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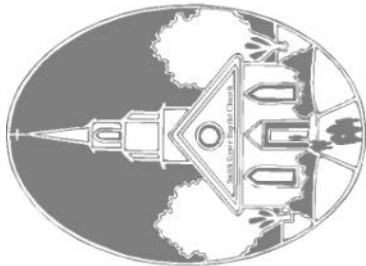
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February



*"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son . . .*

**Tues., Feb. 8, 7 pm ~ Robinwood Senior Living**  
**Sun., Feb. 27, 6 pm ~ Missionary Wisdom Nayak, from India**

**Sundays - 10:00 a.m. ~ Adult Sunday School** in the sanctuary  
**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.]

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



## God's Workmanship

*"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."*

– Ephesians 2:10

The potter took some useless clay which  
had no shape or form.

His hands conveyed much meaning, the clay he did adorn.

The useless clay took meaning by the master craftsman's care.

An object of great beauty, before his eyes appeared.

God saw a worthless sinner without hope and in despair.

He loved him still regardless, bestowed His wondrous care.

He brushed across the canvas of the darkened soul, His grace.

He showed His special favor with His skill and smiling face.

The soul in Christ, God's workmanship, a work of His creation.

The Author of Redemption's work, performs its full completion.

This Masterpiece of God, so fair, is priceless without measure.

The precious blood of God's dear Lamb, redemption's costly treasure.

Chuck Peters – 1/6/2022



## BEAMS' Report ~ Notice:

Due to inclement weather which disrupted our worship schedule, the Messenger BEAMS' contributions' report for January will be included with the February Report next month.

*Thank you for your faithful contributions each 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



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Major League Baseball player Vernon Law (born March 12, 1930) was right when he shared this razor sharp insight:

*"Experience is a hard teacher because she gives the test first, the lesson later."* (Quote from Nido R. Qubein, HPU President.)  
Proverbs 1:5 - A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels:

## 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



*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!*

## February Anniversaries

8 Gary & Denice Slate  
14 Steve & Cheryl Holt

**"Jesus Wept" ~ John 11:35 ~ Chuck Peters – 1/9/2022**

Death had claimed a precious friend; the  
sister's brother died.

Jesus came to comfort hearts but Jesus also cried.  
The Mighty God who made the world has eyes now  
filled with tears.

He then would raise his friend from death and  
calm the sister's fears.

The Lord is moved by broken hearts; He sees us when we cry.

He stands beside the grieving, when their loved one dies.

If God doth see the sparrow, falling to the earth.

He surely sees His children, during the times they hurt.

God once parted waters and walked upon the sea.

God once raised His friend to life; from death He did set free.

Amazing grace, amazing love, amazing truth of tears.

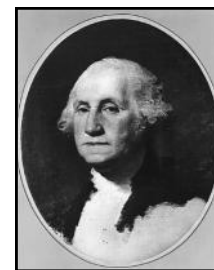
Amazing thought that God would weep and

show such wondrous care.

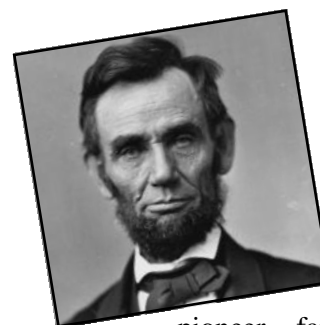


## February 22, 1732 ~ George Washington's Birthday

George Washington's Birthday was the first Federal holiday to honor an individual's birth date. In 1885, Congress designated February 22 as a holiday for all Federal workers. Nearly a century later, in 1971, the Uniform Monday Holiday Law changed the date to the third Monday in February.



## February 12, 1809 ~ Lincoln's Birthday



Abraham Lincoln, the sixteenth President of the United States, was born in a single-room log cabin on Sinking Spring Farm in LaRue County, Kentucky on February 12, 1809. He was the son of Thomas Lincoln, an illiterate

pioneer farmer, and Nancy Hanks Lincoln, who died when Abraham was nine years old. It was Thomas Lincoln's second wife, Sarah Bush Johnston who, while illiterate herself, recognized Abraham's "uncommon natural talents" and encouraged his famous bookishness.

Self-taught and from humble origins, Abraham Lincoln became one of the most revered and uniquely appealing United States Presidents. Known as Honest Abe, the Rail-splitter, and the Great Emancipator, Lincoln was a skilled orator who preserved the Union during the American Civil War and issued the Emancipation Proclamation. His assassination in 1865 contributed to Lincoln's legendary place in American history and culture.

Despite his stature among many Americans as one of the greatest United States presidents, only a small number of U.S. states, including Connecticut, Illinois, Missouri, and New York, observe Lincoln's birthday on February 12 as a legal, public holiday. In other states, Lincoln's birthday is celebrated in combination with President George Washington's birthday on the third Monday of each February. The combined federal holiday is officially named Washington's Birthday but is also known as **Presidents Day**.

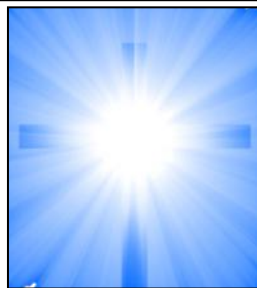




## God is Unlimited in Power but Limited in Purpose

*"Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work."*

— John 4:34



The Majestic and all-powerful God has proven His Omnipotent power in more ways than can be numbered. Yes, His existence is doubted and denied by many school trained atheists and agnostics but that does not destroy the fact of His presence and power. We look at creation, the redemption of a sinner, and the host of miracles wrought by this God of unlimited power and conclude with the thought, "only God!"

The creation and governance of this world is attributed to God and God only. He is manifested in three Persons and the second Person of the Trinity, while incarnated in human flesh at the time of His Virgin Birth, also has existed throughout eternity. This same One held in human arms as an infant, stepped out of eternity in the beginning of time and was, Himself, the mighty Creator of heaven and earth. "All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made." — John 1:3

The great, "mystery of godliness" pertained to purpose! "And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory." — I Timothy 3:16 He was manifested in the flesh in order to provide redemption! How amazing, astounding, and glorious that this great, "Creator God" placed the salvation of a sinner more significant and note worthy than all of physical creation put together!

Jesus came to this earth for one reason, to die a substitutionary death on behalf of all sinners! His, "meat" was *"to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work."* — John 4:34 Oh glorious purpose that He came to seek and to save that which is lost, including me! Praise His Holy Name!!!

Chuck Peters — 1/10/2022



**Q.** What is the new home surgery kit called? **A.** Suture self

**Q.** What kind of music do mummies like? **A.** Rap

**Q.** What did one snowman say to the other? **A.** *Do you smell carrots?*

**Q.** What did the general do when he heard via Twitter that his troops were in trouble? **A.** He retweeted.

**A.** The answer is **despair**....the question? **Q.** What comes in handy when de tire goes flat?

**Q.** Why are all blonde jokes one-liners? **A.** So men can understand them!

~Surgeons make incision decisions.

~A knob is a thing to adore.

~My karma ran over your dogma.

~People who live beyond their means should act their wage.

~A polygon is a dead parrot.

~Care enough to be apathetic.

~A thief is a man of convictions.

~When you jump to conclusions there is never a safety net.

## John Boff ~ Missionary to Brazil

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Porto Alegre, Brazil

By way of this letter I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your help financially and also for your intercessory prayers. I also thank you for your great demonstration of love and concern after the passing of my wife, Yvete Boff. I thank you for each word of comfort that was sent to us. May God greatly bless you all!!

Here at home we are having difficult days of adjustment with absence of my wife but we believe in the most high God. For sure He is consoling us and helping us as He has always done. We will continue to depend on Him for all to be done. Yes, we count on your prayers and help!

Our church in Canoas city continues on doing well with many people returning to the regular services as well as visitors. Nine people have been evangelized and are attending the regular services, thanks be to God for His ineffable love. We have prayed constantly that we would reach new people for Christ; preaching non-stop and giving out many tracts and Bibles for the new converts. Amen!!

Our church in the city of Gravatai is showing growth with new members and new visitors every Sunday. Pastor Dowyne and his wife, Daiane have visited many families and have evangelized many people in that city. We're thankful to God for the lives of these AMERICAN MISSIONARIES THAT ARE LEADING THAT CHURCH with a lot of love and care. May God bless them greatly!

**NEWS OF OUR BIBLE INSTITUTE:** We will continue teaching until DECEMBER 10th AND YES, WE ARE CONTINUING ! We will have graduation services for the students on December 15th. We will start classes for a new school year in MARCH of 2022 with new students. To train workers, both male and female has always been our goal which is necessary for the continuation of the ministry of preaching the Gospel. Our motto: (ENTER TO LEARN AND LEAVE TO TEACH!) Mark 16:15-16

**The church in Partenon, city of Porto Alegre:** Brother Jose Estefanini continues on as pastor and he has been involved in evangelization every week and has had visitors in all the services. Souls have been saved for the honor and glory of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen!

WE CONTINUE ON PREACHING AND EVANGELIZING FOR THE HONOR AND GLORY OF JESUS CHRIST-AMEN!!!

*John Boff and family*

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## Teen Update ...

In December, our teen group focused on the concepts of giving and spreading joy to others. We did this by creating angels for our Tabernacle Children's Home Angel Tree and preparing the Christmas treat bags for our church family. These acts of giving and spreading joy were just a start to new opportunities that we have in store for 2022. We look forward to making

this outreach ministry grow, and teaching our teens the importance of serving others through giving and spreading joy every day!

We also had a lesson titled, "Popularity." Being popular, loved, and admired by others sounds wonderful, right? But, is it all it's hyped up to be, and should being popular be a goal in our lives? Once again, we turned to the Scriptures for answers.

What does the Bible tell us when we crave popularity? 1 Samuel 18:7-9 teaches us we can become very jealous of other people. Acts 12:1-4 teaches us it causes us to do things we shouldn't do. John 12:42-43 teaches us we will live to please people more than God.

Next, we discussed what our focus should be. Galatians 1:10 teaches us that our focus should be on doing what God wants us to do.

Finally, we revealed the truth about popularity. Acts 4:18-20 revealed to us that doing what God wants is not always popular. As we compared Mark 11:9-10 with Mark 15:12-13 we discussed that people will love you one day and hate you the next, even as Jesus experienced.

As believers, being popular is not something we should live for. The pursuit of trying to win over the love and attention of others is not what God has called us to do. Rather, we should focus on pleasing God with our lives. As long as we are pleasing God, what else matters?

We need to live our lives in a way that makes every effort to draw everyone's attention toward Jesus, and not ourselves!

~ In Christ, *Stephanie and John Moore*

## Be Strong Youth ...

Continuing down the Bible timeline, our "Be Strong Bible Club" has been intrigued to follow along with Joshua as he leads the Israelites into the promised land. One night, the youngsters spread out in different corners of the room, manned with a cotton ball and tape on the floor. They were challenged to see how far they could move their cotton, using a single breath. *Wouldn't it be amazing if we could topple the walls of the fellowship hall, with one steady blow?* Pondering that, we peered into the Bible, to see how God asked

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His people to use their breaths in a completely unexpected way! Although they must have groaned at the sight of the high, wide walls of Jericho, the Israelites knew swords alone could never help them take the city. When the Captain of the Lord's army appeared to Joshua, His battle plan was anything but ordinary.

God's orders must have seemed so unusual, yet Joshua and his people were prepared to obediently follow the strange strategy – quietly marching around the city *once* for six consecutive days; then, on the seventh day, walking around the walls *seven* times, and having seven priests blow their trumpets. When the horns blew, *Joshua said unto the people, 'Shout; for the Lord hath given you the city.'* (Joshua 6:16) What an incredible way for the Lord to show His people that He was with them while they faced their first opponents in the promised land... the mighty walls of Jericho fell to the ground, leaving nothing but piles of rubble! As promised, while the city was being destroyed, Rahab and her family were kept safe... noted by the scarlet cord she hung in her window. From then on, she and her family lived with God's people, following the one true God. What a blessing to show the children how Rahab's family would later become the ancestors of Jesus Himself, born through the tribe of Judah many generations later!

As always, we appreciate your prayers for our young people. This winter has been challenging so far, as they face the rise in Covid cases. While some schools close, we have also taken a brief break from fellowship hall meetings, in an effort to help stop the spread. But we have kept in touch with one another through zoom meetings. As our youngsters virtually gather to pray and share their burdens, we find that lifting our requests up to the Lord binds us together in a special way. From youngest to oldest, our group is carrying stress and concerns, yet they show a trust in the Lord that seems to grow deeper during hard times. A few weeks ago, during our Christmas party, we handed out envelopes that Homer and Barbara had sent to each young person. The enclosed Christmas cards held handwritten messages, along with tiny lapel pins. After the tables were cleared and the cards were tucked away, we hurriedly transitioned to the craft area, and as they came over one by one, we smiled to see that several children had proudly pinned the little gold crosses on their shirts themselves, without saying a word. They were clearly touched by this small token of love from two dear leaders who are deeply missed. The bond between our young people and their leaders is strong... whenever some are hurting and can't be with the group, the rest of us are holding them near our hearts and entrusting them to Jesus. It touches our hearts, just being able to serve one another in love, in this trying season.

Grateful to be Bound With You All, Through Christ's Love~  
**Bruce, Darla, and Marshall**

# “Great Love”

“But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,” (Ephesians 2:4)

These two words, “**great love**,” constitute a majestic subject with the approach of a day, in our culture, designated as “Valentine’s Day.” Love is the theme of the occasion. The day is accompanied with expressions of love demonstrated in words and deeds. Oftentimes, the candy, the card, or the ring, say, “I love you.” Understand, however, that no human attempt at the expression of love can match, “**his great love wherewith he loved us.**”! No human match can be found because of the **origin, object, and outcome** of this “great love.”

**Notice the Origin of this Great Love. “But God”** ~ This great love is associated with a great God! It could be no other way. The love of friends and family is a precious treasure. Yet, all human love is flawed. Friends and even family relationships have been known to become shattered because of life’s circumstances. All of the combined languages of this earth fall short in containing enough adjectives to exhaust the full glorious description of the love of God. His love can be described, among countless other ways, as being eternal, unconditional, sacrificial, personal, effectual, and unchanging. The Prophet spoke of God’s eternal love. “The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.” (Jer.31:3) “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.”

- Frederick M. Lehman

**Notice the Object of this Great Love. “He loved us”** ~ This great love involves the world of “great sinners!” (Jn.3:16) Those who have experienced His saving grace (Eph.2:8) can look through the rearview mirror at the life lived prior to salvation and view themselves as fellow citizens among the “walking dead!” “Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience.” (Eph.2:2)

But, thanks be unto God, the child of God is now a member of the heaven bound choir singing the lyrics along with the great hymn writer, “Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wand’ring from the fold of God; He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.” – John Wyeth I gladly testify of a time when this Great Lover of my soul stood at my “Lazarus Death Tomb” and shouted to my soul, “**come forth**” and **live!** I now can raise my hand in testimony and say that I no longer am among the tombs but seated in heavenly places in Christ Jesus! Oh, thank God for this “great love!”

**Notice the Outcome of this Great Love.** Jesus’ eyes of compassion saw this sinner wandering in the desert of sin. His love drew salvation’s plan and His grace brought this plan down to this hell deserving sinner. This great love and grace will forever be magnified for the outcome is a redeemed, justified, sanctified, and eventual glorified child of God. Let the verses in this great chapter be the commentary on the wonderful outcome of His great love: “But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.” (Eph.2:4-7)

**The greatest Valentine gift** originated in the heart of the **Great God** and **great grace** is offered to **great sinners**. The result is a “**great salvation**” that provides a **great standing** coupled with a **great future**. This **great truth** is fully expressed in the **great verse** that states, “*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.*” – John 3:16

**This “great love” is a matchless love for it comes from the very heart of God! .....Dr. Chuck Peters**