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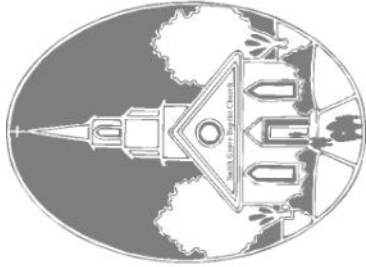
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Thursday Visitation	7:00 PM

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## AUGUST



**Sat., Aug. 6, 6 pm - W-S Rescue Mission**  
**Tues., Aug. 9, 7 pm - Robinwood Retirement Ctr**

**Sun., Aug. 7 & 21 ~ Sundae Sundays ~**

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.

**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** (Washington, DC) } 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)






*Congratulations, Graduates!*  
~ from your  
**Smith Grove Church Family.**

**2022**

**McKinleigh Woodall** from East  
Forsyth High School.

**Ireland Sexton** from Triad Baptist  
Christian Academy


**Proverbs 16:16** - How much better is it to get wisdom than gold! and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver!  
**Proverbs 4:13** - Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go: keep her; for she is thy life.

*"What lies behind us and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us."* Ralph Waldo Emerson



## BEAMS' Report for July 2022

# of Pledges: 16; # of Contributions: 4;  
Total Contributors: 20  
Total Contributed: \$ 827.00 =  
103 Bibles in July (plus some postage)

*Many thanks to the Adult Fellowship Bible Class for their ongoing BEAMS' ministry which added \$ 340.00 for postage in July!*

**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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~"Did you know that a bee dies after he stings you? **August** And that there's a star called Aldebaran? And that around the tenth of August, any year, you can look up in the sky at night and see dozens and dozens of shooting stars?" — Elizabeth Enright  
~"August is the month of the high-sailing hawks. The hen hawk is the most noticeable. He likes the haze and calm of these long, warm days. He is a bird of leisure and seems always at his ease. How beautiful and majestic are his movements!" — John Burroughs

## 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 *August and September* 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.

**Patsy Pendry**

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

**Evelyn Mickey**

8350 Tyner Loop Rd  
 Colfax, NC 27235  
 336-668-2332 ~ September 1

**Doris Nuckles**

8324 Tyner Loop Road  
 Colfax, NC 27235  
 336-668-2332 ~ August 28

**Bobbie Hayworth**

1847 Horneytown Rd.  
 High Point, NC 27265  
 336-869-3956 (Home)  
 336-942-0750 (Cell) ~ September 27

**Carol Hayden**

8413 Adkins Rd  
 Colfax, NC 27235  
 336-993-8328 ~ September 1

*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!*



*August Anniversaries*

10 Johnny & Laura Smith  
 19 Calvin & Joy Vaughn



Ephesians 4:32 - *And be ye kind one to  
 another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another,  
 even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.*



"You cannot do kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late." —Ralph Waldo Emerson  
 "Remember, there's no such thing as a small act of kindness. Every act creates a ripple with no logical end." —Scott Adams



For the first time in two years, I was able to return to Cuba. Through the time of the pandemic, our missionary met with numerous people, including several Jewish families. During that time, he assisted them with food, medicine, and other personal needs through pandemic relief. During my trip, we visited several of the Jewish homes. It is our greatest prayer that we once again may resume the work that was started several years ago reaching Jews and Gentiles with the gospel and founding new churches in cities that have no Baptist churches. We have planned other trips in September and October.

New York, for me, was like Cuba. For the last several years, I was told not to come to New York because of all the regulations in place by the city government. Even though the people are not real receptive to just taking tracts, let alone speaking to us, it was still a joy for me to work in New York. One of the biggest distractions from people taking tracts was their cell phone. Many people walked by us speaking on their phones, ignoring us. This year, I did have a special experience. We had 14 Oriental people take tracts. You may ask why this is so special. For some reason, Orientals absolutely refuse to take tracts and no one can tell me why. During the five days, we were able to go to different parts of NYC near Jewish communities distributing tracts and Bibles in various languages. It is a little early to decide about going to NY for 9/11 as I have in the past.

A missionary, Brother McDonald, and I decided to postpone our ministry trip to Liberty, NY that we had planned earlier this year. Brother McDonald was told by a Jewish shop owner that he knows, that he will not open his store till later in the month. This will cause the Jewish people that come to Liberty each year to come later. We are considering going in August.

Shalom, Thomas Jeran

**A Miracle for John Clark** ...by his mother, Sherrill Crater

At 11 p.m. on July 30, Johnny's doctor called from Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center. There was a possible donor . . . wait for our call and be ready. At 5 a.m. the next morning, the call came and off we went. That day was packed full of orchestrated procedures by a myriad of skilled individuals – a tireless, unified transplant team. On August 1, 2013 after 12 hours of surgery, Johnny left the operating room with a brand, new heart! A miracle indeed . . . People prayed (*Reva Holt was our prayer warrior*); a grief-torn family gave; talented doctors fulfilled their calling; God wrought a miracle . . . as this transplanted heart began to beat to the rhythm of a new life. Thank you, Precious Father, for this gift of life. . . . Nine years and counting.



## 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.



**(G) - "Grow"** ~ "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen." – II Peter 3:18

One is justified by grace and thus stand in grace, according to Paul's words in Romans 5:1-2. The "growing" spiritual issue then applies to those justified by grace and standing in grace. No one can grow their way into salvation! Spiritual growth is a command and not an option according to Peter. Individually, every Christian is responsible to avail themselves of all spiritual growth resources and "grow up"! Christian maturity is linked with the enhancement of a deeper knowledge of Jesus Christ. The more about Him we know, the more we grow!

Those who truly believe and obey the "growth" command will be amazed by the joy, strength, and excitement they experience in serving God for their increased love and close walk with Jesus Christ will sustain them through life's battles. Their Christian growth will also result in a better understanding of the real purpose and ultimate design for our life by our Designer. Christian babies and children hardly know these rich truths reserved only for the mature believer in Christ. Imagine the revival that would occur in all local Bible believing, Gospel preaching churches if all Christians would get serious about growing!



**(H) - "Honor"** ~ "Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour." – Romans 13:7

The thrust of these words of Paul is that of citizen responsibilities respecting government authorities, as well as law and order. This verse clearly condemns the lawlessness and anarchy taking place today in American Cities which is leaving behind a disgusting trail of destruction and chaos. A good citizen will not take law into his or her own hands but will protest legally and always "fear" or respect the men and women in blue who are our community protectors.

A good citizen is a person who renders honor to those who are worthy of honor. This kind of a citizen respects law and order and highly honors the cherished freedoms enjoyed by free citizens within a community and Country. Freedom, to a good citizen, is freedom to do right and not wrong.

A good American citizen also pays special honor to the fallen American heroes that died on battlefields to protect our freedom. The honor which we pay them on Memorial Day is an honor with a solemn reminder to every American Citizens. We must never abuse our freedoms with selfish ambitions which jeopardize the overall safety and security of our community and Country. The honor that we pay is not self-centered and egotistical but rather an honor which respects the contributions of others and we especially are grateful for all of the American fallen heroes who died in order that we can remain citizens in America, "the land of the free and the home of the brave." We honor the estimated 646,596 American troops who have died in battle since the Revolutionary War. Every citizen should also reinforce respect, appreciation, and honor for all of the men and women in blue who have died in the defense of our cities and communities.

## I Want To Be That Eagle ~

By Deborah Ann Belka

I want to be that eagle,  
that knows when to soar  
who patiently waits . . .  
for guidance from the Lord.

I want to be that eagle,  
who never gets weary  
I want it to be the Lord . . .  
who I can trust clearly!

Then I would discover,  
how to spread my wings  
then I'd be able to conquer  
all the storms life brings.

Isaiah 40:31 *"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."*

I want to have the wisdom,  
to be able to discern . . .  
how to fly over the clouds  
not faint in my concern.

Then I'd have His strength,  
to mount up and rise  
trusting in His foresight  
not what's before me eyes.



### JUST ENOUGH SHADOW ~ by Maudean Nuckles

Lord I don't ask for life filled with ease  
Nor wealth and worldly fame  
Lest I forget to fall on my knees  
And call upon your name.

Gray skies above me might be what I need  
For me thy will to do  
Help me to walk in the way that you lead  
Following close to you.

Lord give me courage to face every test  
Wisdom to understand  
Faithfully trusting you know what is best  
Yet, hold my trembling hand.

Just enough shadow to see the sunshine  
Just enough sorrow to remember I'm thine  
Just enough heartache thy will seek to find  
Just enough shadow to see the sunshine.

**Teen Update ~** Thank you to everyone who has participated in our Sunday Sundaes! We've had an amazing turnout and hope you have all enjoyed the sundaes, banana splits, banana pudding, and ice cream cones. We are looking forward to our remaining nights in August to finish up this special summer treat.



In our Wednesday night meetings, we've discussed the power of the tongue. Our objective was for each of us to consider the power of our words and to commit to using our speech in an uplifting and encouraging way.

When used correctly, our speech can create strong friendships, encourage those around us, and express our love and appreciation for others. When used incorrectly, it can bring pain, destroy relationships, and create ongoing conflict between people.

I'm sure we can all admit that we are guilty of using our speech in both good and bad ways. James 3:10 tells us, "*Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.*" For this reason, it's always important to think before we speak.

We read the following verses to see what they had to say about the impact of our words. **James 3:3-5** teaches us that even though our tongue is little, it is very powerful. **James 3:10-12** tells us that if our words are used to curse and bless then there is a problem. If our hearts are truly stayed upon God, there would be no evil speech from our mouths. **Proverbs 12:18** tells us that our words can bring pain or they can bring healing and comfort. Piercing words can cut your heart like a sword being pushed through you. A wise person can use their words to build others up. **Proverbs 15:1** tells us that we can use our words to help keep the peace or stir up anger. Having the ability to avoid arguing with someone and to live in harmony with others is a virtue of wisdom. A wise person knows how to speak truthfully, appealingly, and gently.

Next, we read the following verses that show us how we are to use our words in positive ways. **1 Timothy 4:12** tells us to use our speech to be an example to others. We must be a doer of the Word of God, not just a speaker of the Word. Let Christ in you be so great that others will not be able to find any flaw in your way of life. We are to be strong in the faith and in the power of the Spirit. **Proverbs 4:24** tells us not to use dishonest and hurtful speech. You can either have a pure heart, or it can be desperately wicked. God will judge our hearts. Our heart controls the moral structure of our lives. A pure heart will bring pure words. **Proverbs 12:15 and 16:24** tells us to use our words as an encouragement to others. A fool is lacking in understanding. We must turn to the counsel of God to be wise. His counsel is the Bible. Wise counsel is the Bible way. Our words reflect our inner motives. Wise words are instructive, pleasant, and life-giving. A wise heart will guide your speech. Wise words are as exciting and pleasurable to hear as ice cream is to eat on a hot day. Pleasant words will bring happiness to a listener. **Psalms 19:14** tells us to focus on pleasing God with our speech. God judges the heart of man more than He does the deeds of man. More than anything else that God wants from us, is our great love for Him.

Our speech is an outward reflection of what is in each of our hearts. We must be committed to intentionally using our words in a way that honors the Lord and encourage others around us.

May grace and blessings be in your path, *Stephanie and John*

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**Be Strong Youth ~** On these steamy summer Wednesdays, our youngsters are excited to see our Bible timeline display growing longer! We are now half-way through our study of God's Word, beginning a fifth series called "Crowns and Prophets," which will lead us through the Books of Samuel and Kings.

We began this new study with a humorous game of "Lip Reading Tests," taking turns "mouthing" a phrase while others tried to guess what we were saying. This led us to the introduction of Eli, the priest who misinterpreted the silent words Hannah uttered as she poured out her heart to God in the tabernacle. Desperate for a child, she pleaded with the Lord, vowing to return her son to Him, if He would bless her with one. Indeed, God granted a son, and Hannah named him Samuel. She found deep joy in being able to dedicate her little boy to God, and at a young age, Samuel was brought to the tabernacle, to serve with Eli in the Lord's work.

When we were introduced to Eli's own sons in the next chapter, we found that, although they were priests, Hophni and Phinehas "knew not the Lord." They only went through the motions of religious tradition as they prepared the sacrifices brought to them by the Israelites. For themselves, they took the very best morsels of meat from the burnt sacrifices... the ones that should have been reserved for God! They stole from the Lord, serving themselves above Him, and Eli couldn't persuade them to stop their foolishness. By contrast, Hannah's young son, Samuel, grew in the Lord, and even in his youth, he experienced an encounter with God. While sleeping, Samuel heard someone calling his name. Thinking it was Eli's voice, he arose from his bed and hurried to him. But no, Eli had not called, so he advised the child to go back to bed. The third time this happened, Eli gave Samuel the words to say if it happened again. The last time Samuel heard his name called, he knew it was the voice of God Himself, so the child responded, "*Speak, for Thy servant heareth.*" And the Lord confirmed that Eli and his wayward sons would die, to be replaced by "*a faithful priest that shall do according to that which is in mine heart and in my mind: and I will build him a sure house; and he shall walk before mine anointed forever.*" (1 Sam. 2:35) Our children were impressed to see that this spoke of Samuel, a willing child like them, established as Israel's next priest. But it's an even deeper blessing to look beyond Samuel's generation and realize that the Lord is also speaking of our perfect Priest, Jesus! An Old Testament priest stood between God and the sinner, offering a sacrifice to bridge the break between fallen man and our holy Creator. Jesus also stands between our hearts and God's, offering a sacrifice for us... but He didn't just offer up a lamb or a bull. He offered *Himself*... the perfect, sinless, final sacrifice to restore our relationship with our heavenly Father.

It's especially sweet to show our young people that Hannah's generosity eventually brought joy and peace to generations of people. She didn't realize it at the time she gave up Samuel, but this little boy she selflessly dedicated to God would grow up to anoint King David, whose family line would someday include Jesus our Savior. When we give to God sacrificially, we never know how deeply He may use our gifts to bless others. We pray this truth is instilled in their hearts now, so our youngsters will learn to give wholeheartedly to God as Hannah did.

Thankful Always for Your Prayers, *Bruce, Darla, and Marshall*

## The Safety of His Hands

*“(A Prayer of Moses the man of God.) Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.” – Psalm 90:1*



I attempted to document the houses I have lived in since birth and came up with the number 17. That's a lot of moving! I live at my current address with the thought that it is not permanent, for one day I will be leaving earth and going to my residence in Heaven

which is the place of my citizenship, by the grace of God! Every generation has found Him to be immutable and a refuge for the saints. Moses scans the annals of history up to his current days and gives testimony to God's care and provision for His people.

God is not the God of the dead but the living! Christians have their names recorded in the spiritual registry of the living. When God is our “dwelling place,” our name is in the registry of the living. The “Lamb's book of Life” is a registry of life! We have a permanent habitation. We sometimes say “I love you” with a rose but God says it with a “refuge”! He is our eternal refuge. We all share the culture of the redeemed. Since He is the same dwelling place in all generations for the redeemed, His redeemed ones have the same character and nature. He is the dwelling place of all saints! That includes our departed loved ones and friends. They have not lost one ounce of security.

This “permanent address” is not threatened by earth's threats and enemies. Our habitation is as secure as our habitat for He is our Habitat! Christians live in their father's hands and can never be “plucked out”! *“My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.” – John 10:29* Our permanent address is also a hidden and secret place which is off limits to any real threat. *“Your life is hid with Christ in God.” – Col.3:3*

My heart is thrilled to know that God's people are safe in Christ and all of the world's forces combined will never destroy our “Mighty Divine Fortress”! “A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.” – Luther

**Chuck Peters – 7/6/2022**

## Charles Haddon Spurgeon—Quotes

**“There are times** when solitude is better than society, and silence is wiser than speech. We should be better Christians if we were more alone, waiting upon God, and gathering through meditation on His Word spiritual strength for labour in his service. We ought to muse upon the things of God, because we thus get the real nutriment out of them. . . . Why is it that some Christians, although they hear many sermons, make but slow advances in the divine life? Because they neglect their closets, and do not thoughtfully meditate on God's Word. They love the wheat, but they do not grind it; they would have the corn, but they will not go forth into the fields to gather it; the fruit hangs upon the tree, but they will not pluck it; the water flows at their feet, but they will not stoop to drink it. From such folly deliver us, O Lord. . . .”

**“Wisdom** is the right use of knowledge. To know is not to be wise. Many men know a great deal, and are all the greater fools for it. There is no fool so great a fool as a knowing fool. But to know how to use knowledge is to have wisdom.”

**“If Christ** is not all to you He is nothing to you. He will never go into partnership as a part Saviour of men. If He be something He must be everything, and if He be not everything He is nothing to you.”

**“A little faith** will bring your soul to heaven; a great faith will bring heaven to your soul.”

**“If you are** renewed by grace, and were to meet your old self, I am sure you would be very anxious to get out of his company.”

**“A little faith** will bring your soul to heaven; a great faith will bring heaven to your soul.”

**“You say,** 'If I had a little more, I should be very satisfied.' You make a mistake. If you are not content with what you have, you would not be satisfied if it were doubled.”

**“The Lord's mercy** often rides to the door of our heart upon the black horse of affliction.”

**“God is too good** to be unkind and He is too wise to be mistaken. And when we cannot trace His hand, we must trust His heart.”

**“The mind of God** is greater than all the minds of men, so let all men leave the gospel just as God has delivered it unto us.”

**“No stars gleam** as brightly as those which glisten in the polar sky. No water tastes so sweet as that which springs amid the desert sand. And no faith is so precious as that which lives and triumphs through adversity. Tested faith brings experience. You would never have believed your own weakness had you not needed to pass through trials. And you would never have known God's strength had His strength not been needed to carry you through.”

