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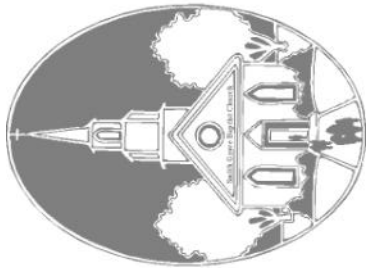
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Bible Clubs	7:00 PM
Thursday Visitation	7:00 PM

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### Vacation Bible School Mon. – Thur., June 12-15, 7-9 pm “Keepers of the Kingdom”

Register online: <https://smithgrovevbs23.myanswers.com/kingdomkeepers/>

We still need teachers and assistants for these classes:

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**Sat., June 3, 6 pm - W-S Rescue Mission**

**Sun., June 18 ~ Father's Day/BEAMS Sunday**

**Wed., June 14 ~ Flag Day - Remember to fly Old Glory!**

**Every Monday, 3 pm, Robinwood Retirement Ctr.**

**Looking ahead: July 16, 6 pm ~ Howard Miller will be speaking.**



### 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.



**"Quickly"** – "He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

– Revelation 22:20

The Book of Revelation closes with a promise of the Lord's soon or sudden appearance. We believe that His coming is imminent. Three times in this Chapter, His coming is assured and John reminds us that what is said, is true. (Verse 6) John then closes the book with the usage of the word, "grace". – Revelation 22:21

The promise of the soon return of Christ is met with a prayer on the part of those made ready for that glorious event through redemption. The prayer is, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus." We welcome deliverance from this world and its woes through the rapture! While we understand that physical death ushers the Christian into God's presence, we still are anxiously keeping our eyes on the skies. That "blessed hope" means the end of earthly sorrows. "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;" – Titus 2:13

The Book closes with a promise, a prayer, and the precious word, "GRACE," which is the word of redemption, referencing God's Riches At Christ's Expense. Salvation through grace is the means of preparation for the any minute appearance of Christ.



## BEAMS' Report for May 2023

# of Pledges: 9; # of Contributions: 9;

Total Contributors: 18

Total Contributed: \$ 1,315.00 =

164 Bibles in May (plus some postage)

*Many thanks to all those who gave monies to the BEAMS' ministry specifically for postage which added \$ 295.00 in May!*

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/mySGBG/>



[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCj39\\_zpMzkkCXdFYy1NKndQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCj39_zpMzkkCXdFYy1NKndQ)

To listen & download mp3:

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*Never give Satan a ride . . . He always wants to drive.*

*Never give Satan a lift . . . Damage to your testimony will be swift.*



*Congratulations, Johnson Family!*

**Asher Henry Johnson** was born on May 21, 2023  
and weighed 8 lbs 8 oz

**Proud Great Grandparents, Henry & Geraldine Johnson**  
(Proud Grandparents, Nate & Katie Johnson)

**And Proud Parents ~ Noah & Hunter Johnson**

## 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 *June and July* 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.

**Doug Slate**

1693 Brookford Rd  
Kernersville, NC 27284  
336-993-3114 (Home)  
704-575-8485 (Cell) ~ June 11

**Betty Byrd**

Trinity Glen Senior Care  
849 Waterworks Road  
Winston-Salem, NC 27107  
336-595-2166 ~ July 01

**Oma Lou Pitts**

8047 National Service Rd  
Colfax, NC 27235  
336-420-5103 ~ June 19

**Becky Redmon**

8421 Endicott Road  
Colfax, NC 27235  
336-993-1833  
336-482-1926 (Cell) ~ July 09

*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!*

*June Anniversaries*

8 Adrian & Wendy Barham  
17 Darris & Dreama Moore  
21 Richard & Danette Andrews  
23 Jim & Sherrie Lowry



*Congratulations, Grads!*

**Ethan Magnante** ~ Dual Graduation: Middle College of Forsyth - High School (Valedictorian); and Forsyth Tech (Associate in Science)

**Landon Ramey** ~ Vandalia Christian School

**Makayla Seals** ~ UNCG (Bachelors in Business Administration)

**Brittany Vanderburg** ~ ECPI (Nursing Degree - LPN)



## Jumping into Father's Arms - D. L. Moody

I remember, while in Mobile attending meetings, a little incident occurred which I will relate. It was a beautiful evening, and just before the meeting some neighbors and myself were sitting on the front piazza enjoying the evening. One of the neighbors put one of his children upon a ledge eight feet high, and put out his hands and told him to jump. Without the slightest hesitation he sprang into his father's arms. Another child was lifted up, and he, too, readily sprang into the arms of his father. He picked up another boy, larger than the others, and held out his arms, but he wouldn't jump. He cried and screamed to be taken down. The man begged the boy to jump, but it was of no use; he couldn't be induced to jump. The incident made me curious, and I stepped up to him, and asked, "How was it that those two little fellows jumped so readily into your arms, and the other boy wouldn't?" "Why," said the man, "those two boys are my children, and the other boy isn't; he don't know me."

## "Father ~ a precious word" - Charles Spurgeon

God's people are doubly his children, they are his offspring by creation, and they are his sons by adoption in Christ. Hence they are privileged to call him, "Our Father which art in heaven."

### Father! *Oh, what precious word is that.*

**Here is authority:** "If I be a Father, where is mine honour?" If ye be sons, where is your obedience? Here is affection mingled with authority; an authority which does not provoke rebellion; an obedience demanded which is most cheerfully rendered-which would not be withheld even if it might. The obedience which God's children yield to him must be loving obedience. Do not go about the service of God as slaves to their taskmaster's toil, but run in the way of his commands because it is your Father's way. Yield your bodies as instruments of righteousness, because righteousness is your Father's will, and his will should be the will of his child. **Father! -Here is a kingly attribute** so sweetly veiled in love, that the King's crown is forgotten in the King's face, and his sceptre becomes, not a rod of iron, but a silver sceptre of mercy - the sceptre indeed seems to be forgotten in the tender hand of him who wields it. **Father! - Here is honour and love.** How great is a Father's love to his children! That which friendship cannot do, and mere benevolence will not attempt, a father's heart and hand must do for his sons. They are his offspring, he must bless them; they are his children, he must show himself strong in their defense. If an earthly father watches over his children with unceasing love and care, how much more does our heavenly Father? Abba, Father! He who can say this, hath uttered better music than cherubim or seraphim can reach. There is heaven in the depth of that word-Father! There is all I can ask; all my necessities can demand; all my wishes can desire. *I have all in all to all eternity when I can say, "Father."*





## Be Strong ~ Youth

While the school year winds down, our young people are excited to have Vacation Bible School in sight once again! At **“Keepers of the Kingdom”**, our students will learn to be part of God’s Kingdom through salvation in His Son. We will also see that God’s children are equipped with the armor of God, helping us stand strong in today’s battle for truth. In these uncertain days, families are truly battling for the hearts and minds of our youth. Every single day, young people are bombarded with lies about who they are, who their Creator is, and where their salvation comes from. But thankfully, God provides protection... if we learn to take up His armor, we can find strength and encouragement in our daily battles. In the midst of struggles... lies against truth, darkness against light, evil against good... today’s youngsters need to know we are fighting beside them ~ loving them, supporting them, teaching them. Together, we must remind them to ***“Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might, put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.” (Ephesians 6:10-11)***

As we prepare for this task, we need your help, church family. In some ways, we feel like we’re “starting over” this Bible School season. A lot of things have changed since our last one, and we’re missing the support of some dear folks who always loved this time of year. It’s a lot like the first Christmas after losing a loved one... at our first meeting, we missed Homer’s excited enthusiasm, and the absence of Misty’s joyous laughter made it seem much too quiet. Those two friends always put their hearts into VBS, making it their mission each summer, and it’s breaking our hearts to hold it without them. But their devoted faithfulness to this outreach is part of the legacy Homer and Misty left behind, and we’re honoring them as we take up this challenge for the Lord. We still have three classrooms that need teachers. Could you be the one that God might use to speak to a young heart... the one who shows a child that Jesus wants to be his Best Friend? Sometimes the task of taking a class may seem daunting, but please don’t be overwhelmed... these lesson books are wonderfully done, and they break down the message in the simplest ways. Even the crafts are less complicated than usual, as we strive to make things more simplified and streamlined this year. We specifically need teachers and assistants for these classes:

- ~**Valiant Archers** (ages 5 & 6)
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Please let us know if you are willing to take this fun and rewarding adventure with our young people. We deeply appreciate your willingness...

Thanking God for You All,

~**Bruce, Darla, Marshall, and all our fellow “Keepers of the Kingdom”**

*“Keepers of the Kingdom” online registration::*

<https://smithgrovevbs23.myanswers.com/kingdomkeepers/>

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**Teen Update ~** Our rummage sale was another HUGE success! We are so thankful for the support shown to our teens and their ministry every year. **We raised \$1,352.00** towards buying Christmas gifts for the Tabernacle Children’s Home and the Tohono O’odham Nation Indian Reservation. Our summertime favorite, Sunday Sundaes, is in the works! Keep an eye out for the dates that we will post in the vestibule.

Our teen group has grown once again as we welcome Watson Crump to our group. We are currently up to eleven on Wednesday nights! Praise the Lord! When John and I started teaching in 2013, we had one teen, and it has been a wonderful journey to watch our group grow. As the song says, “Little is much when God is in it.” If you know of a teenager who doesn’t have a home church, please send them our way. We’d love to have them join our group!

Our recent lesson on the parable of the mustard seed reminded me of our group, and how our awesome God can take something small and turn it into something huge. We all know that Jesus was a gifted and amazing storyteller. He used parables that people could understand because they were related to their everyday lives.



In Matthew 13:31-32 Jesus shares with us how the smallest of seeds can blossom into something big. This tiny seed, depending on the variety, can grow into a tree between 6 and 20 feet tall! When Jesus shared this parable, He was just starting His earthly ministry. Jesus took a group of disciples, just a few people, and changed the world and our lives today! Although it was small in number, it had a huge impact on mankind. In life, do you ever feel insignificant or very small? Do you feel like there isn’t much you can do? Many in our group answered yes to this question, but that yes couldn’t be further from the truth! God can use each of us, regardless of our age, to accomplish great things. Only God knows our full potential! God can take the smallest of things and make them huge. He can use each of us if we allow Him to work through us.


2 Corinthians 4:7-8 tells us exactly how He can make this happen. God does the work in us – it’s not us, but Him! When we give our lives to Christ, we don’t have to feel like a small mustard seed. God is living inside each of us, and He is not small! God uses us to share the gospel with those around us. Sometimes, this is shared not through our words but by how we live our lives around others. When you get saved, you are a different person; you are now a “new creature” as 2 Corinthians 5:17 tells us. You might face difficulties or circumstances that make you feel small, but remember that God knows who you are and what’s going on, and He will never leave you. You are never too small when you belong to an AWESOME HUGE GOD!

Because of Calvary, **John and Stephanie**

*Dear Reader, if you missed the recitation by Mrs. Faye Whittemore in a recent service at our church, please take a moment and read her words below. It surely won't have the impact of her live presentation, but the written words are powerful in their own right. ....The Editor*

## **What Condescension!** (Penned by Faye Whittemore)

Something had to happen in Heaven before Jesus could come here to earth. In Heaven He was a full grown God wearing a Royal Robe and a Royal Crown. He could not come here like that. It may not have happened like this, but I believe it could have. Maybe the Father stepped forth and said, "Son, This is the day," and without reluctance, as the song says, God, the Son steps forward, embracing his Father.

The angels and the Holy Spirit gather round. There before the Father, Holy Spirit, and angels with a closet  in the background with a monogrammed label "God the Son," the God Son removed his crown, placing it on the shelf of the Royal Closet. He then removes his Royal Robe, hanging it on the Royal Hanger and places it in the Royal Closet marked God the Son.

And there before the Father, Holy Spirit and the angels, the God Son diminishes until he becomes a microscopic seed. The Father bends picking up the microscopic God Son, His gift to the World. A gift must be properly wrapped and labeled. So the Father takes a golden box to represent his royalty, places the seed inside the box lined with angel hair or cloud fluff, closes the lid, tying it with a red ribbon to represent the blood to be shed so we could come up there and live with him. The Father ties on the label where Mary of Nazareth has been inscribed.

The Father hands the packaged God Son to the Holy Spirit and he leaves the portals of Glory. He wings his way toward Nazareth to deliver the package to Mary who has been told that the Holy Ghost will overshadow her and that her child will be called the Son of God. The word "overshadow" doesn't just mean to stand over, but also to protect.

The devil may have seen the Holy Ghost come into town. He knew him because he used to live up there with him. His desire was to destroy the Holy Seed, but never you fear - The Holy Ghost protects that seed, finds Mary's house and when she awakes, she knows that she is with child of the Holy Ghost.

***What Condescension, bringing us redemption!***

## **The Colemans ~ "Tohono O'odham Nation" Missions**

Thank you for all your Mission help. Because of the calling and equipping of God, also because of your prayers and Mission support.

We are seeing souls saved and receiving help with many other needs. I stay busy preaching, teaching and soul winning. We are also reaching souls with food delivery, Bible distribution, and in home and hospital visits. Please continue to pray for us. It is not getting any easier. Satan is always active and wants to hinder the work of God. But, our marching orders from the Bible says to look up and keep pushing forward. The Bible says, 'Greater is He that is in you than in the world' (1 John 4:4). God is faithful with equipping power. We do need your continued prayers and support. Because, some of our Mission Partners have passed away and are now in Heaven.

*I would now like to share with you some of the things God has allowed us to do over the past few months.*



Pastor Gordon Garcia, from Vamori Baptist Church. He is preaching and teaching the Word of God in the Village of Vamori.



Yuvonne and Ross. Glad to have two new visitors at Bible study (Andrez and Terri), in the Village of San Miguel.



This trailer was donated to Dwayne and Candice and three other family members, from the World Gospel Missions. They were in desperate need of a home. They are beyond grateful.

Brother Bud Savage starting to load the van for one of our food deliveries. Brother Bud has such a Mission helping heart. Thank you for all you do, Bud!



God gave us the Great Commission many places in the Bible. Mark 16:15, 'Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature'. Thank you for helping me do that. If you have not been able to help, please pray and ask God what you can do.

Mission Servants for Jesus, **John and Mavis Coleman**

[There is more mission information & additional pictures from this Prayer Letter in the Missionary book in the church vestibule.]

## “Muse” or “Amuse”?

*“My heart was hot within me, while I was musing the fire burned: then spake I with my tongue,” – Psalm 39:3*

The Psalmist was giving deep thoughts to the things of life and, while doing so, his heart burned within him. He was “musing” or deeply pondering the brevity and frailness of his life. Let us look at two words, “muse” and “amuse.” When we consult Webster, we find the letter, “a” in “amuse”, suggests a contrast in meaning in these two words. Webster defines “muse” as becoming “absorbed in thought, to think about something carefully and thoroughly.” He defines “amuse” as having “one’s attention engaged lightly.” – A parsing of the word, when adding or subtracting the letter “a”, would suggest the idea of a deep or a shallow thought.

We live in a time when more people are far more interested in “amusement” than “musing”! Understandably, amusement through wholesome entertainment may be productive in the matter of stress reduction, but amusement can become counterproductive when it consumes a person to the extent that it becomes a habitual method of denying reality!

The Psalmist, through musing, better understood life’s brevity and frailty and his need of dependence upon the Lord for strength, deliverance, and direction. Muse through Psalm 39, acting upon its truths, and find for yourself that your heart, too, will become hot. Physical Life is short and frail and we desperately need salvation through Christ’s provision on the cross. We daily need God’s strength, deliverance, and direction. The perils of the times require more musing than amusing for reality is of such that we need God more than we realize!

**Chuck Peters – 4/18/2023**

## Pastor Chuck ~ 25 Years of Service ...

*June 14 is Flag Day ~ a day which is dear to our Pastor’s heart. When I see the flag, I am reminded of the dangers our military personnel face, all in defense of that precious flag. Even though our Pastor faced personal danger as he served his country in Iraq, he maintained the ability to laugh in the moment, especially when laughing at himself!*

**“A Turtle Goes to the Johnny House”  
Chuck Peters, Chaplain 105<sup>th</sup> MP BN  
Camp Bucca Iraq, 2005**

This morning I received the inspiration for this little story as I took my morning trip to one of the infamous Porta-johns dotting the landscape of my Army post in Southern Iraq. Our battlefield atmosphere requires that we wear body armor and Kevlar or helmet. This gear is very cumbersome, to say the least. The gear would probably weigh 40 pounds.



I had just returned from the shower facility and was wearing my standard Army P.T. shorts and tee shirt. I also was wearing the body armor. Try to capture the sight. A helmet, battle rattle, and me in shorts with my 58 year-old set of knobby knees sticking out. I was top heavy, ridiculous looking, and thinking to myself, I’m sure glad I’m 6,000 miles away from home! This attire is quite a contrast to my usual back home preacher “uniform” consisting of a suit and tie. I don’t think I would want the picture as a part of our church “Messenger” *[Seriously, Pastor?]* or framed on the wall alongside the former pastors of our church! I can hear the explosion of laughter in my sarcastic family and especially the high pitch laugh of Carol and her saying to me, “Don’t make me laugh.”

Most of us in our generation have fond memories of the little outhouse and the Sears magazine. I remember our family outhouse. The outhouse was necessary and a custom requirement. Everybody had them and personal property wasn’t complete without them. A house and an outhouse went together then as naturally as an inside bathroom enhances the structure and comfort of a modern home.

This morning, as nature would have it, I needed to visit the Porta-john. I headed to the facility, wearing my P.T. shorts, body armor, and helmet. You have to try to picture the sight. You really look odd when you are short. The body armor has a flap that literally protects the front of the soldier’s body. The flap hangs down quite low and reminds you of a disk on the back of a rototiller. The only difference is that this disk is on the front! Short soldiers almost plow a furrow as they walk and especially through this thick Iraqi desert sand. I struggle to get to the “John” and think in my mind that the hare in the nursery rhyme would have really loved to race this turtle!

I finally make it to the military version of the outhouse and once in, find that the place is too tight to remove the gear, so I have to negotiate the situation. I keep the gear on . . . Try to imagine a turtle sitting on a bathroom seat. Imagine that turtle also wearing a military helmet. That would make a good cartoon! That’s what I looked like! My greatest fear was getting stuck in here! I can see the write-up now, “First Sergeant at Camp Bucca rescues the Battalion Chaplain from the Porta-john.” I conclude this real life military story by simply saying that life can be funny even in difficult situations, and a little humor brings relief to the tensions brought on by the pressures of life. We may as well throw in a little humor even on the battlefield. *Most of what we do is far from being laughable.*

We read in Proverbs, “A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.” – Proverbs 17:22

As for me, I will continue making my way through this deployment and, yes, even spread a little humor as I go. There is always time for a good laugh, and especially when you see a turtle going to the Johnny house. *[Thank you, Pastor, for your service!]*

