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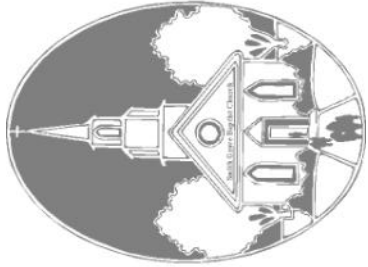
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| Bible Clubs | 7:00 PM |
| Thursday Visitation | 7:00 PM |

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Tues., Oct. 12, 7 pm ~ Robinwood Senior Living
Sun., Oct 17, 10:30 a.m. - Homecoming with The Joyful Sounds & a message by Pastor Chuck ; the church will provide & serve a complete meal (Chicken Stew; Oyster Stew; & Desserts) in the Fellowship Bldg. after the service. (No evening service.)
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 the 3rd Sunday.]

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

Homecoming 2021 ~ Sun., October 17, 10:30 a.m.
~ Special Music by the Joyful Sounds ~
Celebrating our 100th Anniversary!
~ No Evening Service ~



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)



THE "POEMIZING" PASTOR *By Sherrill Crater*

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| Our pastor is a learned man, Who speaks with grace and ease. He loves the sound of meter and rhyme, And writes so eloquently. | Prose and alliteration, Syncopation and form, Are the tools our pastor uses In his "poemizing" brainstorm's! |
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| His writings radiate, with pen and thought, The essence of God in every phrase. Yet his most enduring work with words, Has an inspirational message for pre-sent days. | Posterity will record his views on life And more on the life to come. May his efforts result in many souls saved, And a closer walk with the Son! (Thank you, Pastor Chuck!) |
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Pastor Appreciation Day is October 10, 2021 ~ actually, the entire month is dedicated to honoring our spiritual leaders...!



BEAMS' Report for September 2021

of Pledges: 16; # of Contributions: 5;
 Total Contributors: 21
 Total Contributed: \$ 934.00 =
116 Bibles in September (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:
<https://www.smithgrove.org/beams-report/>

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 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 *October and November* 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.

Rose Matthews

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

Jackie Chastain

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

Ruby Bowden

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

Virginia Nuckles

4610 Kendale Road
 High Point, NC 27265
 336-668-2334 ~ November 13

Iris Farrington

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

Irene Shields


8042 Clinard Farm Rd
 High Point, NC 27265
 336-668-2298 ~ November 30

Kathy L. Crews

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




Are you or a family member turning 90 this year? Please let Pastor Chuck know if you would like to be recognized on your special birthday!



October Anniversaries

5 Scott & Melanie Crump
 16 Jerry & Shelby Crump
 28 Nathan & Ashley Pilcher



Mabel: "Did you hear about Ethel? She had triplets, then two weeks later, had twins!" Gertrude: "Impossible! How could that happen?" Mabel: "One of the triplets got lost!"

Q. What is the opposite of irony? **A.** Wrinkly

*~And then there was the Indian Chief named Running Water.
 He had two daughters, Hot and Cold, and a son named Luke.*



Smith Grove Baptist Church
Homecoming
 October 17
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Rev. M. Ward Laramore

*Served as the pastor of Smith Grove
 Baptist Church from 1968 ~ 1998 . . .*

Two Pastors ~ 53 years of service.

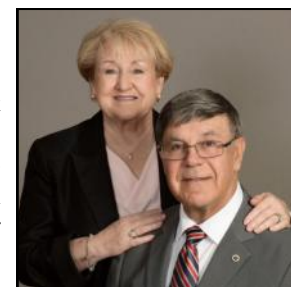
Excerpt from ~ **A Light Still Shining – A History of Smith Grove Baptist Church ~ By Associate Pastor Bruce Freeman**
 . . . As the years went by, Pastor Laramore's wife Ellen became very sick and required much attention. Reverend Laramore sought the will of the Lord, and under what he believed to be the Lord's direction, he retired from Smith Grove on April 19, 1998. He preached his last sermon as pastor on May 31, 1998. Reverend Laramore went home to be with the Lord on Easter Sunday, April 12, 2009.

During the short time without a pastor, a pulpit committee was chosen for the task of finding a new pastor. The Lord works in mysterious ways. The Lord led a graduate of Piedmont Bible College to Smith Grove, and on June 14, 1998, Reverend Chuck Peters preached the morning service. On that same night, he was voted in as interim pastor. One month went by, and on July 26, 1998, Chuck Peters was voted in as full time pastor of the church and still continues to serve today.

Pastor Peters holds a Th.B from Piedmont Bible College, a M.R.E. from Liberty University, and a Doctoral Study from Baptist Bible Seminary. At Piedmont, he was Director of Christian Service (1994-1996), and he served as Director of the Institute for Biblical Studies. He is a native of West Virginia, has pastored several churches, and served for many years as a chaplain in the military. With all these accomplishments, his burden is still the same as those who came before him . . . he wants to see lives touched and souls saved.

*We've seen only a small part of Smith Grove Baptist Church's history.
 What a tremendous testimony of the hard work of so many people. We can see how God has blessed in so many ways, and is still blessing.*

The light is still shining.



1921~2021 Celebrating 100 Years!

Smith Grove has a heritage of being a strong supporter of missionaries - both foreign and domestic. Some of those missionaries over the years are listed below* . . . sorted by date when support began. *We are proud to be a missionary-minded church!*



1951- Doretta Dail served in Nigeria, W. Africa; wrote a book called *The Bush Path*; died in 2010. Doretta Dail was fiercely committed to bringing the gospel to African natives. On one occasion, she remarked with fond recollection that the nickname given her by the children means, “lady with horse’s hair.” **1957 – Harlan Willis** served in Alaska & was supported for 28 years; died in 2013. The church has a note from Avanelle Willis in 2013, which reads in part, “In 1957, Smith Grove Church took on our support as Missionaries to Alaska. I believe you supported us for the next 28 years as we ministered in the Alaskan Native Villages.” **1960s - Tabernacle Children’s Home**, serving children in Greenville, SC; **1963 – Gordon Wilkey**, serves in Brazil; **1965 – David Marcum**, served in Okinawa; **1965 – Emil Martinson**, served in Sweden & was supported for many years; **1966 – Erwin Evans**, served in Brazil; **1982 - Moises Damazios**, serves in Brazil; **1983 – Charles Vaughn**, serves in Brazil; **1986 – Dave Kelly**, works with Word of Life for Youth; **1989 – Wade & Nora Smith**, serves the Military in Tidewater VA ~ *the first missionaries to be sent out by Smith Grove*; **1993 – Paul Pritchard**, serves in Brazil; **1995 – John Boff**, serves in Brazil; **1996 - Duain & Faye Whittemore**, serves local & foreign missions; **2002 – Mike Kennedy**, serves in Peru; **2003 - Kevin White**, serves in Bolivia; **2005 – Robbie Mullinax**, serves in China; **2007 – Thomas Jeran**, works with Jewish End-time Ministries, GA; **2007 - Robert Stover**, serves in Peru; **2008 – Jonathan Johnson**, serves in China; **2009 – John Coleman**, serves on an AZ Indian Reservation; **2012 – Cliff Burwell**, Evangelist; **2013 – BEAMS Ministry**, provides Bibles to Missionaries; **2013 – Danny McKittrick**, serves in Japan; **2016 - Dr. Roger & Diane Baker**, serves European field; **2017 - Junior & Loredana Haley**, serves in Belgium; **2017 - Patrick & Judy Hayes**, Berean Armed Forces Ministry; **2018 - Riogen Abenoja**, serves in the Philippines; **2019 – Richard Jones**, Church Planting in Shallotte, NC; **2020 - Howard & Jane Miller**, serve in the Philippines. Others currently supported – exact dates of beginning support not available: **Frankie Matthews** - National Theological College & Graduate School (for Uganda); **Lou Carrico** - W-S Rescue Mission; **Eric & Stephanie Murphy** - Life Impact for Eternity, serves in Eastern Europe.

We currently support thirty-two missionaries.

As our Associate Pastor Bruce Freeman discovered in his historical research on Smith Grove’s beginnings, Pastor Richard Nuckles was passionate about supporting missions, and several missionaries were taken on during his time as pastor . . . some are still serving today! Indeed . . . *The light is still shining.*

* **Note:** Some missionaries who serve in high risk areas for Christians, have asked that we not share their names in any public forum.

Homecoming 2021



While looking through some notebooks, I stumbled across some real gems that were included in *The Messenger* some twenty years ago or so. My heart was touched as I read each one – not only was the message from each one a blessing, it felt very much like a touch from Heaven. All four of the dear saints who shared their thoughts, are now in the presence of the Lord.*The Editor*

“I know that the minute that I received Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior at the age of eleven years old, my life was changed.”

–*Shirley Temples Crouch* (1935~2015)

“Thank the Lord for His Son, who gave his life for us on the cross, so we could be saved; for my husband of 56 years, for my two sons, for my grandchildren, for good health, plenty to eat, a good home, my church, a wonderful pastor. I’ve failed him many times – Thank God he’s never failed me.” –*Annie Nuckles* (1924~2012)

“I was saved during the spring of 1950. God has really been good to me these many years. I have many times failed Him; but He has never failed me. I want to praise Him for His mercy, and His faithfulness. I feel that I am getting pretty close home now and I long to see the one that made all of this possible. Please pray for God’s touch to be on me.” –*Johnny Rumsey* (1936~2002)

“I gave my heart to Jesus many years ago. I don’t remember the date, but I remember the time. I thank the Lord for all His blessings to me. I have failed Him many times, but He has never failed me. He has been with me in times of trouble and sorrow, He is a Saviour to be proud of. I can’t thank him enough for all His blessings to me. I love Him, because He first loved me. I need the prayers of all His children. I can’t praise Him enough for His love, mercy and grace that He gives to all that believe in Him.” –*Hettie Mae Westmoreland* (1914~2011)

“The will of God will never take you where the grace of God can’t keep you.”
“There’s nothing to fear when your lifeguard walks on water!”



Our Teen Topics for the month of August were

Reputation and Time Management.

Reputation: We began our lesson on reputation by asking the teens two important questions. First, how do people view you and second, what kind of reputation do you have? The type of life we live reflects the way others view us. Since actions speak louder than words, we discussed that we must take our reputations seriously as we represent Christ.

We then dove into what the Bible has to say about a good reputation in the following verses: Proverbs 22:1 "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold." This teaches us that a good name is better than great riches. Matthew 5:16 "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." This teaches us that a good reputation will bring glory to God.

Next, we looked to what the Bible has to say about guarding our reputation: Ephesians 5:3 "But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;" As Christians, we are not to be associated with sinful behavior. We discussed that when you are saved, you are born again, not with a license to sin. We are each new creatures in Christ. Our old self of sin is buried along with the lust of the flesh. We no longer live, but Christ lives within us now.

1 Thessalonians 5:22 "Abstain from all appearance of evil." We discussed the importance of avoiding every kind of evil, even the appearance of it. As Christians, the world will be looking at how you conduct your life and if you give appearance of evil, you could cause your weaker brother/sister in Christ to sin also.

Finally, we looked at what the Bible says about how people should view us: Philippians 2:14-15 "Do all things without murmurings and disputings: That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world." This teaches us our lives should be blameless, clearly different from those of the world. We should shine as lights for Christ. Our reputation will give people either a good or bad view of Christ. Our reputation should demonstrate the life changing power of the Gospel. When people look at you, can they see that you are different?

Time Management: We discussed with our teens that time can either be our friend or our worst enemy. Too much time on our hands can lead to getting into unnecessary trouble, and too little time can leave you feeling overwhelmed and stressed. Learning how to budget your time will make all the difference in the world.

We looked once again to what God has to say about time and how we should use it in the following verses: Psalm 90:12 "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." We are to treasure each moment and do well in each of those moments. We are to use the time we have

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Let
Your
Light
Shine

to do the will of God. A day is like a dollar: you can spend it wisely or foolishly, but once you spend it, it can't be spent again. Understanding the value of time equals gained wisdom. Ephesians 5:15-16 "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil." We are to *make the most of our time fulfilling God's purpose for each of us.* When you have too much time on your hands and aren't productive you could wind up getting into sin. We are to *make the most of our time, doing something good for God,* and in turn you will keep yourself out of trouble. We should *make the most of our time and work hard.*

Exodus 20:8-10 "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:" This teaches us that God desires for us to get adequate rest. Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace." This teaches us there is a time for everything and we must learn to balance our time.

Ephesians 4:1 "I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called," Paul reminds us here that the worthy Christian walk can be costly and that he has paid the cost himself because of his obedience to the Lord. Our daily "walk" or conduct should produce other believers. True salvation will bring a new life to the believer. This new life is filled with good works, not because the works are required, but because these good works will then follow the new life. We are to accomplish our calling and prioritize things accordingly. The time God has given us here is a gift from Him. We need to use this time in a way that will please Him and bring Him glory.

In Christ, Stephanie & John Moore

As our church family celebrates a century of touching lives in our community, we are so grateful for the opportunity to continue reaching young hearts. Smiles of loving remembrance come at the mention of so many family names... Farrington, Smith, Alley, Holt, Nuckles, Westmoreland, McCollum, Long, Laramore. We are building on the foundation our ancestors have laid, from one generation to the next, across the years. Each one of us has a powerful part to play in impacting the younger generation for Jesus! We thank you *all* for living out your faith in these days when young people desperately need a legacy of faith to follow. Our youngsters are part of a rich inheritance in this church. Because of those who came before them, they're learning more about walking with the Lord in the paths He has wisely planned for them. With hopeful hearts, we can look ahead to the *wondrous works* our Lord will do in the lives of our precious young people...

'Grateful for the Legacy'... Bruce, Darla, and Marshall

"One generation shall praise Thy works to another, and shall declare Thy mighty acts. I will speak of the glorious honour of Thy majesty, and of Thy wondrous works." Ps. 145:4-5

Our Centurion Church Anniversary

“For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing.” – I Thessalonians 1:8

This Month constitutes a most significant anniversary celebration of the Smith Grove Baptist Church. We celebrate a 100-year anniversary of a Local Church which was birthed by God’s grace and care in a brush arbor meeting in the year 1921. The Church began as a result of a burden for the souls of lost sinners and, especially, on account of the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The “Word of the Lord” was sounded out in the old brush arbor, and the miracle of a “birth” occurred which was a new Church with vibrant life that gives testimony, this month, to that same life which began 100 years ago!

We celebrate far more than the anniversary of our Church. We celebrate what God has done and is still doing! We acknowledge, on this occasion, that God has been good to bless our Church these 100 years. A reflection upon our Church history reveals a golden record of blessings to the glory of God. I write as one who is the 4th Pastor of the Smith Grove Baptist Church. I assumed this Pastorate in 1998. I must confess that I never dreamed that this preacher would be writing an article of this subject matter, 23 years later as the same Pastor of this Church! There is something to be said about a Church, 100 years old, that has had only four Pastors! I speak from personal experience by saying that God can be praised for instilling into the “spiritual DNA” of this Church a love for the Word of God and a loyalty and respect for Pastoral leadership.

We celebrate that God has seen fit to bless our “small” Church with a “large” ministry outreach. Our Church has been and is today a Church with a mission’s heart. The many missionaries scattered around the world bear record of this truth.

1921

Preserving the Truth, and the Ties that Bind.



2021

Our Church has seen several men called out from our midst to preach the Word of God. Our Church, down through the years, has been blessed with the salvation of sinners and has witnessed Christian growth and maturity on the part of so many of God’s people. We have been blessed to have local ministries outside our Church in our community and the gracious giving heart of our people has translated into the giving of food and clothing items to the Winston Salem Rescue Mission and the Tabernacle Children’s Home in Greenville S.C.

We celebrate 100 years of “sounding out the Word of the Lord” and witnessing the wonderful change in people’s lives when the Saviour has entered through salvation. We praise the Lord and celebrate the glow on the faces of our people down through the years in seeing the glorious truth of the significance of Christ’s finished work and the blessing of being “accepted in the Beloved!”

We celebrate the faithful care and guidance of the Lord upon our Church in giving grace to maintain this long record of spiritual integrity and Bible convictions. To God be the glory that our Church has maintained its old-fashioned convictions. Our Bible, our music, our methods, and our

motives have remained the same, by the grace of God!

Our 100-year anniversary is one of praise to the Founder of our Church who is the Foundation of “The Church” or Body of believers! On this October of 2021, we lift up our voices in praise to the One who saw fit to place this Church on the side of Sandy Ridge Road and to allow us all to celebrate this 100-year milestone. To God be the glory!

Pastor Chuck Peters – 9/16/2021