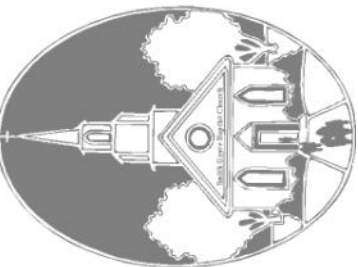


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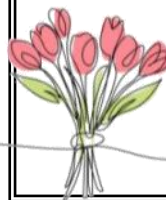
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May Calendar

- ~ Sat., May 2, 6 pm - W-S Rescue Mission
- ~ Sun., May 17 ~ **BEAMS Sunday**
- ~ Sat., May 23 ~ 8 am - 2 pm - Rummage Sale
Fundraiser in the Fellowship Building
- ~ Robinwood Retirement Ctr. ~ Tuesdays at 6:00 pm.



Sun., May 10th

Mother's day



"Their silent graves speak louder than any words ever could. Remember them."

Statement of Faith: We are an Independent Baptist Church (established in 1921) that still preaches the old time Gospel, and we believe 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

IN THE SERVICE OF THEIR COUNTRY

PVT Adam Brittain, Army, Texas (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)

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)

Gregory Turner, National Guard, Stateside (son of a CVS
pharmacist in Kernersville)



Freedom Isn't Free - Kelly Strong

I watched the flag pass by one day.
It fluttered in the breeze.
A young Marine saluted it,
and then he stood at ease.
I looked at him in uniform
So young, so tall, so proud,
He'd stand out in any crowd.
I thought how many men like him
Had fallen through the years.
How many died on foreign soil?
How many mothers' tears?
How many pilots' planes shot down?
How many died at sea?
How many foxholes were soldiers'
graves?
No, freedom isn't free.

I heard the sound of TAPS one night,
When everything was still
I listened to the bugler play
And felt a sudden chill.
I wondered just how many times
That TAPS had meant "Amen,"
When a flag had draped a coffin
Of a brother or a friend.
I thought of all the children,
Of the mothers and the wives,
Of fathers, sons and husbands
With interrupted lives.
I thought about a graveyard
At the bottom of the sea
Of unmarked graves in Arlington.
No, freedom isn't free.

In speech and deed, Abraham Lincoln's statesmanship manifests the possibility of an honorable, reasonable, and just love of country – that is, a reflective patriotism imbued by a republican love of liberty under God's Providence. Thus, in his First Inaugural, March 4, 1861, he characteristically appealed to the combined forces of "Intelligence, patriotism, Christianity, and a firm reliance on Him, who has never yet forsaken this favored land."



BEAMS' Report for April 2026

of Pledges: 10; # of Contributions: 7;
Total Contributors: 17
Total Contributed: \$ 753.00 =
94 Bibles in April (plus some postage)

Many thanks to all those who gave monies to the BEAMS' ministry specifically for postage which added \$ 280.00 in April!

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

2 Timothy Chapter 3:16-17

16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Hebrews 4:12 - For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

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

Alta Key

Graybrier Nursing Home
 116 Lane Dr - Room 14B
 Trinity, NC 27370
 336-431-0079 ~ May 03

Doug Slate

1693 Brookford Rd
 Kernersville, NC 27284
 336-993-3114 (Home)
 704-575-8485 (Cell) ~ June 11

Dovie Dull

1016 Madison Place Circle
 Kernersville, NC 27284
 336-996-6330 ~ May 14

Angela Cornell

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

Terry Matthews

1798 Sandy Ridge Rd.
 Colfax, NC 27235
 336-362-9682 ~ May 18

Dreama Moore

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

Esther Campbell

Brookdale - Skeet Club - Room 38
 1560 Skeet Club Rd.
 High Point, NC 27265
 336-317-2093 ~ May 28

Oma Lou Pitts

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

May Anniversaries

- 2 Garland & Anita Holt
- 6 John & Stephanie Moore
- 14 Allen & Sandra Westmoreland



To each couple: *Sending you both lovely well wishes, happiness and blessings. May you continue to be the best part of yourselves for each other. Wishing you continued growth, strength, prosperity, love, and affection as you live in dedication to each other, and to the Lord ~ togetherness 'til the end of time. May God bless you both in abundance.*

You've reached Old Age when . . .

- ...all you exercise is caution.
- ...you try to straighten out the wrinkles in your socks and realize you aren't wearing any.
- ...all the names in your little black book end in M.D.
- ...your knees buckle and you belt won't.
- ...you're 17 around the neck, 52 around the waist and 105 around the golf course,
- ...you discover that your grandchild's history lessons are what you remember as current events.
- ...you sink your teeth into a steak, and they stay there.
- ...you're more interested in seeing how long the car will last than in how fast it will go.



(Shared by a Re-TIRED church member.)

MAY-be these deserve a chuckle . . .

Which month can't make a decision?

MAYbe

What do you call a bee born in May?

May bee

Which crime-fighter likes May the most?

Robin

If April showers bring May flowers, what do

May flowers bring? **Pilgrims.**

What season is it when you are on a trampoline in May?

Spring-time.

How can you tell that Jedi's like the month of May the most?

Because they always say, **"May the Fourth be with you."**

What May flowers grow on faces? **Tulips** (Two-lips).

What is May's favorite generation? **Baby bloomers.**

Who's the most important person in a Spring wedding?

The MAYtron of honor.



Quotes worth Sharing: "You do what you can, and God will do all you cannot!" Pastor Ken Stanley

"Everything which God has promised, can be considered done." Pastor Chuck

"A lapse of faith will lead to fear." Pastor Chuck

"Joy and happiness are found in the center of His will." Pastor Bruce

"Believing is seeing." Pastor Bruce

"God uses our weakness, to show His strength." Glen Blackburn

A Merry Heart for Medicine

We are told that a merry heart has medicinal value. "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine; but a broken spirit drieth the bones." (Proverbs 17:26) A person who is cheerful and happy is normally less stressed and able to better adjust to the aggravations of life. Christians are permitted to be happy and enjoy life. The joy afforded them gives strength and contentment in the midst of pressure and suffering. The Christian delighting in the Word is "blessed" or "happy." (Psalm 1)

The unbeliever also can have a sense of humor. He too can laugh, but usually the laughter is a cover for a lonely and heavy heart. The merry heart is a heart that rejoices in the Lord. It is engaged in serving God with gladness. The merry heart is the opposite of the "broken spirit" of the verse. There is a wounded conscience and a sense of guilt associated with afflictions in the case of the unsaved. The Christian handles the same afflictions differently because God gives them grace to handle the problems.

The closer we walk with the Lord and spend time in His Word and prayer, the better able we are to experience this merry heart. Rejoicing in the Lord is the key to rejoicing in salvation.

.....Chuck Peters

Month of May Trivia . . .

The Empire State Building officially opened on May 1, 1931, when President Herbert Hoover ceremonially turned on its lights from Washington, D.C.. Built in just over a year during the Great Depression, the 102-story Art Deco skyscraper was completed ahead of schedule and under budget, instantly becoming the world's tallest building.



It is interesting to note that the Empire State Building in New York was designed by architects Shreve, Lamb & Harmon based on their earlier work, the RJ Reynolds Tobacco Company Building (1929) in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. The 22-story Reynolds building won "Building of the Year" for its design, prompting the firm to use similar Art Deco, stepped-back architectural techniques for the 1931 Empire State Building.

My son Patrick gave me a lovely painting thirty-five years ago. Beneath the painting is a poem written by the artist, Ken Helser. God saved this gentleman in 1970, and, as is written in his online bio, "Ken Helser said no to music and yes to Jesus. He was inducted into the seminary of life where the Bible was his textbook, the Holy Spirit his professor, and life the laboratory of testing."

His beautiful painting and touching poem have blessed me again and again . . . a picture of our Savior, Jesus Christ, preparing our "House of Hope."

.....Sherrill Crater

A House of Hope



"I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11 Difficult and many the obstacles be,
For one whom can't nest on mere limb of a tree,
But faith born of instinct the bluebird must follow,
To locate a fence post or dead tree hollow,
To find a house of hope.

From housetop protected from reptile and foe,
The male bird starts singing, a compass to show,
The way for his sweetheart, a life mate be,
His passionate love song allures her to he,
To build a house of hope.

So like the bluebird is Bridegroom Christ Jesus,
Gone to prepare a place quite prestigious,
Please hearken His own love to His song compelling,
Calling us to Himself, our eternal dwelling,
A House of Hope.

— Ken Helser

A Memorial Day Message from the Reverend Billy Graham ~ *an Excerpt*

A decade and a half before Memorial Day became a federal holiday in 1971, Billy Graham was in Boston to deliver a memorial address to the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The year was 1955, and he had just finished visiting many U.S. military installations in Europe. Below is an excerpt from our archives of his timeless message, which still rings true this Memorial Day as we remember with gratitude the sacrifices of so many for our nation.

In all the American idiom, there is no more endearing word than “buddy.” It is warm, with intonations of friendship, brotherhood and common purpose. We are assembled today to pay tribute to those, our “buddies,” who poured out their full measure of devotion upon the altar of freedom.

Thousands of you gathered here could tell dramatic stories of heroism which you yourself have seen acted out by your buddies on the grim stage of war’s theater. They have left this realm of time and space, they have outstripped us in life’s races, but the sacred memory of their selflessness and the freedom they died to obtain will live forever.

Three weeks ago, I had the privilege of spending an afternoon with President (Dwight D.) Eisenhower at Gettysburg. He took me on a personally conducted tour of the Battlefield of Gettysburg, explaining the strategy used by both the Confederate and Union forces. Both of my grandfathers fought at Gettysburg. This famous battlefield, and hundreds of others like it, have become hallowed soil, where thousands of Americans have died either to preserve freedom, prevent aggression or keep intact the union of American states.

Some months ago when President Eisenhower was touring the Battlefield at Valley Forge and was being shown from one historic spot to another, he made this statement at the conclusion of the tour: “This is where they got it for us.”

What did he mean? He meant that those men, and thousands of others in all the wars that America has fought, purchased by their blood the freedoms that we enjoy today in “the land of the free, and the home of the brave.” That terse statement from the lips of our president has rung in my ears for many months.

These battlefields of the world today are hallowed and holy to every American, and we pause to give them our highest honors, humbly realizing the sacred trust that these, our war dead, have handed to us.

As we think of the selflessness and heroism of such fellows, we are reminded of the words of Jesus Christ who said: Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.”

The freedoms we enjoy, the freedoms we take so much for granted, the freedoms we so often trifle with were bought not by the gold of our millionaires, nor altogether the genius of our scientists, nor the sacrifices of the people at home, but primarily by the blood, sweat and agony of those whose names on this day we honor—those who died that we might live!



The Colemans ~ Tohono O’odham Nation Missions Spring ~ 2026

Thank you for all your prayers and support. We have had God’s blessings for over 20 years on the reservation. Time goes by so fast. Our country (America) needs more missions outreach on the hundreds of Native American reservations. Sometimes I feel like many of our churches and many Christians in America have forgotten that America is a mission field. I stay busy reaching and teaching about Jesus, and help with many other needs (Jesus first.) We also help with other needs: food, clothes, and shelter. Once again, “Thank you.” Pray that many will get a mission vision for America, especially the Native American nations. America first with the gospel. Jesus saves!

Below are some pictures new and old with stories: Waiting for good delivery; Jim & Tim visit from Smith Grove Baptist Church, Colfax, NC; Certificate presented to some of Bible student members; Some previous pictures of back to school back packs and blankets passed out, and all have a copy of God’s Word with them. All of our back packs are just simple and the same. Blankets, some donated and some small ones purchased and taken to Archie Hendricks skilled nursing home. The big blankets are too big. They love the small lap blankets.

If you would like to donate and help, please send to Tucson Baptist Church, Memo: Native American. Once again, thank you, God bless, going forward with the gospel.

John and Mavis Coleman



- *A Godly Mother* -

Mother

God took the fragrance of a flower...
The majesty of a tree...
The gentleness of morning dew...
The calm of a quiet sea...
The beauty of the twilight hour...
The soul of a starry night...
The laughter of a rippling brook...
The grace of a bird in flight...
Then God fashioned from these things...
A creation like no other...
And when his masterpiece was through...
He called it simply – Mother.
— Herbert Farnham

A Mother's Love

A mother's love, a Mother's care,
A mother's sigh, a Mother's prayer
A Mother's work, and Mother's day,
Leaves little time for any play.

A godly Mother with godly love,
Is treasure from God above,
A godly Mother with godly above,
A godly Mother with godly care,
Has God's help when she sighs a prayer.



A Godly Mother is a treasure

A Godly Mother is a treasure –
A gift more precious than gold...
Her children rise up, and call her blessed,
And in high esteem do hold.
Her love is like that of our Savior
Who sacrificed His own life...
That we might live joyful, Godly lives
In a troubled world of strife.
Her heart is like His, holding us close
No matter how far we roam,
And her arms are always open wide...
To forgive and welcome home.

Her hands are busy molding our lives
From the moment we are born...
Planting seeds, loving, disciplining,
Even when weary and worn.
Her feet are always careful to go
Where her child can follow there...
How could we thank our Mother enough
For her tender loving care?
A Godly Mother fervently prays
For that child she loves so much,
For she knows the fruit of her vineyard...
Depends on the Master's touch.

— Connie Campbell Bratcher

Proverbs 31:10 & 28 Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. 28 Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.