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

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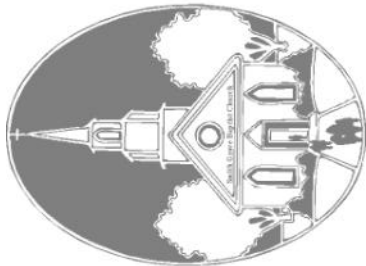
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The Legacy Continues . . .

HOME COMING 2023

Sunday, Oct. 8, 10:30 a.m. (no Sunday School)

~ Homecoming Message by Rev. Dave Peters; *Special Music by the Baker Family Singers & Kendra from Robinwood*

A meal will be provided by the church in the Fellowship Building after the service. (Including desserts.) **NO EVENING SERVICE**

~ **October 8 is also Pastor Appreciation Day** ~

Sat., Oct. 7, 6 pm - W-S Rescue Mission

Sun., Oct. 15 ~ BEAMS Sunday

Sun., Oct. 29, 6 pm ~Singspiration ~ "Mercy Mountain Academy"

Christian Girls Home, Asheboro, NC; Director, Lori Harvey

Every Monday, 3 pm, Robinwood Retirement Ctr.

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 (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)

E5 Noah Johnson, US Coast Guard, Portsmouth, VA

(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)



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.



U – “Understanding” ~ “The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,” – Ephesians 1:18

The “eye” has to do with seeing and the “understanding” has to do with perceiving. The perceiving of truth is made possible by the work of the Holy Spirit upon the heart and mind in convicting the lost and bringing them to Christ and then opening up the mind and heart to understand the truths of God’s Word and His will. “For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;” – Colossians 1:9

I was blessed this morning when I saw, on the news, a testimony given by a saved and very wise black lady who testified on National News that she used to make a god out of the color of her skin until she came to Christ and now, she sees herself as she is in Christ! That is a powerful statement!

Paul prayed that these Christians in Ephesus have the eyes of their understanding opened to understand fully their benefits associated with the heavenly hope and the precious wealth pertaining to that promised heaven to the saints. Oh, that the eyes of our understanding be opened to see the truth of our eternal inheritance in Christ! “And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.” – Romans 8:17



BEAMS' Report for September 2023

of Pledges: 7; # of Contributions: 8;

Total Contributors: 15

Total Contributed: \$ 686.00 =

85 Bibles in September (plus some postage)

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

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/>

Pastor Appreciation Day

Sunday, October 8, is a wonderful opportunity for each of us to let our pastors know how much they mean to us. Let's make sure that Pastor Chuck Peters and Pastor Bruce Freeman receive our thanks for all they do, and our true Appreciation for their dedication to this church's tradition of preaching the Word, without apology!
~ Come out and help celebrate Pastor Chuck's 25 years as Pastor. ~

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 *October and November* 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.

Ruby Bowden

2007 Beeson Road
Oak Ridge, NC 27310
336-993-0220 ~ October 20

Iris Farrington

C/O Fair Haven Home
149 Fairhaven Dr, Rm a5b
Bostic, NC 28018
828-245-9095 ~ October 24

Norman Smith

111 Buena Vista Ave
High Point, NC 27265
336-847-2164 (Cell) ~ October 26

Kathy L. Crews

8103 Tam O'Shanter Dr
Greensboro, NC 27409
336-668-9721 ~ October 30

Jackie Chastain

1053 St. Michael's Ln
High Point, NC 27265
336-869-4697 (Home)
336-906-7281 (Cell) ~ October 31

Willard Tucker

8109 Thorndike Rd.
Greensboro, NC 27409
336-668-2370 ~ November 6

Carolyn McBrayer

1607 Squire Davis Rd
Kernersville, NC 27284
336-869-2001 ~ November 8

Virginia Nuckles

4610 Kendale Road
High Point, NC 27265
336-668-2334 ~ November 13

Irene Shields

8042 Clinard Farm Rd
High Point, NC 27265
336-668-2298 ~ November 30



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!

October Anniversaries

5 Scott & Melanie Crump
16 Jerry & Shelby Crump
28 Nathan & Ashley Pilcher



Charles Hadden Spurgeon Quotes

"Wisdom is the right use of knowledge. To know is not to be wise. Many men know a great deal, and are all the greater fools for it. There is no fool so great a fool as a knowing fool. But to know how to use knowledge is to have wisdom."

"There are times when solitude is better than society, and silence is wiser than speech. We should be better Christians if we were more alone, waiting upon God, and gathering through meditation on His Word spiritual strength for labour in his service. We ought to muse upon the things of God, because we thus get the real nutriment out of them. . . . Why is it that some Christians, although they hear many sermons, make but slow advances in the divine life? Because they neglect their closets, and do not thoughtfully meditate on God's Word. They love the wheat, but they do not grind it; they would have the corn, but they will not go forth into the fields to gather it; the fruit hangs upon the tree, but they will not pluck it; the water flows at their feet, but they will not stoop to drink it. From such folly deliver us, O Lord. . . ."

"No stars gleam as brightly as those which glisten in the polar sky. No water tastes so sweet as that which springs amid the desert sand. And no faith is so precious as that which lives and triumphs through adversity. Tested faith brings experience. You would never have believed your own weakness had you not needed to pass through trials. And you would never have known God's strength had His strength not been needed to carry you through." — Charles H. Spurgeon



Why was Cinderella bad at football? *Because she had a pumpkin for a coach.*

What's a pumpkin's favorite genre? *Pulp fiction.*

Why did the pumpkin take a detour? *To avoid a seedy part of town.*

How do you mend a jack-o'-lantern? *With a pumpkin patch.*

Why was the jack-o'-lantern scared? *Because it had no guts.*

Why was the gourd so gossipy? *To give 'em pumpkin to talk about.*

What do you get when you drop a pumpkin? *Squash.*

What does a carved pumpkin celebrate? *Hollow-een.*

What did the pumpkin say to its carver? *Cut it out!*

What's a pumpkin's favorite Western? *The Gourd, the Bad, and the Ugly*

*"You can't change the people around you,
but you can change the people around you."*

Pastor Chuck ~ 25 Years of Service ...

We appreciate Pastor Chuck! Twenty-five years have passed so very quickly since Pastor Chuck & Sister Carol joined our fellowship. They have both been loving, caring, and dedicated to the service of the Lord, and to the fulfillment of their leadership roles in the Smith Grove Baptist Church.

At this, our 102nd anniversary as a church, let us celebrate the legacy of ***“Preserving the Truth and the Ties that Bind,”*** a legacy which Pastor Chuck helped preserve for the past 25 years!



Homecoming by Pastor Chuck

“In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.” – John 14:2-3

Our church celebrates its homecoming the second Sunday of this month. The homecoming service is a time of reflection on the history of the church. The homecoming service is a memorial service for memory is made of the precious saints of God who enhanced the rich spiritual history of our church. Homecoming is a time to ponder, remember, and give thanks for the blessings of God upon our church.

Homecoming is a time to rejoice and celebrate the home going of our many faithful saints down through the years. They not only are not forgotten but their works continue to follow them as we still reap the fruit of their faithful labors here at Smith Grove Baptist Church.

Homecoming is a wonderful time to anticipate the “great homecoming” when the Saviour returns for His bride. He will sweep the church away to be with Him and God’s people will celebrate forever a union with Christ made possible by His shed blood on Calvary.

“What a day that will be, When my Jesus I shall see, And I look upon His face, The One who saved me by His grace; When He takes me by the hand, And leads me through the Promised Land, What a day, glorious day that will be.” - Jim Hill



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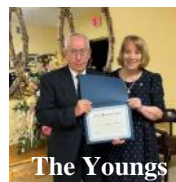
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Dear Faithful BEAMS Supporters, greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ! I pray that all is well with you, your family, and ministry. What a privilege to serve the Lord together.



What an exciting month! God has blessed the BEAMS ministry with a new missionary family. Bro. Cecil and Kathey Young were commissioned as BEAMS missionaries in the state of Michigan. The Youngs are sent out of Faith Baptist Church, Gulfport, Mississippi, Pastor Dan Carr, Sr. Pray for the Youngs as they begin their ministry. In the last newsletter we shared the need we had to update the guest rooms for missionaries. We



The Youngs

had the carpet and padding donated! Funds have come in to help with the painting, carpet installation and repairs! More funds are still needed but work has begun!



Guest Rooms



Dr. Lockard & Bro. Shelby

Bro. Luke Shelby, veteran missionary to Kenya, visited the BEAMS Headquarters and picked up Bibles for Kenya. Bro. Shelby has received Bibles from BEAMS since 1997! He shared a wonderful testimony of the impact of one BEAMS Bible. He has promised to send the full account and pictures that we will share in an upcoming newsletter. Along with our monthly packing, BEAMS provided Bibles for the Reunion

Islands and the Philippines.

As I write this letter, I am preparing to head out to the BEAMS Revival hosted by Harvest Baptist Church, Greenville, Pennsylvania, Pastor Jeremy McClain. BEAMS missionary Ray Dombeck has worked with this church to set this up. We are looking for a great time of preaching, singing, fellowship and mailing boxes of BEAMS Bibles.

For Souls and Bibles,
Dr. Arthur J. Lockard, Jr.
Psalm 119:130

National BEAMS Bible Conference:

February 26-27, 2024
Hosted by Faith Baptist Church,
Gulfport, Mississippi

SENDING THE WHOLE BIBLE TO THE WHOLE WORLD!



Be Strong ~ Youth

Our Wednesday nights have found our youngsters back at our Bible Timeline, where they have been excited to progress to the New Testament. So far, we have pondered the truth that Jesus is eternal, and that He spoke creation into existence long before He came as a tiny child... God in the flesh, come to be our Savior. Now that we have explored the Old Testament, our students have caught a glimpse of Jesus in the prophecies, so it's clear to see why John claims Him as the "Word" come to life, God's precious promise in the flesh.

We have seen the baptism of Jesus, and heard His Father proclaim that He is the beloved Son, in Whom He is well pleased. We have also learned that the scriptures show how Jesus is perfectly holy, and uniquely qualified to be our Savior. In the wilderness, as He resists temptation from Satan, Jesus maintained His status as the sinless Bread of Life. What an example He leaves for us too! With all three attempts by Satan, Jesus confronts him with the words, "It is written"... then He uses scripture to counteract the blasts from the devil. The children were encouraged that we too might resist temptations, by standing on God's Word and claiming His truths. The Bible is our powerful weapon... the sword of the Lord is always ready to draw when we face Satan's tricks!

We saw too, how Jesus later revealed His power to Peter, James, and John. They witnessed the Lord's face glowing as the sun, and this *transfiguration* showed the majesty and glory of Jesus. His disciples would have no reason to doubt that Jesus was the one and only perfect Lamb of God, qualified to redeem the world! As we closely follow His ministry, we are also beginning to see how Jesus changed lives. A Samaritan who would've been scorned by other Jews, the woman at the well marveled that Jesus offered her "living water" that would spring up eternally. Amazed that He knew her sinful heart, she hurried to invite others to come and see Him for themselves. Jesus challenged the disciples to recognize the "harvest" to come, so they could "reap" the Samaritan people who then flowed out of the city, eager to learn more about the Lord. Jesus remained with them two days, and many believed on Him. From this account, our youngsters drew lessons for their own lives... that God's salvation is for *everyone*; and that we should go boldly for Him, like the woman at the well. Jesus had touched her, and she willingly went to spread the word! If He has touched us, we have a story to tell too, and we must share what Jesus has done in our lives. Because we know different people, we all have a different "harvest" we can reach. Thinking about those we love, it's a powerful motivator to insert individual names in the blank~ "*For God so loved _____, that He gave His only begotten Son...*"

While we weave our way through the Gospels, we will meet one person after another who encountered Jesus as He ministered here on earth. With every beautiful story, help us pray that each young heart will be touched by His redeeming love and forgiveness, growing ever closer to Him in their own walks with Christ.

Always Grateful For Your Prayers~ Bruce, Darla, and Marshall

True Wisdom is based on the Fear of the Lord.

Teen Update ~ We've started a new series with our teens in the book of Proverbs. This study will help our teens with practical instruction for claiming life as God intended for each of them to do. Our teens will come to understand wisdom and how to apply it in relationships, discipline, honesty, pride, emotions, and other vital areas in their life.

Our first lesson was titled, "Wisdom: Learning to Live Life with Skill." We discussed the differences between knowledge, intelligence, and wisdom. Proverbs encourages us as we live our lives, and it is God's collection of wisdom. Intelligence is our ability to learn, knowledge is the information storehouse of what we've learned, and wisdom is the understanding of life and how it all works. Wisdom is a skill at living life that is arrived at by understanding how life works. Wisdom comes from two sources: observation and divine inspiration.

Next, we examined ways to capture wisdom. Part of gaining wisdom is knowing how to recognize it. It doesn't just appear, or occur naturally. Wise people learn to be wise over time and have been highly valued throughout ancient history. The wise may not have been the smartest with the most knowledge, but they were skilled in living life and dealing with people. Kings sought wise men because they had taken the time to gain, learn, understand, receive, listen, and increase knowledge and obtain insight. These actions are given to us in Proverbs 1:1-7.

Finally, we looked at ways to lay a foundation of wisdom in our own lives. True wisdom is based on the fear of the Lord. Wisdom that is not based on this lacks depth that only the Lord can bring. We can observe life and learn to act wisely. By doing this, we can learn to avoid arguments, value our friendships, choose words more wisely, and discipline children. Anyone who is wise in these ways, but does not fear the Lord is missing a great deal. Their wisdom is about personal gain rather than respecting God.

When we live our lives by God's wisdom, our lives will be more pleasing to our Father in heaven.

Because of Calvary, *Stephanie and John Moore*

Proverbs 1:1-7 ~ 1 The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel; 2 To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding; 3 To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity; 4 To give subtilty to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion. 5 A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels: 6 To understand a proverb, and the interpretation; the words of the wise, and their dark sayings. 7 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

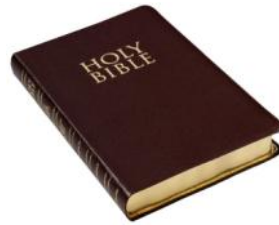
My Priceless Book

I have in my possession a priceless Book. This Book is a part of my book collection but has value far greater than any of my books. I have several books in my library and some of them cost more than my priceless Book. Some of my books are special for they were written by a friend. Some of my books are special because they are useful tools in my study. The quality of my most priceless Book is not found in its binding, quality of pages, or cover quality. Its cover, in fact, is made of artificial leather and its quality is far less than many of my other books.

This priceless Book derives its value from its Author and its influence upon lives. It is the Holy Bible and it is the Book of God. "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:" – II Timothy 3:16

No other book has the power of this priceless Book. It has a track record of defeating its bitterest foes, for every generation has produced darkened souls made clean through the power of this Book. It has stopped atheists, agnostics, and God deniers in their tracks and cleaned up the mouths of many from profanity to preaching! This priceless and powerful Book wields authority unlike any other writing. It is the only Book that reads while it is being read. It reads the nature of its readers and strikes conviction, for it is powerful in correction and instruction. It is the only Book that carries us as we carry it! It bears us up with arms of comfort for it contains multiple words of comfort and promises. It is the only Book which serves as a preeminent standard for faith, conduct, and governance.

There is no other Book hated more by the Devil, than the Bible. His hatred is seen in the early Chapters of the Bible in his attempt to contradict what God had said. He attempted to add to God's Words. His same strategy again surfaced at the time Jesus underwent His temptations in the wilderness. The Devil cannot destroy the Bible but he attempts to weaken it through distortion by weak translations and modern versions. The Satanic attack against the Bible is a subtle proof of the Bible's inspiration for it would not be such a target for Satanic attack if it was not inspired! I would also suggest that he desires to keep Christians away from the Scriptures. He is okay with our carrying the Bible if the Bible



does not carry us! He is okay with our even reading the Bible if we do not let the Bible read us in conviction, leading to confession of sins! It's okay to speak highly of the Bible if we do not let it keep us encouraged and living a victorious Christian life! Just remember, if the Bible was a dead Book with a dead author, it would not have the Devil's attention like it does!

My Book is priceless also because it is eternal. It must be eternal for its Author is eternal. Can that be said of any other book? "Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away." – Mark 13:31

"The Bible contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you.

It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's charter. Here Paradise is restored, Heaven opened, and the gates of hell disclosed. Christ is its grand subject, our good the design, and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently, and prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure. It is given you in life, will be opened at the judgment, and be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, will reward the greatest labor, and will condemn all who trifle with its sacred contents." - Corey J. Hicks

I love my priceless Book for I know it is the "Book of God." I recommend that all of you read it and treasure it as well. I also must tell you that you, too, can know its Author if you trust, for salvation, the central Personage of this priceless Book. He is the Lord Jesus Christ and saves the poor lost soul. "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." – Hebrews 7:25

Chuck Peters – 8/29/2023

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