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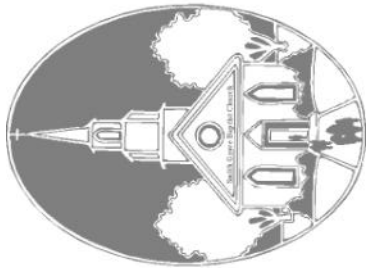
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## God Bless Mothers!



**Sun., May 1 ~ 11 am & 6 pm ~ Evangelist Cliff Burwell, Speaker**  
**Sat., May 7, 6 pm - W-S Rescue Mission**  
**Sun., May 8 ~ Celebrate your Mother on *Mother's Day!***  
**Tues., May 10, 7 pm ~ Robinwood Senior Living**  
**Mon., May 30 ~ Memorial Day ~ "All gave some; some gave all."**

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)



## Memorial Day ~ May 30, 2022



"We do not know one promise these men made, one pledge they gave, one word they spoke; but we know they summed up and perfected, by one supreme act, the highest virtues of men and citizens. For love of country they accepted death, and thus resolved all doubts, and made immortal their patriotism and their virtue."  
*James A. Garfield*

"And they who for their country die shall fill an honored grave, for glory lights the soldier's tomb and beauty weeps the brave."  
*Joseph Rodman Drake*

"The patriot's blood is the seed of freedom's tree."  
*Thomas Campbell*

"Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few."  
*Winston Churchill*



## BEAMS' Report for April 2022

# of Pledges: 9; # of Contributions: 5;  
Total Contributors: 14  
Total Contributed: \$636.00 =  
80 Bibles in April (plus some postage)

*Many thanks to the Adult Fellowship Bible Class for their ongoing BEAMS' ministry which added \$ 210.00 for postage in April!*

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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## Men's & Ladies' Fellowship

Quarterly Mtgs.: (3rd Tuesdays - 7 p.m.)

*Future Meeting times to be announced.*

## 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, widowers, & senior singles  
"Honour widows that are widows indeed."  
(1 Timothy 5:3)

This is a continuing churchwide ministry to remember *widows, widowers, and senior singles* 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 and June* 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

**Esther Campbell**

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

**Dovie Dull**

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

**Doug Slate**

1693 Brookford Rd  
Kernersville, NC 27284  
336-993-3114 (Home)  
704-575-8485 (Cell) ~ June 11

**Eloise McCollum**

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

**Oma Lou Pitts**

8047 National Service Rd  
Colfax, NC 27235  
336-668-2336 ~ June 19

*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!*

## May Anniversaries

- 6 John & Stephanie Moore
- 14 Allen & Sandra Westmoreland
- 19 Dennis & Brenda Westmoreland
- 21 Richard & Danette Andrews
- 26 Rick & Angela Cornell



## Armed Forces Day



Thank you to all who served.

Armed Forces Day, May 21, 2022, is a joint celebration of all five branches of the U.S. military: the Army, the Navy, the Coast Guard, the Marine Corps and the Air Force. The day honors all people currently serving in the U.S. armed forces.



*Mother's Day  
May 8, 2022*

Although you may have never heard of the 19th-century American poet William Ross Wallace, you've likely heard his most famous line of poetry. "For the hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world." This line endures because it reflects a truth we see expressed repeatedly in life.

A mother has an immeasurable influence on our world through the children she teaches, shapes, and encourages. And one *Christian* woman can impact countless souls for Christ through the children she raises.

**Betsy Moody** ~ God powerfully used the American evangelist D.L. Moody. Over his lifetime, Moody traveled over one million miles and preached the Gospel to over 100 million people (Nelson's Dictionary of Christianity). But it was Moody's mother who first taught him to trust in God.

Dwight Lyman Moody was born in Northfield, Massachusetts in 1837 to Edwin and Betsy Moody. He was the sixth of nine children. Edwin, a bricklayer, died suddenly when Moody was just four, leaving the family in deep debt. The creditors wasted no time. They took everything the law would allow, including the woodpile.

Friends encouraged Betsy to send some of the children to relatives, but she refused. Determined to keep her family together, Betsy worked tirelessly to provide for their needs. Through many desperate times, God always miraculously provided. And Betsy learned He was trustworthy.

At seventeen, Moody left home to take a job in an uncle's Boston shoe store. There he attended Sunday School. He learned more about God's love for him and joyfully gave his life to Jesus. At eighteen, Moody moved to Chicago to pursue business endeavors. But God had other plans for him.

Over the next several years, Moody grew in his faith and in his desire to share the Good News of Jesus. In 1858, he established a mission church in a Chicago slum and by 1861, he entered full-time ministry. God was building on the foundation of faith his mother laid.

When Betsy died, Moody spoke at her funeral. He reflected on her hard work to keep the family together. He talked about how she read devotions to them every morning and that she took them to church each Sunday. And he shared her simple, but profound creed: "My trust is in God."

Betsy encountered severe difficulty in her life. Many times, she didn't know what form the help would take, but she always knew **Who** would send it.



## Teen Update ...

Whew! What a month we had gearing up for our craft and rummage sale. We want to thank everyone who helped make this a success. The total amount raised was \$1135.00! We look forward to buying Christmas gifts for the Tabernacle Children's Home and the Arizona Indian Reservation.

As we continued on in our **Living in the World** Series, we focused on going a different direction.

One of the most difficult obstacles we face as we try to live for Christ is the constant pressures around us today to conform to the ways of the world and how these pressures impact us.

Ephesians 5:8 says, "For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light." In a world focused on pleasing "self" and gratifying the "flesh" our call is to be a light in all the darkness we are faced with today. Just as the light and darkness do not mix, neither should the believer's life with the way of the world.

What is your passion? This is the question you must ask yourself concerning the direction of your life.

Caving into peer pressure or doing whatever it takes to "fit in" will only reveal that your passion of the world is greater than your passion for Christ. Just as light and darkness do not mix, these two passions cannot coexist. Next, we focused on how to stand strong through the pressure. Our passion for God will bring about the choices we make to live for Him. Living for God is not a popular choice in today's world, but we must be prepared to stand strong when facing opposition.

Joshua 24:15 tells us to be determined to live for Christ and be committed to Him.

1 Timothy 4:12 tells us to establish ourselves as leaders who set examples, and not a follower who gives in to pressure.

Ephesians 6:11 tells us to prepare ourselves for each day. We are to look to Christ for strength and wisdom to make good decision.

As believers, we must be determined to make an impact for Christ on others, or else others will make an impact on us!

~ John & Stephanie Moore

## Be Strong Youth

Along the Bible timeline, as the Israelites reached the Promised Land and took it, our youngsters have learned that Joshua died after a long life of faithfulness to the Lord. As we have seen over and over again, when Israel put their faith in God, He was faithful to lead them to victory. But their obedience didn't last, and we have opened the Book of Judges to find three generations, sadly growing further away from the Lord with the passing years. The oldest are the **grandparents**, who as children saw the hardships in Egypt and witnessed God's faithfulness to stay with His people as Moses led them out of slavery. They saw

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the miracles of the plagues, the parting of the sea, and His provision of manna and water in the wilderness. The second generation is comprised of their **children**, the first ones to make it to the Promised Land, who gradually lost sight of the wonders God had done, because they hadn't witnessed His work themselves. When they moved into the Promised Land, these sons and daughters saw the pagan people worshipping made-up gods and thought, "This land is so good and prosperous; maybe there's something to these 'other gods'." As God's people inherited the land, they allowed the false altars to stand, and little by little, they began worshipping false gods instead of Him. In these years, God brought up "judges" to lead and speak to His wayward children. The angel of the Lord rebuked this generation, saying, *"I will not drive them out from before you; but they shall be as thorns in your sides, and their gods shall be a snare unto you."* (Judges 2:3) Indeed, the enemies and their gods proved to be "thorns"... just like a splinter that's so hard to remove, seemingly harmless, but growing more and more painful with time. This is evident in the third generation, the **grandchildren**, who were so influenced by the people around them that they fell in love with them... *and* their false gods. God had often referred to Israel as "His bride," and He had been perfectly faithful and loving toward them. But through three generations, they moved further away from Him, eventually rejecting the Lord and looking to self-made idols instead of Him.

The tragedy of the Israelites' family tree serves as a stark reminder that, even in these days, we have the task of centering on God while we interact with the next generation. As we all lovingly impact our own children and grandchildren, we ask Him to allow our teaching and our example to draw them closer to the Lord. It's up to us to relay the ways He has worked in our lives... our youngsters haven't witnessed that for themselves, but our witness can spark their desire to know Him more, to know Him as Lord of their *own* lives. They need to know His wondrous works, and our testimony can influence their path to follow Him. As the older generations, what a precious mission we have!

Since our last issue, we have lost two faithful youth leaders who took this mission seriously. For many years, Homer cared deeply for the younger generations, thriving on teaching weekly Bible truths, and endlessly enthusiastic for Vacation Bible School every summer. His special knack was taking up for the "underdog," and he always seemed to know which of us needed a kind word of encouragement. Our sweet music leader, Misty, always put so much thought and heart into choosing songs to teach us, and she truly loved seeing our young people use their voices to praise the Lord. She once told us that she began her music ministry as a young teen growing up in church, and it meant so much to her, watching our youngsters find their gifts and learn to serve Jesus faithfully. It breaks our hearts to lose these members of our family, and it has been a heavy season for our little youth group to say goodbye to so many loved ones at once. We appreciate your prayers, church family, as we minister to one another. Our Lord is faithful, and He will carry us through these changes. We're grateful to have one another to lean on...

Rejoicing in the Hope of Heaven, **Bruce, Darla, and Marshall**

**Learning about Sacrifice** ~ Many years ago, Al Capone virtually owned Chicago. Capone had a lawyer nicknamed "Easy Eddie." He was his lawyer for a good reason. Eddie was very good and kept Capone out of prison!

To show his appreciation, Capone paid him very well. He and his family occupied a fenced-in mansion with live-in help and all of the conveniences of the day. Eddie lived the high life of the Chicago mob with no thought to the atrocity that went on around him. Eddie did have one soft spot, however. He had a son that he loved dearly. Eddie saw to it that his young son had the best of everything. Nothing was withheld. Price was no object. And, despite his involvement with organized crime, Eddie even tried to teach him right from wrong. Eddie wanted his son to be a better man than he was. Yet, with all his wealth and influence, there were two things he couldn't pass on to his son: a good name and a good example.

One day, Eddie reached a difficult decision. Eddie wanted to rectify wrongs he had done. He decided to go to the authorities and tell the truth about Al "Scarface" Capone, and clean up his tarnished name and offer his son some semblance of integrity. He would have to testify against the Mob, and he knew the cost would be great. So, he testified. Within the year, Easy Eddie's life ended in a blaze of gunfire in a lonely Chicago Street. But in his eyes, he had given his son the greatest gift he had to offer, at the greatest price he would ever pay.

**STORY NUMBER TWO** ~ World War II produced many heroes. One such man was Lieutenant Commander Butch O'Hare. He was a fighter pilot assigned to the aircraft carrier Lexington in the South Pacific. One day his entire squadron was sent on a mission. After he was airborne, he looked at his fuel gauge and realized that someone had forgotten to top off his fuel tank. He would not have enough fuel to complete his mission and get back to his ship. His flight leader told him to return to the carrier. Reluctantly, he dropped out of formation and headed back to the fleet. As he was returning to the mother ship he saw something that turned his blood cold. A squadron of Japanese aircraft were speeding their way toward the American fleet.

The American fighters were gone on a sortie, and the fleet was all but defenseless. He couldn't reach his squadron and bring them back in time to save the fleet. Nor could he warn the fleet of the approaching danger. There was only one thing to do. He must somehow divert them from the fleet. Laying aside all thoughts of personal safety, he dove into the formation of Japanese planes. Wing-mounted 50 caliber's blazed as he charged in, attacking one surprised enemy plane and then another. Butch wove in and out of the now broken formation and fired at as many planes as possible until all his ammunition was finally spent. Undaunted, he continued the assault. He dove at the planes, trying to clip a wing or tail in hopes of damaging as many enemy planes as possible and rendering them unfit to fly. ~ Finally, the exasperated Japanese squadron took off in another direction. Deeply relieved, Butch O'Hare and his tattered fighter limped back to the carrier. This took place on February 20, 1942, and for that action Butch became the Navy's first Ace of WWII, and the first Naval Aviator to win the Congressional Medal of Honor. A year later Butch was killed in aerial combat at the age of 29. His home town would not allow the memory of this WW II hero to fade, and today, O'Hare Airport in Chicago is named in tribute to this great man. SO WHAT DO THESE TWO STORIES HAVE TO DO WITH EACH OTHER? ***Butch O'Hare was Easy Eddie's son.***

# SERVIC & SACRIFICE

## The Damazios ~ Moises & Rute Missionaries to Brazil



First of all, I would like to express my gratitude for your prayers and faithful financial support. You have been faithful in helping us through the last two years, which has been difficult years. Through the trying months, our ministry here in Brazil never stopped. Our doors stayed open and hundreds of families were visited while our home Bible studies continued strong.

In the last two years, we have seen hundreds of souls being led to Christ. We started a new ministry inside our Church to reach the Hatians coming to south Brazil. They speak Creaole, French and are now learning Portuguese. These are people in poverty, that need help, but most of all, they need Christ. Please pray that this ministry will continue to grow. Also, 6 months ago, we started a Bible study group in a city called Palhoca. This ministry is growing and new people are being reached, so we are in need of a larger/more permanent place to meet.

COVID19 has had tragic impact in Brazil. Many have been left unemployed and poverished, while others have clinged to God and used this tragedy to live a life of daily dependence on God. Our teens ministry has grown, and we are so proud of their heart for the Lord. They now conduct a weekly service at the downtown city park. Also, our Bible college is now available on-line and we are able to extend our reach.

Lastly, I want to tell you about a new ministry we started. It's called "Cafe com o Pastor" (Coffee with Pastor). Every day I record a daily devotional that is reaching over one thousand people all over Brazil and of all ages. This is also being broadcasted through a couple radio stations. You can also access it here:  
<https://open.spotify.com/show/7crPtSPHKiolQS9DGCFfcg>

There is so much to do, and so little time. Me and Rute usually don't go to sleep till after midnight, but God has always been faithful. He takes good care of us.

We are making plan to come visit our US Churches next, from April-Sept. We will communicate more in the following months.

***Thank you again for all your prayers and financial support.  
Moises & Rute Damazios***

## *The Shepherd Psalm*

"The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want." - Psalm 23

### **Words of comfort from Pastor Chuck . . .**

This Psalm has the distinction of being the most memorized and endeared Psalm in the Bible. It has succeeded in comforting the hearts of multitudes of suffering people. Psalm 23 is claimed by the wounded and dying on the battlefield. Its promises have sustained and promoted joy to the people of God who have journeyed through this wilderness of physical life.

It is the testimony of a child of God. It is restricted to the sinner saved by grace for salvation qualifies us to be one of His sheep.

The Christian is given the great and precious promise that physical death is insured against hopelessness and despair. Notice the blessed assurances of dying in the Lord. "Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." (Psalm 23:4)

Death to the Christian is a calm walk, not a frantic pace. Death also does not stop the pace or quicken it. Death is a thoroughfare and not a dead-end street! It is a walk through the valley. There is peace in this valley.

Storms are common on mountaintops, not valleys. It is not a valley of fear. It is a valley of fellowship! His presence is assured. This valley is not the valley of death but the valley of the *shadow of death*. The shadow of a dog cannot bite. The shadow of a gun cannot kill. The shadow of death cannot destroy. Death as it were stands beside the highway of the departing child of God and the light of the One who lights up heaven throws a shadow across the path.

Paul wrote, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" (I Corinthians 15:55) Death must blush and hide its face and admit that the sting is gone! The victory at Calvary has been transferred over to the spiritual account of the Christian. The grave has to also admit defeat and promise the release of even the physical bodies of those asleep in Jesus.



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## *A Letter a Day with a Verse to Stay*

*This is a devotional series from **Pastor Chuck** which takes us through the alphabet with the inclusion of a Bible verse containing the letter. We will include two or more devotionals each month, until the alphabet is complete! Please pray that God will see fit to use these brief devotions for His glory.*



### **(A) - "Abideth"**

"I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing." – John 15:5

All Christians are "in Christ" and enjoy union in Him. Those "abiding" are enjoying communion! Oh how blessed to not only know Him but to enjoy fellowship with Him. A Communion with the risen Lord is enhanced by a spiritual life regulated by the Word of God, stimulated by prayer, activated by a faithful walk with Him, and invigorated by His power as we relinquish all efforts to please Him through fleshly motivated human efforts . . . Without Him, we really can do nothing.



### **(B) - Build**

"And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified." – Acts 20:32

The closing words of the Apostle, as he prepares to leave the Ephesian elders, were words of commendation and comfort for they pertained to the unchanging Word of God and its power and promises. We live on the shifting sands of physical life where things constantly are changing and our bodies are aging, aching, and dying. Yet, God's gracious unchanging Word, with its secure promises, builds us up and assures us of the inheritance afforded the blood washed child of God! Thanks to Adam's sin, our physical bodies are subjected to a "tearing down" program but, thanks to the finished work of the Last Adam, salvation includes the "building up spiritual program" which will culminate in a glorified body in the likeness of Jesus Christ.