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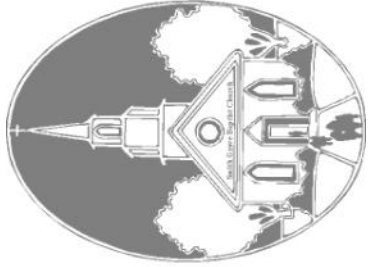
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Thursday Visitation	7:00 PM

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Sunday, Nov. 7 ~ Daylight Saving Time Ends ~ Set clocks back
Sat., Nov. 6 - W-S Rescue Mission Ministry ~ masks required -
 -singers and visitors welcome
Tues., Nov. 9, 7 pm ~ Robinwood Senior Living
Wed., Nov 10 ~ Last day for Operation Christmas Child packed boxes.
Thanksgiving Week: Prayer Mtg will be moved from Nov. 24 to Nov. 23.
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.]

The entire month of November is again being designated "**HARVEST HOME**" month. Starting in November, we will bring nonperishable food items to the church for distribution to two worthwhile ministries: the W-S Rescue Mission & Tabernacle Children's Home. In addition, we ask that you bring **regular "family size"** cans/boxes of food to be given to a family in our church with serious health issues – what we used to call an old-fashioned "pounding." *More details will be shared later.*

Statement of Faith:

We are an Independent Baptist Church (*established in 1921*) preaching the old time Gospel and still believing that the King James Version of the Bible constitutes the preserved, inerrant, and inspired Word of God for the English speaking people of the earth.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

SHUT-INS: Iris Farrington David & Carolyn McBrayer
 Neva Long Willard & Barbara Tucker

Assisted Living/Nursing Home: Rose Matthews

IN THE SERVICE OF THEIR COUNTRY

PVT Adam Brittain, Army, Germany (Sam Crater's nephew)
CW4 Jonathan Harless (Raleigh) } (Hal & Martha
LTC Robert Harless (Fort Campbell, KY) } Harless' sons
Camren Harrell (Navy) (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)

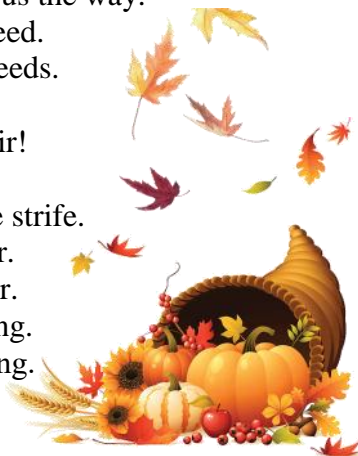
PFC Trevor Westmoreland, PO Box 10197,
Ft. Irwin, CA 92310 (Allen & Sandy Westmoreland's son)



A Thanksgiving Prayer

Thank you, Father, for the blessings you've given this day.
Help us to remember, Thou has shown us the way.
And give us strength to help those in need.
Never letting us forget, Thy merciful deeds.
Keep us in Thy tender loving care.
Save us, O Lord, when we are in despair!
Give us grace as we walk through life.
Inspire us to seek our brothers amid the strife.
Victory in Thee will be our guiding star.
In courage we march not caring how far.
Now we ask for the most important thing.
Grant us salvation to escape death's sting.

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BEAMS' Report for October 2021

of Pledges: 11; # of Contributions: 5;
Total Contributors: 16
Total Contributed: \$ 721.00 =
90 Bibles in October (plus some postage)

Many thanks to the Adult Fellowship Bible Class for their ongoing BEAMS' ministry which added \$ 310.00 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 *November and December* 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.

Virginia Nuckles

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

Neva Long

8716 Staples Road
Colfax, NC 27235
336-993-4294 ~ December 19

Irene Shields

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

Bernice Johnson

1624 Mellon Dr.
Kernersville, NC 27284
336-904-0832 ~ December 23

Gone On Ahead

**I've only gone on ahead of you,
Not just left you behind.
Although you can't be with me right now,
I will live on in your heart and mind.**

**The day will come when we'll meet again
On Heaven's distant shore,
And the two of us will walk hand in hand
Together forever more.**

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!

November Anniversaries

- 5 Mark & Elaine Lowe
- 6 Eric & Angela Sexton
- 8 Jay & Wanda Stafford

**Frankie Matthews, President
National Theological College and Graduate School**



Frankie and Edith Matthews are spiritual leaders who grew up in Smith Grove Baptist Church. (Frankie is the son of Curney & Rose Matthews, and Edith is the daughter of Rubert and Dolly Westmoreland.) They were very active in the Youth Program, and Frankie accepted the call to preach the gospel while at Smith Grove. They first went to Sheets Memorial Baptist Church in 1983 where Frankie served as youth pastor. After serving as youth pastor for seven years, he accepted the call to be the senior pastor at Sheets Memorial and has faithfully been serving in that capacity for 31 years. Frankie also serves on the board of Baptists Equipping Nationals (BEN) and is the president of National Theological College and Graduate School (NTCGS). Edith works as an Administrative Assistant for the church (since 1990).

August 23, 2021 marked Frankie's 46th wedding anniversary to his wife Edith. Frankie and Edith have two sons: Nic and Zac. Zac and his wife, Mary Beth, have a son, Waylon, and a daughter, Keeley. Frankie has a B.S. in Religion from Liberty University.

Senior Pastor Frankie Matthews officially retired from serving as Pastor of Sheets Memorial Baptist Church on Sunday, Oct. 3, 2021. His combined roles of service at Sheets Memorial Baptist Church totaled thirty-eight years! Rev. Matthews will be working full-time as President of the National Theological College & Graduate School (for Uganda).





Teen Update ... We are starting a new series titled, “Understanding Our Parents” this month. So far we have looked to the Bible and what it has to say regarding the following topics: relationships between teens and parents, the role of the parents, and a teen’s responsibility in the home.

Being a teen in today’s world can be tough and a teen’s attitude toward their parents can be like a roller coaster at times. God doesn’t want there to be frustrations within the family. Just as a husband and wife are to be a blessing to each other, parents and teens are to be a blessing to each other as well! Proverbs 17:6 tells us parents are a teenager’s pride, Psalm 127:3-5 tells us children are a blessing from the Lord, and Proverbs 6:20-23 tells us parents can offer direction and protection, and that parents are good for meaningful conversation. When teens attempt to better understand their parents for who they are, they can better relate to them.

Next, we discussed with the teens what parents are answerable for so they could consider the world from their perspective. Proverbs 22:6 tells parents to train their children to live as God intends; Deuteronomy 6:6-7 tells parents to teach their children about the things of God; Proverbs 13:24 teaches that parents discipline out of love; and Ephesians 6:4 teaches parents not to stir your child to anger, but to instruct them. Parents are not here to make the lives of teens miserable. Parents sacrifice a lot of things they once cherished in order to fulfill their responsibility as a parent. Teens are to remember this and appreciate all that their parents do for them.

Just as the parents have responsibilities in the home, so do teens! God holds them accountable as well for their actions, just as He does their parents’ actions. We looked to the Bible and the commands that God gives to teens. Ephesians 6:1-3 tells teens to obey and honor their parents; Colossians 3:20 tells teens to obey their parents in all things; and Proverbs 6:20-23 tells teens to listen to their parents’ instructions and their teaching.

We talked about the difference between *obeying* and *honoring* your parents. Obeying your parents has to do with your actions and honoring your parents has to do with your attitude. Whether the teens think their parents are the greatest or worst human beings on earth, God commands them to show them honor and obedience.

~ In Christ, Stephanie and John Moore

(Continued)....



The younger members of our “Be Strong Bible Club” continue to meet outside on Wednesday nights, in the shade of the trees, where we love feeling the cooler night air and watching the spectacular show put on by God’s sunset. Both children and leaders have benefited from our recent study on anxiety. Scripture tells us so much about bringing our worries to God. A look at Philippians 4:6 reminded us to “be careful for nothing”... to avoid being anxious, no matter what we face. This verse points out three parts of prayer: *supplication*, for understanding that God will supply what we need; *requests*, for the concerns that we lift up to Him; and *thanksgiving*, for the portion of prayer that we fill with gratitude for all He has done. When we balance our prayers this way, verse 7 tells us that the “peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep (our) hearts and minds...”, meaning that, through Jesus, we have the power to calmly endure our burdens and fret less. There will *always* be something to worry about—we must *choose* not to. Our artistic youngsters enjoyed using colored pencils to preserve these truths on bookmarks and posters. They carefully designed these keepsakes to take home as beautiful reminders that we can entrust our lives to our loving Savior.

As Christmastime sneaks into sight, we’re blessed to say that we are once again preparing to share His love with faraway children in need. We would love to invite our church family to join us in sharing shoeboxes around the globe, through Operation Christmas Child, a ministry of Samaritan’s Purse. This year, our plan will be very similar to last year’s process. If you’d like to participate, empty shoeboxes and pamphlets can be picked up in the church lobby. If you would prefer an empty box delivered to your home, just call us (336-996-1501), and we will be glad to drop one off at your door. If you are avoiding crowded stores, *there is still the option for virtually building your own shoebox online without ever leaving home!* At samaritanpurse.org/occ, you can learn more about this convenient service.

If you decide to pack a real box, please bring it to the church lobby and place it in the stack of “packed shoeboxes”... underneath the bulletin board at the top of the stairs. Or if you’d rather, you may call us to arrange a contact free box pick-up at your home. [We will collect shoeboxes until Wednesday night, November 10.](#) We are so grateful for your help in this meaningful ministry. In these strange times, this weary world *needs* to hear about the light of hope that Jesus brings to the darkness. Join us in praying for every child who receives a shoebox gift... may their tender young hearts be prepared for the message of salvation, long before their shoeboxes arrive!

Also this month, as we approach another season of Thanksgiving, we are deeply grateful for the families who make up our “Be Strong” Bible Clubs. Parents, all our youth leaders are honored that you entrust us with your cherished young people. This Thanksgiving, may we all be thankful that the Lord has taught us so much about leaning on Him this year. He has been so faithful to carry us through!

Grateful to Serve With All of You ~ Bruce, Darla, and Marshall

Smith Grove History

1921 ~ 2021

Interesting Facts you May (or may not!) Know:

~ The 1952-1955 church building project had many willing hands, including: Rev. R. O. Nuckles, Drew Smith, Jonah Pitts, Walter Westmoreland, and many others. Much of the lumber for the church was purchased through Matthews Lumber Company with the assistance of Jonah Pitts who was working for Matthews at that time.

~ The old church building was relocated to what is now National Service Road, and became the home of Jonah and Fairmae Pitts.

~ Clint Smith donated the first organ to the church, and Ruby Nuckles and Cora Pendry were the first organists.

~ Tom Ballard, Grover Farrington, "Big" Jim Nuckles, Green Pendry, Drew Smith, and Bob Westmoreland were the first deacons.

~ Among the first Sunday School teachers were Maude Smith and Dovie Clark.*

~ The "church parsonage," built in 1968 (now owned by Scott and Melanie Crump), was used as a Prophet's Room for visiting preachers and missionaries. The basement was used as a fellowship hall.

~ The present church building (1955 completion) had no air conditioning until the 1970s and carpeting was installed in the main sanctuary at that time.

~ Upholstery and padding for the pews came along in spring 1982.

~ In 1969, a radio broadcast by Rev. Ward Laramore, "The Message of Redemption" was started and continued for many years. Pastor Chuck and Associate Pastor Bruce continued the broadcast until 2008 ~ 39 years on the air!

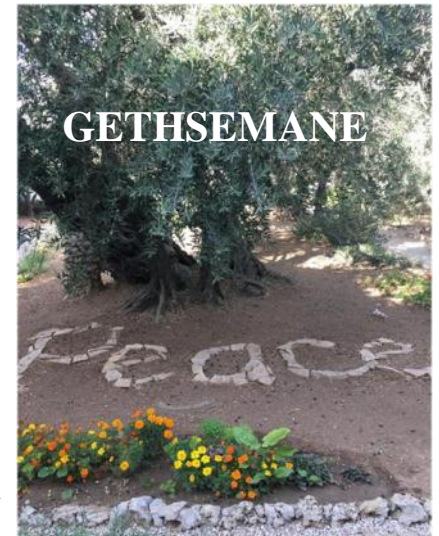
~ Pastor Richard Nuckles (our dear Preacher Nuckles) loved Pepsi more than any other soft drink . . . Until he had to give them up for health reasons – and sadly (with tongue in cheek) announced it from the pulpit!

* See Center Page for photo of Dovie Clark and her class.

Please remember to thank a veteran on November 11 ~ Veterans Day.

From the Pastor ~ Dr. Chuck Peters

The Garden of Gethsemane is the place in Jerusalem filled with olive trees and the place where Jesus visited in His final hours upon this earth before His crucifixion. It was here that He prayed, was arrested, and brought before the Roman leader. It was here that He was denied by Simon Peter. It was here that His disciples slept while He agonized in prayer. It was here that He drank the bitter cup having to do with our sins and their bitter dregs. It was here that God's Lamb calmly resolved to the yielding of Himself to the Father's plan of His sacrifice upon the altar of the cross.



Gethsemane, the place of the Olive trees where olives were obtained for crushing in order to extract oil. This special site in Jerusalem still has in existence a live olive tree that could very well date back to the time the Lord visited the Garden! Gethsemane, the place where God's precious and peerless Son was crushed as He anticipated the weight of our sins being placed upon Him!

Gethsemane, a place with a hallowed historical significance as well as a hallowed location. One can look through the rows of olive trees and see the old walls of Jerusalem in a distance. A visitor can clearly see that the distance was not far from the site where Jesus would be led and crucified.

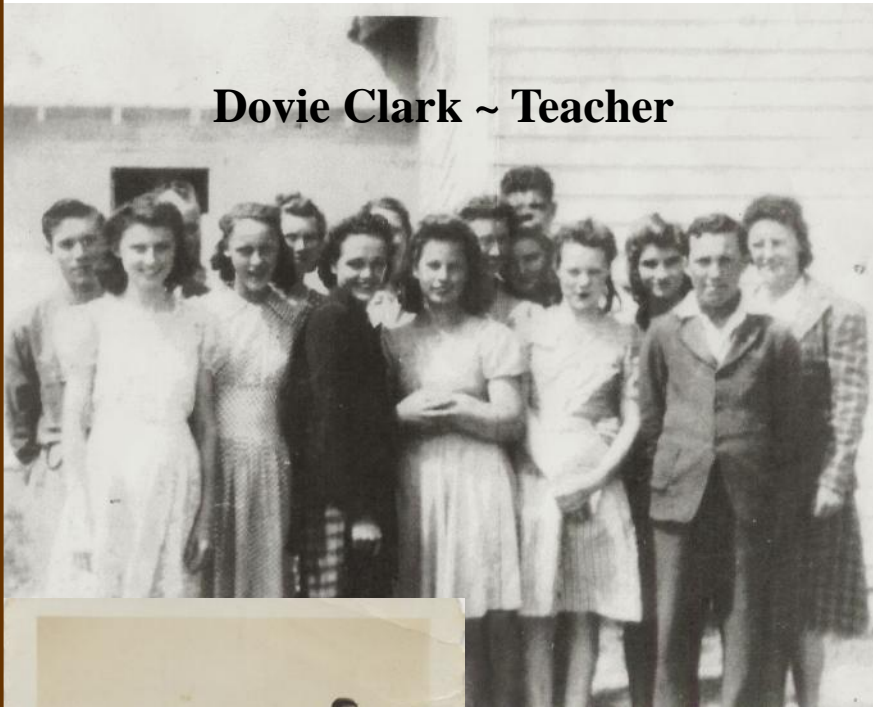
I find it not without significance that the Jewish caretakers have etched the word, "Peace" on the ground of this hallowed site. The prayer for the peace of Jerusalem should be a part of the prayer life of the lovers of God's covenant people and their homeland. This tiny Nation in the center of the earth has been a major target by those who hate Israel but God has protected His covenant people and history reveals the providential hand of God working on behalf of His people. The rockets still, from time to time, rain down on this land but students of Scripture know that Israel will survive and one glorious day totally inherit the land promised in the Abrahamic Covenant.

Gethsemane, with that word "peace" for all to see and to be reminded of the desire of all people. Peace, in its deepest and greatest context, is a spiritual state of the heart through redemption in Christ Jesus. His crushing under the weight of our sins and full payment of our sin debt makes possible, peace with God! He came on a "peace mission" and the road to Calvary passed through Gethsemane. "And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, *I say*, whether *they be* things in earth, or things in heaven." – Colossians 1:20

1921~2021 Celebrating 100 Years!

Spotlight on Sunday School

Dovie Clark ~ Teacher



Nursery Class ~ 1960



- Steven Dillon
- Cheryl Nuckles
- Mike McCollum
- Edith Westmoreland
- Sandra Holt
- Barbara Hicks
- David Farrington
- Sheridan Bowman
- Danette Nuckles
- Charlene Nuckles
- Donna McCollum
- Teresa Smith
- Phillip Gossett

↑ *Mother's Day Card 1960* →



4 & 5 Year-Olds ~ Oct. 1962



*Jesus
Loves
Me, this
I Know!*

Wilma Farrington ~ 1971

*Taught for
more than
60 years!*

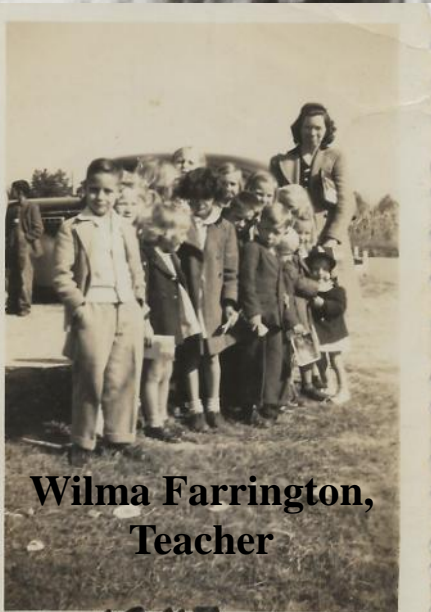


*Reva Holt
taught
Sunday
School for
more than
50 years!*



**Wilma Farrington,
Teacher**

1947



1981 or
1982

