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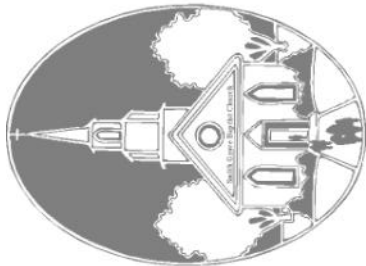
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Evening Worship	6:00 PM
Wednesday Service	7:00 PM
Bible Clubs	7:00 PM
Thursday Visitation	7:00 PM

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

Sun., Apr. 9, 7 am ~ Easter Sunrise Service
with a message by Pastor Bruce Freeman.

Breakfast served after the service.

At 11 am - The Choir will present,
Because He Lives, a Musical for Easter.

Sun., Apr. 16 ~ BEAMS Sunday

Fri., Apr. 28, 4 pm – 6 pm ~ Items for Teen Rummage
Sale can be dropped off at the fellowship hall.

Sat., Apr. 29, 8 am - 12 pm ~ Teen Craft & Rummage Sale
Fundraiser. (Boxes are in the vestibule.) Details, Pg. 4

Sun., Apr. 30, 6 pm ~ Singspiration with The Tucker Family out
of White Plains Baptist Church in Mt. Airy.

Every Monday, 3 pm, Robinwood Retirement Ctr. ~ Bible Study

Looking Ahead ~ VBS, June 12-15, 7-9 pm, "Keepers of the Kingdom"



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.



“Overcome” “Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.” – Romans 12:21

God's command to a Christian will always be met with God's enabling. He never asks us to do anything without providing the energy and resources to carry out the command. Paul, in the previous verse, talks about feeding our enemy! The basic point he stresses is to be good to our enemies by applying our God-given Christian kindness in spite of the unkindness on their part. The old adage “fight fire with fire” may apply to firefighting but not Christian demeanor.

The Christian is to “overcome evil with good” in the sense of doing right and showing kindness to evil actors for in doing so, the evil ones will potentially experience the pain of conviction and remorse and, potentially, be brought to repentance. We are never given permission to compromise our Bible convictions nor are we given permission to become bitter and unkind towards those who may be bitter and unkind towards us. When Christians allow the spite of others to make them spiteful, they become captives rather than overcomers and blur their testimony and witness!



BEAMS' Report for March 2023

of Pledges: 10; # of Contributions: 9;
Total Contributors: 19
Total Contributed: \$ 894.00 =
111 Bibles in March (plus some postage)

Many thanks to all those who gave monies to the BEAMS' ministry specifically for postage which added \$ 170.00 in March!

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/>



Vacation Bible School

Mon. through Thur.

June 12-15, 7-9 pm

“Keepers of the Kingdom”

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 *(none in April)* May 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.

Alta Key
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Trinity, NC 27370
336-431-0079 ~ May 03

Eloise McCollum
8626 Bull Road
Colfax, NC 27235
336-996-6320 ~ May 26

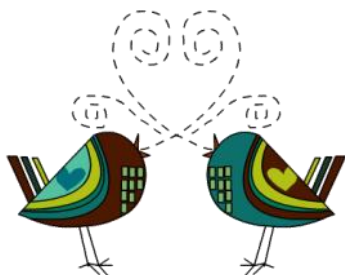
Dovie Dull
1016 Madison Place Circle
Kernersville, NC 27284
336-996-6330 ~ May 14

Esther Campbell
8309 Lakedale Circle Dr
Colfax, NC 27235
336-317-2093 ~ May 28

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!

April Anniversaries

- 1 Walter & Gail Tate
- 3 Scott & Laura Ritch
- 7 Bobby & Andrea Adkins
- 11 Mike & Becky McCollum
- 14 Larry & Violet Tucker



Why do omelettes love April Fools'? They enjoy practical yolks.
What kind of pickles do spring flowers like? Daffo-dills.
What do bees use to fix their hair? Honeycombs.
What do storm clouds wear under their pants? Thunderwear.
What did the tree say when spring finally arrived? What a re-leaf.
Did you hear about the cloud that tried catching some fog? It mist.
How can you tell when April is happy? It has a spring in its step.
What did the tree say to the new spring flower? I'm rooting for you.
If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring? Pilgrims.
What flower grows between your nose and chin? Two-lips.
Can February March? No, but April May.



Pastor Chuck ~ 25 Years of Service ... The Lighter Side

You don't have to be around our pastor very long before you experience his ever-present sense of humor. Oftentimes, this manifests itself in the form of a funny story or funny poem. The poem below not only makes us laugh, it leaves us with a valuable life lesson!



The Man Named Pucker

I met a man the other day that had an awful frown.
I asked him what his name was and if he lived in town?
He said his name was "Pucker" and he lived on Misery Street.
It was just two blocks from "Pouters Road" where all the sulkers meet.

We talked a while; he never smiled but talked about his woes.
It seemed he's never had a friend, so his story goes.
There's nothing right for all is wrong, his life was on the edge.
He said he felt so down and out he would jump off from the bridge.

I tried to bring some comfort to this man so down and out.
Yet all I said meant nothing, he still did sulk and pout.
I stayed with him an hour and all my words were weak.
We found ourselves the nearest bridge and both of us did leap.

The moral of this story is it pays to not be sad.
We never know how attitude can cause life to go bad.
The ones who live around us also hear our mournful weep.
It's terribly bad when we are sad
for others too may leap!
~Chuck Peters 3/9/21



And then there's the
story about the
steering wheel that
came right off in
Pastor Chuck's hands
on I-40!!



*I knew I
should have
tightened
that bolt!*

Smith Grove Baptist Church
Teen Craft and Rummage Sale
Fundraiser
Saturday, April 29, 2023
8 AM – 12 PM



Are your closets and cabinets overflowing with things you no longer need? Do you have too many knickknacks lying around the house? Is your garage in need of a clean-out? Do you want to sell your beautiful handmade crafts?

If you answered Yes to any of these questions, we want to help! Rent a table for \$20.00 to sell your unwanted items or crafts, or donate your unwanted items, and our teens will sell them.

Funds from table rentals and donated items will go towards their Christmas gift ministry to buy Christmas gifts for the Tabernacle Children's Home and the Tohono O'odham Indian Reservation (Brother John Coleman).

Items Accepted – Must be clean and in good condition:

Gently worn clothing and shoes

Handbags

Books

Toys and Games

Bikes

Tools

Home Décor and artwork

Small household appliances and electronics – must be in working condition

Furniture (you must be able to bring it yourself Friday, 4/28 from 4 to 6 pm)

Sports equipment and camping gear

Collectibles

CDs and DVDs



Items Not Accepted: Drinking glasses, mugs, china sets, plates, computers, treadmills, stationary bikes, elliptical machines, used candles, stained or torn clothing, mattresses, cribs, car seats, bedding, stuffed animals, or broken items.

Donated items can be placed in boxes located in the vestibule.

Items can also be dropped off at the fellowship hall on Friday, April 28 from 4 pm to 6pm.

If you have questions or are interested in renting a table, please see any teen or Stephanie Moore. Thank you for your continued support!

(Unsold items will be donated to the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission Thrift Store after the sale.)

Teen Update ~ We have started a new series with our teens called **“Freedom Ride.”** These 12 lessons of faith will teach our teens how to build a sincere and awesome relationship with God, how to behave, and how to grow as Christians. Please keep us in your prayers as we begin these new lessons. Our first lesson was titled, “How to Talk with God (And not break out in hives and actually enjoy yourself.)” Sometimes teens can feel uncomfortable when talking to people they don't know very well, and talking with God may make them feel that much more awkward. It shouldn't be this way though. Their relationship with God should be just like their other friendships. It should be a friendship that involves daily conversation, but their conversations with God shouldn't make them break out in hives.

Our lesson began with a few tongue twisters for fun. Here are just a few you can try: “White eraser? Right away, sir!” “Sam's shop stocks short spotted socks.” We had a great time and had lots of laughs with this exercise! If you're new to talking to God you may feel all twisted up and don't know what to say. Talking to God should be a joyous event and not a tongue twister. We looked at the Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6:9-13 to get guidance on how this prayer teaches us how we should pray.

We studied how each part of the verses teaches us how to pray.

- **“Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.”** Think of a nice way to say hello to God to get your prayer started.
- **“Thy kingdom come.”** In your own words, tell Him how excited you are to see Him someday.
- **“Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.”** Ask Him for guidance of situations where you are unsure of what to do.
- **“Give us this day our daily bread.”** Let Him know what you are grateful for.
- **“And forgive us our debts,”** Let Him know if you've messed up and ask Him to take away guilty feelings you may be having.
- **“as we forgive our debtors.”** Let Him know who hurt you and ask Him to take away any pain or suffering.
- **“And lead us not into temptation,”** If you have an upcoming event, such as a party, ask Him to protect you from making bad decisions.
- **“but deliver us from evil:”** If you are nervous, anxious, or fearful, ask Him to protect you.
- **“For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.”** Let Him know that you have confidence in Him and that you know He hears you, understands you, and has all the power.
- **“Amen.”** End your prayer in a way to let Him know you mean it and how thankful you are to Him for His willingness to help you.

Remember, God loves you, and loves to hear from you. Talk to Him like a friend. Every day!

Because of Calvary, *John and Stephanie Moore*



Be Strong ~ Youth

For the final stretch of our Old Testament studies, our youngsters are focusing on the last remaining part of Israel following the fall of the Northern portion... the Southern region, called Judah. We met King Hezekiah, who helped turn the people back to God. On his deathbed, Hezekiah earnestly prayed for healing, and God promised him fifteen more years to live. Though his son and grandson proved to be wicked rulers, Hezekiah's great grandson, Josiah, grew up to reign as King David did... who *"turned to the Lord with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might."* (II Kings 23:25) The temple was repaired, God's Word was read to the people, idols were broken and smashed throughout Judah, and Passover was observed once again... about 600 years before God would send His Son to be the *final* sacrifice for sin. Josiah was Judah's last Godly King, as his sons would go back to ignoring and dishonoring the Lord. Tragically, Nebuchadnezzar eventually invaded Judah, burned Jerusalem to the ground, and carried Jewish captives back to Babylon. Though it hurts to see this outcome unfold on our timeline adventure, the children have looked forward to being introduced to some heroes of faith that rise up during these dark and dismal days of Israel's history.

Our first encounter was with Daniel, who was selected to be part of the king's training program. By changing their diet and names, Nebuchadnezzar thought he could change Daniel and his three friends into honorable young Babylonians, but he hadn't counted on the devotion with which these boys had purposed in their hearts to stay true to their Lord, even in a foreign land. God used Daniel to interpret the king's dream about a giant statue made of varied metals, a vision that provided a peek into the world's future kingdoms: Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome. All the statue's parts were shattered by an enormous stone that represents Christ, showing God's sovereignty over all the world's history and kings. Through the centuries, world leaders come and go, but the Lord still uses them to accomplish His will. *"The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord, as the rivers of water: He turneth it whithersoever He will."* (Proverbs 21:1) When God sets His plans in motion, there is nothing man can do to stop them. After all, Daniel had left Judah a defeated captive, but God made him a ruler in Babylon! Likewise, as we face obstacles and uncertainty each day, we don't need to worry about the future; our Lord has a plan that He is working out for us as we honor and trust Him.

Along the Bible timeline, our young people also explored the bravery of Esther as God used her to protect the exiled Jews. And in Ezra and Nehemiah, we saw God's people return to Jerusalem to rebuild the walls and the city. As promised, God faithfully and gradually led the Jews from captivity back to the Promised Land, where the stage was set for the arrival of the long-awaited Messiah! We are eager to reach the New Testament at last, having spent years laying the foundation of our faith, tracing the scarlet thread of our redemption, and uncovering glimpses of our Savior within each Old Testament account. It has been a blessing to show young hearts that from the beginning, every precious page points to Jesus. Crossing into the New Testament, we desire your prayers as the gospels unfold before us. May each account vividly come to life for our youngsters...

Rejoicing With You All, In Our Risen Savior!

~Bruce, Darla, and Marshall

REACHING THE ASIANS THROUGH THE NATIONALS

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Riogen Laarni, Michael Thomas,
Gracious Ruth, Daniel Rio

Greetings in Christ Most Precious Name!!

I Praise the Lord for His Goodness and Faithfulness to us and God is still in the business of Saving Souls. We Praise God that our 2nd Church here is continue growing by the grace of God. These are the pictures of the worship service in the house that we are renting:



Also last August 28 we have 11 souls got baptized and added to the church. What a blessing to see our members here growing, serving and winning souls for Christ.



Again, thank you for the partnership in the ministry, your love, prayers and support to us help us to do the ministry that God entrusted to us. I know that your labor is not in vain In the Lord. God bless us all!!!

In Christ,

Brother Riogen "Rio" Abenoja

Good Friday Message ~ Pastor Chuck Peters

“And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left.” Luke 23:33

Good Friday is the Day of the Passion Week which gives credence to the crucifixion of the Lord Jesus Christ. He would be delivered for the offences of the world. His death of substitution would certify the significance of the animal blood that had stained Jewish Altars. His sacrificial death would add meaning to Abraham’s words to Isaac, “God will provide himself a lamb!” (Gen.22:8) His sacrificial death was the fulfillment of Old Testament types. His sacrificial death was the prophetic message of the coming redemptive act which, alone, would totally take care of the virus of sin passed on to humanity by Adam.

Good Friday is the day which carries us in thought to the place called Calvary. The “Cradle” associated with Christmas is now replaced with the “Cross” of Good Friday. It is interesting to note the use of the word “come” in reference to the events at Calvary. The word is found in our text, “And when they were **come** to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him...” (Lk.23:33) The Gospel of Matthew uses the word “come” as well, and also with application to another aspect of truth associated with the Lord’s redemptive work. Notice Matthew’s use of the word “come.” “He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. **Come**, see the place where the Lord lay.” – Matthew 28:6. We find the word “come” used by Matthew in another verse, “**Come** unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” – Matthew 11:28.

When they came to Calvary, they witnessed His suffering on account of our sins. When they came to see the place where He lay, they witnessed His sentencing of death, hell, and the grave. Those who come to Him with their burden of sin witness His salvation and deliverance from sin.

Today we are reminded of the cross and His vicarious death, but Easter Sunday is coming and His empty tomb shouts a victorious resurrection. Friday’s cross leads to Sunday’s empty tomb!

***“Living, He loved me; dying, He saved me;
Buried, He carried my sins far away;
Rising, He justified freely forever:
One day He’s coming-O glorious day!”***

J. Wilbur Chapman



The Meaning of Tetelestai - “It is Finished”

Dr. Ray Pritchard

John 19:28-30 KJV *After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst. Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth. When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.*

Meaning of “It is finished” as Tetelestai: “It is finished” is the English translation of the Greek word Tetelestai, which was the last thing Jesus said before dying on the cross. Tetelestai comes from the verb teleo, which means “to bring to an end, to complete, to accomplish.” It’s a crucial word because it signifies the successful end to a particular course of action. It’s the word you would use when you climb to the peak of Mt. Everest; it’s the word you would use when you turn in the final copy of your dissertation; it’s the word you would use when you make the final payment on your new car; it’s the word you use when you cross the finish line of your first 10K run. The word means more than just “I survived.” It means “I did exactly what I set out to do.”

But there’s more here than the verb itself. Tetelestai is in the perfect tense in Greek. That’s significant because the perfect tense speaks of an action which has been completed in the past with results continuing into the present. It’s different from the past tense which looks back to an event and says, “This happened.” The perfect tense adds the idea that “This happened and it is still in effect today.” When Jesus cried out “It is finished,” he meant “It was finished in the past, it is still finished in the present, and it will remain finished in the future.”

Note one other fact. He did not say, “I am finished,” for that would imply that he died defeated and exhausted. Rather, he cried out “It is finished,” meaning “I successfully completed the work I came to do.”

Tetelestai, then, is the Savior’s final cry of victory. When he died, he left no unfinished business behind. When he said, “It is finished,” he was speaking the truth.

Tetelestai is Gospel in a Single Word: “It is finished.” The ancient Greeks boasted of being able to say much in little - “to give a sea of matter in a drop of language” was regarded as the perfection of oratory. What they sought is here found. “It is finished” is but one word in the original, yet in that word is wrapped up the gospel of God; in that word is contained the ground of the believer’s assurance; in that word is discovered the sum of all joy, and the very spirit of all divine consolation.

“It is finished.” This was not the despairing cry of a helpless martyr; it was not an expression of satisfaction that the termination of His sufferings was now reached; it was not the last gasp of a worn-out life. No, rather was it the declaration on the part of the divine Redeemer that all for which He came from heaven to earth to do, was now done; that all that was needed to reveal the full character of God had now been accomplished; that all that was required by law before sinners could be saved had now been performed: that the full price of our redemption was now paid.