

## THE MESSENGER

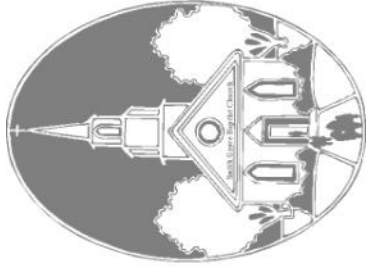
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**Sun., Sept. 12 ~ 11 am & 6 pm ~ Rev. John Shore,**  
Guest Speaker  
**Tues., Sept. 14, 7 pm ~ Robinwood Senior Living**



### 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 Fellowship Hall;  
**7:00 p.m. Prayer Mtg.** in the sanctuary.  
[BEAMS is always the 3rd Sunday of each month.]

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

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

**Homecoming 2021 ~ Sun., October 17 ~**  
**Special Music by the Joyful Sounds**  
Lord willing, we will have our Homecoming meal after the 11:00 service.

**Note:** Homecoming is traditionally held on the 2nd Sunday in October. It was changed this year due to a schedule conflict.

### 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) (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)  
**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)



### What happened on 9/11?

"9/11" is shorthand for four coordinated terrorist attacks carried out by al-Qaeda, an Islamist extremist group, that occurred on the morning of September 11, 2001.

Nineteen terrorists from al-Qaeda hijacked four commercial airplanes, deliberately crashing two of the planes into the upper floors of the North and South Towers of the World Trade Center complex and a third plane into the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia. The Twin Towers ultimately collapsed because of the damage sustained from the impacts and the resulting fires. After learning about the other attacks, passengers on the fourth hijacked plane, Flight 93, fought back, and the plane was crashed into an empty field in western Pennsylvania about 20 minutes by air from Washington, D.C. **The attacks killed 2,977 people from 93 nations:** 2,753 people were killed in New York; 184 people were killed at the Pentagon; and 40 people were killed on Flight 93. (*We must be vigilant, lest history repeat itself.*)



## BEAMS' Report for August 2021

# of Pledges: 9; # of Contributions: 2;  
Total Contributors: 11  
Total Contributed: \$ 370.00 =  
46 Bibles in August (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)

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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCj39_zpMzkkCXdFYy1NKndQ)

To listen & download mp3:

Audio Archive Online ~ <https://www.smithgrove.org/audio-archive/>



## 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 *September and October* Honour Roll Gang members. Please take a moment to send a card, make a telephone call, or do something extra special for our special saints.

**Carol Hayden**

8413 Adkins Rd  
Colfax, NC 27235  
336-993-8328 ~ Sept. 01

**Ruby Bowden**

2007 Beeson Road  
Oak Ridge, NC 27310  
336-993-0220 ~ Oct. 20

**Evelyn Mickey**

8350 Tyner Loop Rd  
Colfax, NC 27235  
336-668-2332 ~ Sept. 01

**Iris Farrington**

233 W. Homestead Ave.  
Shelby, NC 28152  
704-434-5485 ~ Oct. 24

**Bobbie Hayworth**

1847 Horneytown Rd.  
High Point, NC 27265  
336-869-3956 (Home)  
336-942-0750 (Cell) ~ Sept. 27

**Kathy L. Crews**

8103 Tam O'Shanter Dr  
Greensboro, NC 27409  
336-668-9721 ~ Oct. 30

**Rose Matthews**

Southford Assisted Living  
1345 Jonestown Rd.  
Winston-Salem, NC 27103 ~ Oct. 13

**Jackie Chastain**

1053 St. Michael's Ln  
High Point, NC 27265  
336-869-4697 (Home)  
336-906-7281 (Cell) ~ Oct. 31

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!

*September Anniversaries*

Lisa, did you pack my lunch?

2 Bob and Shirley Ingold  
3 Bill and Jeanette Dillon  
12 Tony and Trudy Nuckles  
19 Henry & Geraldine Johnson  
20 Dean and Shaila Puckett  
23 Michael & Lisa Serafini

Michael, Sweetie, it's in your lunchbox!

Make Seraphim Making Expects

## 2021 ~ Centennial Anniversary for Smith Grove



God is great, God is good,  
let us thank Him  
for our food.

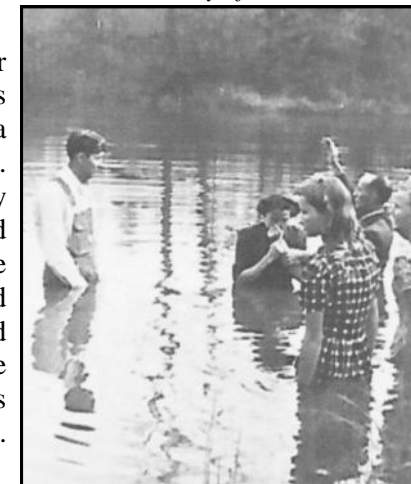
Early Homecoming meal  
in front of Preacher  
Nuckles' house

Photos courtesy of Doris Nuckles.



**Romans 6:4**  
*Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*

Preacher Nuckles conducting a baptism. Dolly Westmoreland is in the checkered dress and Bessie McCollum is to her right.



Check back each month for more Smith Grove History!

### Excerpt from ~ A Light Still Shining – A History of Smith Grove Baptist Church By Associate Pastor Bruce Freeman

. . . Although the Gospel was being preached and lives were being touched in this small community, sin was still a hindrance and had to be dealt with. On May 5, 1929, a conference was called to discuss discontinuing membership with two individuals, due to sin. The sin was not stated in the minutes . . . (according to official church Minutes). Still, the church continued to grow and prosper. By 1939, the membership records reveal 185 members. On September 5, 1939, the church membership saw the need to expand the building. It was voted to build two Sunday School rooms onto the church building. Due to the fact that there was no baptismal pool in the church, a pool, with concrete walls, was built a good ways behind the church. It was fed by a small stream.



Our “Be Strong” Bible Club has been busy soaking up the last days of summer before heading back to school! As the carefree days dwindle, our youth group is gearing up to not only study their school subjects, but to spend time in God’s Word as well!

Stephanie and John say the teens have been focusing on *integrity*, “the willingness to always do what is right in any situation. It’s not doing what is right simply to impress others, but rather, because it’s simply the honorable thing to do. It demonstrates that our faith

is real and our desire to obey God is genuine.” Scripture reveals that God sees all we do, even when we do things in secret (Proverbs 5:21). The teens found that doing right pleases God more than sacrifices do (Proverbs 21:3), and that integrity in small things equals integrity in big things (Luke 16:10). The Christian life benefits from integrity, as it will guide you and keep you on a good path (Proverbs 11:3); and if you always do what’s right, people won’t have bad things to say about you (Titus 2:7-8)! Especially in these trying times, it is such a blessing to remind the teens that, as they “do the right thing,” God will reward their acts of integrity (Matthew 6:4).

The teen group also recently explored *laziness*, which we all can feel from time to time. Stephanie emphasizes, “Although it’s a weakness we’re all prone to, being lazy is a selfish desire to give up our responsibilities and live off the hard work of others. Taking it easy and doing our own thing 24/7 sounds great, but God did not create us for that. The best way to fight this is to grasp God’s purpose for each of our lives – to be who He has called us to be – and to commit to using our time in a way that is pleasing to Him.” The Bible warns us that laziness results in destruction and poverty (Proverbs 24:30-34); that wasting away your life results in having nothing (Proverbs 20:4); and that one who doesn’t work doesn’t deserve food (2 Thessalonians 3:10). Scripture also tells us the Christian’s correct attitude toward work, noting that ants are hard workers, as we should be (Proverbs 6:6-9); and that our words and plans are meaningless without action (Proverbs 14:23). Because God is always watching us, we must commit to our work diligently (Hebrews 6:10-12).

On a recent Wednesday evening, we celebrated a surprise “Birthday Night” with our entire “Be Strong” family. Since we have missed so many birthday parties this year, we wanted to make up for lost time and honor *all* our dear young friends at the same time! Throughout our time apart, our young people have shown so much faithfulness to their families, to their friends, and to the Lord. So, it was time at last, to celebrate all the ways God has blessed our group with each unique and precious young person who comes our way.

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Everyone was surprised to find balloons and paper birthday crowns waiting for them as we gathered. After Misty led us in a stirring rendition of “Happy Birthday to *US*,” everyone was served a cupcake with their own flaming candle to blow out. Some of us were excited to pick presents from the “birthday box,” while others chose gift cards to spend at Dollar Tree, Walmart, McDonald’s, Dollar General, or Dunkin’ Donuts.

After running a “Balloon Waddle Relay” with balloons between their knees, our elementary group breathlessly sat down to see if the Bible says anything about birthdays. The most treasured related account is found in the third chapter of John. When Nicodemus pays Jesus a late night visit, he is looking for answers, and Jesus gives him an unexpected lesson in eternal life, explaining that, “except a man be *born again*, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” Almost as dismayed as Nicodemus, the children pondered what it would be like, going back in time to the day of their birth, and they all agreed that it just isn’t possible. They listened intently as we explained that God desires for us to celebrate two *birthdays*... our *physical birth* that commemorates the day we came into this world, but also our *spiritual birth*, when we ask Jesus to be our Savior. The first birth starts a new life on earth, but the second birth begins *new life in Christ*, and it goes on eternally. We smiled to once again read the familiar words Jesus said to Nicodemus, the seeking Pharisee: “*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*” Oh, what a blessed moment, taking this beloved truth and once again sharing the gospel with little ones! Help us pray that their hearts will be tender as we plant the seeds, and as the Holy Spirit waters and grows the message in their young souls. Although we don’t choose our first birthday, we *do* decide on our other “birthday”... in the very moment we make the choice to give our lives to Jesus and invite Him to start our life anew! We pray that all our youngsters will experience this new birth, and ask the Lord to redeem their souls. Beyond any birthday wish we could ever make, knowing Jesus as our Savior truly gives us reason to celebrate with His own joy and hope in our hearts each and every day. There is truly no sweeter birthday gift than the gift of salvation and new life in Christ! Thank you, church family, for your prayers in these turbulent times... that God will speak to and lead in the lives of each of our young people!

Thank you for your prayerful support,  
Bruce, Darla, and Marshall

~The supreme quality for leadership is unquestionably **integrity**. Without it, no real success is possible, no matter whether it is on a section gang, a football field, in an army, or in an office. - *Dwight D. Eisenhower*  
~The time is always right to do what is right. - *Dr. Martin Luther King*  
~**Integrity** means that we are trustworthy and dependable, and our character is above reproach. - *Billy Graham*



## Charles & Peggy Vaughn

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April, May, & June 2021

Greetings in the precious name of our wonderful Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. We have still been under lock-down and bad conditions here in our city because of COVID-19. We have been having services on FB Live, as well as other services in person, when we can. I had to preach a funeral of a friend who passed away last week, and his wife who is in the hospital unconscious on a respirator does not even know of his death. Please pray for this family. We have also lost several other preachers and missionaries here in Brazil, as well as others have the sickness.

In this prayer letter, we are showing several before and after pictures of the construction repairs, because of water damage to our church building. We want to thank East Side Baptist Church of Henderson North Carolina, and our son Daniel who sent special offerings to help. Also, we want to thank our home church, Tabernacle Baptist Church in Greenville, South Carolina, who gave a special offering earlier in the year which we gave to this project.



The other picture is some of our first Brazilian Mission Directors which we helped organize in the early eighties. We praise the Lord that we have several Brazilian missionaries serving in various countries, as well as in Brazil.

Thanks so very much for your continued prayers and financial support.

Serving in God's Harvest, *Charles & Peggy Vaughn*

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~ 3931 White Horse Road, Greenville, SC 29611 864-269-2760  
**Serving with:** *Baptist International Inc.*  
~ P.O. Box 9, Hanison, TN 37341 ~ 423-344-5050

## ~ At Harvest Time ~

A Sower walked among his fields  
When Spring's fair glory filled the  
earth;  
He scattered seed with eager hand,  
And sowing, thought upon their worth.  
"These seeds are precious ones," he  
said.  
"The finest flowers shall be mine;  
And I shall reap rich, golden grain,  
When these are ripe at harvest time."

"I'll watch their growth with earnest  
care,  
And faithfully will till the soil;  
With willing hands each passing day  
From morn till setting sun I'll toil.  
And when the reaping time shall come,  
A bounteous Harvest shall be mine;  
I shall rejoice at duty done  
When these are ripe at Harvest time."  
Forth to his fields at Harvest time,  
The Sower bent his steps again;  
The Reapers' song sang merrily,  
Their sickles gleamed 'mid golden  
grain.  
With joyous heart the Sower cried  
"Behold, what precious sheaves are  
mine;  
And labor brings its own reward,  
For these are ripe at Harvest time."



***O Master! in thy fields so fair  
We, too, are sowing precious seed.  
And like the Sower we will toil  
Till golden grain fulfil thy need.  
Then shall we hear thy loving voice,—  
"Behold! what precious sheaves are  
mine.  
Let all be safely garnered in,  
For these are ripe at Harvest time."***

***John 4:35 Say not ye, There are yet  
four months, and then cometh harvest?  
behold, I say unto you, Lift up your  
eyes, and look on the fields; for they  
are white already to harvest.***

## About the Author . . .Olivia Ward Bush-Banks ~1869

Olivia was born in 1869 in Sag Harbor, Long Island. Both of her parents, Abraham Ward and Eliza Draper Ward, were freed blacks residing in Southampton Township (the Ward family since 1810; the Drapers since 1830). Both of her parents were of mixed heritage-- Montauk Indian and African-American. Of interest in connection with Banks' birth is the fact that she was born four years after the American Civil War.



## “Earth’s Greatest Desire and Heaven’s Greatest Delight”

*“Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee.” – Psalm 73:25*

The spiritual decline of the Psalmist was remedied with revival when he returned to God and His favor. It was then that he realized the fallacy of his thinking during his spiritual low moments. He then knew that the world with all of its glamor, power, and materialistic emphasis, was only temporal and incapable of providing lasting peace and happiness. He realized also that his thinking and judgment had been distorted as well.

The spiritual turnaround of the Psalmist resulted in a response displaying the best evidence of real revival. His heart was totally taken up with his Lord. He esteemed the value of heaven and earth only in accordance to God’s Person and presence. He then found that the Lord was his greatest desire on Earth and the greatest delight of heaven. The “heavenliest” aspect of heaven is seeing and being with Jesus! The best earth experience is a life lived with Christ as one’s Saviour and Him being preeminent in all things. When God’s people, through the working of the Holy Spirit, are brought to the full realization that Jesus is earth’s greatest desire and heaven’s greatest delight, all else in the Christian walk fit in place.

Fanny Crosby, the blind song writer, was once approached by a preacher who spoke of her blindness, yet her wonderful God given talents. He said to her that it was a pity for her to be so gifted yet blind. Her response to this well-meaning preacher was, “Do you know that if at birth I had been able to make one petition, it would have been that I was born blind?” said the poet, who had been able to see only for her first six weeks of life. “Because when I get to heaven, the first face that shall ever gladden my sight will be that of my Savior.” – Fanny Crosby

Those today who have personally accepted Him as Saviour have One who is our greatest earthly Friend and will soon find that heaven, itself, is personified in the Person of Jesus Christ. We, too, will find that the one sight that will gladden our sight will be the sight of the One who has saved us by His grace! He is truly earth’s greatest Desire and heaven’s greatest Delight.

*Pastor Chuck Peters*



## “A STILL SMALL VOICE”

I KINGS 19:12

(Read I Kings 19:8-15) ~ *Written Oct. 4, 2001*

The prophet Elijah was exposed to significant events. He witnessed a strong wind, an earthquake, and a fire. The interesting thing to note is that the Text reads that the Lord was not in those phenomenal events! We are told that Elijah wrapped his face with a mantle when he heard a still small voice. It was not the astronomical events but the word from the Lord that put Elijah into action.

We all are in a state of shock over the tragic terrorist attacks. There is a sense of uncertainty as to what all of this will mean for our Nation. We are forced to admit our vulnerability and lack of security. The two majestic World Trade Center buildings are gone and thousands of bodies are buried in the debris. America has been humbled! Our Nation at this hour expresses multiple emotions. There is anger, fear, insecurity, denial, and sorrow. Some are saying that this is God’s wake up call! This may be true but more is required than simply waking up. I believe God would have us to wake up, listen up, get up, and stay up!

We notice that nothing short of the “still small voice” moved the Prophet to humility and obedience! Conviction, repentance, and conversion are not produced by the great astronomical events. They may get our attention and perhaps wake us up to our weaknesses. We must remember that the Word of God and the Spirit of God bring about conversion.

It is wonderful that there is a patriotic fervor in the aftermath of this tragedy. It is certainly great that churches are holding prayer meetings and church attendance generally has increased. I believe, however, that we need both our eyes and ears opened. Remember what the Prophet Zechariah said, “...Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.” (Zech. 4:6)

We must remember that the Word of God coupled with Holy Spirit conviction brings a real and lasting change into the life of the individual. I believe that God would have us to wake up and then listen up to His Word. He would have us to get up by His grace and serve Him. He would have us to stay up and consistently live for Him. Our eyes have been glued to the sight of the tragic destruction of the great buildings and the terrible loss of lives. Our greatest need is to have our ears opened to that still small voice! His Word is our greatest need.

*Pastor Chuck Peters*