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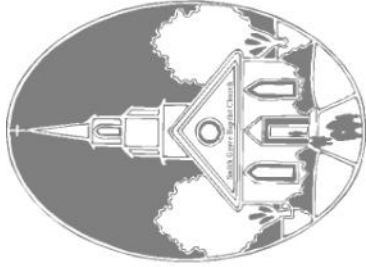
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Thursday Visitation	7:00 PM

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Sat., Nov. 5, 6 pm - W-S Rescue Mission
Sun., Nov. 6 ~ Daylight Saving Time Ends
(Set clocks back.)

Thanksgiving Week: Tues.,
Nov. 22 ~ Prayer Meeting
(Moved from Wednesday)

Mondays, 3 pm, Robinwood Retirement Ctr.
~ Bible Study will be held every Monday at 3 pm



The entire month of November is again being designated
"HARVEST HOME" month. Starting in November, we will
bring *nonperishable* food items to the church for distribution to
two worthwhile ministries: the W-S Rescue Mission &
Tabernacle Children's Home.

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; Fort Rucker, AL
(Nephew of Clarence Redmon)
SSGT Trevor Westmoreland, Army, Fort Benning, GA
(Allen & Sandy Westmoreland's son)



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.

J – “**Joy**” “And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.” I John 1:4

The things that bring fullness of joy are “knowledge things” in reference to knowing more about the One manifested in human flesh and completing redemption’s work on Calvary. John begins this chapter writing about this One that he had heard, seen, and handled. God would have His people to have joy overflowing but would remind us that this fullness of joy is the result of a knowing and growing relationship with His precious Son!

The “written things” concerning the Lord Jesus Christ need to be read, pondered, and prayed over. He is not only our refuge for peace but also our refuge for joy! It brings sadness and depression to study what’s going on in our Country and World but it brings joy to study what we have in Christ and what we can expect in Him. Why must we deny ourselves what God wants us to have? What good is a meal on the table if we fail to pick up the fork and eat? God has given us precious truths about His Son in writing so why don’t we study those truths and have the fullness of joy that results?



BEAMS’ Report for October 2022

of Pledges: 11; # of Contributions: 6;
Total Contributors: 17
Total Contributed: **\$ 883.00** =
110 Bibles in October (plus some postage)

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

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/>



Sunday mornings at 10:00 am ~
Want to grow in the Lord?

The Adult Fellowship Class meets every Sunday, 10 am in the Fellowship Bldg, with special emphasis on Christian growth. Please join us!

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 *November and December* 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.

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

Jo Ann Green
 3942 Cloverwood Meadow Ln
 High Point, NC 27265
 336-454-0351 (Home)
 336-802-6172 (Cell) ~ December 17

Bernice Johnson
 1624 Mellon Dr.
 Kernersville, NC 27284
 336-904-0832 ~ December 23

Barbara Bowden
 8728 Bame Rd
 Colfax, NC 27235
 336-668-2495 ~ December 30



Don't forget! We need non-perishable foods for our November Harvest Home Month food collection.

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!

November Anniversaries

- 5 Mark & Elaine Lowe
- 6 Eric & Angela Sexton
- 8 Jay & Wanda Stafford



ADDRESS TO FELLOW-COUNTRYMEN

The White House, November 11, 1919.

A year ago today our enemies laid down their arms in accordance with an armistice which rendered them impotent to renew hostilities, and gave to the world an assured opportunity to reconstruct its shattered order and to work out in peace a new and more just set of international relations. The soldiers and people of the European Allies had fought and endured for more than four years to uphold the barrier of civilization against the aggressions of armed force. We ourselves had been in the conflict something more than a year and a half.



With splendid forgetfulness of mere personal concerns, we remodeled our industries, concentrated our financial resources, increased our agricultural output, and assembled a great army, so that at the last our power was a decisive factor in the victory. We were able to bring the vast resources, material and moral, of a great and free people to the assistance of our associates in Europe who had suffered and sacrificed without limit in the cause for which we fought.

Out of this victory there arose new possibilities of political freedom and economic concert. The war showed us the strength of great nations acting together for high purposes, and the victory of arms foretells the enduring conquests which can be made in peace when nations act justly and in furtherance of the common interests of men.

To us in America the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service, and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of nations.

~ WOODROW WILSON

Veterans Day is a time for us to pay our respects to those who have served. For one day, we stand united in respect for you, our veterans.

This holiday started as a day to reflect upon the heroism of those who died in our country's service and was originally called Armistice Day. It fell on Nov. 11 because that is the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended World War I. However, in 1954, the holiday was changed to "Veterans Day" in order to account for all veterans in all wars.

News from the Colemans ~ “Tohono O’odham Nation”

Missions ~ July, August and September of 2022

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.”

Love, Prayers and Blessings in Jesus’ name. Thank you for your Prayers and Mission Support during the Summer months. We have seen the Lord do many things. We are still able to go Preach, have Bible Study and pass out the Word of God. God allowed us to be able to help over 150 children with back to school supplies and a copy of God’s word in each school backpack. The children were prayed for and given a personal prayer thought. They were all so thankful. Your partnership made all of this possible.



Here are some other Mission Outreach Ministry things God is allowing us to do: Thank you, Darleen Andrew, for opening up your home for Bible study.

Taslin is one of our youngest attendees.



Prayers are needed for renovation of Yvonne’s house in the Village of Choulic. Due to bad storms, her home is in need of complete renovation. That is going to take months. Yvonne and her children and grandchildren are now living with other family members. All of her household items had to be moved out and most likely have to be replaced due to storage conditions. Please keep them in your prayers.



I must share this Praise and say Thank You God. A young lady we call Tosh, from the village of Santa Rosa. I have had worship services in her mother and grandmother’s homes. Tosh was born in 1992. She is 30 years old. She recently had to have a liver and kidney transplant. Also, she had to have her gallbladder removed. I visited her in the hospital. She committed her life to the Lord through salvation. We prayed and God has provided a liver and kidney. She is now recovering from all of her surgeries. One of the visits I made, someone said that God performed a miracle. I Pray Tosh will live the rest of her life for the Lord. Please keep her in your prayers.

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Upcoming Mission Outreach Projects:

It’s getting close to Winter Warm Up and Children’s Christmas Mission Outreach. Will you pray and ask God what He would have you do.

Winter Warmup – where we provide winter caps and blankets to both adults and children since many of the reservation residents do not have heat in their homes.

Children’s Christmas Gifts – where we provide Christmas gifts for 100 children. \$25 each.

Blanket donations can be dropped off in the church lobby. All monetary donations that help us purchase blanket and Christmas gifts, can be given to Tucson Baptist Church with the memo of **“Native American Account”**.



In closing, once again, Thank you for all of your love, prayers, encouraging and support. These photos are from last years Winter Warm-Up and Christmas.

Love in Christ,
John and Mavis Coleman

Serving with “Christ to the Nations Missions”
Sending Church “Temple Baptist Church, Madison Heights, VA”
Local Church “Tucson Baptist Church, Tucson, AZ”



National Gratitude Month in November encourages us to embrace the power of gratitude.

Gratitude is more than simply saying “thank you.” Gratitude’s amazing powers have the ability to shift us from focusing on the negative to appreciating what is positive in our lives. Practicing daily gratitude gives us a deeper connection to ourselves, the world around us, and to our Creator.



Men’s & Ladies’ Fellowship

Quarterly Mtgs.: (3rd Tuesdays - 7 p.m.)

Future Meeting times to be announced.

Teen Update ~ What is your worldview? Do you have one?

The truth is, we each have one and it is what impacts how each of us approaches life. In our new study, *A Biblical Worldview*, we'll look at understanding what a worldview is and see the importance of looking at the world through a biblical perspective.

We'll look to the Bible to answer the following questions to help us get a better understanding.



- What is true (and how do we really know)?
- Who is God (and what is He like)?
- Who am I (really, exactly who am I)?
- What is the role of my family and parents?
- What is the role of my friends?
- What is right and wrong (and can I really know)?
- What is the meaning of history (where is all this going)?
- What is the purpose of my life (why am I here)?

Follow along with us as we answer these questions to see what God says about these questions and work to develop a biblical worldview by which we should live.

~John & Stephanie Moore

Be Strong ~ Youth



This Thanksgiving, we're deeply grateful for all the precious young people entrusted to us each Wednesday night. While the autumn evenings grow more crisp and cool, our youngsters are wrapping up another segment on their Bible timeline journey. We're now completing "*Crowns and Prophets*," a study of Samuel, Saul, David, and Solomon.

Our students have found a faithful hero in David, the "man after God's own heart." They have learned however, that even David was not exempt from falling into sin. When David fell in love with Bathsheba, his better judgment was clouded, and he secretly arranged for her husband's death in battle. In an attempt to cover up his sins, David sank into a tragic string of deceit. David may have had others fooled, but God knew the motives in his self-centered heart. The Lord sent Nathan the prophet to help open David's eyes to his need of forgiveness. He used a parable about a beloved little lamb belonging to a poor man and his family. A rich man selfishly takes the one lamb, kills it, and serves it for supper. David was furious, saying the man who had done this awful thing must surely die.

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To David's sickened surprise, Nathan exclaimed, "*Thou art the man.*" God knew exactly what kind of story would pierce David's heart... from his early years as a shepherd, David understood how loved the little lamb was, and he was touched by the loss in the fable. In the same way, Jesus knows what makes us tick, and He uses different situations to lovingly draw us back to Him, even when we have done the unthinkable. "*If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*" (1 John 1:9) When our repentant hearts are broken and ready to reconcile, our faithful Lord stands ready to wash our sins away.

With that thought in mind, we're preparing to once again share the gospel with children around the world... proclaiming the far-reaching, forgiving, saving power of Jesus! As Christmastime draws closer, all are welcome to participate in our Operation Christmas Child project. Empty shoeboxes are available in the church lobby or fellowship hall. At samaritanspurse.org/occ, you can learn more about how to pack a box, and what items are not allowed. **Please remember that liquids or lotions of any kind should not be packed, including toothpaste.** You may bring your filled box to the church lobby and place it in the stack of "packed shoeboxes"... underneath the bulletin board at the top of the stairs. **We will collect shoeboxes until Wednesday night, November 9th.** As always, we're thankful to be serving the Lord alongside our Smith Grove Family...

~Bruce, Darla, and Marshall

"Thanksgiving Day Prayer"

Chuck Peters – 11/24/2021

Thanksgiving Day; A table spread and Macy's Parade to see.

The turkey and the dressing, as good as it could be.

The gathering at the table is prefaced by a prayer.

Heads are bowed in thanks to God for blessings He did share.

Across the way the soldier serves yet is wishing to be home.

The post in life, a battlefield, while frightened and alone.

The soldier, too, is grateful as the selfless service shows.

The sacrifice for freedom, the soldier only knows.

The blessings of the harvest with the table fully spread.

Reflect the gracious hand of God; He gives that we be fed.

We thank Him too for freedom and the soldier far away.

We pray that God will keep them safe and bring them home to stay.



Thank You, Lord, for Your Blessings on our Church

“HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW” -
(First printed in the November 2004 Messenger.)

The old familiar song reminds us that God specifically cares for His redeemed ones. He is not unaware of the activity of even the sparrow. He even cares for this little creature. He provides shelter, food, and even shade for this small insignificant bird!

The truth of this care of God for His “little creatures” was made even clearer to me the other day. I heard the familiar song of the little sparrow at a time and in a place where the song was the least expected. It was noontime in Kuwait. The temperature was soaring at the 107 degree mark and this was in October. My Army uniform was soaked from perspiration and I sought shelter from the sun. I rested inside my tent and while there heard sparrows chirping on the outside. I couldn’t believe my ears! Sparrows singing in the middle of a desert where not even a blade of grass could grow! How amazing!

Jesus talked about the providential care of God for His people. He illustrated that care by referencing the sparrow. Consider His words in Luke 12:6-7. “Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God? But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows.”

I went outside the tent and found that the sparrows had found a shelter from the heat under the top flaps of the tent. They also found a source of water beneath the air condition units. They were finding water, shade, and food in the middle of the desert on our U.S. Army base. I am struck by the fact that they are about the only living creature that I have seen thus far in this desert and they are singled out in the New Testament to illustrate God’s care of His people!

The Lord spoke to the heart of this homesick soldier that day and reminded him of His love and care. I am six thousand miles away from home but in the center of His will and in the presence of His care and grace. *Chaplain Chuck Peters, U.S Army*



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“THANKS”

“Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.”
(II Corinthians 9:15)

This passage of Scripture could rightly be called “the text for two seasons.” The verse speaks of both thanks and giving. It begins with the word, “thanks” and ends with the word, “gift.”

Thanksgiving, as a holiday, is an American observance formally held in the month of November. Its original purpose was to render thanks to God for His bountiful blessings upon our country. God’s blessings are seen in the multiple resources of our land and especially His divine guidance and protection down through the years. He has both fed us and sustained us through difficult times. America has not made it on its own!

Thanksgiving is reflected by **behavior**. The attitude of gratitude should mark the disposition of us all. Those saved have had a supernatural attitude adjustment, for they recognize that God is the Author of all blessings. They share the attitude of the Psalmist, “Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Selah.” – Psalm 68:14

Thanksgiving is reflected not only in **behavior** but also in **bestowal**. It involves the matter of giving. Thanksgiving is “thanks – giving.” The Christian should willingly offer the sacrifices of praise, thanksgiving, self, and substance.

Thanksgiving is reflected in **behavior, bestowal**, and furthermore, in **belief**. Thanksgiving involves both deed and creed. Paul, in this verse, honors the Lord in thanksgiving by recognizing the blessing as a gift. He exemplified sound creed for he preached salvation by grace. He viewed it as a gift from God and made possible by the finished work of Christ on the cross of Calvary. **“Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.”**

Pastor Chuck Peters