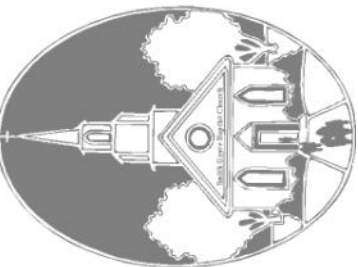


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Piedmont Baptist camp meeting

Wed.-Fri., Sept. 4~6 at 7 pm (10 a.m. services on Thursday & Friday mornings)
(No Church or Youth Services on Wed, Sept. 4.)

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

Sun., Sept. 15 ~ BEAMS Sunday

Every Wednesday, 3 pm, Robinwood Retirement Ctr.

Looking Ahead: Sunday, October 13, 2024
~ **Smith Grove Homecoming** ~



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.



We will never forget...
9-11-01

Let's Roll!



The plane was headed west
When the terrorist took control
They planned to strike a certain
place
And kill so many more

Forgetting all the consequence
The heroes had a plan
They said, Brothers, if you're ready
Let's roll.

Let's roll, the time is running out
Let's roll, you know what it's about
We'll save the lives of all the rest
While we are going down
Now my Brothers, if you're ready
Let's roll.

Satan's working overtime
To gain the upper hand
He's fighting for our children
You'd better understand

It's time to face the enemy
And fight with all your might
Now my Brothers, if you're ready
Let's roll.

*Let's roll, the time is running out
Let's roll, you know what it's about
So walk the straight and narrow way
With Jesus as your shield
Now my Brothers, if you're ready
Let's roll.*

.....by Maudean Nuckles



BEAMS' Report for August 2024

of Pledges: 8; # of Contributions: 5;

Total Contributors: 13

Total Contributed: \$ 639.00 =

79 Bibles in August (plus some postage)

*Many thanks to all those who gave monies to the BEAMS' ministry
specifically for postage which added \$ 180.00 in August!*

You can also get the BEAMS' report online at our website:

<https://www.smithgrove.org/beams-report/>

Smith Grove Baptist Church
Homecoming
2024

October 13



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_zpMzkkCXdFYv1NKndQ

To listen & download mp3:

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

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 September and October. Please take a moment to send a card, make a telephone call, or do something extra special for our special saints.

Carol Hayden

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 Colfax, NC 27235
 336-708-9435 ~ September 01

Bobbie Hayworth

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

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)
 336-804-0560 (Cell) ~ October 31



*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)*

September Anniversaries

- 2 Bob and Shirley Ingold
- 3 Bill and Jeanette Dillon
- 12 Tony and Trudy Nuckles
- 19 Henry & Geraldine Johnson
- 23 Michael & Lisa Serafini
- 29 Carl & Judy Fowler



Truth or Tolerance? In recent years, **tolerance** has become the by-word. In other words, it's the capacity for or the practice of recognizing, respecting and accepting the beliefs or practices of others! Restated, you believe what you want and I'll believe what I want and everybody will be happy. We'll all end up in heaven.

In August, Satan attacked one of our most sacred paintings – the Last Supper. "To all the Christians of the world who watched the Paris 2024 opening ceremony and felt insulted by that parody of the Last Supper, know that it was not France that was speaking but a minority ready for any provocation. What were your sentiments?"

Some feel that *beauty is in the eye of the beholder* and that always depends on one's **perception**. This phrase is a commonly used expression in British and American English. It applies not just to issues of physical beauty but also to anything proposed as perfect and desirable.

Today we seem to be living in the days of the Old Testament. **Jdg 21:25** - In those days *there was* no king in Israel: every man did *that which was right in his own eyes*. When we challenge today's norms we may be ridiculed or called narrow minded. With few Biblical standards in the workplace or community today, how often do we find people who actually care about the Truth?

Can anyone really be happy when they believe a lie. **Eve wasn't happy ~ she bit into the lie Satan told her! God said in Gen 2:17** - But of the **tree of the knowledge of good and evil**, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

But Satan said in Gen 3:1 - Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, ***hath God said***, Ye shall not eat of **every tree** of the garden? **Gen 3:3** - But of the fruit of the **tree** which *is* in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, ***neither shall ye touch it***, lest ye die.

Do you really think believing a lie or half truth makes for a happy life? Many times we experience this when sharing the Gospel. **People dispute the authority of God's Word.**

We often don't realize how important something is **until it's not there**. For example, we may not think much of a light bulb until we're fumbling in the dark. Similarly, to appreciate how much **truth matters**, consider the impact of its absence. When our **faith isn't grounded in truth**, we become vulnerable to wrong teaching. We develop habits that don't align with God's will, because we don't know what it is. We can stay trapped in emotional bondage. We can experience continual disappointment because our peace, Joy and Happiness are gone. We can't grow spiritually. We Grieve God's heart.

All relationships require honesty. If we **develop a habit for not telling the truth or for compromising**, our relationships and testimonies will be damaged. Not only that, but our self-image and our character will suffer. We will lack the happiness that comes from a right relationship with God. **Unless we repent we won't reach our full potential**. God wants us to honor and **serve HiM with Truthfulness, Happiness, Joy and Contentment!** We must *seek to serve and honor our Heavenly Father. Don't believe Satan's lies! Avoid the Tolerance movement.*

(Excerpts from a Sunday School lesson by Calvin Vaughn.)



Be Strong ~ Youth

While our young people gear up for a new school year, our Wednesday nights are focusing once again on our Bible Timeline. After turning back to the Book of Acts, we are briefly reviewing the lessons we were studying back before the summer. Once we look back on Pentecost; the stoning of Stephen; the conversion of Paul; Peter's visit with Cornelius; and the first mission trip with Paul and Barnabas, we are ready to jump back into the amazing story of how the Lord brought the gospel to the world!

We're reminded that Jesus used the vision of a sheet full of "unclean" animals to show Peter that God's redemption is meant for *"whosoever"*. This portion of Acts shows us that God sent long-ago missionaries into the world to tell His truths, and He still does! To demonstrate, we played a round of "Simon Says", noticing how easily we forget to obey Simon's directions *exclusively*. Life is like that too, and we often live like we're directing our own steps, forgetting that God's voice is the One to Whom we should be listening! In the 16th chapter of Acts, while their mission trip unfolded, Paul and Silas intended to move from Galatia toward Asia, but were *"forbidden of the Holy Ghost"*. Later as they attempted to go into another region, *"the Spirit suffered them not."* Their paths were essentially blocked because God knew exactly where He wanted them to go next. Then, a vision of a pleading Macedonian man prompted Paul to move toward Greece. But by the time Paul and Silas were beaten and thrown into jail for cutting off the revenue from a fortune teller, it must have seemed that the Holy Spirit's plan had gone terribly wrong... *how could they preach the gospel to others if they were stuck in prison?* The two missionaries could've been bitter and depressed, or they might've plotted an escape, but instead, they displayed joy and grace, singing praises to the Lord in their dark and dreary cell. The other prisoners must've been curious about the kind of God they served! Though the earthquake shook the prison doors open, Paul and Silas stayed put, soon hearing the trembling prison keeper call out, *"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"* God had directed the steps of Paul and Silas --straight to the country, to the town, and to the jail where He wanted them to be. Seeing how these first century missionaries willingly responded to His call should help us focus on the *place* He's leading us, and on the *people* He has for us. Jesus leads us to the very ones who need Him. And when things fall apart or don't go our way, onlookers need to hear us praising Jesus *anyway*, so the doors might open and allow us to share our faith with them. What a valuable lesson as our youngsters head into a fresh school year, with different classrooms, and brand new friends to make. Things don't happen by chance when we're depending on the Lord's guidance. For someone in your family, or at school, or on your bus, or from your workplace... **you** may be their Paul or Silas.

We're so grateful for your prayers, church family-- that the hearts of our young people will be tenderly led where Jesus desires them to be. Like the missionaries of the early church, may they be always mindful of the impact they have when they shine the light of Jesus in this dark world... for the people He places in their paths.

Thankful to be Serving Along With You ~ Bruce, Darla, and Marshall

Dr. Charles (Chuck) Peters, Pastor Emeritus

Cell Phone: (336) 812-1169 ~ AVAILABLE FOR PULPIT SUPPLY

We Read Our Title Clear!



Isaac Watts wrote the great old Hymn, "When I Can Read My Title Clear" and the old hymn focuses on the awaiting Glory to those saints living under the weight of fears and vail of tears upon this earth. "When I can read my title clear to mansions in the skies, I'll bid farewell to every fear, and wipe my weeping eyes." – Isaac Watts His song was inspired by the Prophet's words. *"He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken it."* Isaiah 28:8

Glory awaits when the silver cord is broken and we see Him face to face. "Someday the silver cord will break, And I no more as now shall sing; But O the joy when I shall wake Within the presence of the King!" – Fanny Crosby **We will read our title clear with perfect vision and in His presence.**

We can read our title clear even now! The redeemed have quickened spiritual eyesight to read the title. We read it with delight and experience an earthly foretaste of Heaven's glory, for eyes of understanding behold the blessed ramifications of justification. *"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 **Salvation is both real and realized.**

Heaven becomes as real as if our feet already tread golden streets and the treasures of glory are already opened to our enjoyment. We now have the blessed assurance of His presence and awaiting glory. *"To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:"* – Colossians 1:27 We read our title clear!

– Chuck Peters

Please Pray for *The Smiths*
Missionaries to our Military
626 Forest Hill Circle ~ Elizabeth City, NC 27909
Phone: 757-343-0643



Once again, we have the privilege by way of our prayer letter; to come to you and tell you how much we appreciate your faithfulness to us. For years you have blessed us with your prayers and financial support for which we are so very grateful. May the Lord bless you is our prayer.

We praise the Lord for a couple that has started coming to church recently. It is always a blessing and exciting when the Lord blesses us with new people. The husband is very faithful, but his wife is dealing with some issues in her life and just comes occasionally. We would appreciate your prayers for them that we might be a blessing and a spiritual help to them.

A former military family who now lives about four hours away surprised us with a visit in May. It is a blessing to know that those we have ministered to still think about us. Their children considered us to be their adopted grandparents while they were stationed here in Norfolk. What a privilege and blessing it is to be able to serve others while serving the Lord. Your prayers and financial support to this ministry is not only a blessing to us but also to the many others whom we have had the privilege of working with in so many ways.

Please pray for Joseph and Cora who have started a nursing home ministry. It is exciting to hear of the many elderly men and women who look forward each week to them coming. It is amazing that although many of them have mental issues, they know the hymns of Zion and love singing them. We praise the Lord that they get to not only sing the hymns but hear the Word of God preached.

We often think of the many military men and women and their families whom the Lord has allowed us to provide a home away from home. We are so thankful that the Lord allows us to be able to minister to them and watch them grow in the Lord.

As we close this prayer letter, we leave with you the following prayer requests asking you to prayerfully remember each one of them as you pray. We love you and thank God for you!

- 1) Health issues we both are dealing with
- 2) For an increase in our attendance
- 3) For decisions
- 4) For our families

THANKFUL TO BE IN HIS SERVICE,
Wade and Nora

Sent out by Smith Grove Baptist Church



"Rejoice in the Lord" (Philippians 3:1)

I rejoice today as I write this short note to our church family. I rejoice today over the love the Lord has for us. I rejoice over His grace, mercy, patience, and forgiveness. There is no way that these things can be measured this side of eternity, and I'm grateful to experience them in my life and see them in the lives of our church family.

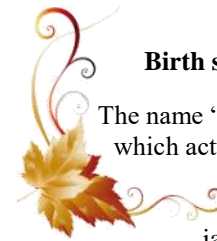
I also rejoice over our church family. So many people do so many things to make Smith Grove Baptist what it is today. I rejoice over the faithfulness that I have seen and continue to see. I rejoice over the prayers that go up for each other. I rejoice over the talents and abilities that each one holds. No act is measured by how big or how small, but it is measured by the hearts of the ones who carry them out. I rejoice today over every person that makes Smith Grove what it has been down through the years and what it is today. I rejoice that God has given me the opportunity to pastor the place I call home. Thank you to all, for the things you do for our church and for our wonderful Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

"For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure." ~Philippians 2:13

In Christ, **Pastor Bruce**

~ **September** ~

Birth stone ~ Sapphire; Flowers ~ Asters & Morning Glory



The name "September" comes from an old Roman word, "septem," which actually means 7. That's right – September was the seventh month of the year on the Roman calendar – It did not become the ninth month until the advent of the Gregorian calendar.

~Out of all 12 months of the year, September is spelled with the most letters. It contains nine letters, and it happens to be the ninth month of the year. No other months have the same amount of letters as their number in the calendar year.

~The first day of fall is typically on September 22 or September 23 in North America. This is when the hours in the day are almost equal to the hours in the night.

~A highly significant holiday falls in September. September 17th is Constitution Day, which marks the day that the U.S. Constitution was adopted. On September 17, 1787, members of the Constitutional Convention signed the final draft of the Constitution.

Important Recall Notice

The Maker of all human beings is recalling all units manufactured, regardless of make or year, due to a serious defect in the primary and central component of the heart.

This is due to a malfunction in the original prototype units code named Adam and Eve, resulting in the reproduction of the same defect in all subsequent units.

This defect has been technically termed, "Sequential Internal Non-morality," or more commonly known as **S.I.N.**, as it is primarily expressed.

This defect is terminal, always resulting in death.

Some other symptoms:

1. Loss of direction.
2. Foul vocal emissions.
3. Amnesia of origin.
4. Lack of peace and joy.
5. Selfish or violent behavior.
6. Depression or confusion in the mental component.
7. Fearfulness.
8. Idolatry.
9. Rebellion.

The **Manufacturer**, who is neither liable nor at fault for this defect, is providing factory authorized repair and service free of charge to correct this defect. The Repair Technician, Jesus, has most generously offered to bear the entire burden of the staggering cost of these repairs. There is no additional fee required. *See the full magnitude of repair costs below in red...*

*(Romans 5:18-21 Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord. **Romans 5:8** But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. **John 3:16** For God so loved the world, that **he gave his only begotten Son**, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.)*
Again, ALL THE REPAIR COSTS ARE COVERED!

ACTION NEEDED!

The number to call for repair in all areas is: P-R-A-Y-E-R. Once connected, please upload your burden of SIN through the REPENTANCE procedure.

Next, download ATONEMENT from the Repair Technician, Jesus, into the heart component. No matter how big or small the SIN defect is, Jesus will replace it with:

1. Love
2. Joy
3. Peace
4. Patience
5. Kindness
6. Goodness
7. Faithfulness
8. Gentleness
9. Self control



Please see the operating manual, the B.I.B.L.E. (Believer's Instructions Before Leaving Earth), for further details on the use of these fixes.

WARNING: Continuing to operate the human being unit without correction voids any manufacturer warranties, exposing the unit to dangers and problems too numerous to list and will result in the human unit being permanently impounded. For free emergency service, call on Jesus.

DANGER: The human being units not responding to this recall action will have to be scrapped in the furnace. The SIN defect will not be permitted to enter Heaven so as to prevent contamination of that facility.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this urgent message.

Please assist where possible by notifying others of this important recall notice!

Romans 10:13: "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

The ABC's Of Salvation.

1. **ADMIT** to God that you are a sinner.
2. **BELIEVE** in Jesus Christ as God's Son.
3. **CONFESS** your faith in Jesus Christ as Savior & Lord.