

## THE MESSENGER

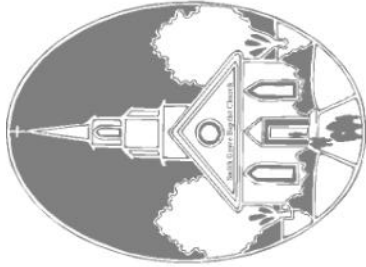
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# Alive +

IT IS FINISHED...  
*Paid in Full!*



Sat., April 2, 6 pm - W-S Rescue Mission  
**April 9, 8-12 noon:** Teen Craft & Rummage Sale  
Tues., Apr. 12, 7 pm ~ Robinwood Senior Living  
Sun., Apr. 17, 7 am ~ Easter Sunrise Service in the Fellowship Bldg - Pastor Bruce will bring the message & breakfast will be served afterward.  
11 a.m. ~ Special music by the Choir, & a message from Pastor Chuck.

Sundays - 10:00 a.m. ~ Adult Sunday School in the sanctuary & Teen Sunday School in the Fellowship Bldg.;  
Sundays, 11 am & 6 pm ~ 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.]

### 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 Carolyn McBrayer  
Neva Long

## 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 – Norfolk, VA) (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)



## “The Verse”

“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 -Pastor Chuck Peters – 2/16/2022



There is a verse within God's Word that's known by quite a few.  
It tells of love from God above that comes to me and you.  
That special love is proven and displayed upon a tree.  
The Lamb of God was offered on the cross of Calvary.  
This verse assures all sinners that God's love to them is real.  
The “whosoever” adds their name the truth is not concealed.  
The soul that's firmly anchored is secured by trust in Him.  
The saved are blessed forever and delivered from their sin.  
The Maker of the universe designed the stars above.  
The heavens tell the glory and the world displays His love.  
The God of all creation was incarnate on this earth.  
The saving plan for sinners, required the Saviour's birth.  
The verse sets forth the Gospel; God's Son, He gave to die.  
His love did draw salvation's plan; His people can't deny.  
The verse, so plainly worded yet great riches do unfold.  
God saves the vilest sinner is the message to be told.



## BEAMS' Report for March 2022

# of Pledges: 11; # of Contributions: 3;  
Total Contributors: 14  
Total Contributed: \$ 778.00 =  
97 Bibles in March (plus some postage)

*Many thanks to the Adult Fellowship Bible Class for their ongoing BEAMS' ministry which added \$210 for postage in March!*

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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*When you have a few minutes to spare, please visit our website at*

<https://www.smithgrove.org>

There are so many great resources available to all of us, and our webmaster, John Moore, does an amazing job of keeping it up to date and relevant. Simply click on each main navigation link, then drill down by clicking on links provided on each page. Our website is striving “. . . for all individuals to know Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and grow as a Christian.” **To God be the Glory!**

## 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 *May (none for 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.

### Alta Key

4454 Peace Rd  
Trinity, NC 27370  
336-431-0079 ~ May 03

### Eloise McCollum

8626 Bull Road  
Colfax, NC 27235  
336-996-6320 ~ May 26

### Dovie Dull

1016 Madison Place Circle  
Kernersville, NC 27284  
336-996-6330 ~ May 14

### Esther Campbell

8309 Lakedale Circle Dr  
Colfax, NC 27235  
336-317-2093 ~ May 28

*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!*



*April Anniversaries*

- 1 Walter & Gail Tate
- 3 Scott & Laura Ritch
- 11 Mike & Becky McCollum
- 14 Larry & Violet Tucker

## **"Yet I Believe"** ~ Pastor Chuck Peters

*"Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory." I Peter 1:8*

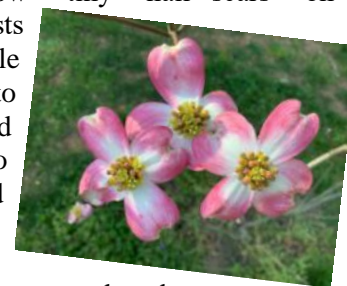
We have not seen the blessed face, of the One we love.  
We have not walked the streets of gold, in that home above.  
We still believe and still rejoice; we know that He is real.  
We know the fullness of His glory and our soul is thrilled.  
Our faith beholds Him in His Word, we trust His right to lead.  
We dare not lean upon our thoughts or what our eyes can see.  
We walk by faith and not with sight or what our feelings show.  
We simply trust our unseen Lord and thus our love will grow.



## **"... Behold, I make all things new." ~Revelation 21:5 Thoughts on Spring & the Risen Savior**

by Darla Freeman (April 2021)

This spring, after such a long and trying year, it seems the blossoms smell sweeter and their colors are more vibrant than ever. The Lord's wondrous handiwork is on display in the tiniest details. The unique structure of the dogwood's flower always makes it a special reminder: shaped like a cross, its petals show tiny "nail scars" on their edges. Even a "crown of thorns" rests in the center. When this particular little trio of blooms caught my eye, I had to capture them in a photo. . . they reminded me of three crosses on a hillside. And to think, just a few days ago, I was afraid this little tree had died through the winter. Its branches were brown and bare, while other trees were blooming. There seemed to be no sign of life, no greening, in its dry and brittle arms. But now, look at its reviving! In this beautiful season, I'm grateful for the little signs God places everywhere we look... signs of new life, signs of reawakening, signs of hope where there seemed to be none. Thank You, Risen Savior, that our lives, our hope... always lie in You.



## **"Night Songs"** Job 35:10 – Pastor Chuck Peters

*"But none saith, Where is God my maker, who giveth songs in the night;"*

The music from the Christian's heart contains no minor key.  
The lyrics tell of wondrous grace, salvation full and free.  
The songs are heard at nighttime, when darkness hides the sun.  
The road of life seems dreary in this Christian race we run.

The Giver of our music gives the songs we sing at night.  
He knows when hearts are heavy, when hope seems out of sight.  
He knows when minds are cloudy and it's hard to find our way.  
He knows we're prone to envy, our youth of yesterday.

The content of the songs we sing surpass the songs of man.  
The songs are filled with hope and peace, a promised better land.  
Our night will soon be over and the darkness will be done.  
The songs the Father giveth, will continue to be sung.

We'll sing the songs in daylight in the presence of the King.  
The praises of our Saviour, forever they will ring.  
Our night songs will be over and our sorrows in the past.  
Our day songs will we sing with joy, forever they will last.



## Teen Update ...



Thank you to everyone who helped make our Baked Spaghetti Dinner a huge success! We sold 128 tickets and made \$1044.00 in ticket sales and donations. We're looking forward to sprucing up the yards of our shut-ins, widows, and widowers in May.

In part one of our "Living in the World" lessons, we discussed how our world can present many opportunities and challenges for followers of Jesus Christ. As believers in Christ, we are to recognize our high calling in which our lives are to bring glory to God. We are here for the glory and honor of our Creator and not to live for ourselves! Our calling adds significance to our lives by giving a clear meaning and purpose to it – we exist for God!

As we moved on to understanding our place in the world, we looked at John 15:19. It says, "If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you." Through our faith in Christ, our citizenship and identity are with the family of God, and we no longer identify with the world. Although we still live here, we are just passing through this world until we make it to our home in Heaven.

We are not to blend into the world because our purpose gives us a higher calling. We're not to fit in because our identity sets us apart! As believers in Jesus Christ, the lives we live must be different!

~ John & Stephanie Moore

## Be Strong Youth

It has been encouraging to lead our young people down the Bible Timeline with the generation of Joshua. With great concentration one night, each youngster attempted to be the first to transfer a plate of ice cubes to a bowl, using only a pair of toothpick "chopsticks." This ice-playing led us to remember the times we've seen hailstones, which led us to look at an amazing account of God's deliverance of the Israelites, found in the tenth chapter of Joshua.

God's people were developing a reputation throughout the Promised Land... they were feared by cities across the region who had heard of the many conquests and obstacles through which the Lord had brought them. At one point, *five* kings conspired to "gang up" against Israel, thinking there would be strength in numbers. Yet, the Lord said to Joshua,

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*"Fear them not: for I have delivered them into thine hand; there shall not a man of them stand before thee."* Even though God's army had climbed and marched all night, God still gave His people the victory by confusing the Canaanites and bringing a hailstorm to help defeat the uprising of the enemy armies! Knowing that they needed more daylight to finish the attack, Joshua boldly prayed that the sun and moon would stand still. Amazingly, God moved, and daylight was put on hold until Israel's victory was sealed! What a marvel, to see God's sovereignty over the universe, as He instructed all of nature in the defeat of His enemies!

In the years to come, after many victories, an elderly Joshua challenged his people to stay true to the Lord. Looking at a map of the Promised Land from this time, we could see the areas belonging to Israel so far, but there were vast regions still yet to be taken. Joshua encouraged the Israelites to reach their full potential, knowing what they could acquire if they would simply obey Him and put their trust in Him. In our times, we may not be asked to conquer a land, but God IS asking us to do other things that demand His power and strength. If we put our faith in Him rather than ourselves, we can watch Him do amazing and triumphant things through us too!

It was a little sad for us to see Joshua's adventures come to a close, as his life ends after 110 years. Like Moses at his death, Joshua was called a *"servant of the Lord,"* having lived a long life of faithfulness. The last lines of the book of Joshua tell us that the bones of Joseph, carried in the Ark of the Covenant all the way from Egypt, were finally buried in his homeland. Joseph had lived to the age of 110 also, and now, 200 years later, he was at last laid to rest in this land that God had promised to their ancestor, Abraham. From that blessed covenant, and through that special family, God would bring a Savior to bless all the world. Our children were intrigued to see how God's people had come full circle in a sense, as He faithfully led them where He wanted them to be. The unfolding of His plan of redemption is always a wonder, and in this season especially, it blesses our hearts to ponder again how God, through the centuries, aligned each detail, in His perfect timing, to bring His precious Son to earth so that He might give His life for us. Because of His empty tomb on Easter morning, we have His hope in our hearts no matter what we face. In these uncertain times, help us pray that Jesus will stir the hearts of our youngsters, renew their hope, and draw them close.

All Because He Lives,  
**Bruce, Darla, and Marshall**

**Word of Life ~ International Ministries**  
**Dave and Sandy Kelly March Update ~ 2022**



**St. Lucia trip**

February – we spent time with churches in St. Lucia. Dr. and Mrs. Morgan, our host, and Dave made plans for the next three years as we contemplate new LCM programs in local churches, a pastors’ conference, youth rallies and special events. Dave spoke to the youth at Vieux Fort Community Church. While there, Dave interviewed a couple who desire to be full-time missionaries reaching the youth of St. Lucia!

**Aruba trip**

March (so far) - Dwight Willard (LCM Administrator) and Dave spent 4 days training youth leaders in Aruba. Dave ministered to the staff of Camp Washington. He was able to lay out a long-term plan to re-establish the camping ministry in Aruba. Dave and Dwight also were able to encourage two young men and their families who are looking to be full-time missionaries to the country of Aruba! We thank Rev. Fredrick Kelly and his family for hosting us.

**Curacao trip**

From Aruba, Dave caught a flight to Curacao to meet with some youth leaders. They planned out three years of leadership training, camp dates, conferences, and youth rallies. Dave also met with pastors and elders of 5 churches to finalize plans for a Word of Life Pastors’ Conference that, Lord willing, we will be conducting in September. These pastors and elders are incredible men who have a passion for reaching Curacao with the message of Christ.

Actually, that was the overarching theme of each island. These people have a passion for reaching their island for Christ!!!

**2023 summer trips**

We are now recruiting for our 2023 trips! Here are the ministry opportunities we would like you to pray for and to consider becoming a part of:

- Nassau, Bahamas – June 2023 - street evangelism and Vacation Bible School
- St. Lucia – July 2023 - street evangelism and Vacation Bible School
- Curacao – July 2023 – senior high camping program
- Belize – July 2023 - evangelism
- Please let us know if you and your church would be interested in being part of one of these teams.

**Prayer Requests**

1. Special project to raise funds for 3 needed airline tickets
2. Support: we are needing \$500 in new monthly support
3. May and June scheduled trips to Nassau and St. Thomas

**God bless you!**

Your missionaries to the Youth of the Caribbean,  
*Dave and Sandy Kelly*

davek@wol.org . . . 336-470-9203 (cell)    <https://missions.wol.org/davek>  
You can also give at <https://missions.wol.org/davek>

***Distant Relatives*** ....Carla Muir

A certain old recluse lived deep in the mountains of Colorado. When he died, distant relatives came from the city to collect his valuables. Upon arriving, all they saw was an old shack with an outhouse beside it. Inside the shack, next to the rock fireplace, was an old cooking pot and his mining equipment. A cracked table with a three-legged chair stood guard by a tiny window, and a kerosene lamp served as the centerpiece for the table. In a dark corner of the little room was a dilapidated cot with a threadbare bedroll on it.

They picked up some of the old relics and started to leave. As they were driving away, an old friend of the recluse on his mule flagged them down. “Do you mind if I help myself to what’s left in my friend’s cabin?” he asked.

“Go right ahead,” they replied. After all, they thought, what inside that shack could be worth anything?

The old friend entered the shack and walked directly over to the table. He reached under it and lifted one of the floor boards. He then proceeded to take out all the gold his friend had discovered over the past fifty-three years - enough to have built a palace. The recluse died with only his friend knowing his true worth. As the friend looked out of the little window and watched the cloud of dust behind the relative’s car disappear, he said, ***“They shoulda got to know him better.”***

*Doesn't this make us think of our relationship with our Savior? Do we know Him well enough to be able to find the gold He has stored for us all throughout our lives? Inspirational nuggets – handfuls on purpose – straight from the Master's Hands.*



***Always pray to have: Eyes to see the best in people, a heart that forgives the worst, a mind that forgets the bad, and a soul that never loses faith in God.***

***Accept both compliments and criticism... It takes both sun and rain for a flower to grow.***



**My Dad, a Pastor,** was attending a national Nazarene convention when a woman pointed to an empty seat and asked, “Is this seat saved?” Dad replied, “No, but we’re praying for it.”

## The Comforter has Come

*“Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.” – John 16:7*

The coming of the Comforter was more important than Jesus remaining on this earth in His physical body. His very Disciples had a problem with Him leaving them and did not want to think of him dying. His atoning and redemptive work had to be completed, involving Him physically leaving His Disciples, but His leaving would mean the coming of the Holy Spirit to work in and through the people of God.

His leaving and the Holy Spirit’s coming would mean their understanding of His purpose in coming and the presence of the Holy Spirit would be more valuable to them than Jesus staying. The physical presence of Jesus on this earth before His death was that of being in one place at a time but His leaving and the appearance of the Holy Spirit meant His redemptive work being universally proclaimed and His presence realized everywhere!

The Father planned redemption, the Son purchased redemption and the Holy Spirit came to promote redemption by convicting sinners through the medium of the Word of God. The Holy Spirit could not fulfill His part in the application of the plan of salvation unless Jesus complete His work at Calvary, be resurrected, and return back to Heaven and fill His position at the Father’s right hand.

The preaching of the Gospel, enabled by the power of the Holy Spirit, was the priority of God, for the salvation of lost sinners was the reason that God drew salvation’s plan. The coming of the Comforter would mean that the Gospel would go forth, for Jesus totally paid sin’s debt by His finished work.

This dark and sinful world is blessed by the light and comfort of the presence of the Comforter. The heart of sinners can be comforted with salvation in Christ. The heart of God’s people is comforted by the sweet assurance of the Comforter’s presence. The Comforter’s comfort is meted out through the meditation and appropriation of the Word of God. “For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.” – Romans 15:4 The Comforter also uses God’s people as comfort bearers to those in need of comfort. “Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.” – II Corinthians 1:4 Praise God, the Comforter has come! **Chuck Peters** – 2/20/2022



*Excerpt from a sermon by Charles Spurgeon*

## ~ He is Risen Indeed!

. . . I wanted to speak, last of all, upon THE AMAZING NEWS which these good women received — “He is not here, but He is risen!” This was amazing news to His enemies. They said, “We have killed Him; we have put Him in the tomb; it is all over with Him.” Aha! Scribe, Pharisee, Priest! What have you done? Your work is all undone, for He is risen! It was amazing news for Satan.

He, no doubt, dreamed that he had destroyed the Savior, but He is risen! What a thrill went through all the regions of hell! What news it was for the grave! Now it was utterly destroyed, and Death had lost his sting! What news it was for trembling saints. “He is risen, indeed.” They plucked up courage, and they said, “The good cause is still the right one, and it will conquer, for our Christ is still alive as its head.” It was good news for sinners. Yes, it is good news for every sinner here. Christ is alive! If you seek Him, He will be found of you. He is not a dead Christ to whom I point you today. He is risen! And He is able to save to the uttermost them that come unto God by Him. There is no better news for sad men, for distressed, desponding, and despairing men than this—the Savior lives, able still, to save, and willing to receive you to His tender heart. This was glad news, beloved, for all the angels, and all the spirits in heaven, glad news indeed for them. And this day it shall be glad news to us, and we will live in the power of it by the help of His Spirit! And we will tell it to our brethren, that they may rejoice with us, and we will not despair any longer. We will give way no more to doubts and fears, but we will say to one another, “He is risen indeed: therefore let our hearts be glad.” The Lord bless you, and in coming to His

table, as I trust many of His people will come, let us meet our risen Master. Amen.

## *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

Beneath the cross of Jesus  
I fain would take my stand,  
The shadow of a mighty rock  
Within a weary land;

A home within the wilderness,  
A rest upon the way,  
From the burning of the noontide heat,  
And the burden of the day.

Upon that cross of Jesus  
Mine eye at times can see  
The very dying form of One  
Who suffered there for me;  
And from my stricken heart with tears

Two wonders I confess:  
The wonders of redeeming love  
And my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow  
For my abiding place;  
I ask no other sunshine than  
The sunshine of his face;

Content to let the world go by,  
To know no gain nor loss,  
My sinful self my only shame,  
My glory all the cross.  
*by Elizabeth Cecilia Clephane*