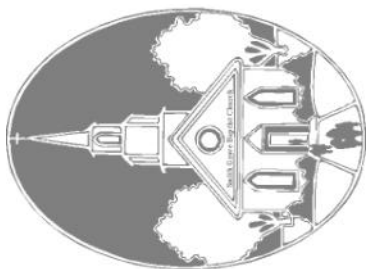


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As the cold of snow in the time of harvest, so is a faithful messenger to them that send him, for he refresheth the soul of his masters . . .

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Happy Father's Day



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

Sun., June 16 ~ Father's Day & BEAMS Sunday

Every Monday, 3 pm, Robinwood Retirement Ctr.

VBS: "The Great Jungle Journey" ~ Mon.-Fri., June 10-14 - 7-9 pm

Sun., June 30 ~ Patriotic 4th of July Service
~ followed by hot dogs & hamburgers in the Fellowship Building.
(Hot dogs, hamburgers & dessert will be provided by the church).
NO EVENING SERVICE.

Sunday Sundaes ~ Dates are as follows: June 23, June 30, July 14,
August 4, August 11, and August 18

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 Joy Overcast

IN THE SERVICE OF THEIR COUNTRY

PVT Adam Brittain, Army, Stateside (Sam Crater's nephew)

CW4 Jonathan Harless (Ft. Bragg) } (Hal & Martha

COL 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)

1stSgt Gregory Reynolds, Marines, Camp Pendleton, CA.

(Jan Reynolds' son.)

SSgt. Josh Robertson, Marines, Naples, Italy (From Clyde Gray)

The Country of Israel - families of those killed, and the hostages taken. *May God's chosen people prevail.*



FLAG DAY



... is a holiday celebrated on June 14

in the United States. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States on June 14, 1777 by resolution of the Second Continental Congress. The Flag Resolution stated "That the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation."

The United States Army also celebrates the U.S. Army birthday on this date, as Congress adopted the American continental army after reaching a consensus position in the Committee of the Whole on June 14, 1775.

In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation that officially established June 14 as Flag Day. On August 3, 1949, National Flag Day was established by an Act of Congress.

It is the Soldier ~ Dennis Edward O'Brien

It is the Soldier, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of press.

It is the Soldier, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech.

It is the Soldier, not the campus organizer, who gives us freedom to demonstrate.

It is the Soldier who salutes the flag, who serves beneath the flag,

and whose coffin is draped by the flag, who allows the protester to burn the flag.



BEAMS' Report for May 2024

of Pledges: 10; # of Contributions: 9;

Total Contributors: 19

Total Contributed: \$ 766.00 =

95+ Bibles in May (plus some postage)

Many thanks to all those who gave monies to the BEAMS' ministry specifically for postage which added \$ 180.00 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/mySGBC/>



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To listen & download mp3:

Audio Archive Online ~ <https://www.smithgrove.org/audio-archive/>

COMPUTER TERMS explained by the digitally-challenged:

BACKUP

What you do when you run across a skunk in the woods.

BYTE

What your pet turtle did to cousin John.

DIGITAL

The art of counting on your fingers.

KEYBOARD

Where you hang your car keys.

MOUSE PAD

Where Mickey and Minnie live.

NETWORK

When you scoop up a big fish before it breaks the line.

SCREEN

Helps keep the mosquitoes off the porch.



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. Join us as we highlight our special "Honour Roll Gang Members" who are having birthdays in June and July. 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 27101
 336-595-2166 ~ July 01

Angela Cornell
 1528 Canstaff Dr.
 Kernersville, NC 27284
 336-601-8322 (Cell) ~ June 13

Becky Redmon
 8421 Endicott Road
 Colfax, NC 27235
 336-310-4657 (Home)
 336-482-1926 (Cell) ~ July 09

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



*Are you or a family member turning 90 this year?
 Please let Pastor Bruce Freeman know if you would like to be
 recognized on your special birthday! (336-816-2473)*

June Anniversaries

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



"In early June the world of leaf and blade and flowers explodes, and every sunset is different." – John Steinbeck
 "June is a love song written by nature." - Patience Strong
 "June is the gateway to summer." - Jean Hersey
 "There are two seasons when the leaves are in their glory, their green and perfect youth in June and this their ripe old age."
 – Henry David Thoreau



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James would have us to understand that faith is shown by works. "Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works." – James 2:18 We learn from this that the Christian witness is a witness of "telling" and "showing." Christian love is far more than the title of a sermon. It is a significant badge of verification of true Christianity. What did Jesus say? "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one to another." – John 13:34-35 Love is a shown attitude!

Jesus spoke these words to His Disciples to remind them that their greatest distinguishing mark was not that of the Pharisees' rites and dress but rather the attitude of love. Whether we wish to admit it or not, the world expects a better attitude in one who claims to be a Christian! Love is not just a term to be used in a pious statement recited in a mechanical way. Christian love is an attitude **coupled with kindness, patience, and forgiveness.** It is bathed in humility and divorced from jealousy. It also does not have to promote its presence for it is already seen. "Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up," – I Corinthians 13:4

Many good meaning people today like to talk about "tough love." They view the administration of love as something which is taught. We, for example, show our love for our children in a disciplinary way. I would say that too many concepts are derived from seminars, rather than the Scriptures! I am glad that God's love for me was not a "tough love" but a "forgiving love"! "And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." – Ephesians 4:32

Today this world is full of hatred, and much of it is fueled by heartless religious systems. There is within human nature the desire to be loved. Love is not only taught in Scripture but even illustrated, to a degree, in creation. We cannot equate animal instincts as the equivalent of Christian love but we can learn basic principles from the Loving Creator's creation. Animals do not generally abandon their own. They will, in fact, fight for their own! I would not advise anyone to mess with a mother bear!

It is not normal for humans, created in the image of God, to abandon their children to roam the streets of our cities and communities. It is not only not normal, but also unbecoming to Christian testimony when we fail to demonstrate real Biblical love to one another, including our children. It would pay us all, who know the Lord in salvation, to remember that we are to be the adults in the room and even more than that, we are Christian adults! We, especially, are to wear the distinguishing badge of Christianity. – **Chuck Peters**



Teens Update ~ Our teens and young adults here at Smith Grove Baptist Church are awesome! Their love for Jesus is shown in everything they do. Every month we'll spotlight one of our amazing teens or young adults so you can get to know them better. Please keep each of them in your prayers as they continue to navigate this wicked world.

Because of Calvary, *Stephanie and John Moore*

Smith Grove Baptist Church ~ *June Spotlight*



Congratulations, Catherine!
2024 UNCG Graduate



Join us in congratulating Catherine on her college graduation.

We are blessed to have Catherine and her family at Smith Grove Baptist Church. She is a wonderful young lady who loves the Lord.

Degrees: B.S in Psychology, B.A in Languages, Literatures, and Cultures with a concentration in global languages - Spanish and ASL.

Hobbies: rock climbing, and reading

Favorite Bible Verse: Galatians 1:10, "For do I now persuade men or God? For if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ."

"I like Smith Grove Baptist church because here I found my church family, a family who is supportive and loving, it provides me with an environment where I can glorify God, grow in my Faith and leave worldly issues behind."

Be Strong ~ Youth



As our young people wrap up another school year, they are excited to soon kick off the summer with an epic jungle cruise! This year's Vacation Bible School finds us boarding our boats and heading down the river for an adventure in the rainforest. Around every bend through the jungle, our tour guides will introduce a fun new way to look at HIStory... through the 7 Cs that span God's Word, from Genesis through Revelation!

We'll begin with **Creation**, reminded by *Eden the parrot*, that God made all, and all was good! But *Tox the poison dart frog* will show us how **Corruption** follows, when Adam and Eve allow sin to enter paradise. **Catastrophe** comes generations later, with the global flood of Noah's day. We'll explore mankind's **Confusion** at the Tower of Babel, and *Scatter the gorilla* will remind us that people spread out across God's globe and continued in sin. But *Rose the river dolphin* will show us that **Christ** came to be our Savior... going to the **Cross**. He gave His life and paid our sin debt. When Jesus *rose* from the dead, He set us free and ensured eternal life... the **Consummation** of glorious things yet to come in heaven, where His children will dwell with Him for all eternity! *Bliss the butterfly* will display the precious promise that, when we belong to the Lord, we are changed creatures, and He has prepared a joyous place for us where we will always be with Him.

Our tour guides have been hard at work, transforming our church classrooms into a green and lush landscape of towering trees and jungle creatures, with a refreshing ribbon of water flowing throughout. Our young people have also been eager to set the mood, creating vines and leaves to hang, and making bright tissue flowers for our rainforest. Now, they're inviting YOU along for the cruise of a lifetime! Come join us for this "great jungle journey"! We will have classes for *all* ages-- 3 years and up, including Teens and Adults. Young people are asked to preregister at <https://smithgrovevbs24.myanswers.com/jungle-journey/>

We're also asking our church family to pray for every soul that will soon be heading our way. We ask the Lord to prepare each heart to receive His salvation message. And we hope that, as a church, we will be refreshed and stay even closer to Jesus as we let Him guide us down the river and through the wild jungles of life.

So Grateful to be Cruising Down the River with You All!

~Bruce, Darla, and Marshall

Starting this Month . . . Sunday Sundaes!!!

Mark your calendars! Join us after our 6 PM service and let our teens and young adults make you a delicious sundae with all your favorite toppings to support the Tabernacle Children's Home and the Tohono O'odham Indian Reservation. **Dates are as follows:** June 23, June 30, July 14, August 4, August 11, and August 18.

Building Bridges ~ Do you build Bridges of Love & Reconciliation or Retaliation? Such bridges affect our relationship with one another as well as with God. (Excerpt from a Sunday School Lesson taught by Calvin Vaughn.)

Have you ever experienced an argument or misunderstanding with your spouse, siblings, neighbors, church members or coworkers? Did it leave your relationship warm and fuzzy or hostile and brittle? Was that relationship salvaged, strained, shattered or severed? What action would be needed to redeem that relationship? Let's look at these four areas of concern: salvaged; strained; shattered; severed

How would a change of attitude affect that relationship? Could prayer be THE instrument God uses to rectify that misunderstanding! In the event you failed to salvage the friendship, would it have been because you used the following tools: Spotlight; Shovel; Grappling hook; Trowel; Ladder; Casket

How can these instruments be used? A spotlight can illuminate areas of concern or imperfections; A shovel can dig or remove problematic particles or rocks of offense or stones of stumbling; A grappling hook can be used to dislodge and remove boulders hindering your path forward; A trowel can be used to smooth out and shape a ledge or step to a renewed relationship; A ladder is used to reach greater heights for His Glory.

These same tools can be used to further aggravate a faltering relationship! What are our intentions? Let's look at what Webster has to say: what one intends to do or bring about; the object for which a prayer is offered; a determination to act in a certain way; a process or manner of healing of incised wounds.

Someone may ask about the casket mentioned as the last tool that might be used! God could use this when rebellious attitudes bring dishonor or shame to our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ. God uses discipline to point us in the right direction. It's still our CHOICE! The biblical concept of discipline is summarized in the book of Proverbs. As Solomon wrote Proverbs to disciple his people — to teach them how to live, act, and be just and fair — so God wrote his Word to disciple us in these things.

Pro. 1:1-3 *The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel; To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding; To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity. Again it's our CHOICE in HOW WE respond to God's Discipline.*

Deut. 8:5 Thou shalt also consider in thine heart, that, as a man chasteneth his son, so the LORD thy God chasteneth thee. Heb 12:6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

God's discipline is an act of love to help us. Loving discipline is life building, but angry responses and resentment can destroy a person's sense of self-worth. Sometimes we refuse God's leading! We resort to Retaliation which is the most common carnal action hindering restoration of a relationship!

That's our human response! Unfortunately, that is not a bridge building tool nor asset. Nor is this a Christian trait. It only brings more sorrow, shame and sometimes retaliation from the offender.

We have to seek God's will, forgiveness and restoration which requires us to do likewise to our adversaries. Healthy relationships bring peace, harmony, love, joy, fellowship. They dramatically reduce conflict. They are a source of encouragement, healing, motivation, help, and comfort.

Restoration with others is an indication of our relationship with God. The more we understand what God has done to restore us to himself, the more we understand the benefits of restoring our relationships with others.

The Kennedys — Mike and Chelene and the New Life Children's Home ~ Peru



Greetings from our family and The New Life Children's Home... One of the biggest highlights in our ministry is seeing firsthand how God takes the brokenhearted and (what appears) hopeless and gives true joy. NLCH exists to give abandoned and orphaned children a safe place, where they often find purpose in their hurt, forgiveness in their heart and gain a future in Heaven, by receiving Christ as their Savior. Thank you for your prayers and financial support for this ministry. We appreciate your generosity and sacrificial giving. It's an honor to be a part of your Missionary Family!!

Please pray for those that do the caring... Often times our updates focus on the children that we bring into our Home, the children in the schools or the families in the villages. Yet, a huge part of our ministry is the incredible staff that God has blessed us with. We have tutors that live on site caring for the children, teachers that travel hours by bus to teach, counselors, psychologist, lawyers, case workers, administrative staff, maintenance and many others who work in this ministry. We love our staff and covet your prayers for them as they are the ones who help make this ministry a success.

New Life Children's Home Our newest blessings at NLCH are Renato and Daniel - they arrived at New Life on December 22. They're such a joy to be around! They are super kind and they love to play soccer. If you're interested in learning how you can help us meet their needs, please contact us at the number or email given below. Renato, Daniel and several others are in need for sponsors. We've also had several more placed with families. Seeing them get adopted or placed back with family members is always bittersweet, but so rewarding. Watching them grow in the knowledge of The Gospel and realizing that God loves them and has a purpose for their lives is our greatest accomplishment at NLCH. School has started at NLCS... The 2024 school year is off to a great start!

Praise... We are excited to report that we received funds and have a new van! **Josue & Cindy Campos** have been a part of our ministry for several years, and we are excited about their new role at NLCH. Please pray for them as they give spiritual leadership, one on one discipleship, counseling etc.

Prayer Request: We would appreciate your prayers as we have several churches and short term mission teams coming to Peru (May through August), that we will be hosting. We'll be sharing The Gospel with tens of thousands of people, building approximately 70 shanty homes for widows and homeless families, a medical and eye clinic, Bible clubs and Bible studies, and giving out Bibles everywhere we go. Although it takes a lot of work and planning, we are very excited. Please pray that we honor Christ and hearts will be receptive.

If you would like to contact us or find out how you can be a part of this ministry, you can visit us at PERUMISSIONS.COM, write us at perumissions@yahoo.com or call us at (336) 905-0964.

Fatherhood and Family Discipleship

A Message by Charles Haddon Spurgeon

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

“As we sow we reap. Let us expect our children to know the Lord. Let us from the beginning mingle the name of Jesus with their ABCs.”

“If you are truly fathers you cannot help loving all the family: the fatherly instinct is love, and fathers in Christ should be brimful of it. Little ones should be induced by our loving spirit to come around us, feeling that if nobody else loves them we do, if nobody else cares for them we do.”

“I think I know of no grander sight than that of a gray-haired man who has served the Lord Jesus from his youth up.”

“Never let the domestic devotion degenerate into a dull formality, but throw a hearty living delight into it, so that there shall be joy in drawing near to the Lord, and not a weariness in it.”

“But once let the family altar be forsaken, and let parents forget the natural duty of ordering their households before the Lord and you may guard the church as you will, your labor will be vain: you have cast down her hedges – the bear out of the wood shall waste here; you have taken away the tower of the flock, and when the wolf comes he will find the sheep an easy prey. Christian parents, though I cannot address you this morning as I would, yet with all my heart would I say to you, do not sin against the child by your ill example or by your negligence as to his salvation, but seek the Holy Spirit that to your own offspring you may fully discharge the solemn duties which providence and grace have thrown upon you.”

“When a man’s heart is really right with God, and he himself has been saved from the wrath to come, and is living in the light of his heavenly Father’s countenance, it is certain that he is anxious about his children’s souls, prizes their immortal natures, and feels that nothing could give him greater joy than to hear that his children walk in truth.”

Modeling Godliness

“A father’s experience is the best evidence that a young man can have of the truth of anything.”

“Every man, by his own conduct, is, more or less, educating the rising generation of the nation.”

“Aspire dear brethren, to shine widely, as a candle set upon a candlestick gives light to all that are in the house. First, see to it that you are truly saved yourselves: then cry to the Lord for your own kith and kin, and labor for them until they are all brought to the Redeemer’s feet; and then let your light shine throughout the neighborhoods wherein you dwell. It is a poor lamp which cannot be seen outside its own glass.”

“You who have seen the holy and happy lives of Christian ancestors will be wise to pause a good deal before you begin to make a deviation, either to the right or to the left, from the course of these godly ones.”

“God grant that...whoever comes into your house be compelled to know that God is there, and to know it mainly by the fact that you are a happy, joyful, cheerful, thankful Christian, speaking well of God’s name, and not ashamed in any company to avow that you are a soldier of the Cross, a follower of the Lamb!”

Family Prayer

“A house without it is without a roof. I esteem it so highly that no language of mine can adequately express my sense of its value.”

“I trust there are none here present, who profess to be followers of Christ who do not also practice prayer in their families. We may have no positive commandment for it, but we believe that it is so much in accord with the genius and spirit of the gospel, and that it is so commanded by the example of the saints, that the neglect thereof is a strange inconsistency.”

PRAYER ~ Pastor Bruce Freeman has a vision for our church – a vision of all-encompassing prayer for every ministry and every outreach of the Smith Grove Baptist Church. Pastor wants to engage each and every one of us who loves the Lord and our church, to pray earnestly for each other, for each ministry, and for guidance from our Father on high to further the cause of Christ.

We each have been given differing gifts and skills, and there is a personal ministry for every individual. Although our ministries may change as we mature through life, and our skill-sets change, the one thing that every soul can do is to pray.

Pastor Bruce sees prayer as one of the most vital aspects of Christian service, and the heartbeat of love and Christian commitment. He asks each of us to join this Call to Prayer . . . Our challenge is straightforward: as a church family, *pray for one another and our church.*