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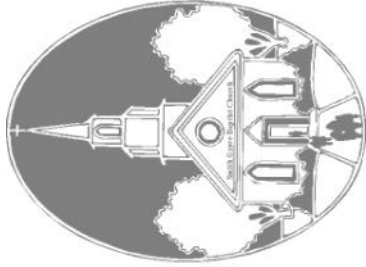
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Children's Church	11:15 AM
Evening Worship	6:00 PM
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Bible Clubs	7:00 PM
Thursday Visitation	7:00 PM

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# GOD ♥ YOU



*"For God so loved the world, that He gave . . ."*

Sat., Feb. 4, 6 pm - W-S Rescue Mission  
Sun., Feb. 12, 11 am - Tabernacle Children's Home will be with us, singing and testifying.  
Sun., Feb. 19 ~ BEAMS Sunday  
Every Monday, 3 pm, Robinwood Retirement Ctr. ~ Bible Study

(BEAMS is always the 3rd Sunday of every month.)

### 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:** Betty Byrd 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 each month.

**M** "Mind" ~ "Mind" "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee." – Isaiah 26:3  
It's difficult to read this verse without considering the next verse in this chapter which reads, "Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength:" – Isaiah 26:4  
The people of Israel, though carried away in captivity into a strange land, are given the prescription for peace and strength. A person whose mind that is stayed upon the Lord is a person who can enjoy perfect peace and retain strength. We too, as Israel, are in a strange land that is hostile and unfriendly. Yet, resources from God are given daily and all of the forces against His people cannot rob His people from His "perfect peace" as we keep our mind stayed upon Him. "Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace, Over all victorious, in its bright increase; Perfect, yet it floweth fuller every day, Perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way. Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest. Finding, as He promised, perfect peace and rest." - Frances R Havergal. A mind upon Him and a heart trusting Him find peace and strength in spite of the afflictions associated with this strange land!



## BEAMS' Report for January 2023

# of Pledges: 8; # of Contributions: 6;  
Total Contributors: 14  
Total Contributed: \$ 735.00 =  
92 Bibles in January (plus some postage)

*Many thanks to all those who gave monies to the BEAMS' ministry specifically for postage which added \$ 170.00 in January!*  
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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## Men's & Ladies' Fellowship

Quarterly Mtgs.: (3rd Tuesdays - 7 p.m.)  
Future Meeting times to be announced.



February 20, 2023  
~ *Presidents' Day* ~  
*Remember to fly the flag!*



## 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 *February and March* 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.

**Jean Rumsey**  
 8730 Bame Road  
 Colfax, NC 27235  
 336-668-2080 ~ February 01

**Joy Overcast**  
 441 Mountain View Dr, Apt. 110  
 Kernersville, NC 27284  
 336-996-7563 ~ February 12

**Ruth Holt**  
 3210 Sandy Ridge Rd.  
 Colfax, NC 27235  
 336-993-3109 ~ March 28



John 16:22 - And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.



*Time for me to leave you, I won't say goodbye;  
 Look for me in rainbows, high up in the sky.  
 In the evening sunset, when all the world is through,  
 Just look for me and love me, and I'll be close to you.  
 It won't be forever, the day will come and then  
 My loving arms will hold you, when we meet again.*

*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!*



## February Anniversaries

8 Gary & Denice Slate  
 14 Steve & Cheryl Holt

*Hearts joined together in love.*



## 25 Years of Laughter with Our Pastor . . .

Anyone who knows our Pastor, knows that he loves a good joke. Well, *several* years ago, we were having a special Ladies Fellowship event that required a sign-up sheet in the Vestibule. Interestingly, an entry on that sheet was "Sarah Snodgrass and her seven ugly daughters!" Melissa Smith was helping with the event and she was keeping up with attendance numbers. She knew immediately who had registered Mrs. Snodgrass and her daughters! She called me and asked if we could really invite Sarah and her crew! So, we proceeded to "locate" this family and they did indeed attend our event..... Not only did they attend, "Sarah" has kept in touch over the years. (See the letter from Sarah below.) ~ by Sherrill Crater

Deer Bruther Chuck,

We ain't heered frum y'all in a long time, sew Ah thought Ah wood rite and chek on y'all. Ah think we seed yu last in 20 aught 01, when yu come to Possum Holler and et with us. Ben too long....

Remimber that dilishus possum stew we had? Well, gess what? Ah found somthin amazin! An' it comes in a can! Ah caint wate to try it out on yu! Thur's a pictur at the bottem o' the page. My boy Clovis lurned to put a pictur in a lettur! Whut is the worl comin to?

Wal, Ah gess Ah'd better quitt, 'fore yu git taired o' reedin! Ha! Ah remimber yu likd to rite a bit, tu!

Now, y'all bee gud and dont tak no wudden nikels! Ha! Jus let me no whin yu can come to suppur. God is gud!

Sinseerly yourn, Sarah Snodgrass  
 An' the kids say Hay! ....*Abel, Bart, Clovis, Violi, Matilde, Penelope, Henrietta, Mabel, Archibald, Cecil, Cornelius, and Rasmussen.*



### The Snodgrass Family



Tew our favrite preecher, Bruther Chuck

**The Smith Grove Snodgrass family** who attended the event:  
 Sarah ~ Sam Crater; daughters ~ the Alley sisters and Donise Tucker.

# Smile!



A man in Topeka, Kansas, decided to write a book about churches around the country. He started by flying to San Francisco, and started working east from there. Going to a very large church, he began taking photographs and making notes. He spotted a golden telephone on the vestibule wall, and was intrigued with a sign which read, "\$10,000 per minute." Seeking out the pastor, he asked about the phone and the sign. The pastor answered that the golden phone is, in fact, a direct line to Heaven, and if he pays the price, he can talk directly to God.

The man thanked the pastor and continued on his way. As he continued to visit churches in Seattle, Salt Lake City, Denver, Chicago, Milwaukee, and around the United States, he found more such phones, with the same sign, and the same explanation from each pastor.

Finally, the man arrived in the state of North Carolina. Upon entering a church, behold: he saw the usual golden telephone. But THIS time, the sign read: "Calls: FREE!" Fascinated, the man asked to speak with the pastor.

"Pastor, I have been in cities all across the country and in each church I have found this golden telephone, and have been told it is a direct line to Heaven, and that I could use it to talk to God. But in 20 other churches, the cost was \$10,000 per minute. Your sign says the call is free. Why is that?"

The pastor, smiling benignly, replied: "Son, you're in the South now, and it's a local call!"

**Hebrews 4:16** *"Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."*



## *A Valentine from Jesus*

Jesus does not send perfume  
To linger in the air  
Instead He sends salvation, sweet  
To show how much He cares.

He doesn't hand out fancy gifts  
Like we would send to mother  
Instead He sends a message clear  
To always love each other.

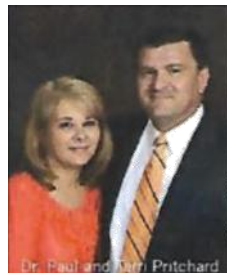
He doesn't bring me candy hearts  
In boxes of delight  
Instead He always lets me know  
I'm precious in His sight.

He doesn't give me teddy bears  
That whimper, "please be mine"  
Instead He gave His heart to me  
I wear it all the time.

He doesn't pass out pretty cards  
Trimmed in shades of red  
Instead He gave His life for me  
His precious blood was shed.

He doesn't give me roses, pink  
For all the world to see  
Instead He gave eternal life  
That's good enough for me.

*Marilyn Ferguson*



  
**PREACH**  
EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES

Preach Evangelistic Ministries works as a team to equip, send and support the spread of the Gospel to the unreached peoples of the world.

If you have been part of the PREACH Teams any length of time, you know we are serious about God's Global Glory. Our Executive Leadership Team (ELT), our Missionary Leadership Teams (MLT), Volunteer Short-Term Mission Teams (VST) or even our Advisory Council Teams (ACT) are all committed to this single purpose. Declaring His glory among all nations. Of course, with such a daunting task, we must co-labor together if we are to see God honored in these efforts. So, as our year winds to an end we are calling on God's people once again to help us advance His purposes again, another day, another month, and another year.

This-year has been full of "mountain tops" and "deep valley lows", but God's grace has sustained us through it all.

**Tons of Truth:** 150 Tons is our new goal for the up-coming year. We have seen to date this year 127 Tons shipped. To God be the glory! Please help us by sponsoring a "Ton of Truth" (\$1,000 per ton).

**Mentoring Men for Missions** is more meaningful and necessary than any other time before us. Satan's many devices, methods, and strategies has had a blanket effect on families, economy, open doors, mission field access, shipping rates and carriers, morale, and much more. We do desperately need the people of God to help us through prayer and consistent financial gifts. By faith, we rely upon God to stir the hearts of his people to "rise-up and work". Missionaries returning home for more support, health problems, spiritual, mental, and physical fatigue, and many other legitimate reasons. Please help us pray that God would send forth more laborers into the harvest and encourage those who currently are giving it their all.

Our campus construction has moved a few more feet closer to the goal. Volunteer teams of construction workers could carry this to the finish line in short-order, so please consider bringing your church on a work trip. It would be greatly appreciated. It would be an opportune time with winter just around the corner and construction work outdoors slowing down a bit, to be able to hire available help to hurry our campus to completion. So then, if God would allow you to send also some funds and finances, we can hire some things to be completed as soon as possible. Please consider this option. With your tax deductible giving, we could possibly finish this very soon. Your help is very much needed.

God Bless your generosity, *Dr. Paul E. Pritchard, Jr*



## Be Strong ~ Youth

As we continue down the path of our Bible Timeline, our youngsters are learning again and again how important it is to trust God to provide our needs. While the Israelites in the divided kingdom show us the way we *shouldn't be*, a worthy example to follow is sprinkled here and there, within the scriptures of the Old Testament. Two such men of God, Elijah and Elisha, teach us many things in the Books of Kings.

When it was time for Elijah to leave his ministry behind for someone else to lead, faithful Elisha stayed by his side, following him to Jericho. It was no coincidence that they wound up at the Jordan River, where Joshua had led God's people into the Promised Land centuries before. Back then, God had parted the river, and our students remembered that the people had built 12 stone monuments as a reminder. This time, Elijah used his mantle to part the water, showing that God's power had stayed the same... after all these years, the people had changed, not God. When Elijah asked Elisha what he might do for him before he left this earth, Elisha asked but one thing from his mentor... a double portion of God's Spirit, an extra amount of God's enabling power to help him do His work in the wicked times in which they lived. As heaven's fiery chariot whisked old Elijah away before his eyes, Elisha was left with the mantle, as well as the ministry to God's wayward nation. He parted the Jordan again as he entered the Promised Land, signifying his new role as prophet to Israel and demonstrating that he had accepted God's special call on his life. We were blessed to learn about three accounts of Elisha allowing the Lord to use him in showing our loving Father's ability to meet all our needs.

First, Elisha encountered the widow who was about to lose her sons when she owed a debt she could not pay. In His great wisdom, God used her one and only possession to solve her problem. All she owned was a small pot of oil, but Elisha told her to borrow empty jugs from all her neighbors. Behind closed doors, when her two little boys helped her pour the meager amount of oil, it multiplied and filled all the containers, leaving enough to sell and pay off her debt. And the Bible says they lived off the oil from then on.

There was also a couple in the village of Shunem, where Elisha passed frequently as he preached from place to place. In their home, the woman set up a guest room for the traveling prophet, feeding him meals when he stopped by their home. Touched by their kindness, Elisha wanted to express his gratitude, so he told the woman that God would soon send a son to her and her husband. One day, when the little boy grew old enough to help his father in the fields, he clutched his head and collapsed. While the grieving mother held him, he took his last breath. But she showed remarkable trust as she searched for Elisha. She knew that God alone could touch her son. When Elisha came to the guestroom and laid upon the lifeless child, the Lord miraculously restored his life. Even today, in all the heartbreaks we face, true life and hope come only from our Savior.

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The last family touched by Elisha belonged to Naaman, the commander of the Syrian army, when he was stricken with leprosy. Taken from her home and working for Naaman's wife, a nameless little Jewish maid knew the God of her people could heal her master, so she advised a trip to find Elisha. After seven dips in the muddy Jordan, Naaman rose up clean, with skin like a little child's. As a Gentile, Naaman's faith was even commended by our Lord Jesus hundreds of years later! And this account shows the healing touch God would've given His people if they had only turned back to Him. From this, our youngsters were struck that we too, live in perilous times, when all who wander will not turn to the Lord. We can be encouraged though, to live as Elisha did, proclaiming God's truth and shedding light on His power. In our daily lives, our testimonies can point to Jesus, showing others that He alone is our Provider, Healer, and Redeemer.

Praying Alongside You All, ~ Bruce, Darla, & Marshall

**Teen Update ~** As we continued our Biblical Worldview study, we tackled the question, "What Is the Role of My Parents and Family?" Scripture has a lot to say regarding these roles. First, we looked at the role of parents. Proverbs 22:6 and Ephesians 6:4 tells us that their primary role is to train their children how to live for God. How is this accomplished? 2 Timothy 1:5 says parents do this by setting the example. Luke 15:20 says this is accomplished by showing love. Colossians 3:21 tells parents they are to offer encouragement, and Proverbs 13:24 instructs parents to give proper discipline.

Next, we discussed the responsibility of teens. Ephesians 6:1-3, Colossians 3:20, and Proverbs 1:8 instruct teens to honor and obey their parents. We also looked at what Scripture says about the role of the family. Psalm 78:5-7 and Deuteronomy 6:5-7 tells us that when a family works as God intended, they will demonstrate and teach concepts such as respect for authority, how to develop relationships and unconditional love.

No family is perfect, and each family member will find that they make mistakes. What then? The truth is that all of our responsibilities will remain the same. Each of us are responsible for our actions. We discussed how teens and parents can apply Romans 12:18, 1 Corinthians 13:4-5, and 1 Timothy 6:11 to our home lives. How can you apply these to your home life?

We finished up our lesson discussing the impact of family roles within our worldview. Today's culture promotes an attitude of rebellion towards authority as a way to promote power and individuality. This is a bad attitude to have at home! Going against authority robs us of being prepared to face life in the real world. Your family shouldn't be your enemy, and you shouldn't be theirs. Our responsibility is to do our part to make our home what God has intended it to be. In doing so, along the way, our teens will learn valuable lessons that will prepare them to have their own godly homes one day.

Because of Calvary, John & Stephanie Moore

## Jesus Paid it All

“There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.” – Hebrews 4:9

The word “rest” in Scripture, is used in different ways. It is used in reference to Canaan rest, Heaven rest, and Sabbath rest. It, obviously, is used in reference to the rest of salvation. “Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” – Matthew 11:28

The study of the Book of Hebrews reveals a background problem, on the part of the Jewish believers. Many failed to realize, in the words of the old song, “Jesus paid it all!” Many were stagnated in their Christian growth because of their underlying problem of not breaking with the Law and O.T. (Old Testament) order. Many had an immature hang-up in the matter of the understanding of the perfection of Christ and the implications of His finished work at Calvary. They are reminded in the Book that Christ is better than the O.T. system under Moses and that they needed to go forward in the matter of maturity.

Rather than cling to the sacrificial and incomplete types under the Old Testament Law, they now were to embrace the finished work of Christ and realize that His redemptive work was the fulfillment of those types. Their “restless” immaturity was the result of their failure to accept the full work of Christ and to walk by faith. The immature Jewish believers knew not the “rest” resulting from faith in what Christ truly accomplished at Calvary.

Many Christians today, similarly, live restless lives filled with uncertainty and distress. Many live in fear and worry and seem to never find real day by day peace. Many never seem to obtain victory for they remain defeated and are constantly up and down. The problem is that their “state” does not correspond with their standing! It is possible to be saved and have the secure standing of eternal life yet possess a state of insecurity, due to failure to mature in the understanding of Christ’s finished work.

Christians who walk by faith and understand that Christ fully paid our sin debt enjoy “rest.” What blessed “rest” to know that He delivered us from sin’s penalty, does deliver us from sin’s power, and will eventually deliver us from sin’s presence!

“Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe. Sin had left a crimson stain He washed it white as snow.” - Elvina M. Hall

Pastor Chuck Peters – 1/7/2023

## THE COLD WITHIN

By James Patrick Kinney



Six humans trapped by happenstance  
In dark and bitter cold  
Each one possessed a stick of wood,  
Or so the story's told.

Their dying fire in need of logs,  
The first woman held hers back.  
For on the faces around the fire,  
She noticed one was black.

The next man looking cross the way,  
Saw one not of his church,  
And couldn't bring himself to give  
The fire his stick of birch.



The third one sat in tattered clothes,  
He gave his coat a hitch.  
Why should his log be put to use,  
To warm the idle rich?

The rich man just sat back and  
thought  
Of the wealth he had in store.  
And how to keep what he had earned  
From the lazy, shiftless poor.

The black man's face bespoke  
revenge  
As the fire passed from sight,  
For all he saw in his stick of wood  
Was a chance to spite the white.

The last man of this forlorn group  
Did naught except for gain  
Giving only to those who gave  
Was how he played the game.

The logs held tight in death's still  
hands  
Was proof of human sin.  
They didn't die from the cold without,  
They died from – *the cold within.*

**John 13:34** A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.



Could we with ink the ocean fill,  
And were the skies of  
parchment made,  
Were every stalk on earth a quill,  
And every man a scribe by trade,

To write the love of God above,  
Would drain the ocean dry;  
Nor could the scroll contain  
the whole,  
Though stretched from sky to sky.