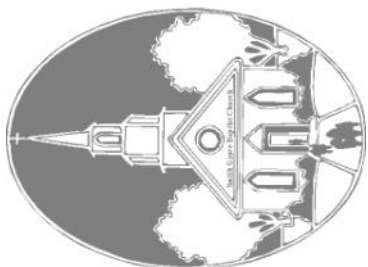


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Happy Father's Day!

Sat., June 7, 6 pm - W-S Rescue Mission
Sun., June 15 ~ Father's Day & BEAMS Sunday

Sun., June 29 ~ 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.

Robinwood Retirement Ctr. ~ Wednesdays at 3:00 pm

Sunday Sundaes ~ June 1, 15, 22, 29; July 13;
Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31



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.

~ Quotable Quotes ~

- ~Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it's thinking of yourself less.
— C. S. Lewis
- ~The church changes the world not by making converts but by making disciples. — John Wesley
- ~The Bible will keep you from sin, or sin will keep you from the Bible.
— Dwight L. Moody
- ~Let us never forget that what we are is more important than what we do. — Hudson Taylor
- ~The Bible is not the light of the world, it is the light of the Church.
But the world does not read the Bible, the world reads Christians!
“You are the light of the world.” — Charles Spurgeon
- ~Jesus Christ knows the worst about you. Nonetheless, He is the one who loves you the most. — A. W. Tozer
- ~Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow. It empties today of its strength. — Corrie Ten Boom
- ~What you do speaks so loudly that I cannot hear what you say. Ralph Waldo Emerson
- ~Reading Christians are growing Christians. When Christians cease to read, they cease to grow. — John Wesley

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

SHUT-INS: Betty Byrd Iris Farrington

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** (Savannah, GA) } 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.



BEAMS’ Report for May 2025

of Pledges: 8; # of Contributions: 5;
Total Contributors: 13
Total Contributed: \$ 504.00 =
63 Bibles in May (plus some postage)

Many thanks to all those who gave monies to the BEAMS’ ministry specifically for postage which added \$ 150.00 in May!

You can also get the **BEAMS’** report online at our website:
<https://www.smithgrove.org/beams-report/>



Do you know why you never see elephants hiding in trees? It’s because they’re so good at it.
Which days are the strongest? Saturday and Sunday.
The rest are weekdays.
I’m reading a horror story in Braille. Something bad is going to happen, I can just feel it.
What has five toes and isn’t your foot? My foot.
What’s blue and not very heavy? Light blue. www.thecompanyofdads.com



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 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

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

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

Betty Byrd
 Trinity Glen Senior Care
 849 Waterworks Road
 Winston-Salem, NC 27101
 336-595-2166 ~ July 01

Dreama Moore
 1237 Masten Dr. Apt. 220
 Kernersville, NC 27284
 336-564-2355 ~ June 15

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

*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
- 21 Richard & Danette Andrews
- 23 Jim & Sherrie Lowry



Love Bugs

"In all the world, there is no heart for me like yours. In all the world, there is no love for you like mine." —Maya Angelou

"There is no remedy for love but to love more." —Henry David Thoreau

Thoughts to Ponder

... By Faron Johnson, Henry & Geraldine Johnson's son

It's a beautiful night to sit in the stillness of silence and let our minds wander with the wind. As I do this, I hear the distant calls of birds one to another and I ponder what their conversation must be about? How many conversations will occur in their relatively short life here. There is so much that is said and spoken in our lives that we may grow to no longer value our conversations and the words that we hear. I recently communicated with a person that I have known throughout my life. I conveyed to her that I still remembered conversations and words that I heard her speak when we were both in our late teens. What is the power that words must have to dwell within us throughout a lifetime? And yet, how powerful the things we say become.

If you wonder why this is, it must be related to the influence we hold within the lives of others that we meet and this is why people can be friends throughout lifetime. Let us always consider the significance of our words and the thoughts that give birth to them. May they be used always with care, understanding, and love for others.



Listening to the rhythm of a softly falling summer rain invites me to ponder how something that falls so far can land so gently. It seems to alight upon the things it blesses with its touch with a warmth that reflects the way it feels upon your face.

But perhaps through the longest journeys what begins as harsh or energetic softens. And so it is with humanity and the way we gently come into other's lives. Where our arrival breathes new life into a moment or day while the rhythm of life brings us peace.



THOSE ROMANS!

June is a gender-neutral given name. It is a common female name and a less common male name in English-speaking countries. It comes from the name of the month, which is derived from Juno, the name of a Roman goddess of youth and protection.





Be Strong ~ Youth

As the school year winds down, our youngsters have begun exploring an important aspect of the Christian life in the new series, "Talking with God". The Lord delights in conversation with His children, and we hope to give our youth the chance to practice prayer skills while building confidence in their prayer life. Through the months to come, we'll be learning *how*, *when*, and *why* we should talk to our Heavenly Father.

In the opening weeks, we've pondered the question, "Why Do We Pray?" After exploring each lesson, we peek into the "Clue Basket" to find a tangible object to remind us of a prayer truth we can take to heart. So far, as for the reasons to pray, we've learned that "We depend on God"... a yellow ball serves as a reminder of the day the sun stood still, when Joshua prayed that God would give the Israelites more time in their battle with the enemy. We've also remembered that "Prayer makes God happy"... a toy lamb reminds us that the shepherd boy David sang praises to God, just as our prayers should lift His name for the wonders He has brought. We have also seen that "God lets me be a part of His plan"... a family portrait of stick people recalls how circumstances caused Queen Esther to be in a position to save her people. Similarly, we are born into a specific family and set on a pathway to powerfully serve God, if we are willing to open ourselves to His plan. We have also found that "We obey God when we pray"... a toy donkey is a reminder that the Old Testament character, Balaam, tried to ignore God's directions when he set out to put a curse on the Israelites. Three times along the road, Balaam's donkey saw God's sword-wielding angel blocking their way. Each time, the poor donkey swerved to miss certain death, only to be whipped by its unaware master. Finally, God gave the donkey a voice to speak out loud, surprising Balaam, opening his eyes to the angel, and showing him the danger of disobeying God! When our young people ask themselves why we should pray, we hope these visuals will provide a memory hook and serve as a basis for truths rooted in scripture. "What is prayer?" and "How do we pray?" will be the questions posed in the next phase of our study on Talking With God.

We desire your prayers as we encourage our young people to develop lifelong habits of prayer. Come and grow along with us as we thoughtfully consider God's urging message in our timely theme verse: "Call unto Me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." (Jeremiah 33:3)

Thankful Always for Your Prayers,
Bruce, Darla, and Marshall



Call unto Me, and I will answer thee

The Colemans ~ Tohono O'odham Nation Missions

Greetings and blessings in Jesus' name. Thank you for all your prayers and mission support. We are praying and looking forward to God's wisdom. Your prayer partnership will help us be more effective in the mission outreach. God is blessing! There is much need on the Tohono O'odham Reservation, salvation of souls and gospel outreach.

I would like to share some pictures and stories of some of our mission outreach (side door evangelism).

*Pastor Garcia, Village of Vamori, teaching from Book of Daniel and Revelation. I thank God for getting to know him and his family and being able to help any way I can.

*House fire in Village of Cockabury – Progress being made to rebuild. Thank you that have helped.

*One of our food deliveries (thank you Caring Ministry for all the good, needed food.) The people are so thankful and come from many villages.

*Bible Study is always a special blessing. Thank you to the Village of Choulic for use of your community building.

God is blessing. There is always something to do in mission outreach. I want to stay faithful reaching, teaching, and seeing souls saved. Also want to continue with back to school back packs, winter warm-up (blankets), and Christmas gifts for children. If you can help with donations for mission outreach: Make donations to Tucson Baptist Church (Memo – Native American Account). Address: 1525 S. Columbus Blvd., Tucson, AZ 85711-5698.

Thank you for all you do!

Love in Christ, John & Mavis Coleman

Serving with Christ to the Nations Missions ~ Sending Church ~ Temple Baptist Church, Madison Heights VA. Local Church ~ Tucson Baptist Church, Tucson, AZ



Before the summer . . . “It’s Springtime”

“For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;” – S of S 2:11-12

Springtime is the most welcomed of seasons. The door is finally closed to a long winter with its coldness and deadness. The lily has raised its golden head, sort of looked around and given the signal that it is now safe to rise!

It’s springtime when the winter is over and new life appears and God’s tiny winged creatures serenade its most welcomed arrival.

It was springtime when the precious Lamb of God paid sin’s debt and shouted, “It is finished” and three days later said goodbye to the tomb.

It is springtime when “amazing grace” brings the condemned sinner out of the pit and onto the rock. The bright light of salvation has invaded the deep caverns of the soul and the utter darkness of sin is dissipated.

It is springtime when the long night of sorrow ends and tears of sorrow begin to dry. It’s springtime when the suffering saint of God has finally witnessed a break in the clouds and can enjoy the lofty mountain tops of a clearer sense of the Saviour’s presence and love.

It is springtime when the child of God passes safely through the valley of the shadow of death and finds themselves unscathed by the stinger of death and home at last beyond the pale of grief and sorrow.

It is springtime for the saint when eyes of faith meet His eyes of grace and peace like a river attends the way. God’s child is most certainly taking a longer stride along the path of growth in grace when they exclaim in spite of circumstances, “**It is well with my soul.**”

It will be springtime when the Father finally gives the nod to His only begotten Son to go and get His bride! The Church’s’ winter will be past and His blood washed bride will bask forever in the sunlight of His physical presence. Yes, the time of singing will come when the ransomed host of God will blend voices in the “**Hallelujah Chorus**” of all ages!

Dr. Chuck Peters ~ 2011

Isaiah 61:11 - For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.



Every name is called a **noun**.

As field and fountain, street and town.

In place of noun the

pronoun stands,

As he and she can clap their hands.

The **adjective** describes a thing,

As magic wand or bridal ring.

The **verb** means action, something done,

As read and write and jump and run.

How things are done the **adverbs** tell,

As quickly, slowly, badly, well.



Parts of Speech

The **preposition** shows relation, As in the street or at the station.

Conjunctions join, in many ways, Sentences, words, or

phrase and phrase.

The **interjection** cries out, “Hark! I need an exclamation mark!”



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“Love, Respect, Honor and Courage”

An Award Winning Essay by Perry M, 5th Grader

(Flag Day is June 14, 2025)

When I place my hand upon my heart, I am reminded of the love that I feel for my country. As I look up at the American Flag, I am reminded of the respect I have for what it symbolizes. For me, the white stars on a sky of blue represent the heavens above looking down on us. The stripes of red represent the blood that was, is, and will be shed by all who sacrifice to protect us, and the stripes of white represent the purity our nation should strive for every day.

When I recite “The Pledge of Allegiance,” it is more than just words to me. It is a reminder of what a great honor it is to be a citizen of “the land of the free and the home of the brave.” To maintain this honor, I must be willing to do something that will be difficult or even dangerous. By definition, this is what courage means. To say, “I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all,” I am promising to be courageous. I am promising to have the courage to be loyal to my country and the values it was founded on. I am promising to have the courage to be responsible and to actively participate in our government. I can currently do this by studying the history and foundation of our nation. Historical knowledge will give me the courage to protect those values when I am able to vote. Having the courage to be a nation “under God” means that our Creator gives us the freedom to choose our own path on Earth, even though He has already chosen one for us. This is why it is important that we courageously stand by the values our country was founded on, so we will never be divided. Our freedoms will continuously be protected, and our rights will always be preserved. By performing these acts of courage, we will be helping to keep our country strong.

By reciting the Pledge of Allegiance daily, I am blessed with a constant reminder that it will always take love, respect, honor and courage to keep our home, the United States of America, indivisible and free.

Father's Day Thoughts

From the time that we are young, something within each of us longs for a father. His steady hand. His gentle, instructive word. His secure embrace. His unconditional love. A picture of God the Father Himself, in our own home.

Fathers are an indispensable part of God's perfect plan for the family. It's only right that we have a day set aside to honor the fathers (and father figures) in our lives that demonstrate servant leadership, Christlike love, and biblical sacrifice.

You may have a father who is a righteous man of God, seeking to honor the Lord in every area of his life. Or you may have experienced the curse of sin in a deep and real way at the hand of your dad. From absence and abuse to sickness and death, sin sometimes sinks its sharp teeth into God's plan for fatherhood at every turn.

Perhaps that's why there are few days that evoke the intensity of emotions that Father's Day does. Gratitude . . . mourning . . . longing . . . confusion . . . or all of these (and more) mixed together. As the emotions of Father's Day roll in like the tide, cling tightly to God's Word and remember these timely truths.

If You're Mourning This Father's Day – Perhaps this Father's Day is a bitter-sweet occasion for you. If you find yourself in the depths of grief, mourning the loss of a father figure, consider these things:

1. Mourning is biblical. ~ Genesis 50 describes Joseph mourning over the death of his father, and Scripture records his mourning as loud and bitter (v.10). This Father's Day, don't feel like you need to wear a mask at church (or wherever else you might go). Instead, be open about your emotions to those who ask, giving them the opportunity to bear the burden with you. Take your mourning to the Lord, trusting Him to keep His promise to heal the broken-hearted and bind up your wounds (Psalm 147:3).
2. Your father is a gift from the Lord. ~ Even though he may not be with you this Father's Day, take some time to thank the Lord for your father, for the time that you were able to spend with him, and for the impact he had on your life. If your father was a believer, praise God that you will one day see him again.
3. Honor your dad with happy memories. ~ Sometimes in the throes of grief we avoid talking about the thing that's grieving us, but often this just causes us to bottle up our grief even more. What better time than on Father's Day to talk with others about your father, his impact on your life, and his impact on the world around you? Give yourself the space to reminisce and experience the joy of remembering the good times and the waves of emotion that may come with remembering. Just because your father is no longer with you does not mean that he cannot be a part of your Father's Day this year.

Today, as you mourn, know that the Lord is near. He understands feelings of deep grief and has not called you to walk through the valley of mourning alone.

If You Find Yourself Longing on Father's Day ~ Maybe this Father's Day your heart aches with longing. You long for a father that stayed or one who didn't lift the heavy hand of abuse. You ache for a father who actively shows affection, who doesn't play favorites, and models the example of our heavenly Father. Perhaps you long for any kind of father but the one that you have.

Or maybe you find yourself praying for your father to come to know Christ as his Savior. Whatever you're yearning for this Father's Day, here are a few things to reflect on:

1. Let your longings point you to Jesus. ~ Your yearnings are a (sometimes harsh) reminder that the world is not our home. Whatever it is that you find yourself longing for today, remember that that thing cannot ultimately satisfy. Only Jesus can do that.
2. Remember that you have a good Father. ~ While it sounds cliché, it couldn't be more true—you have a heavenly Father who loves you infinitely more than your earthly father ever could. In His Word, He describes Himself as the "Father to the fatherless" (Psalm 68:5). Even if you do not have an earthly father who loves you well, remember that your heavenly Father will never leave you or forsake you (Deut. 31:6). He provides everything you need (2 Pet. 1:3). He loves you with an everlasting love (Jer. 31:3).
3. Be honest with the Lord. ~ When we're longing for something, it's easy to bottle our desires up and become bitter. Instead, take these longings to the Lord. He cares. He listens. He understands. Pour out your heart before Him. While He may not change your circumstances, He will give you peace and joy in the midst of them.

If you feel overwhelmed by longing, know that the Lord can satisfy you with His steadfast love (Psalm 90:14). Ask Him to.

If You're Feeling Grateful This Father's Day ~ This Father's Day, you may be reflecting on the blessing that your dad has been to you and your family. When you think of your father, good memories and godly advice flood your mind. Like David, whose parting words to Solomon were full of godly wisdom and admonition for the future (1 Kings 2:1–4), your father is leaving a legacy that you are grateful to the Lord for.

1. Thank the Lord for your father. ~ James 1:17
2. Thank your dad.
3. Pray for your father.

Today, as you feel grateful for your father, remember that your heavenly Father has graciously given him to you and to your family. Rejoice in this good and precious gift knowing that he is a picture of your heavenly Father, the giver of good gifts.

