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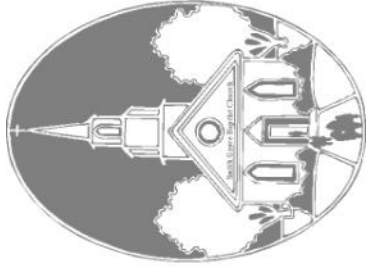
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Thursday Visitation	7:00 PM

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PROVERBS 25:13 *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 . . .*

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.*

Daylight Saving Time begins March 14. Be sure to set your clocks forward.
The first day of Spring is March 20.



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)

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. 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)



Spring Garden *by Helen Steiner Rice*

So when I looked at those flowers,
I was looking at God
For they bloomed in His sun
and grew in His sod

For I feel in my heart,
and I know you do, too,
That God speaks to us all
through the kind things we do

And each lovely flower
was a "voice from above"
That whispered a message
of kindness and love

And when I looked at those flowers
I couldn't help but feel
That they brought heaven nearer
and made God so real.



BEAMS' Report for February 2021

of Pledges: 18; # of Contributions: 3;
Total Contributors: 21
Total Contributed: \$ 1,004.00 =
125 Bibles in February (plus some postage)

Many thanks to the Adult Fellowship Bible Class for their ongoing BEAMS' ministry which added \$ 210.00 for postage this month!

You can also get the BEAMS' report online at our website:
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!)



<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 *March and April* 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.

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

Brenda Nichols
1209 Edenham Way
Greensboro, NC 27410
336-292-6354 (Home)
336-314-5509 (Cell) ~ April 11

March Anniversaries

- 17 Richard & Nancy Kelley
- 18 Sam & Sherrill Crater
- 27 Donnie & Mary Campbell
- 31 Norman & Misty Smith



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!



*Dolly Westmoreland
Looking great at 90!*

Happy Birthday!



*Joy Overcast
Looking great at 91!*

"Congratulations on the celebration of your birthday! May your days be filled with the warmth of God's love and the sweet companionship of friends and family. May each day bring forth a precious memory of the past as well as the chance to create another amazing memory tomorrow."

A lovely flower arrangement was sent to both of our honorees by the church in recognition of this birthday milestone.

2021 ~ Centennial Anniversary for Smith Grove

New church building was completed in 1955.

Rev. R.O. Nuckles was pastor until his retirement Dec. 22, 1968.



A new building was begun on July 4, 1952, with Pastor Nuckles doing most of the construction himself. The first service was Saturday night prayer meeting on April 30, 1955 with Rev. James Brown, speaker. There were 178 in attendance at the first Sunday service. Membership numbers have stayed relatively constant over the years. As many of our older saints went home to be with the Lord, new members joined our fellowship.

Reverend T.L. Sasser and Rev. Luther Naul from Burlington spoke at a dedication service on June 19, 1955.

Check back each month for more Smith Grove History!

Please don't forget our Cookbook!

A quick reminder: For our 100th Anniversary, 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

John & Deborah Caudle ~ Canada



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“What profit is it...” These words were spoken to the carnal Jews, the proud pharisees who produced hard thoughts and words against God. After long labor and faithful serving, we are tempted to look at the prosperity of the wicked. Psalms 73 In a dark tried, tempted and deserted hour when we see the proud ranting and reveling of today, we are apt to look upon them and question if they are happier than we are. If we are not careful, the deeds of the ungodly today will weaken our faith as we see them rise to power and flourish. This was the experience of David, Job, Asaph, and the prophets. As seen in the text, “What profit is it that we have kept His ordinances, and that we have walked mournfully before the Lord of hosts?” Malachi 3:14. May we humble ourselves before the Lord and be ashamed of any unbelieving thoughts of God. While walking mournfully in deep humiliation before Him, but yet looking to a promise keeping God through Christ, trusting His precious grace and promises which are in Him and through the power of the Holy Spirit to receive freely of the fulness of Jesus’ love and salvation. “What profit is it...” The answer is, ETERNAL LIFE through Him!



Pictured here is a Cambodian mother and her daughter, Chann who came to Canada as many do seeking a better life, but found the same oppression in their hearts until hearing the gospel being preached on the street in Toronto. God arrested their heart and got their attention for one hour. After hearing the message of the gospel, they came forward and asked how to be saved. It is amazing how the gospel opens dark hearts. They both trusted Christ for salvation and what a joy they now experience. You can see the joy on their faces.



We ask you to keep Primo, an Iranian man pictured here, in your prayers. He was considering suicide since coming to a place of believing there was no God. He had always trusted in science for hope. His questions were a denial of God.Continued

After sharing the gospel with him for more than four hours, the Lord brought him under the conviction of sin and gloriously saved him that night. What a great testimony of conversion he has. He came to church the following Sunday, bringing his friends with him and now enjoys going out on the streets, witnessing for Christ.



Pictured here is a faithful brother; Walter on right with an Italian friend, Giovanni. This precious man recently passed away and went home to be with the Lord. Praise God, he was saved a few months ago and gave a true witness of salvation after being saved from a life of being in and out of prison, drugs and living homeless on the streets of Toronto. Thank God, he now has an ETERNAL home!!

Aharon pictured here is a Jewish man that is seemingly open to the gospel. We witness in the second largest Jewish community in North America once a week. Please pray for this precious man, that God may open his eyes to accept Christ as his true Messiah and Lord. Also, pray that God may give us wisdom to witness effectively to these dear people. There are hundreds of Jews walking on the streets as we go out each week. Part of their tradition is to go out and be open and friendly to people that they meet on the streets. We ask you to pray for God’s blessing on this ministry.



The street ministry is stronger than it ever has been, in spite of the Covid lockdowns. We still have liberty to preach the Word, hand out tracts, sing and witness even though we do face opposition and harassment on the streets. We have seen many come to Christ as a fruit of this ministry. Please continue to pray that God may give us boldness to proclaim the gospel. It seems that every week, we have the OPP (police) to show up, saying they received a complaint about us but so far, they have not given us any citations.



How encouraging it is, to see the large crowds of people that video, stand and listen and ask questions and even ask for a copy of the Word of God which they have never had. They stop at the red lights and listen while waiting for the light to change. Even some of them ask for a bible. It is a blessing to see what God is doing in so many hearts here in Toronto. We continue to need good gospel message gospel tracts, such as Chick Tracts. Especially the one called “This Is Your Life” is a very well accepted tract. We can also use more bibles since we give out so many to those who have never had copy of the Word of God. The Catholic Church has done a good job of keeping the Word of God from the people. *God bless those of you who have labored so faithfully with us through the years of this ministry.* We pray that God will continue to bless your ministry and keep you safe during this New Year.



Be Strong Bible Club & Teens

As we continue to “meet” on Together Tuesdays, it’s always a blessing to share prayer requests weighing on our minds. Our burdens are lighter when shouldered together, and our hearts are touched when praise reports are given from one week to the next. Recently, after much prayer concerning college next year, Catherine confirmed that she will be attending UNCG, where she has been awarded some of their most prestigious scholarships! How wonderful to see the Lord guiding and directing the paths of our young people! Especially in the last few wintry weeks, our “Be Strong” youngsters are thawing out as we hold “Love and Friendship Sessions.” While we meet virtually, our hearts are warmed as we focus not only on the love between friends, but especially on the forever, sacrificial kind of love that moved Jesus to willingly die on the cross for us.

On “Making Friends Night,” we discussed the qualities we look for in a friend. This opened up all kinds of childhood stories in which our young people struggled with friends who hurt their feelings or treated them unfairly. We found that we value friends that are loyal, dependable, understanding, considerate, comforting, caring, kind, trustworthy, patient, nonjudgmental, genuine, and forgiving. Even at a young age, our youngsters are very perceptive about the kinds of friends they need in their lives... friends who are good listeners, who don’t give up on them, who respect their feelings, and who believe in Jesus. What a blessing it is to have these heartfelt discussions with our young Christians, and to then ponder the question, *“I’m looking for this kind of friend, but am I being this kind of friend to others?”*

For “Classic Buddies Night,” our young people came with their favorite friendships from TV shows, movies, or books. Many friends were mentioned, and we smiled at the memories sparked by these classic pairs~ Andy and Barney...Batman and Robin...Laverne and Shirley...SpongeBob and Patrick... Lucy and Ethel...Bo and Luke Duke...Spock and Captain Kirk...Bert and Ernie...Mowgli and Bagheera...Rocky and Bullwinkle...Timon and Pumbaa... Laurel and Hardy...Alexa and Katie...Abbott and Costello...Buzz and Woody... Lone Ranger and Tonto...Chip and Joanna...Shaggy and Scooby...Doc Brown and Marty McFly...Fonzie and Richie. We recalled what makes these relationships special, and how their friendships endure through thick and thin. We also explored some friendships depicted in the Bible~ Jonathan and David; Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego; as well as Paul and Silas. Lastly, Bruce showed us the example of Elijah and Elisha in the second chapter of II Kings. As God sent him from one city to another, Elijah would instruct Elisha, *“Tarry here.”* But devoted Elisha answered time and time again, *“As the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee.”* Their companionship was so deep that Elisha went with Elijah, and we see what encouragement and support they provided one another. In our own relationships, we should try to be that kind of friend... committed, dependable, faithful, and true.

On the afternoon of “Crafty Hearts Night,” we picked up the Valentines that everyone had addressed to one another, and we delivered craft kits to all of



our “zoomers.” Everybody showed a flair for design as they assembled small cardboard boxes decorated with hearts and crosses. Step-by-step, our youngsters proudly held up their creations in their cameras as they worked. While we constructed our crafts, we also shared our favorite songs about love... “Can’t Help Falling in Love With You,” “Power of Love,” “Love Me Tender,” “I Will Always Love You,” and “If.” These songs that were mentioned... “Love Broke Through,” “Jesus Loves the Little Children,” and “Jesus Loves Me”... tell of the ultimate love that God has shown us, in giving His only Son to be our precious Savior. Reflecting the love songs we discussed, the lids on our boxes display this beautiful truth~ “We know what LOVE is because... Jesus Christ laid down His life for us.”

Before we celebrated “Valentine Party Night,” we sorted all the signed Valentines and bagged them up for each person. That afternoon, we delivered a “party in a bag” to each family’s home. Once we gathered, we snacked on heart-shaped sugar cookies, Chex Mix, and YooHoo boxes. It was a pure delight, watching everyone dive into their bags of Valentines and goodies from one another! Although we ache to be together in person again, we are always grateful that we have access to technology that enables us to “gather” still, even when we are far away. That very night, Glenda zoomed with us all the way from Wilmington, and Abi joined us from Tennessee! In the midst of the festivities, Bruce pointed us to Romans 5:8... *“God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”* When we think about human relationships between friends, we often associate love with being earned. We may try really hard to “achieve” approval or to “win” love from others, but Jesus doesn’t ever put conditions on His love for us. We have done absolutely nothing that could earn His love... even in our sinful state, He loves us, and He died for us knowing that, in ourselves, we would never be able to measure up to His goodness. What a wonder! His deep, immeasurable love is unfailing, and we are grateful for the chance to proclaim it to the young people entrusted in our care.

With Love,
Bruce, Darla, and Marshall



- Q. Why should you never iron a four-leaf clover?
A. Because you don’t want to press your luck!
- Q: What do you call a big Irish spider? A: A Paddy long legs.
- Q: Why is Ireland the fastest growing country in Europe?
A: Because it's always Dublin.
- Q: What do you call a Irish man with a piece of glass behind both ears?
A: Paddy O’Doors.
- Q: How can you tell if an Irishman is having a good time?
A: He’s Dublin over with laughter!!

“If you’re enough lucky to be Irish... You’re lucky enough! May your heart be light and happy, may your smile be big and wide, and may your pockets always have a coin or two inside!”

The Greatest Treasure

“After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.” – Genesis 15:1

The greatest treasure owned by man is not a vast treasure of gold. Nor is it silver, rubies or pearls, or abundance of things untold.

The greatest treasure is not in things which jingle and dangle and shine.

That come from a store or dealer or gathered from a mine.

The greatest treasure is not held in hands or viewed on stands of brass.

Though valuables lie in antique stores and peer through panes of glass.

Great men can boast of treasures and all of the things that they own.

Many a soul while surrounded by things has lived and has died all alone.

The richest by far may have little when it comes to what the world offers.

The richest by far have not invested their wealth in mere earthly coffers.

The greatest of treasure is found in the Lord and the joy of a new life in Him.

This reward lasts forever and never wears out for He lives forever, Amen!

Pastor Chuck Peters Feb. 9, 2021



“God’s Thoughts towards His People”

“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.” – Jeremiah 29:11

I read today of God’s good thoughts He has towards His own. They’re thoughts of peace and blessing in spite of how they roam.

They are promised still a future, a bright and blissful end.

They’re promised His forgiveness for all their wicked sin.

I read with such amazement, that He would love us so.

I cannot grasp such goodness to sinners here below.

In spite of all our wanderings and floundering in misery He still forgives, He still does care, He still does set us free.

He bids us to only trust Him and repent of what defiles.

And forsake the bad behavior and unnecessary trials.

The end, though unexpected, is what we don’t deserve.

Is promised still with certainty and anchored in His Word.

Pastor Chuck Peters 8/30/2020



“My Life Has Been Blessed”

Many songs have I sung since He first gave the song that He placed in my heart on that day.

Many sermons I’ve preached since He first bid me preach of His Gospel and power to save.

Many seasons I’ve known, much love He has shown, He grows nearer and dearer to me.

I’m much slower in pace; I will soon end this race, and head to His home and be free.

Many friends I have known, much love they have shown, they have all been so gracious to me.

I’ve a wife by my side, a help-meet and bride, and a love shown by word and by deed.

My son and my buddy, my church and my study, rich blessings I count beyond measure.

I’ve truly been blessed, what more could I ask?

Where else could I find greater treasure?

Many titles I’ve worn since the day I was born, many miles have been traveled through life.

Many times I have cried, many times I’ve been tried, and many days have seen trouble and strife.

Every time He was there, Every time He did care, Every time I’ve had battles to face.

All the time, He’s been near when I’m tempted to fear and no time has He not given grace.

Pastor Chuck Peters Oct.25, 2014



Matthew 6:21 - For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. **Matthew 6:19** - Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust

doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: **Matthew 19:21** - Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me.

Luke 12:33 - Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth. **1 Timothy 6:17-19** - Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.