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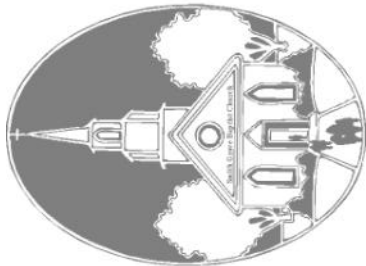
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Thursday Visitation	7:00 PM

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August

Reminder in July-Special Music: July 30, 11am~ Kendra (Robinwood);
6 pm~Gospel Light Singers

Sat., Aug. 5, 6 pm - W-S Rescue Mission

Sun., Aug. 20 ~ BEAMS Sunday

Sun., Aug. 20, 6 pm ~ Special Music by Four His Glory Quartet

Every Monday, 3 pm, Robinwood Retirement Ctr.

SUNDAY SUNDAYES

August 6, August 20, August 27.



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, Stateside in August. (Sam Crater's nephew)

SGT. Eric Compton, Army, Ft. Stewart, GA (Doug Slate's grandson)

CW4 Jonathan Harless (Raleigh) } (Hal & Martha

LTC Robert Harless (Ft. Bragg, NC) } Harless' sons)

E3 Noah Johnson, US Coast Guard Station Port Canaveral,

Cape Canaveral, FL (Henry & Geraldine Johnson's grandson)

CCWO5 Michael Maine, US Army; Fort Rucker, AL

(Nephew of Clarence Redmon)

SSGT Trevor Westmoreland, Army, Fort Benning, GA

(Allen & Sandy Westmoreland's son)



If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14

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.



"Seek" – *"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God." – Colossians 3:1*

It behooves the Christian to be heavenly minded for heaven is where our Saviour sits on the Father's right hand. Heaven is the destiny of the saints and the promised safe haven of rest and everlasting joy. The things above are lasting and stable while the things below are fading and dying. The things above give cause for lasting hope for they are eternal.

We are to not only seek the things above but to also set our affection on those higher things. "Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth." – Colossians 3:2 The love of things below will prove to be a disappointed love for these things are fragile and only for a time and are destined to be taken from our grip of enjoyment. Things above match the eternal climate and will be enjoyed forever. The love for and the search after material things will eventually weaken as awareness of eternity grows stronger in our minds and heart.

It appears that a greater Christlikeness results in a better realization of one's identity with the risen Lord and a spontaneous reaction to desire a better knowledge of Him. A closer relationship with Him will most certainly affect the "seeking" and the "setting" of our affections on the things above.



BEAMS' Report for July 2023

of Pledges: 9; # of Contributions: 11;

Total Contributors: 20

Total Contributed: \$ 877.00 =

109 Bibles in July (plus some postage)

Many thanks to all those who gave monies to the BEAMS' ministry specifically for postage which added \$ 195.00 in July!

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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Charles Spurgeon on PRAYER

- The very act of prayer is a blessing.
- To pray is to enter the treasure-house of God and to gather riches out of an inexhaustible storehouse.
- You are before the Lord; let your words be few, but let your heart be fervent.
- As well could you expect a plant to grow without air and water as to expect your heart to grow without prayer and faith.



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 *August and September* 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.

Patsy Pendry

8054 Clinard Farms Rd
High Point, NC 27265
336-617-0590 ~ August 19

Doris Nuckles

8324 Tyner Loop Road
Colfax, NC 27235
336-668-2332 ~ August 28

Carol Hayden

8413 Adkins Rd
Colfax, NC 27235
336-993-8328
336-708-9435 ~ September 01

Evelyn Mickey

8350 Tyner Loop Rd
Colfax, NC 27235
336-668-2332 ~ September 01

Bobbie Hayworth

1847 Horneytown Rd.
High Point, NC 27265
336-869-3956 (Home)
336-942-0750 (Cell) ~ Sept. 27



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!

August Anniversaries

10 Johnny & Laura Smith
19 Calvin & Joy Vaughn



- "To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable, because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you."—C.S. Lewis
- "Christ literally walked in our shoes."—Tim Keller
- "I'm not perfect. I'm never going to be. And that's the great thing about living the Christian life and trying to live by faith, is you're trying to get better every day. You're trying to improve."—Tim Tebow

*Laughter is the
Best Medicine*

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Pssst..... Pastor, I need to
speak with you. Do you
think the hat is good for
your pastoral image?

Pastor, your message
title is *What???*



Facebook Lady

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MY SPECIAL PLACE

By Maudean Nuckles (August 24, 1939 ~January 15, 2022)

When clouds are hanging low o'er my troubled soul
Darkness seems to hide my Savior's face
My soul can flee unto His tender loving arms
As on His breast I find my special place

Within the cleft of the rock 'neath His sheltering wing
I find a refuge from the storm I face
My soul can soar above the cloud of dark despair
When on His breast I find my special place

No other place can satisfy my longing soul
My heart's desire
No greater love my heart could e'er embrace
When on His breast I find my special place

Psalm 91:1, 2, 3a *He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High
shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord,
He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.
Surely he shall deliver thee.*

Pastor Chuck ~ 25 Years of Service ...

Covid-19 brought out some deep thinking on the part of our pastor... the thoughts below may belong in a category all their own! ☺

An excerpt from “The Corona Crazies” (July/2021) - Pastor Chuck

I am beginning to believe that this pandemic is now producing “Corona Crazies,” as I call it. People are beginning to act strange. Maybe it’s because of breathing so much of the stale air of our houses. We have the feeling of being confined to bunkers and everything outside as a threat. We are becoming more paranoid as the days go by.

I went out yesterday to a grocery store and noticed that people moved around like zombies. They seemed to have no personalities and refused to look up or around. They did, however, turn and look at me with a mean face when I happened to cough.

A News commentator suggested that a baby boom may follow this pandemic but I am afraid of a pandemic of divorces before this is over. This, “under the same roof” is not for wimps! Now we can’t even discipline our kids and send them out of the house because a neighbor’s kid might sneeze on them and we would self quarantine them for two weeks and would go nuts for sure if they are confined to the house only. We have an older guy who walks regularly around our block but the first time I hear him cough or sneeze, I’m calling the law!

We have become so paranoid in my house that my wife cooks a meal and then slingshots it to me. I have a friend in W.VA who told me recently that the only thing he has to look forward to is the next meal. He had recently asked his son why West Virginia had no virus cases and his son said that was because the State hadn’t learned to read the tests yet.

I still can’t understand the logic behind the great toilet paper caper. Someone recently got tired of not finding toilet paper in the stores and simply went out and ripped off a tractor and trailer truck loaded with toilet paper. By the time that that guy uses all of that paper, he will be able to sell it on EBay as antique or vintage. His bathroom will wear out long before the paper! It’s almost like toilet paper is on people’s minds. They have become collectors. These are interesting days when we have become collectors of stamps, coins, and toilet paper!

Have you noticed that gasoline prices are lower than they have been in years? That’s nice but the only problem is that we are scared to go anywhere! Like I said, this Corona is turning us into crazies. I heard a talk show host say that if someone sneezes in your presence, sneeze back at them and then smack them! That’s all we need is for a fight to break out in the grocery store because someone sneezed in our aisle. There is another issue with a fight. You may hit someone and forget to wash your hands! If the police come to make an arrest, you also will need to remind them to make sure that they wipe down the cuffs with alcohol.

Well, what do we do? I guess stay in our bunkers and wait for reinforcements! Don’t be too friendly to your neighbors. Don’t answer the door bell. Stay away from even your family. Every night, before you go to bed, burn your clothes. Above all, eat nothing but peanut butter and plaster Paris to avoid ever again having a need of toilet paper. Do you have symptoms of the Corona Crazies? I might and after reading what I just wrote, ***I’m sure I do!***

The Stover Family

Robert, Sara, Josiah, Caleb, Joshua,
Lydia, Zachary, Elijah, & Melody



Thank you so much for praying for our trip back to the States. We arrived in Kansas City on May 15 to pick up our rented van. What a blessing BMTM has been to so many missionaries! We were able to make a trip out west to visit both new and supporting churches, and God gave us a new supporting church along the way. 1 Samuel 26:13 states: “And Jonathan Saul’s son arose, and went to David into the wood, and strengthened his hand in God,” Our time to this point has made me think of this verse. So many godly people have encouraged us through this time. The Lord has met with us as we have preached and taught His Word and shared about the ministry in Peru. We trust that you will pray for us as we continue our travels.

Ministry Update

Just 2 days before we left Peru, the 42-year-old mother of two of our faithful young people passed away suddenly. The mother knew the Lord and attended our church some. During the calling hours and funeral there was great liberty to preach the Gospel to the many present. Instead of the traditional Catholic 8-day mass, the family held a service at their house where many others heard a clear presentation of the Gospel. Please pray that God would use this tragic situation so that many would come to know Him and that He would comfort the hearts of this precious family.

Plans

In our absence, the work continues in Viñani. Our people are visiting 2 days a week and have begun a new children’s Bible club on Friday afternoon and continue the one on Saturday as well as the youth meeting. God has given new children in the new area. Please pray for José and Roberto as they teach and preach during the services. Other pastor friends from the area are also taking turns filling in. Our hearts long to be back at the Redemption Baptist Church, but we know these next few weeks will go by quickly. The work of sowing and watering continues; please pray for the increase that only God can give.

Furlough

It has been a blessing to see our families, many friends, our sending church and other supporters. Please pray that God would continue to renew us both physically and spiritually and that He would give us safety in travel. In 5 weeks we have travelled around 7,600 miles. Pray that our van would continue to run well. We were privileged to see our co-worker Bethany Homan this past week. Please pray for her as she fights cancer. Thank you so much for your prayers and support of our ministry. They are truly our lifeline, and we thank you for them!

In His Service, **Robert & Sara Stover and Family**
Missionaries to Peru





Be Strong ~ Youth

As the summer days are dwindling, we're still enjoying the longer Wednesday evenings with our young people! Summertime means every night is a "no school" night, so youngsters are lingering a little longer... to play softball together in the side yard, to chat in the parking lot, or to challenge one another to a game of hide and seek! We have also recently taken the time to mull over the scripture taken from our "Keepers of the Kingdom" lessons earlier in the summer. These timely truths from Vacation Bible School echo Paul's encouragement of the Ephesians: *"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."* (6:10-11)

First, we've been reminded that mankind is in a constant battle between two kingdoms... **"Of Two, Only One is True!"** We must stand strong against the Prince of Darkness to win victory through our great Creator King. In order to stand strong in this spiritual battle, we must build a Biblical worldview and be grounded in what the Lord's Word says.

Next, we have pondered that, in our battle, we must choose truth and side with Jesus, our Savior King... let's **"Decide our Side!"** When we commit our hearts to following Him, we put on our first piece of armor, the Belt of Truth, and we trust His absolute truth.

Thirdly, we have resolved to obey the Lord's truth, as we slip on the Breastplate of Righteousness and Shoes of Peace. These armor pieces let us know that we should obey without delay... and remember to **"Do Right in God's Sight!"**

We have also reviewed the Shield of Faith and Helmet of Salvation, two parts of the armor that protect us and guard against false teachings and temptations. They help our minds to "think truth" so we might **"Learn to Discern!"**

Lastly, after all these defensive pieces that protect, we've picked up the only piece of armor that acts as our weapon... *"Take the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God: praying always..."* Our Bible is indeed our trusty weapon, hidden in our hearts, that we might be ready to give an answer for the hope that is in us. We can be strengthened in the battles we face, when we train ourselves to pray and ponder over God's Word... **"Train Your Brain!"**

How grateful we are, having the chance to review these truths again, at a slower and gentler pace, before our students head back to school in a few short weeks. We pray that, clothed in the Lord's armor, our youngsters will be bold and brave knights, standing strong in the daily battles they face.

We deeply appreciate your prayers for them too,

Bruce, Darla, and Marshall



Isaiah 40:31 *But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.*

Teen Update ~ What card games do you enjoy? I've always enjoyed playing Go Fish, Old Maid and Uno. Each of these games start out by having cards dealt to each player. Next, you look at your cards and decide how you're going to play your hand. Sometimes, we receive great cards and other times we get bad cards. However, we still have to play those cards the best we can. Even though our cards are bad, we still have a chance of winning.

As our teens played a game of Uno, we talked about how our lives can be compared to a dealt hand of cards. Regardless of what our hand looks like, whether good or bad, we must live our lives according to what we're given all while giving thanks to God. It's easy to be thankful for all the good things we experience in life, but often times we aren't so thankful for the bad. God wants us to play both the good and bad as best as we can, and to be thankful and glorify Him regardless of what we were dealt.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 says, "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

Ephesians 5:20 says, "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;"

Philippians 4:6 says, "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."

Colossians 3:17 says, "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him."

Thanklessness is a trait of unbelievers. As Christians, we are to "give thanks" to God in both good and bad times. Troubles that we face come to teach us to lean more on Jesus. By having faith in Him and working to overcome the troubles we face, we will become stronger than we ever were before. Keeping in prayer will help to maintain gratitude in the face of adversity.

Worry is a lack of faith, and Christians shouldn't go around with the weight of worry on their shoulders. We need to trust the Lord in every aspect of our lives. When we pray, it shouldn't be just a time of requests. It should be a time to thank Him for what He has blessed us with now, blessings yet to come, and we can even thank Him for our troubling situations.

We should apply these verses to our everyday lives. Every task we do should be done with thanksgiving in our hearts. We must not only speak and hear the Word, but we must do it as well.

Rather than complain about the cards you've been dealt, be thankful for them and use them for the glory of God!

Because of Calvary, **Stephanie and John Moore**

"The Voice of the Highest"

**"The LORD also thundered in the heavens,
and the Highest gave his voice; hail
stones and coals of fire."**

Psalm 18:13

Lately my thoughts have been upon the humanity of Christ as associated with His Deity. He was very man, as He was very God! He walked upon this earth and dwelt among us as one of us, though sinless and perfect Deity. He walked, He ate, He slept, He wept, He talked, and He communicated. He, as human, was seen as human. He spoke and His voice conveyed words of power, comfort, threat, and hope. His voice was convicting to those who scorned and consoling to those who suffered. When He spoke, sinners fell before Him, waves calmed beneath Him, and children were drawn to Him.

His voice is the voice of the Highest and when He speaks, the Heavens are shaken. His voice is the voice of the Beloved, adored by His Bride. His voice is the voice of the Shepherd, heard by His sheep. His voice is the voice of the "Beloved Son," sent and loved by His Father. His voice was the voice of The Lamb dying upon the cross and announcing the completed payment for sin in His victory shout, "It is finished!"

This, "Voice of The Highest," will one day be heard by the armed forces gathered together in that final battle of the centuries. It will be heard in proximity to the very site where He once spoke as the lowly Galilean. He will now speak as the Mighty Conqueror. That same voice which is a saving voice will be a sentencing voice. Earth's enemies will be conquered by the voice of Him who speaks and the aftermath of the sounding of His voice will be the total annihilation of the armies gathered against Him.

This world would be wise to realize that the highest voice of the land is not the power-hungry political mongrels and world dictators but rather the voice of Him who is The Highest. His presence and voice are overwhelming beyond our comprehending ability. He will speak in His time and His voice will be heard and respected. *"The earth shook, the heavens also dropped at the presence of God: even Sinai itself was moved at the presence of God, the God of Israel."* – Psalm 68:8 - **Chuck Peters**

"I Dreamed a Dream"

"I dreamed a dream the other night,
a dream where everything was bright.
My dream was filled with joyful bliss
for grief was met by happiness.

This dream I dreamed was out of sight
with endless day and never night.

The people in my wondrous dream
were happy folks and none were mean.

None talked of war or strife or pain.
There was no sorrow, they talked the same.
The place was filled with songs and noises,
sounds of praise and Angel's voices.

There were no tears or sadness there.
This place was happy beyond compare.

The greatest aspect of this dream
took place before a throne, it seems.

I saw a King upon that stand
with shining face and nail pierced hand.

Before His throne I hid my face
and thanked Him for His saving grace.

I then awoke, my dream did end.

I faced my world and all its sin.

My dream was gone but yet I knew
His love is real and His Word is true.

The One who saves us by His grace
has promised us a glorious place.

A place so fair and will last forever
where nighttime and dreams are gone forever.

My dream I had, it did not last, for I awoke, my dream did pass.
My dream is nothing but a story, yet I'll awake one day in Glory."

Chuck Peters – 7/24/20