember making. Zoomers told about friendships forged on playgrounds, in Sunday School, and in preschool. Some of these childhood relationships have endured for years, while it was reported that other friendships fizzled over a short time. Proverbs 17:17 proclaims, *“A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.”* Truly, when we have found a friend, we have discovered a treasure. Good friends accept us as we are, they rejoice with us in seasons of joy, and they offer loving support through times of sorrow. But who can be a truer friend than Jesus, Who has willingly given His life so that we might live eternally with Him? The extravagant, soul-saving friendship our Savior offers will endure past this life, all the way into eternity.

Pray with us, that our upcoming focus on love and friendship will refresh the souls of our young people as they face uncertainty. They often share about friends and family members who are anxious in these times, and our “Be Strong” youngsters have a real desire to serve and encourage others, especially in this season of strife. We hope our conversations will spark their desire to know Jesus, their truest Friend, in a deeper way. In the midst of these volatile weeks, when even friends are downcast and divided, may our Heavenly Father restore in all of us the ability to “love like Jesus”...

~Bruce, Darla, and Marshall

The Love of God

The love of God is greater far
Than tongue or pen can ever tell;
It goes beyond the highest star,
And reaches to the lowest hell;
The guilty pair, bowed down with care,
God gave His Son to win;
His erring child He reconciled,
And pardoned from his sin.

When hoary time shall pass away,
And earthly thrones and kingdoms fall,
When men who here refuse to pray,
On rocks and hills and mountains call,
God’s love so sure, shall still endure,
All measureless and strong;
Redeeming grace to Adam’s race—
The saints’ and angels’ song.

Refrain:
Oh, love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure—
The saints’ and angels’ song.



Could we with ink the ocean fill,
And were the skies of parchment made,
Were every stalk on earth a quill,
And every man a scribe by trade;
To write the love of God above
Would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,
Though stretched from sky to sky.

The WHITES ~ Missionaries to Bolivia

Blessings and Danger in Bolivia: The Lord has continued to bless the churches in Bolivia with great attendance and blessing during their Christmas activities. They had to take special precautions, but had a great turn out. This just shows the importance, for the church, of fellowship and being able to worship together. We pray that things will begin to get better soon so they can begin to return to normal activities. Things have obviously been very difficult for them, but they have continued faithful. Although things have been improving, they are now seeing a second wave of Covid cases, similar to here in the US. There are also reports that the symptoms and severity of the virus seems to have gotten worse in Bolivia. They are saying that the symptoms begin to show in just a few days and that in many cases the person is in critical condition within three to five days, and not responding to medications. The government is calling to return to a complete lockdown; which would mean that all church services would go back to online. Please continue to pray for the churches there.

Our Generation: This past month I was able to participate in the Our Generation Summit at our home church. This was a three-day conference, focused on challenging young people to get involved in reaching this world with the gospel. In spite of all the challenges going on, this was one of the best conferences that I think we have had. There was a great attendance and on Tuesday night there were close to 380 present and 52 young people signed a pledge that they would give their lives to help get the gospel to the world. If you have never been, I would encourage you to plan to attend the 2021 Summit, the last week of December.

Exciting News: One of the keys to anyone's success is the training or preparation that they receive. This has never been truer than when it comes to being a missionary. This is why I am so excited about the Baptist Center for World Evangelism and the Our Generation Training Center. This is where missionaries are being trained by missionaries, not only on the theory of missions, but on the everyday practical side of being a missionary. Well, the exciting news is that we have now been able to purchase land and are making preparations to begin building dorms, classrooms, and office as soon as they have enough funds to do so. This project is very dear to us because our oldest daughter will begin studying at the center this coming year, after her high school graduation. I would like to ask you to pray for this great need and opportunity. There are several ways that you could get involved in helping make this dream a reality. You can give a one-time gift now or a monthly gift, that would help greatly. Also, we are planning to have a special Easter offering coming up in a few months, where we hope to raise enough to break ground and start building. If you would like to help, send to Vision Baptist Missions P.O. Box 442, Alpharetta Ga 30009.

Prayer Requests: 1. Pray for the churches in Bolivia and the situation with the virus. 2. Pray for more young people to surrender their lives to help reach the world with the gospel. 3. Pray for the church in Quillacollo as they begin to build. 4. Pray for the funds to be able to start building the Baptist Center for World Evangelism.

Presidents' Day ~ Mon., February 15, 2021

.....a day to remember, celebrate and honor all the presidents of the United States, who were elected and took this solemn oath:

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States."



Whether history has accurately recorded the service of each president, one fact remains. Each assumed a role of utmost responsibility and accountability that took its toll on them personally. Let us respect this office and pay homage to the men who served.

PRESIDENTS OF THE USA:

George Washington, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, James Monroe, John Quincy Adams, Andrew Jackson, Martin Van Buren, William Henry Harrison, John Tyler, James K. Polk, Zachary Taylor, Millard Fillmore, Franklin Pierce, James Buchanan, Abraham Lincoln, Andrew Johnson, Ulysses S. Grant, Rutherford B. Hayes, James Garfield, Chester A. Arthur, Grover Cleveland, Benjamin Harrison, Grover Cleveland, William McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft, Woodrow Wilson, Warren G. Harding, Calvin Coolidge, Herbert Hoover, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry S. Truman, Dwight D. Eisenhower, John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson, Richard M. Nixon, Gerald R. Ford, James Carter, Ronald Reagan, George H. W. Bush, William J. Clinton, George W. Bush, Barack Obama, Donald J. Trump, Joe Biden

Quotable Quotes

- ~*"You cannot make up in sacrifice, what you lose in disobedience."*
–Bayless Conley
- ~*"We crucify ourselves between two thieves: regret for yesterday and fear of tomorrow."* –Fulton Oursler (1893-1952)
- ~*"Salvation –Not a license to sin, rather, a license to serve."* –Pastor Chuck.
- ~*"God's Word: sometimes it blesses; sometimes it blisters."* –Glen Blackburn
- ~*"Apply what you learned from victories in the past, to the giants (challenges) of the present."* –Pastor Bruce

The Inseparable Love of God

....Pastor Chuck Peters

“For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” – Romans 8:38-39

This great chapter begins by stating that there is no condemnation for those in Christ and it ends by stating that there is also no separation for those in Christ. The child of God will never be separated from God by condemnation nor separated from His love by earthly circumstances and powers. God’s love is inseparable and fixed upon those whom he has redeemed. He loved us when He died upon the cross and He will love us when we die! No demonic powers will succeed in forging a gap between the loving God towards His blood bought ones.

Due to the fact that we are dealing with “things present” we need to be reminded that the “things present” will not separate us from the love of God. Remember that there is no condemnation and there is no separation! Pandemics, politics, personal problems combined cannot overthrow the love that God has towards His own. His love towards His people is a parental love in the highest order. If a prodigal child does not succeed in destroying the love of an earthly parent, nothing or no one will destroy the love of God the Father towards His child!

As a mother wraps her arms around her child and reflects an inseparable love and union, God wraps His arms of love around His child. Things to come will not alter that love relationship of the Heavenly Father for His own. We do not know what’s around the bend on this road of life but we know Who is around the bend! Today we, quite frankly, are tempted to fear what may be around the bend. May our attention be focused more on the loving Father of love and less on the lingering circumstances of life. His redemption circle of love involves those saved but those outside the circle can be brought within this redemptive circle because God loved the world and gave His Son to die upon that rugged cross and those accepting Him will not perish!

Yes, the love of God is inseparable and will never release its grip on God’s children. “O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow May richer, fuller be.”- (George Matheson)

The Hands Of Jesus

Greta Zwaan, ©2009



Little hands lie in the manger, flailing in the cool night air,
Reaching out to touch His mother, feeling love and tender care.
Junior hands within the workshop, Joseph teaching Him his trade,
I imagine happy moments showing Mary what He'd made.



Hands that held the words of Scripture, in the temple as a lad,
Telling scholars things of glory; knowledge that they'd never had.
Hands that gave a blind man vision to behold the world anew,
Hands that touched a leper's body, cleansed and healed him
through and through.



Hands that held the little children, cuddling them upon His knee,
Telling weary, toil worn mothers, “Let your offspring come to Me.”
Hands that took a cup of water from the woman at the well,
Told her that He knew her heartache, things that she would never
tell.



Hands that baked the fish for breakfast on the seashore for His
men,
Hands that blessed the food he offered, bringing God His thanks
again.
Hands that whipped the money changers in a temple meant for
praise
When He saw the degradation and the anger that did raise.

Yet these hands were gentle, loving, kind, compassionate but
strong,
Lifting up the broken-hearted, guiding lives that had gone wrong.
These very hands have been rejected, humbled by a rugged cross;
Nails that made His blood run freely; heaven's gain, but man's
great loss.

But these hands are still extended, reaching out to draw men in,
Oh, the loving hands of Jesus, paid the penalty for sin.