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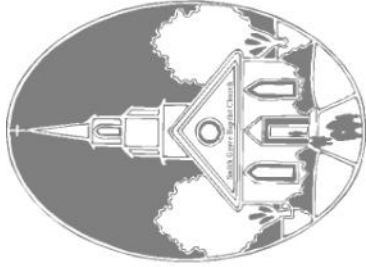
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Bible Clubs	7:00 PM
Thursday Visitation	7:00 PM

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Homecoming 2022

~ Sun., October 9, 11:00 a.m. ~
Speaker - Rev. Dave Peters –
Dave Compton will be singing
(Covered Dish Lunch in the
Fellowship Bldg. ~ Church will provide meats.)
~ No Evening Service ~



Sat., Oct. 1, 6 pm - W-S Rescue Mission

Sun., Oct. 30, 6 pm - Singspiration

Sunday mornings at 10:00 am ~ Want to grow in the Lord? The Adult Fellowship Class meets every Sunday at 10 am in the Fellowship Bldg. with special emphasis on Christian growth. Please join us!

Mondays, 3 pm, Robinwood Retirement Ctr. ~ Bible Study will be held every Monday in October at 3 pm at Robinwood. Everyone is welcome!

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)



We know about Christopher Columbus ... But



Leif Erikson Day is observed on October 9. It honors Leif Erikson, the Norse explorer who led the first Europeans thought to have set foot in continental North America (other than Greenland).

The 1874 book "America Not Discovered by Columbus" by Norwegian-American Rasmus B. Anderson helped popularize the idea that Vikings were the first Europeans in the New World, an idea that was verified in 1960. During his appearance at the Norse-American Centennial at the Minnesota State Fair in 1925, President Calvin Coolidge gave recognition to Leif Erikson as the discoverer of America due to research by Norwegian-American scholars such as Knut Gjerset and Ludvig Hektoen.

On September 2, 1964, Congress unanimously authorized and requested the President to create the observance through an annual proclamation. Lyndon B. Johnson did so that year.

- Where do ghosts buy their food? At the ghost-ery store!
- How do you know when a ghost is sad? He starts boo-hooing.
- What's a ghost's favorite play? Romeo and Ghoul-iet.
- What kind of horse do ghosts ride? A night-mare
- How do ghosts send letters? Through the ghost office.



BEAMS' Report for September 2022

of Pledges: 12; # of Contributions: 2;
Total Contributors: 14
Total Contributed: \$ 699.00 =
87 Bibles in September (plus some postage)

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

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/>

Important History in October

As Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses on the door of Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany, on October 31, 1517, who but God could have known the impact this one man's actions would have on believers more than 500 years later. He believed: 1. Salvation is by faith alone. 2. The Bible is the only authority. 3. He believed in the priesthood of all believers. (Believers have access to God through Christ, the true high priest, and thus do not need a priestly mediator.)

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 *October and November* 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.

Ruby Bowden

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

Iris Farrington

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

Norman Smith

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

Kathy L. Crews

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

Jackie Chastain

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

Willard Tucker

8109 Thorndike Rd.
 Greensboro, NC 27409
 336-668-2370 ~ November 6

Carolyn McBrayer

1607 Squire Davis Rd
 Kernersville, NC 27284
 336-869-2001 ~ November 8

Virginia Nuckles

4610 Kendale Road
 High Point, NC 27265
 336-668-2334 ~ November 13

Irene Shields

8042 Clinard Farm Rd
 High Point, NC 27265
 336-668-2298 ~ November 30



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!

October Anniversaries

- 5 Scott & Melanie Crump
- 16 Jerry & Shelby Crump
- 28 Nathan & Ashley Pilcher



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As Halloween approaches and before we know
 The moon will be casting its golden glow.
 The air will be crisp with much cooler days
 The leaves full of color to brighten the way.

The fields are all full and ready to glean,
 Children laugh at the pumpkins they've seen!
 Apples are ready to pick from the trees
 Then cider will promptly be made from these.

The Lord looks down on our fun Fall days
 And watches about as we go on our way.
 The harvest is ripe in the fields of the soul
 Make sure "to glorify Him" is our goal!

Witches and monsters we close our eyes to
 But Lord, open our eyes to those who need You!
 Send the workers far out in the fields
 Glean from their work what You'd have them yield.

Halloween time can be fun -- it's a treat!
 But do things that honor God on the streets.
 Hand out tracts with your goodies this year
 You never know what seeds will fall near!

A seed that will sprout and soon grow to be
 Lord, another ripe harvest for Thee!
 Give us words and deeds on this night
 That give others peace, not fear and fright.

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Teen Update ~ Our Sunday Sundaes event was a huge success! We raised \$633.00 and want to thank everyone for their support.

Who are you? What defines you? What makes you, you? These are the questions we asked our teens during a recent lesson. Many are searching for significance in the world today.

Being one out of 7.97 billion people on earth can make it hard to find, though. Still, people are constantly chasing after something to make them feel special, important, or unique.

It could be having the title of homecoming queen/king, having the most YouTube followers, or getting the most “likes” on Facebook. None of these things will ever determine who you are. They may shape your attitude, and actions, and may even have an impact on your future. Each of these things bases your identity on what someone else says you are. Do we really want our identity based on these earthly things?

None of us have to chase who we are. We don't need an acceptance letter from college, a seat at the popular table, the most friends on Facebook or Instagram, or a group of peers to tell us who we are. Our true identity has been with us all along, and we can find our identity, who we really are, in God's Word. The workmanship in Ephesians 2:10 refers to our spiritual birth. What we are spiritually, in the good sense, is due to God, not ourselves. Although they have no part in gaining salvation, good works have a great deal to do with living out salvation. No good works can produce salvation, but many good works are produced by salvation. We are saved by grace and grace alone. The fruit of our salvation shows in our actions after we are saved. We must walk in the salvation Jesus provided for us. These works are in Christ Jesus. In the works that you do, the world should be able to see Jesus.

We can see in Psalm 139:13, 15 that each of us were created by our heavenly Father! The same God who created the world, and everything in it, made us. God made us exactly the way He wanted us to be. Each of us are unique and special because God loves us as His dear children.

2 Corinthians 5:17, 21 tells us that for genuine believers, their death in Christ is not only a death to sin, but a resurrection to a new life of righteousness. We also see in these verses, that the life of selfishness and pride should be no more, when we receive our new life in Christ, we are no longer our own. We have been bought and paid for with the precious blood of the Lamb (Jesus Christ).

We are not bound to what this world says about us. In faith, we find our identity in our Creator and Redeemer. In Jesus, we are a saint, an heir to a heavenly kingdom, and a son or daughter of the King of kings...we are God's treasured possession!

And it is from this foundation that we can build our earthly identity. God has blessed each of us with talents, gifts, and interests. He wants us to use them! He wants us to use these to bless others and for us to give all the honor and glory to Him. The Holy Spirit is continually working in our hearts, shaping who we are as a child of God and refreshing our faith. God promises to hold each of us close and to make ...all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose, as Romans 8:28

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tells us. Every day, God is leading us to new experiences and opportunities to do good works in His name.

Each of us has been wonderfully created by God, our Creator. Each of us has been given the gift of free forgiveness by our Savior. Each of us are empowered to love and serve our neighbors through the Holy Spirit. This is who you are! God bless you all, **John & Stephanie Moore**



Be Strong ~ Youth

Our youngsters have wrapped up the first book of Samuel as we follow the rocky reign of King Saul. Watching his life spiral out of control and crumble, Saul's story stands as a stark reminder to always trust God's timing and lean on His leading.

Soon after the defeat of Goliath, David became a military hero in every battle King Saul assigned him. Scripture shows that the people cheered Saul for slaying his “thousands”, and David for his “ten thousands”. The seed of jealousy and resentment was firmly planted in Saul's soul as he began to struggle with a bitter evil spirit. Even as David played music to soothe Saul's troubled mind, he found himself repeatedly dodging the javelin the king hurled at him! But God not only planned for David to become king, He also looked far ahead in His plan to send His one and only Son through David's family line. So, time after time, the Lord protected David through dangers as Saul attempted to take his life. No one, not even the powerful leaders on this earth, can thwart God's plan or throw it off course! While David was on the run, we saw his friendship develop with Saul's son, Jonathan, and we were taken through many narrow escapes and cave hide-outs. The beautiful Psalms written by David in these perilous times showed us his dependence on the Lord as He entrusted his life to Him.

One night, we fashioned “boulders” out of play dough, placing them on a map of our neighborhood. What if we had such rugged rock formations blocking our way each day? Wouldn't it be simpler to ask God for direction, depending on Him as we make the rigorous climb over the mountain? In a similar way, Saul's decisions had led to a difficult life full of regret and disappointment... he stubbornly chose the hard way. Saul was terrified to lead the Israelites into battle with the Philistines. Samuel had died, so Saul had nobody to turn to for wisdom. Even though he knew it went against God's law, Saul asked a witch to summon Samuel's spirit. Just as Samuel predicted, Saul's kingdom was torn from him, the Israelites were defeated, and Saul died in battle, along with his sons. Such a tragic ending, but all his life, Saul had gone his own way instead of following God. *“Good understanding giveth favor: but the way of transgressors is hard.” (Proverbs 13:15)* There is a risky trend among “free solo mountain climbers”, who use *no* safety devices or ropes as they climb rocky ledges and cliffs. That's like choosing to “go solo” in life, without tethering ourselves to God. If we make Him Lord of our lives, humbly ask for His guidance, and honor Him in all we do, we are safely anchored to the one true rock, Jesus. And He will fill us with His joy and peace as we climb the steep mountains in our paths...

With Love and Prayers, **Bruce, Darla, and Marshall**



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Duain & Faye Whittemore

Greetings in Jesus' name. I am so thankful we can come to the Throne of Grace boldly in Jesus' name to make our petitions known! I trust all is well with you. As I write this letter, I am sitting in the waiting room at Pardee Hospital as Faye is having major back surgery. We are praying it will be a success.

We appreciate your prayers and support. Many of you have supported us for many years. I am so glad the Lord has a perfect record of every prayer, every dollar, and every deed that has been done for Him and His name. HE really does the work, we just get to follow and watch and give Him Praise. **What a Savior we have!**

As far as the work, it has been the best year ever, in spite of COVID and the Pandemic. We have had a record year in almost every way, **by the Grace of God.**

The Sea Hope - the ship God put in our ministry- has been keeping the waters stirred, taking food and supplies to Haiti and St. Vincent. They've also taken Medical Teams into some very dangerous places. They just returned from Haiti having delivered a full load of medical supplies to restore a hospital built 50 years ago by a mission board. In January 2023 the ship will be going again with a team of doctors and nurses. They will use the ship as their sleeping quarters as it will sleep 24 and is fully self contained.

We have been able to help missionaries in Bolivia, Venezuela, Haiti, India, Pakistan, and the Philippines as well as many others in the States. What a great blessing to **watch God do His work** through **His people**. There is no way we could do what we do without your help and HIS!

We are presently working with a local church in Hazard, KY., an area devastated by recent flooding. Thank all of you that have had a part in helping with this. We have had truck loads of relief and work crews going almost daily to that devastated area. Please pray for those who lost everything - houses, cars and even family members.

Please pray about my trip to India in October. If everything goes well with Faye's surgery, I plan on leaving October 11th and returning on the 22nd. We will be dedicating two new church buildings. **Praise the Lord!** Thank you for your help with these projects. **The Lord is so good!**

We sure love and appreciate all of you and if I can ever be of help to you in any way please let me know. We sure enjoy serving our Saviour and long for the day when we see Him face to face. I believe this will be very soon. "Look up, your redemption draweth nigh!"

With much prayer and thanks,

Duain & Faye Whittemore

P.S. - Faye came through surgery just fine and is now home and doing better than expected. Praise be to God! Continued prayers are appreciated for continuous healing and no complications or infection.

"Serve the Lord With Gladness" ...Pastor Chuck Peters

Psalm 100:2 *"Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing."*

Someone has said that, "service is the rent we pay for the space that we occupy here." We have all been blessed with the gift of physical life and are accountable to God to be good stewards of the "space" which He has given us. It is certainly true that serving Him is a wonderful privilege. That service is made possible by His saving grace which brings us into His family and establishes us as privileged servants. The Christian is a servant of Jesus Christ but wears the title with sanctified pride! Paul certainly did not state his servant hood with regret when he began the Epistle of Romans. *"Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ..."* (Rom.1:1) His Epistles convince the serious reader that his service for the Lord was with gladness.

There are many today that are willing to serve but not to serve the Lord! They gladly serve their jobs and even their country. That is commendable, but serving the Lord is the greatest service that one can render. There are many people that have a religion that has no sweetness. It has only form! There is no connection between service and gladness on the part of the average religious person.

A Bible salvation involves a living relationship with the risen Lord. The child of God not only can serve the Lord but they can do so with gladness. The reasons are obvious. They are free from the bondage of sin. They are recipients of the Holy Spirit who indwells them. They have the power of a new nature. They now identify with the words of the Lord Jesus who said, "I must be about my father's business." We take delight in the Father's business and not only serve Him gladly but with gladness. The Christian has been promoted from a pauper to an heir. We have the prospect of being glorified in His likeness. Do we really even have to be told to "serve the Lord with gladness?"

"You ask me why I serve the Lord...He's been so good to me!

I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.

I wandered in the path of sin, no peace or liberty.

Until the day His grace I found, thanks to Calvary!"



Thank You - Pastor Appreciation Day - Oct. 9, 2022

OUR PASTOR By Judy Crowe



Have you ever walked in our Pastor's shoes,
And gone where his feet have trod?
Have you ever thought of what he means to us,
And on your knees, given thanks to God?

Have you ever told him thank you,
For being there, when times are tough,
For comforting words and fervent prayers
When trials come and the storms of life are rough?

He answers our calls in the middle of the night
And tells us not to worry, for he will be there.

He gives up his comfort of quiet rest
And comes with prayers of comfort to share.

Have you ever thought to say thank you Pastor,
For preaching God's word to help us understand,
For all the times he has asked for things
That will lend us a helping hand?

When you pray, put him at the top of the list
And ask the Lord to surround him with loving care,
To give him strength and walk with him,
To help him with the burdens that he must bear.

Have you ever walked in our Pastor's shoes,
And gone where his feet have trod?
Have you ever thought of what he means to us,
And on your knees, given thanks to God?

Hebrews 13:17

“Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.”

2 Timothy 4:2 - Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

1 Thessalonians 1:3 - Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father;



Pastor Chuck & Carol Peters ~
Since 1998

Many thanks to Pastor Chuck and sister Carol, for their love and commitment to our church. Their love for Christ is evident in everything they do, and we are grateful to God for bringing them to Smith Grove Baptist Church in 1998. We love you, Pastor and Carol!

Associate Pastor Bruce and sister Darla came back home to our church in January, 2017. They have worked together tirelessly to provide spiritual leadership and training to the young people of our church, and their vision is contagious! Many thanks to both of you for your dedication to and love for Smith Grove Baptist Church and our Savior.

As never before pastors are under attack spiritually, emotionally, and physically. Satan is doing everything possible to destroy pastors across the nation.

Our pastors face spiritual and emotional attack every day. The expectations placed on pastors are enormous. Pastors are expected to be super-Christians, powerful leaders, steadfast theologians, financial wizards and fundraisers, meet every need of every person in the church, work 60-70 hours a week, and maintain the perfect home life.

The pastor is to have the wisdom of Solomon, preach like the apostle Paul, have the faith of Peter, lead like a CEO, be a counselor, physiologist, have the mercy of Mother Theresa, and walk in humility.

As the expectations have risen, the respect for pastors has plummeted. In a recent list of most respected professions, the pastor came in just above “car salesman.”

Satan knows that as the pastor goes, so goes the church. If he can destroy pastors, then he can ruin churches. We must stand by our pastors giving them the prayer support they so desperately need. (prayingforpastors.com)



Associate Pastor
Bruce & Darla Freeman ~
Since 2017