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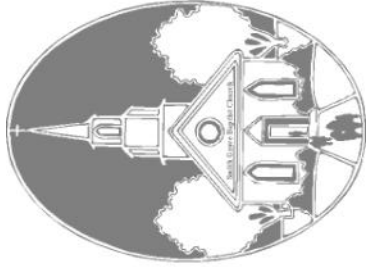
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FOLLOWING IN MY DADDY'S FOOTSTEPS

Proverbs 20:7 *The just man walketh in his integrity: his children are blessed after him.*



Sat., June 4, 6 pm - W-S Rescue Mission
Tues., June 14, 7 pm ~ Robinwood Senior Living & Flag Day!
Sun., June 19 ~ Celebrate your Father on Father's Day!

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

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)



F ...Is for the **FREEDOM** for which men and women fought.

...Is for the **LOVE of GOD** and Country that each and every one of us should embrace.

L ...Is for the **Liberty** that we as Americans enjoy; many paid dearly, yet many would like to destroy.

A ...Is for **Allegiance to America** and family values. We must teach our children how important those values are.

...Is for **OLD GLORY**, as we display it with unshakable pride, and as it waves in the gentle breeze, it truly is **GRAND**.

G ...As a nation under **GOD**, we must love and help each other and try to go forth hand in hand to secure our land.



BEAMS' Report for May 2022

of Pledges: 10; # of Contributions: 4;
Total Contributors: 14
Total Contributed: \$842.00 =
105 Bibles in May (plus some postage)

Many thanks to the Adult Fellowship Bible Class for their ongoing BEAMS' ministry which added \$ 170.00 for postage in May!

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!)



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https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCj39_zpMzkkCXdFYy1NKndQ

To listen & download mp3:

Audio Archive Online ~ <https://www.smithgrove.org/audio-archive/>



There is nothing to fear when your lifeguard walks on water.

Matt. 14:25 *And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea.*

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 *June and July* 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.

Doug Slate

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

Betty Byrd

3316 Sandy Ridge Road
 Colfax, NC 27235
 336-993-5492 ~ July 01

Oma Lou Pitts

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

Becky Redmon

8421 Endicott Road
 Colfax, NC 27235
 336-993-1833
 336-482-1926 (Cell) ~ July 09

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!

June Anniversaries

- 8 Adrian & Wendy Barham
- 17 Darris & Dreama Moore
- 21 Richard & Danette Andrews
- 23 Jim & Sherrie Lowry



You're Invited! JOIN US!

An invitationfrom Jim Laramore

*I would like to invite all recent believers and new members to be a part of the **Adult Fellowship Sunday School Class** that meets at 10:00 on Sunday mornings in the fellowship hall. Refreshments will be served as we give you a special welcome into our church. Pastor Peters and Jim are the teachers. (All are welcome!)*

The Seating of The Saint ~ Chuck Peters – 4/27/2022
Ephesians 2:6 *And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:*

Seated in our risen Lord, we know that all is well.
 The Saviour rose up from the dead and conquered death and hell.
 The grave has lost its victory; death has lost its sting.
 The bonds of earth no longer hold; the bells of Heaven ring.

The seating of the saints on high reflects the debt was paid.
 The suffering Lamb of Calvary; a tomb where He was laid.
 A rolling of the stone away; the vacant garden grave.
 The glorious proof of victory; He washed our sins away!

Our seating is a place of peace; We're guarded in His care.
 Why should our hearts be anxious and cause our minds to fear?
 Why should we fret and worry and falter in the race?
 The fact of Heaven's seating; assures we'll see His face.

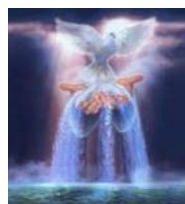
This seating is restricted to the ones God saved by grace.
 Redemption through the Saviour's blood, alone assures this place.
 Why would you choose to walk alone and suffer sin's defeat?
 Salvation gives a walk with God; assures this blessed seat.

Cold Waters to a Thirsty Soul ~ Chuck Peters – 5/9/2022

"As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country."
 – Proverbs 25:25

I know of good news from a land far away, a country of perfect delight.
 A country where sin and death have no part, a country with never a night.
 This country afar is home for the saints, whose labor on earth is now done.
 They fought a good fight and finished the course;
 The race on this earth they have run.

This race we still run, in this earthly place, our souls are so thirsty and dry.
 We hear the good news that comes from afar, the news from the country on high.
 Our soul is refreshed by waters of truth; we're blessed by the news that we hear.
 Though troubled and hurt in this earthly life, we know that our Lord is still near.
 Good news we can find in the Bible we hold; Cold waters we find for the soul.
 God still can redeem the lost from their sin; Ruined lives, He still can make whole.
 He giveth great peace and strength for the day; the news of His promise is dear.
 He never will leave nor forsake His own child; we read that there's nothing to fear.
 Good news still is heard by those who will hear;



Good news to this world He does bring.
 Our lips may be parched, our mouth may be dry,
 we still are refreshed by the spring.
 Good news as cold waters; Our thirst is now quenched,
 our struggles in life soon will end.
 We've heard from that land, the battle is His;
 through Jesus, we're promised to win.

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 devotionals for His glory.



(C) - "Come"

"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." – Matthew 11:28

The life of sin is hard and heavy. One only has to remember the turbulent and empty life before salvation with all of its miseries and endless search for life's meaning. Before God saved me, I was that unhappy and poor lost soul. But....then I met the Master. I remember the night, I remember the sermon, I remember the preacher and I really remember the wonderful change in my life when Jesus came into my heart and the rest of salvation! I remember the final words of the preacher and the Holy Spirit's tugging at my heart with the invitation to "come" to Christ. Please accept the invitation in that word from the Saviour's mouth or possibly have to hear from that same mouth of Deity, the word "depart" followed by, "I never knew you!"



(D) - "Delight"

"But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night." – Psalm 1:2

The maturing Christian has a disciplined mind set on priority things of real importance. The delight of this spiritual minded person is in the revealed truths of God, as given in the Scriptures. The chief goal is to know more about Christ and the only way to enhance knowing Him more is to delight more in what He has written! We need to be more serious in our thinking about the Lord and His will rather than this world and its ills. The object of our thoughts makes a profound difference in our attitude in life. Why not dwell on the positive blessings received from the hand of God rather than the negative things associated with these weak bodies and wicked world? We learn about those blessings in the Word of God so that should be the focus of our delight.



Diane and I rejoice in how God keeps us busy in ministry. Our calendar is usually about full. We thank Him for His faithfulness and His protection as we travel thousands of miles each year to churches and to other countries. We could do none of this without people and churches like you folks. Thank you so much.

We are in the process of completing the preparation and scheduling for a trip to Europe in late July of this year. We will be traveling almost exclusively by train once we arrive there. It is somewhat complicated to purchase train tickets for the right places and right times. We will be in Italy, Germany, Belgium, England, and Wales. Please pray for us.

The Kenyan Gospel Project has gone great- beyond my expectations. We have finances to provide 47,000 copies of the book for public high school students. The Kenyans have already used over 15,000 of them. I am now working on another project for the public elementary school students who have very, very little gospel in their language.

We will be doing a Gospel Coloring Book in Swahili for the Kenyan elementary students- from creation, to the fall, to the cross, to the resurrection, and hopefully to the salvation for many children. Scripture is on almost every page. There is a great potential for hundreds and hundreds to be saved. The Muslims are working hard to capture their hearts. I should have it finished in the next few weeks. Both the booklet and the coloring book will also be done in English to be used here in the states.

Roger & Diane Baker

P.S. - All the \$47,000 given for booklets will be used exclusively for Africa as we promised.



Romans 8:1 *There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*



Teen Update ...

This month we started a new lesson titled, “Reach Out, Don’t Freak Out.” We’re discussing some delivery styles that will help them discover both the simplicity and necessity of sharing their faith with others and not freak out over it. We asked and discussed the following questions, “Is it scary to share your faith with others?”, “How do you start the conversation?”, “Are you intimidated by the idea of sharing your faith with family and friends?” Our goal was to spur each teen towards a greater passion for sharing the gospel with their family and friends and turn the scary into something instinctive, natural, and rewarding.

Our first delivery style was to just ask. We all have different personalities and the way we start our conversations about God will be different because of that. Ephesians 6:19-20 says, “And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.” Regardless of our personality, we are to pray for boldness and for the right words to say as we step up and bring God into our daily conversations. We encouraged our teens to listen closely as they talk to their friends and family members for opportunities to share the gospel. An opportunity would be hearing a friend or family member say, “My life stinks!” or “I don’t know what to do...” A few opening questions to start a conversation we talked about using were, “Do you know for sure that you’re going to heaven when you die?”, “How do you go about deciding what’s right or wrong?”, and “Do you believe in God?”

No matter how shy or outgoing we are, we can all step up to the challenge of sharing our faith through prayer and being equipped with questions and strategies that will all help us turn our conversations toward God.

Thank you for your prayers for our Teens!

~John & Stephanie Moore

Be Strong Youth

As our youngsters continue along the Bible timeline, we’ve found that the Book of Judges continually introduces us to men and women who were used by God to lead and speak truth to His people. As the Israelites wavered over and over, God repeatedly rescued His wayward people with His courageous judges. So far, we have met Othniel; the left-handed Ehud; Shamgar; brave Jael, who used a tent peg to defeat the opposition when she came up against the enemy’s king; and Deborah, who accompanied General Barak when Israel faced the 900 iron chariots of the Canaanites. Looking at Psalm 20:7, we pondered that “*some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the Lord our God.*” Certainly, we don’t often put our trust in

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chariots these days, but the children offered alternate modern words to insert there... “some trust in *money... success... technology... self... stuff!*” We might find ourselves unknowingly putting our trust and hope in many things while we face obstacles, but as Israel learned when they went up against powerful enemies, we can wholeheartedly put our trust in our mighty Lord. We can depend on Him to lead us to certain victory, even when we feel defeated or overwhelmed.

Speaking of defeat, a mindset of discouragement and failure may have well described the outlook of our next leader, Gideon, introduced in the 6th chapter of Judges. The Midianites so greatly oppressed God’s people that scripture describes them as “grasshoppers,” invading the Promised Land, overtaking the crops, and holding the Israelites captive in their own homes. In the midst of this dark season, God calls His next unsuspecting judge... hiding out at the winepress and secretly trying to scrape up enough grain for some bread. As he hides from his oppressors, Gideon may seem anything but brave and mighty, but when the Angel of the Lord appears to him, He addresses Gideon this way... “The Lord is with thee, thou *mighty man of valour.*” God knew Gideon’s heart, and instead of seeing his shortcomings, God sees his *potential*, knowing the brave warrior Gideon *can become* when he puts his trust in the Lord. He has a hard time trusting at first, and we see Gideon asking for signs from God... from wet fleece to dry fleece, the Lord patiently agrees to strengthen Gideon’s faith, understanding that his confidence needed to be gradually built up. Eventually, God instructs Gideon to tear down Baal’s altar, and then He prepares him for battle against the Midianites. But God desires a total dependence on Him, so He guides Gideon through a “weeding out” process. The Lord instructs him to send some soldiers home... first, the soldiers who are afraid; and second, the soldiers who lap water from the river like dogs. Israel’s army of 32,000 is then reduced to the seemingly pitiful number of 300, while God puts Gideon in a position to truly trust in Him! To encourage Gideon, God even uses a dream of giant, rolling bread loaves, crushing the enemy camp! From then on, Gideon is like a new man . . . the mighty man of valour God always saw him to be! Armed with only trumpets, torches, and clay pitchers, God’s small army of 300 defeats the enormous enemy as they cry, “The sword of the Lord, and of Gideon!”

In these weary days of hardships, when we sense fear and sorrow in many directions, we can easily feel defeated before we ever even try. Our youngsters have been intrigued to watch the victorious stories of the judges unfold, but the adventures of Gideon seem to especially speak to their hearts. We are refreshed by the reminders that, even at our weakest and most cowardly moments, God is seeing us as we *can be*... He will carry out His good plans for us when we humbly put our trust in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

‘Grateful for His Mercy and Grace,’
Bruce, Darla, and Marshall



A Father's Directive



Some of you are “fathers.” Every one of us has a biological father. Some of you are “Single Moms” so you are “Father and Mother” to your children.

Our fathers impact our lives in more ways than we will ever know. Little boys “copy” or “imitate” their Daddies. Little boys try to walk and talk just like their daddies. Have you ever seen a child walk with daddy’s big shoes on? Little girls look up to their daddies to love them. It is said that the love a father shows his daughter reflects the type of man she will marry. But not all our fathers are the IDEAL fathers.

Not all of you have grown up in Christian or godly homes. It is so unfortunate that many people have a hard time understanding about God as “Our Heavenly Father” because their fathers were alcoholics, physically abusive, verbally abusive, hateful, absent or ruthless. But the actions of the father don’t have to even be that obvious. They can be controlling, unkind, always at work or just insensitive.

“Or what man is there of you, whom if your son ask bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?” Matthew 7:9-11

Not all of you have happy memories of a father that cared enough to give you good things or to spend time with you. Fathers don’t always realize that “where their treasure is there their heart will be also.” And if a child thinks that “Daddy cares more about his job than he does about them,” then the child will go seeking attention or love in all the wrong places. Remember, even if you don’t say it out loud, the child will know by watching. For what you care about, you spend the most time doing. How many hours do you spend in pursuits away from your family?

Here is a story of a father and son in the Bible: Let’s look at the “Prodigal Son” or the Parable of the Lost Son. Luke 15:11-32. The father had two sons. One stayed and was an obedient son. The other son asked for his part of his father’s fortune. Then he went and squandered it all. He spent all the money and had nothing left. He was feeding the pigs and living in squalor. So he decided that he would be better off going back home and being a servant in his father’s home.



His father saw him coming back home from afar. Instead of giving his son a lecture about what a terrible thing he had done and maybe even disowning him.....the father opened up his arms and forgave his son. Without one word of criticism!!! This was not all the father did; he did even more than just forgiving him.....he told the servants to “bring forth the BEST.” They were going to celebrate the son’s return.

Our Father in Heaven loves us just like that. We are the prodigal children and He is our Father. He wants to give us “good things” and show us His unconditional love for us. He knows all about our unspoken and our overt sins or omissions, BUT He still LOVES us. (John 3:15 *That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. 16 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. 17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.*)

What we do and say.....or what we *don't do* or say DOES make a difference in our children’s lives. And what they see they will imitate. The Bible tells husbands to love their wives like Christ loves the Church. Don’t be afraid to SHOW and EXPRESS your love for each other as parents. Children need to see that. Children NEED to HEAR and SEE the LOVE you as a FATHER have for them. “And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.” ~Ephesians 6:4

Fathers are to “Provoke not your children to wrath.” Isn’t the Lord so wonderful? In the Scriptures every time that the Lord says “DO NOT” He always tells us what to do. So if fathers are not supposed “to provoke”—what are they supposed to do? Well, the next part of the verse is this: “BUT bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.” Nurture and teach your children with LOVE. That UNCONDITIONAL kind of Love. Don’t use the old standby when your child asks a question — “Do what I say and not what I do!”

Be an example of a Christian Father who LOVES the LORD and his wife and children. REMEMBER: “Train up a child in the way which he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it” – ~Proverbs 22:6

