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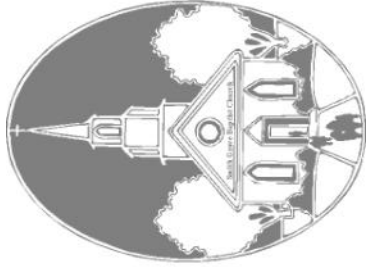
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Sun., July 3...Patriotic 4th of July Service ~ followed by hot dogs and hamburgers in the Fellowship Building. (Hot dogs, hamburgers & dessert will be provided by the church).
NO EVENING SERVICE.

Sat., July 2, 6 pm - W-S Rescue Mission
Tues., July 12, 7 pm ~ Robinwood Senior Living
Sun., July 31, 6 pm ~ Singspiration Service

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)
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)



Camren Harrell ~ Please remember Camren when you pray. He was honorably discharged from the Navy (medical discharge) after 10 months of service. (The Craters' grandson.)

How come there aren't any knock-knock jokes about America? *Because freedom rings.*

What kind of tea did the American colonists want? *Liber-tea.*

What do you get when you cross a dinosaur with fireworks?

Dino-mite!

What do you call an American revolutionary who draws cartoons? *A Yankee Doodler.*



SUNDAY SUNDAES

July 10, July 24, August 7, and August 21 ~ After the evening service *on these dates*, join us in the Fellowship Bldg for a delicious Ice Cream Sundae and a time of great fellowship. Our Youth Group will be making \$2 Sundaes to raise money for Christmas gifts for Tabernacle Children's Home and the children of the Tohono O'odham Reservation.



BEAMS' Report for June 2022

of Pledges: 9; # of Contributions: 0;

Total Contributors: 9

Total Contributed: \$404.00 =

50 Bibles in June (plus some postage)

Many thanks to the Adult Fellowship Bible Class for their ongoing BEAMS' ministry which added \$ 30.00 for postage in June!

You can also get the BEAMS' report online at our website:

<https://www.smithgrove.org/beams-report/>

Services will be streaming Live every Wednesday at 7 p.m. & Sunday at 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. on [Facebook](#) & [YouTube](#) — (You do not need a



facebook account to watch the video on fb!)

<https://www.facebook.com/mySGBC/>



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To listen & download mp3:

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

"Independence Day: freedom has its life in the hearts, the actions, the spirit of men and so it must be daily earned and refreshed – else like a flower cut from its life-giving roots, it will wither and die." – Dwight D. Eisenhower



"Government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth." – Abraham Lincoln

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 *July and August* 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.

Betty Byrd

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

Patsy Pendry

8054 Clinard Farms Rd
 High Point, NC 27265
 336-668-4415 ~ August 19

Becky Redmon


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

Doris Nuckles

8324 Tyner Loop Road
 Colfax, NC 27235
 336-668-2332 ~ August 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!

July Anniversaries



2 Gale and Charlene Tester	23 Wade and Nora Smith
7 Gary and Helen Hendrix	25 Pam and Glen Blackburn
11 Chuck and Carol Peters	27 Bruce and Darla Freeman
16 Steve and Stephanie Dillon	



Tell it like it is!

- ~When your ship comes in, the government unloads it.
- ~Unemployment isn't working.
- ~Those who indulge, bulge.
- ~Warning: Dates on calendar are closer than they appear.
- ~By the time you're old enough to be nostalgic, you are too old to remember!
- ~Henry Ford's diary is an autobiography.
- ~A chimney sweeper's job soots him.
- ~Possessiveness is a state of mine.
- ~The only friend you can buy is a dog.
- ~Cookbooks are full of stirring passages.



The White Family – Bolivia *Who's Feeding You?:*



One of my main jobs as a missionary is to train others, especially those who are preparing to serve the Lord with their lives. As I have mentioned before, the longer we are in the ministry here, this becomes a bigger part of what we do and where we invest the most of our time. While there are many lessons and Bible principles that I try to share with them, one of the most important is probably teaching them to be self feeders and self growers. Just like in the real world, one of the true signs of maturity is when a person doesn't need anyone else to feed them or be responsible for their every need. So here are a few ideas that can help to get to this point of maturity and be a self feeder.

I. Be Attentive ~ One of the greatest spiritual diseases that plagues Christianity today would be spiritual blindness. The average Christian does not recognize where they are lacking or the weaknesses they have. There is also a great lack of biblical knowledge and the principles that would apply even if they recognized their error. So many people go through life either thinking they are fine, or knowing they have problems but not knowing what to do about it. So the first thing we have to do to be a self grower is pray and ask the Lord to show us things that we need to work on in your life and He will.

II. Be Intentional ~ One of the hardest things about spiritual growth is that it doesn't happen by accident. Just as a muscle will not grow if you just sit on the couch, we will not grow spiritually if we don't take specific steps to get there. The same way with spiritual growth, it's not going to happen unless we have a plan. To grow spiritually we must decide today to read our Bible, Pray and Practice what we learn in the Bible.

III. Be Determined ~ When it comes down to it, maybe the biggest hindrances to spiritual growth would be quitting. Growth is hard and takes time that some are not willing to spend but unfortunately the key is just staying at it and little by little you will begin to see the growth take place. Take baby steps and don't put too many expectations on yourself and in no time you will be light years from where you were before. The best part of it all is that when you become a self feeder and mature Christian you can then begin to help others in the same journey you have just been on.

Slow and Steady: ~ In our new church plant we have seen steady progress, and we have a good group that are coming on Sundays faithfully and beginning to even help in the church. Out of those, we have a couple of them that are even coming faithfully to Sunday and Wednesday night services, which is usually the most difficult. One of our desires and focuses with those who are coming is helping them take the next step in their spiritual journey. For some that would be Salvation for other Baptism and for others becoming part of the church and serving. We are now working to help each of them know what that next step is and help them take it. I am excited to see what the Lord is going to do in the following months as His church begins to grow and be effective at reaching others.

Prayer Requests: 1. Pray that those in our church will take the next step in their spiritual lives. 2. Pray as we share the gospel that we will see people sensitive to His word. 3. Pray for those in our Bible College that the Lord will continue to work in their lives. 4. Pray for Pastor Pablo as he works on getting the paper work for their church.

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.



(E) - "Endure" ~ *"Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ."* – II Timothy 2:3

Hardness goes along with soldiering and being a Christian is soldiering for Jesus Christ and requires the discipline of soldiering!

The child of God is not a passenger on a pleasure cruise ship enjoying a comfortable ride to glory but a soldier on a battle field facing vicious spiritual enemies bent on disarming and disabling those in God's army.

Spiritual "wimps" within the ranks of God's battalion discredit themselves and fellow comrades. Soldiering involves privations, loneliness, exposure to cold or heat, fatigue, and endurance. Discipline is an every daily lifestyle of the soldier. The enemies of America attack the core values of our Country and the spiritual enemies attack the core values of the Christian. The soldier of Jesus Christ must exercise continual discipline in upholding Christian core values and the "basics" necessary for being a good soldier. Prayer, Bible study, Church attendance, witnessing and stewardship are essential in Christian growth and development.

The end of a combat tour usually includes an awards ceremony and the issuance of combat medals. May we at the end of life's combat tour hear His, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant!"



(F) - "Fear" ~ *"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."* – II Timothy 1:7

It is one thing to be stricken by fear but quite another thing to have the "spirit of fear." Many things in life tend to make us afraid but fear must not control and lead to negating the duties and responsibilities assigned to Christian ministry. Imagine the difference in the historical records of WWII if the troops storming the beaches of Normandy or the Islands in the Pacific cowered down in fear rather than face the enemy? We all would be speaking German and Japanese!

Power, love, and a sound mind are given by God but not the spirit of fear! We are given the power to get the job done, we are able to keep loving God and the souls of man, and we are enabled to have a balanced mind and see things in their right perspective.

In spite of the threats facing us in the world, we still must keep local churches active and Christians must remain the salt of the earth with a testimony of faith, rather than fear. "Faithful unto death" is the proper inscription on the tombstone of the Christian and not, "Fearful unto death"!

On July 4, 1776, George Washington Bought A Broom

On July 4th, 1776, representatives from what were then British colonies met in Philadelphia to sign the Declaration of Independence. Also that day, George Washington bought a broom.

When Washington became Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army in 1775, he said he wouldn't accept a salary for the position. But he did say he would accept reimbursement for his expenses.

So he documented everything, from payments to spies to his daily meals. (Apparently, he was a big fan of mutton.) And he was extremely meticulous. Washington's expenses for July 4, 1776, included a broom (which cost 6 pence) as well as mutton, veal, beef, cabbage, beets, beans, potatoes, and lobster. He also paid for the mending of his "Chariot" — a type of carriage.

In 1783, Washington submitted his expense report. He had spent \$160,074. It's hard to adjust for inflation since then, but that number today would certainly be in the millions of dollars.

After a careful audit, the United States Treasury determined that Washington had cut himself short. The US still owed him 89/90 of one dollar.

Declaration of Independence

George Washington did not sign the Declaration of Independence. While the Continental Congress assembled in Philadelphia, Washington and his forces were in New York.

The Continental Congress voted for independence on July 2, 1776. Two days later on July 4, a declaration explaining the reasons for independence, largely written by Thomas Jefferson, was adopted. Washington received an official notification via a letter dated July 6 from John Hancock, the president of the Continental Congress, along with a copy of the declaration.

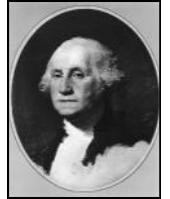
Alerting the Troops ~ On the evening of July 9, 1776, thousands of Continental soldiers marched to the parade grounds in Lower Manhattan. General Washington had ordered them to assemble promptly at six o'clock to hear a declaration approved by the Continental Congress calling for American independence from Great Britain.

The Declaration of Independence

On July 2, 1776, Congress voted to dissolve the connection between "this country" and Great Britain, declaring the "United Colonies of North America" to be free and independent states.

Revolutionary War Battles

Congress created the Continental Army on June 14, 1775, and John Adams nominated George Washington to serve as the army's Commander-in-Chief. Washington fought in almost two dozen skirmishes and battles during the American Revolution.





Teen Update ~ Our teens enjoyed a fun trip to Spare Time to celebrate their hard work during the Spaghetti Dinner and Rummage/Craft Sale. They had a great time playing laser tag and arcade games. We also have an exciting summer planned for our Wednesday night meetings, so please invite a teen you know to join us. We'll have themed nights, great lessons, and lots of fun!

Our recent lesson was titled, "Pushing the Limits." This lesson addressed how some try to tiptoe as close to sin as they can without actually "sinning." What do the following all have in common: standing at the edge of a tall building, riding on the highest coaster in the amusement park, eating the hottest pepper in the world, or driving in the direction of a tornado in a storm chaser car?

They each involve risk, a sense of thrill, and pushing the limits of danger! Far too often many try to push the limits of what they know they shouldn't be doing. They want to see what all they can "get away with" without crossing the line and sinning. We asked the question, "Should you be flirting with sin and trying your best to get as close to the edge as possible, or should you have a different focus?"

It seems as if the attitude of pushing the limits is ingrained in our nature, but is this the perspective God wants us to have? We looked to see what the Bible had to tell us. The following verses tell us about the focus we should have. **1 Chronicle 28:9** tells us that God knows our hearts and He wants us to seek Him. **Psalms 27:4** tells us that our sole focus should be to grow closer to God and enjoy His presence. **Psalms 139:23-24** tells us we should ask God to direct us in His ways. **Proverbs 16:2** tells us that even though we may justify our actions, God knows our motives. **2 Timothy 2:22** tells us that our desire should be to flee things that are opposed to God and pursue things that honor Him.

Instead of pushing the limits that will move us away from God's will, we should please God by doing things that will move us closer to Him!

In Christ, *John & Stephanie Moore*

Be Strong Youth ~ Summer has arrived at last, and our young people are savoring more carefree days with their families... at home, and on fun travels! On the Bible timeline, we have wrapped up another series entitled "Conflict and Problems" as we close out our study of the Book of Judges. Of the judges we've met, some, like Gideon and Jephthah, have been faithful and sincere in following God's truth. Samson is one judge easily recognized by the children, but his adventures remind us how easily we can wander away from the good plans God has for us. Even before his birth, Samson's parents were visited by the Angel of the Lord, declaring that he would be a Nazarite with mighty strength, set apart by God and able to carry out amazing things for Him. This young man was to avoid haircuts and dead things, but as he grew up, Samson didn't always follow God's instructions. He often did what he wanted to do, eating honey from a lion's carcass, and even going so far as choosing an enemy bride from the Philistines. When he later met Delilah, Samson again fell into the trap of disregarding the Lord's plans. We brought this to life by walking an imaginary "tightrope" taped to the floor, noticing how closely we had to watch the placement of our feet. Proverbs 4:26-27 advises, "*Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established. Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil.*" It's easy to imagine how dangerous it is when a tightrope walker turns to the right

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or left! In the same way, we make lots of important decisions walking along our pathway of life. When we seek God's will in the choices we make, we can better ponder the steps we take, but Samson struggled with this. When he revealed the secret to his strength, Samson was betrayed by Delilah, leading to a tragic haircut, a capture, and imprisonment. So they could taunt him, the Philistines blinded Samson and put him on display at their victory party. It had taken the loss of sight and strength to help Samson finally see that God was the author of His life. With a renewed perspective at last, he humbled himself and asked God for one more chance to use his strength. As Samson pushed the pillars that held up the crowded banquet hall, the building collapsed, killing all the Philistines gathered inside. Yes, Samson got revenge, but because he had always insisted on going his own way, "to the right or to the left," he also ultimately lost his strength, his sight, his freedom, and his life.

But Samson was not the only one faltering during this dismal season. The stories of the judges that close out this book seem to show how far Israel had wandered from the Lord, and the final chapters sadly reflect a falling away of His people. The nation was a mess, ignoring God's commands and making up their own rules: "*Every person did that which was right in his own eyes.*" (17:6) To set up this lesson, we listened to music clips and tried to guess the instrument playing. What if a musician played a trumpet but claimed she was playing a violin? We would think such a statement was ridiculous, but sometimes, people say they are worshipping God through instruments or songs when they are really just worshipping themselves or their talents. We can't tell the difference, but God can, because He sees our hearts, and He knows our motives. Judges 17 introduced us to Micah, who ignored God's guidelines and made up his own rules of worship as he went along. He and his mother set up silver idols in their home and hired their own family priest. The people had no real relationship with God, and there was no understanding of what He expected. These were dark days for the Israelites as they floundered, worshipping idols and doing their own thing. We see this especially in the incident at the wicked city of Gibeah, when a violent gang took a woman's life. Her husband sent out messages to all the tribes of Israel, essentially asking, "How did our nation become so fallen?" Israel's armies responded by gathering and demanding that the tribe of Benjamin hand over the criminals. When the tribe refused, a civil war began—the Benjamites against the other 11 tribes! Now God's people were fighting among themselves. After a surprise defeat, the 11 tribes finally made the wisest decision they had made in years. Scripture says they returned to Shiloh, where the Ark of the Covenant stayed. Coming back to God at last, they wept, fasted, and offered sacrifices. In this dark time, God's people could have been wiped out as they made war against one another, but there was still hope... in *Shiloh*. Our youngsters were blessed to see that "Shiloh" is an Old Testament name for Jesus, established all the way back in Genesis: "*The scepter shall not depart from Judah... until Shiloh come: and unto Him shall the gathering of the people be.*" (49:10) Even throughout the years of falling away, there was still the promise of the triumphant Savior to come, and God was holding true to the covenant He had made. Again and again, these lessons in Judges show us how easily we can lose our way. Burdened with failures and weakness, we could never please a Holy God within ourselves. But in His great mercy, King Jesus came to give His life for us... He alone restores our relationship with the Father, forgiving our sins, and granting peace in this world of turmoil and strife.

Praying for His Peace on Your Hearts, *Bruce, Darla, and Marshall*



Happy Birthday, America!

Today we show our gratitude for all the land to see;
We honor all our Founders and our Nation's history.

We celebrate with caution for our freedom could be lost;
Americans are called upon to always count the cost.

We plan our family picnics and our fireworks to display;
Our flags are placed upon the pole, Old Glory proudly waves.

A solemn truth to ponder is that freedom is not free;
A hero's grave among the dead, the proof we plainly see.

A mother's son or daughter went off to fight a war;
A casualty for freedom, we'll see them here no more.

The Founders of our Nation knew the dangers that we'd face;
They framed the Constitution for to keep our land in place.

Today we have among us some who cherish not our land;
They desecrate its statues and the reasons why they stand.

They trash our many heroes and their works and noble deeds;
They subtly change our Country, sowing socialistic seed.

America has fought before to save its liberty;
America will fight again to keep our Country free.

God's gracious hand upon our land, the truth of history;
His guidance for our troubled times, our great necessity.

We celebrate our freedom while thanking God above;
We thank Him for His guidance, we praise Him for His love.

We celebrate this birthday, God has blessed, we understand;
America the beautiful and still our favorite land.

Chuck Peters – 6/11/2022



A Good Name and the Greatest Name

“A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold.” – Proverbs 22:1

“A good name is better than precious ointment; and the day of death than the day of one's birth.” – Ecclesiastes 7:1

We're given a name at the time of our birth;
we add to our name during our days on this earth.

We're known by our name that's given to us;
We get a new name when the Saviour we trust.

A good name has value far greater than gold;
it must not be tarnished or covered with mold.

The name we've been given by God from above;
Is given by grace and nourished by love.

A name has its value but a good name is best;
The one with a good name, at death will be blessed.

None of the names given to man,
compares to the One who saves us from sin.

His name is the greatest, the highest, the best;
His name is supreme, above all the rest.

His name is called Jesus, the Saviour, the King;
One day He'll return, one day He will reign.

His name then acknowledged, confessed all too late;
The lost will be sentenced, their judgment so great.

“Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” – Philippians 2:9-11
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