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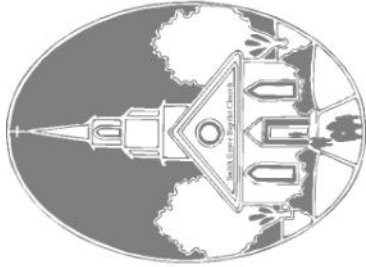
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Thursday Visitation	7:00 PM

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OLD TIME BAPTIST CAMP MEETING

Piedmont Baptist Camp Meeting
Wed., Sept. 7 ~ 7 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 8 ~ 10 a.m. & 7 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 9 ~ 10 a.m. & 7 p.m.

Sat., Sept. 3, 6 pm - W-S Rescue Mission
Sat., Sept. 10 ~ Day Trip to Fancy Gap & Cana, VA (Details on Page 3)
Beginning Mon., Sept. 12 at 7 pm ~ Bible Study will be held every Monday at 7 pm at Robinwood Retirement Ctr. Everyone is welcome!
Save the Date: Homecoming ~ October 9 ~ Rev. Dave Peters, Speaker

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)
SGT. Eric Compton, Army, Ft. Stewart, GA (Doug Slate's grandson)
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)



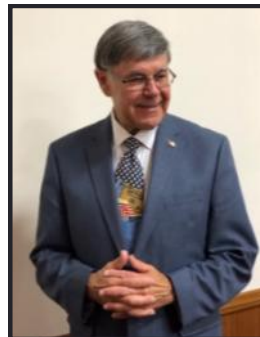
VISITATION: Pastor Chuck is very interested in maintaining our Visitation Program ~ it is near and dear to his heart ~ but he needs our help. It is becoming very difficult to simply arrive unannounced for a visit.

If you or a family member would like for the Pastor to come visit, please let him know with a phone call, text, or any other direct communication. He would love to come by, and this would ensure that the day and time is right!

Thank you for your help.

Pastor's contact information:

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BEAMS' Report for August 2022

of Pledges: 11; # of Contributions: 4;
Total Contributors: 15
Total Contributed: \$734.00 =
92 Bibles in August (plus some postage)

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

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/>

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

To listen & download mp3:

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

"21 years ago on 9/10/01, **265 people** went to sleep in preparation for their morning flights. **2,712 people** went to sleep in preparation for work in the morning. Of these were **343 firefighters** who went to sleep in preparation for their morning shift; **60 police** officers went to sleep in preparation for morning patrol. **8 EMTs** went to sleep in preparation for the morning shift. None of them saw past 10:00 am Sept 11, 2001." James 4:14 *Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. Psalms 90:12 - So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.*

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 *September and October* 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.

Carol Hayden
 8413 Adkins Rd
 Colfax, NC 27235
 336-993-8328 ~ September 01

Iris Farrington
 233 W. Homestead Ave.
 Shelby, NC 28152
 704-434-5485 ~ October 24

Evelyn Mickey
 8350 Tyner Loop Rd
 Colfax, NC 27235
 336-668-2332 ~ September 01

Norman Smith
 111 Buena Vista Ave
 High Point, NC 27265
 336-847-2164 (Cell) ~ October 26

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

Kathy L. Crews
 8103 Tam O'Shanter Dr
 Greensboro, NC 27409
 336-668-9721 ~ October 30

Ruby Bowden
 2007 Beeson Road
 Oak Ridge, NC 27310
 336-993-0220 ~ October 20

Jackie Chastain
 1053 St. Michael's Ln
 High Point, NC 27265
 336-869-4697 (Home)
 336-906-7281 (Cell) ~ October 31

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!

September Anniversaries

- 2 Bob and Shirley Ingold
- 3 Bill and Jeanette Dillon
- 12 Tony and Trudy Nuckles
- 19 Henry & Geraldine Johnson
- 20 Dean and Shaila Puckett
- 23 Michael & Lisa Serafini
- 29 Carl & Judy Fowler





Saturday, Sept. 10 ~ Church Outing Day Trip to Fancy Gap & Cana VA



Itinerary:

- 8:30 AM - Vans will Depart SGBC
- 10-11:15 AM - Fancy Gap Pottery and Fabric Outlet
350 Pottery Rd, Fancy Gap, VA 24328
- 11:30-12:45 PM - Ol' Farmer ~ Lunch (aka Hungry Farmer)
- 12:50-1:30 PM - Virginia Enterprise Produce Stand
- 3 PM - Arrive SGBC

Church vans will leave at **8:30 am** and return at approximately **3:00 pm** or you may meet us there.

~ Sign up sheets are in the vestibule ~

Piedmont Baptist Camp Meeting





Dr. Joe Anbur
Thursday 9/8

Dr. Steve Dagenhart
Wed. 9/7 & Fri. 9/9

Dr. Terry Lawson
Camp Meeting Choir

8631 Bull Road, Colfax, NC 27235

SPECIAL SINGING
 Campmeeting Choir led by
 Pastor Terry Lawson

Rogers Family Lawson Family
 Joyful Sounds The Joyaires

"...strengthen the things which remain..."
 Revelation 3:2

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 7th THROUGH
FRIDAY, SEPT. 9th @ 7 PM
Thursday & Friday @ 10 AM

Teen Update ~ Wednesday nights have been a blast this summer. For our “Bring a Friend” night, Mackenzie brought her friend Natalie, and Addison brought her friend Audrey to join us. We also had a Hawaiian theme night where some dressed for the occasion and enjoyed a special Hawaiian dessert during our lesson.



With school just around the corner, we wanted to focus on time management to help our teens through their new school year. Our lesson, “So Much to Do, So Little Time” did just that. Did you know that the average American spends 94.2 hours per month on social media, phone, email, and watching TV? This statistic was from 2012, so I’m sure this time has drastically increased!

Today, people want instant gratification. We get impatient waiting in a drive-thru, a doctor’s office, or even for our 3-minute pizza cooking in the microwave. This 94.2 hours calculates into four days a month on things probably with no significant importance.

We turned to the Bible to see what it had to tell us regarding time management. After reading Psalm 90:12, we asked, “Are you a planner, a procrastinator, or do you even think about time and just let whatever happens, to happen?” We don’t know how many days we will be here on Earth. How do you feel about the way you go about your days? Most importantly, where does God fit into any of that? We talked about treasuring each moment and doing well in those moments. We need to take stock of how much time we have and use that time wisely for God.

After reading Ephesians 5:15-17 we asked, “Did you ever have a test you didn’t study for in school?” You knew when the test was, what you needed to study, but didn’t do it. Maybe there were things that got in the way of your studying, or your priorities weren’t exactly how they should be. Then, on test day, you prayed, “God, give me the wisdom for this test.” We discussed that God had already given them the wisdom for this test. It was a test they knew about, knew what they needed to study, where to study it, but didn’t do it because it wasn’t a priority at the time. The wisdom they prayed for would have been using the time and the brain God has given to them. We are to make the most of every opportunity and not be foolish. We are to understand what the Lord’s will is, and the best way to understand that is by spending time with Him. By praying and reading our Bibles. The more we spend time with Him, the easier it will be to make the most of every opportunity.

James 4:14 tells us our life is just a little blimp in the grand scheme of time. From this we see that we do not even know whether or not we will be alive tomorrow. Our life is of God. We are each born when and to whom the Lord has planned for us to be. Our death is the same. There is an allotted time for each of us to die. By learning to manage our time we can make the absolute most out of our lives. We can make the most out of our lives by making God our number one Priority, prioritizing the things in our lives, and holding ourselves accountable.

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If we want to make the most of our time learning to manage, it is the best place to start, and God is the best one to help us with that. We can always ask Him to help us because He loves us more than anything, and always wants to see us succeed!Because of Calvary, *Stephanie and John*



Be Strong ~ Youth – As carefree summer nights come to an end, our younger students are once again beginning another school year. Our Old Testament lessons are still so relevant today, and they are brimming over with reminders for our youngsters as they face new challenges and adventures ahead!

Along our Timeline, we discovered that Samuel grew up to become Israel’s next judge at a crucial time in their history. God’s people had decided they wanted to be like their neighboring nations, with a strong military leader to rule over them. While the Israelites rallied for a new king, Samuel warned that they would someday regret their decision. But they insisted, so they would have to learn the hard way. They had forgotten that God was the One watching over them, and He was the only warrior they would ever need.

God led Samuel to anoint Saul, from the tribe of Benjamin. Physically, Saul was stunning... tall, handsome, and strong. He *looked* like a king, but Saul was impulsive, self centered, and slow to trust fully in the Lord. All along, God had another leader in mind. So He led Samuel to Bethlehem, where he would anoint one of the eight sons of Jesse. As each strong and burly son paraded by, Samuel would think, “This must be the one”. But each time, God rejected the sons, reminding Samuel not to look on their countenance or stature, saying, “... *the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.*” (1 Sam. 16:7) Finally, the youngest son, David, was summoned from the fields where he was tending the sheep, and Samuel anointed him as the coming King of Israel. The nation didn’t need another tall, strapping king like Saul... David, with his trusting heart, proved to be the worthy leader God wanted for His people.

Early on, David showed what faith in the Lord can accomplish. He was just running an errand for his father, delivering food to his brothers at the battlefield, but David was angered and challenged when he arrived on the scene. A towering Philistine warrior stood across the valley, taunting God and calling for an opponent from Israel’s army. Little David stepped up to face Goliath when nobody else would. He carried no shield, no armor, no sword... with only a sling, David hurled one stone and brought down the giant bully. To put Goliath’s size in perspective, our youngsters used tape to assemble a 9 foot, 9 inch “body” on the floor. Lying beside this frame, their eyes widened, realizing what young David was up against. He was not much older than they are, but David teaches us that we CAN do difficult things! When God asks us to obey, He doesn’t want us to think about whether we can handle the task set before us. He just wants us to be *willing to obey* Him in faith. We **can** handle our “giant,” because God is within us. No matter what we may face in the new school year, we can step out in faith, trusting that the Lord will give us what we need to defy the things that seem too big for us to overcome. We would appreciate your prayers that the Lord would use our lessons about the shepherd-boy king... to encourage and strengthen our children in the coming weeks.

Always Grateful For Your Prayers, *Bruce, Darla, and Marshall*

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 one or two devotionals each month, until the alphabet is complete! Please pray that God will see fit to use these brief devotionals for His glory.



(I) - Image ~ “But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.” – II Corinthians 3:18

The glow of the Glory of the Lord shines forth from the glorious Gospel and exposure to this glorious truth, on the part of the New Testament Christian, results in a continual change and enhancement towards a greater state of glory. Eventually the result will be a glorification in the very likeness of Jesus Christ.

The glory of God’s presence eventually faded from the face of Moses. The glory of God’s presence and workings in the life of the Christian, through the Holy Spirit’s indwelling, results in more Christ-likeness and “image glow” the longer we walk with God and get closer to the “total makeover” of Glory!

Praise God, the One called “the carpenter’s Son” is surely a good “Finish Carpenter” for He will complete the “good work” started within the child of God! We need to forget about our problems long enough to SHOUT on this point!

Danette Andrews shared a poem from a 1985 Messenger that she has saved for 37+ years. The cute poem was submitted by Inez Alley, and the birth announcement (as it appeared then) is for their son Steven who turned 37 on 2/26/2022!

A LITTLE MIXED UP

Just a line to say I'm living,
That I'm not among the dead.
Though I'm getting more forgetful
And more mixed up in the head.

For sometimes I can't remember,
When I stand at the foot of the stairs,
If I must go up for something,
Or if I've just come down from there.

And before the fridge so often
My poor mind is filled with doubt
Have I just put food away? ...or
Have I come to take some out?

And there are times when it's dark,
With my night cap on my head
I don't know if I'm retiring
Or just getting out of bed.

So...if it's my turn to write you
There's no need of getting sore,

I may think that I have written
And don't want to be a bore!
So, remember...I do love you
And I wish that you were here,
But now it's nearly mail time,
So I must say, “Good-bye, my dear.”

There I stood beside the mail box
With my face so very red
Instead of mailing you my letter,
I opened it instead! !



Steven Richard Andrews
6 lbs. 1 oz.
Feb. 26, 1985

PROUD MOM & DAD-DANETTE & RICHARD ANDREWS



The Miller Family Missionary Church Planters in Tagaytay, Philippines

Philippians 3:14 *I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.*

Greetings in the most precious name of our Lord God and Savior.- First of all I pray that everyone is safe and away from harm. My Family and I have continued to share the word of God over the past months, we have 4 families that we regularly study the Bible with on Tuesdays and Fridays, praise be to our God and Savior, and we also have 5 candidates for baptism and I pray that God will have His way to these newly believers in Christ. We are also praying for bringing back our feeding ministry for the poor Filipino children but we don't have the ability to do it at this time due to lack of finances, and we are also praying to conduct a Vacation Bible School. Please pray for financial provision for the said ministries as well. Indeed you can feel the economic crisis that Philippines is facing right now; gas prices are continuing to rise and food and other stuff for living and lack of job opportunities for the Filipino people, living in a third world country is far worse than anybody could've imagine but the question is who would go with no cost? I am thankful for this God given opportunity to serve Him, I know it's far from easy but it is always right and pleasing to the Lord. During these hopeless times, the Filipino people need God more than anything, and that is the reason why we are continuing to work for God's glory in order to reach every Filipino. We are also asking for your prayers for the church water line connection that cost \$1,000, as of right now we are buying 2 barrels of water from the neighbor every week to use at the Church.

In my previous letter I also shared the construction of the mission church building and finished the construction and laying of the roofs, windows as well as plastering the inside and outside wall and fence around the building last April; a family member also donated paint and we were able to paint the inside of the church building as well, although it does not yet have a proper floor and ceiling we are thankful to God finally we were able to meet in our own Church building; truly prayer works. I would also like to thank all the fellow brothers and sisters in Christ who extended help for the building of the church, for the Moore and Legett family for sending help, we were able to pay some of the loan for plastering the inside and outside part of the church building and purchased some chairs, but we are also in need of more chairs and tables for the children ministry too. We currently owe \$750 to the builder; we also appreciate your prayers for those needs. Again thank you for your love, prayers and unwavering support for our family and the mission. I pray that God will richly bless you and your households.

Your co-laborers, *Bro. Howard M. Miller*

The Blessings of Life

The deepest joys in life are in overlooked blessings which reflect the favor of God, unique, to those created in His image and saved by His grace. The ability to maintain joy in spite of difficult circumstances is a blessing. The ability to be happy in spite of poverty is a blessing. The ability to enjoy a piece of fruit as simple as an apple and attribute its flavor matching our taste buds with the awareness that the Creator designed it that way. The blessing of finding an impulse to love the Lord in the midst of pain and duress. The blessing of knowing that we are blessed. The blessing of the ability to laugh even when circumstances are unlaughable. The blessing of empathy towards others who hurt and the ability to weep with those who weep. The blessing of nearing the home-stretch of life's race with the realization that God's goodness, forgiveness, and abounding love overreach our sins, failures, and shortcomings. The blessing of recognizing the preciousness of life with the tendency to do all we can to live, for life itself, is a blessing from God. The blessing of being able to cope with fear and understand that God designed us physically and emotionally in a way which adjusts to this world's hostile environment.

Above all, the blessing of looking up into the star-studded sky at night with the ability to see beyond the reaches of our strongest telescope. The blessing of not only understanding Him as Creator but also knowing Him as Saviour! We not only can look up but we also can see that which is not seen by mere human eyes. We, who were joined to God in the relationship of redemption, became a new creation in Christ Jesus with a panting after God and blessed with the ability to enjoy best only that which relates to God and what He loves. We can look up into the heavens and say to ourselves, "There is my citizenship, there is my future home, there is my place of ultimate health, safety, and contentment for there is the One who took me in as a stranger, loved me as His child, and invested in me the riches of His favor and attention." Yes, the greatest blessing of life is to know the Blessor for then we are able to see our blessings, including those overlooked by those depending only on human eyes and human emotions. We are most richly blessed!

Pastor Chuck Peters ~ 6/21/2022



Comfort Ye My People

I will borrow the words of Isaiah as he gave admonishment to those who rendered spiritual service and advice. He said to them, "*Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.*" – Isaiah 41:1 The captivity was about over and the remnants would be free to go home to their beloved homeland. The weary pilgrims were in dire need of comfort.

It would appear to be that "comfort" is the age-old need of all of God's weary pilgrims. The audience of the "hurting" is, perhaps, the biggest and most numberless audience to be found in this troubled world. Many are the causes for our troubles and none succeed in dodging the hurt resulting from the host of troubling agitators. I sense my responsibility to say, "Here am I Lord, send me", to share a word of comfort through the aid of the Holy Spirit, Who uses the "comfort of Scriptures" to comfort God's people.

"Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;" – Hebrews 6:19 Our hope is anchored in the Lord, Who entered heaven through the "rent veil" of His flesh, which occurred when He paid sin's debt at Calvary. Our hope is sure and steadfast. It is not only sure but stable and not affected one iota by our earthly instabilities and threats. Job spoke of his assurance of the bodily resurrection beyond the deterioration of his body in death. "And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God:" – Job 19:26

This hope is a living hope which transcends the hurt and pain of so many dealing with the results of weakened and tired bodies. This hope is derived from the comfort of the experience of the felt love of God. Comfort is reflected in the assuring voices of so many precious hurting people who tell of their sicknesses yet do so with praise and love for their Lord. I offer the words of praise from the lips of a Christian friend who testifies of the comfort he finds during a time when health issues plague him every day of his life. He still writes, "Hallelujah! To God be the glory for all He has done and will do ahead, even when things happen that we don't understand." The hopeful comfort of my friend epitomizes a living and loving relationship with the Lord coupled with the realization that all is still well for The Lord is still alive, still loving, and still interceding! "*I asked the Lord to comfort me When things weren't going my way; He said to me "I will comfort you and lift your cares away. I asked the Lord to walk with me, when darkness was all that I knew; He said to me, "Never be afraid, for I will see you through."* – John Newton ~**Chuck Peters – 7/23/2022**