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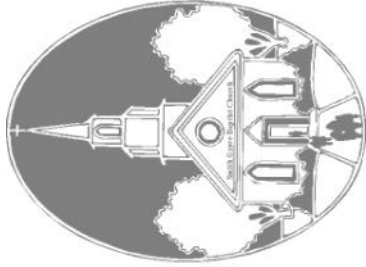
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Happy Easter



Sat., April 1..... Winston-Salem Rescue Mission
Sun., April 2, 4:30-5:45, Fellowship BuildingOverview meeting for "Operation Arctic" volunteers
Sat., April 8, 2-4:30, Fellowship Building ~ "Family Spring Fling" for all children, teens, and their families (party, crafts, and an egg hunt!)
Tues., April 11, 7-8 p.m. Robinwood Retirement Center
Sun., April 16, 7 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service - Speaker: Rev. Bruce Freeman (breakfast following the message)
Sun., April 16BEAMS' SUNDAY
April 20, 21, 22 Lifetouch Portrait Sitzings (don't forget to sign up for your portrait!)
Sun., April 23, 10 & 11 a.m.; 6 p.m.Evangelist Cliff Burwell

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

Iris Farrington Neva Long Clara Ward
Harry Haynes Barbara Tucker Gerry Williams

Assisted Living/Nursing Home

Rose Matthews Ann Rayle
Jo Anne Pegram Lorene Robertson

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Pray for those . . .

IN THE SERVICE OF THEIR COUNTRY



CW3 Jonathan Harless (Raleigh)
Maj. Robert Harless (160th SOAR,
Savannah, GA)
Charles Holmes, Al Asad Air Base
(Northern Iraq)

David Laramore, Fort Hood, Texas, US Army
Chief Warrant Officer 4 Michael Maine, US Army
[Alaska] (Nephew of Clarence Redmon)
Kyle Norman, 565 Outer Drive, Box 190
JB Lewis-McCord, WA 98438
Jason Sabot – Serving in Afghanistan



The Bridge ~ A man was walking along a California beach, deep in prayer. Suddenly the Lord appeared to him and said, "Because you have tried to be faithful to me in all ways, I will grant you one wish." The man said, "Please build me a bridge to Hawaii so that I can drive there." The Lord said, "Your request is very materialistic. I can do it, but it's hard for me to justify your desire for such a thing. Take a little more time and think of something else."

The man thought and thought, and finally said, "Lord, I know... I wish I could understand my wife and know how she feels inside; why she seems so moody, and what she means when she says there's "nothing wrong" and how I can make her truly happy.

The Lord replied, "Do you want two lanes or four lanes on that bridge?"



BEAMS' Report for March 2017

of Pledges: 16; # of Contributions: 7;
Total Contributors: 23
Total Contributed: \$ 968.00 =
121 Bibles in March (plus some postage)

You can also get the BEAMS' report online at our website:
http://www.smithgrove.org/beams_ministry.htm

Pastor Chuck's sermons online: smithgrove.org

Audio Sermons

Revelation 1:18 - *I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.*
1 Corinthians 15:20 - *But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.*
1 John 5:13 - *These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.*

April Fools Day By: Nancy Hughes

I've been known to act like a fool,
not just once but a time or two.
So April Fools Day suits me to a T
It's a special holiday made just for me!



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."

How Important Were Women to the Easter Story?

1. As Jesus walked the road to be crucified, the only recorded words he said on the way were to women who were following him and crying. (Luke 23:27-31)
2. There were many women who watched the crucifixion from a long ways away. (Matthew 27:55)
3. There were at least 3 women named Mary at the crucifixion: Jesus' mother Mary, Jesus' aunt named Mary, and Jesus' friend named Mary. (John 19:25)
4. With some of his last words, Jesus saw to it that his mother would be taken care of by giving her to his best friend John, and Mary lived in John's home ever after that. (John 19:26-27)
5. The first people to find the stone rolled back and Jesus gone out of the tomb were women. (Luke 24:1-3 and Mark 16:6)
6. The men who were Jesus' best friends, didn't believe the women when they reported their findings. (Luke 24:9-11)
7. The angels at the tomb who said Jesus was risen from the dead are only reported to have talked to and been seen by the women and not the men. (Matthew 28:5-7, Luke 24:4-10, & Mark 16:1-7)
8. The first person Jesus appeared to and talked to after he returned from the dead was a woman. And, she was even a woman who had once been demon possessed, Mary Magdalene, delivered and forgiven by Jesus! (John 20:14-15)

MESSAGE TO ALL WOMEN:

Stay in touch with Jesus. You are very important to Him!

~ One Man Didn't ~

Three men were tried for crimes against humanity. Two men committed crimes. One man didn't. Three men were given government trials. Two men had fair trials. One man didn't. Three men were whipped and beaten. Two men had it coming. One man didn't. Three men were given crosses to carry. Two men earned their crosses. One man didn't. Three men were mocked and spit at along the way. Two men cursed and spit back. One man didn't. Three men were nailed to crosses. Two men deserved it. One man didn't. Three men agonized over their abandonment. Two men had reason to be abandoned. One man didn't. Three men talked while hanging on their crosses. Two men argued. One man didn't. Three men knew death was coming. Two men resisted. One man didn't. One. Two. Three men died on three crosses. Three days later. Two men remained in their graves. One man didn't.

SICK/OTHER PRAYER NEEDS:

(Newly added names are in italics.)

Ben Alley (meningitis)	Gary McArthur (malignant tumor)
Dale Austin (leukemia)	Carol McBrayer (High Point Hospital)
Lou Badgett	David McBrayer (Fell)
Joe Blackburn (surgery)	Maggie McGee
Eddie Blackburn (Heart)	Mary Miller (Health issues)
Sherri Bowling (health issues)	Jo Anne Pegram (Kidney issues)
Sheridan Bowman	Ethel Pendry
Tammy Burnett (cancer)	Gene & Oma Lou Pitts
Carolyn Canter (cancer)	Allen Priddy (PTSD)
Kay Collins (Health issues)	Dean Puckett (Stroke)
Tonya Crews (Cancer)	Joe Ray
Dovie Mae Dull (Heart issues)	Marissa Rymer (kidney disease)
Olivia Dunn (9-yr-old - cancer)	Sandra Richardson
Jamie & Jan Estes	Tom Rodgers
Diane Foust	Justin Royal
Kathy Fulk (Health issues)	Noah Sanchez
Kim Garrett (Cancer/Crohn's Disease)	Violet Sealey
Ephraim Gosler (Health Challenges)	Adam & Maryann Serafini
Samuel Hall (Health Issues)	(Spiritual needs)
Mary Hart (stroke)	Ken Shelton (Open-heart surgery)
George Hayes (heart)	Bobby Shelton (Stroke)
Harry Haynes	Debbie Sipes (Pacemaker)
Rhonda Hedgecock	Betty Sue Smith (Health issues)
Ricky Hedgecock	Johnny Smith
Tim Hedgecock	Allen Steele (Syria)
Cheryl Holt's brothers (Salvation)	Donald Stephens
Joretta Holt (Recent hospitalization)	Betty Wall (Colon cancer)
Reva Holt (Hip Surgery)	Clara Ward
Sarah Hudson (CHF)	Gerri Williams
Sarah Isenhour (Crohn's Disease)	BEREAVED Families of:
Cindy Johnson (Cancer)	Thomas Larue, Sr.
David Kite (stroke)	(Joy Overcast's son)
Wesley Landreth	Phyllis Mortimer (Dreema's
Clara Farrington Long (health issues)	sister-in-law)
Daniel & Mazie Matthews	Ruth Smith Williard

There Is a Green Hill Far Away

There is a green hill far away, Beyond the city wall, Where the dear Lord was crucified, Who died to save us all. We may not know, we can not tell, What pains he had to bear; We believe it was for us He hung and suffered there. He died that we might be forgiven; He died to make us good, That we might go to heaven, Saved by His precious blood. There was no other good enough To pay the price of sin, He only could unlock the gate, Of heaven and let us in. O dearly, dearly, He has loved, We must love Him too, Trust in His redeeming blood, And try His works to do. (Cecil Frances Alexander 1818-1895)



... from our Youth Leaders



Our young people are gearing up for some exciting springtime activities! On Wednesday nights, the Bible Clubs are continuing their study of the Old Testament. They have been learning how God enabled Moses to lead His people out of Egypt. The study of the plagues has been especially intriguing for our youngsters! The water turning to blood; the swarms of frogs, lice, flies and locusts; the hail storms... these are disasters that the little ones have responded to with wide-eyed wonder. As meaningful as it is to demonstrate God's infinite power through the plagues, it's even more revealing to show His loving protection over His people as He carried out His plan to set them free. Even at their young age, our children can begin to grasp the truth that God's plan of redemption for us was set into motion from the very beginning of time.

John and Stephanie have led the teens into a new study, "Keys to Successful Living." The world may find "success" in fame, wealth, or popularity, but the teenagers are exploring what God's Word says about leading a *true* life of success. "Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: ... So shalt thou find favour and good understanding (success) in the sight of God and man." (Proverbs 3:3, 4) In Sunday School, to reinforce the Wednesday night lessons, Bruce is taking the teens on a tour of putting on the whole armor of God. In these days, our teenagers must be equipped to firmly stand against the world's influence, so they don't confuse God's idea of successful living with secular messages. The teens will also see this reflected on their upcoming "Movie Night"... in the fellowship hall on **Saturday, March 25 from 6-9**, when we'll gather for pizza, snacks, and a look at the powerful movie, "Do You Believe?" We encourage everyone to invite friends and neighbors.

In the fellowship hall on **Sunday, April 2, at 4:30**, we will hold a **Vacation Bible School meeting** to introduce volunteers to the amazing "Operation Arctic" adventure we have in store this summer! Maybe by June 19, when we kick off VBS, the weatherman will be forecasting some warm and balmy temperatures, but we'll be playing it *cool* as we explore the beautiful Arctic region, plunging into a frigid world where we'll uncover the COOLEST BOOK on the planet ... God's Word! You don't want to miss out on the opportunity to help with this outreach, so join us at our first overview meeting if you'd like to be a part of the flurry of fun to come this summer!

The White Family ~ Missionaries to Bolivia

You can be Free: This past month we had our annual youth camp here in Cochabamba Bolivia. This is a special time each year when we focus on reaching young people and also challenging them to live for the Lord and serve Him. I believe that we have a great opportunity and potential, working with these young people, because they have their whole life before them and are still flexible in many areas. It is also a time when many things are fighting for their attention and loyalty. They have friends that influence them, and family that pushes them towards a career where they can have a successful life. Those things can be good things as long as they first take into account what God's will is for their lives. This is why it is so important, for us, to try and influence them and allow God to work in their lives. This year's camp theme was, "Breaking the Chains" that keep us from doing what the Lord would have us to do. We touched on things like Mediocrity, Worldliness, Peer pressure, Fear, and Immorality. Each morning we had two sessions teaching on these "chains" that can hinder us, ending with a service where they were challenged from God's word. Then in the afternoon we had activities and competitions between the two teams that the campers were divided into. At night we ended things with another service where they were challenged to surrender their lives to the Lord. This year, once again, we had as a special speaker, pastor Juan Pacheco from the Lighthouse Baptist Church in Arequipa Peru. There were about 10 total that came with him, along with another pastor from Juliaca Peru, Percy Lopez. The Lord truly worked in a great way with two making a profession of faith and two more that received assurance of their salvation. Also there were many that went to the altar to give their lives to do what the Lord would have them to do. Please pray for them.

Called to Serve: January is the month of camps here in South America because it is summer time and everyone is on summer break. Not only did we have camp here in Cochabamba but I was also invited to preach at a youth camp in Peru. Me and two guys from church, traveled all day on Saturday, to arrive in Arequipa so that we could visit a few churches on Sunday. I was able to preach at New Hope Baptist and then Lighthouse Baptist in the morning and then that night I preached at Omega Baptist church where my friend David Gardner is working as a missionary. Then on Monday we left for the coast where the camp was to be held in a town called Mejia. The focus of the camp was "Called to Serve" so there were classes in the morning for different groups about how they could serve, and then services at night. The response was amazing as many surrendered their lives to God's call to serve Him in some capacity. Although it was a long trip, we had a great time and were encouraged to see how the Lord is blessing in the ministry in Perú.

Prayer Requests: 1. Pray that we can find the right place to start meeting for our new church in Pacata. 2. Pray for our Bible College classes that start this month. 3. Pray for our daughter Taylor because she broke her foot and will be with a cast for a month or so. 4. Pray for the churches and pastors here that the Lord will continue to guide and bless.



“Our Honour Roll”

Smith Grove’s ministry to our widows and widowers

“Honour widows that are widows indeed.”
(1 Timothy 5:3)

This is a continuing churchwide ministry to remember widows and widowers of the church in a meaningful way. Each month, we highlight our special “Honour Roll Gang Members” who are having birthdays. Listed below are *April and May* 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.

Mary Allen
118 Applegate Rd.
Kernersville, NC 27284
336-830-1371 ~ April 19

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

Ann Dean
4632 Kendale Road
High Point, NC 27265
336-668-9875 ~ May 02

Eloise McCollum
8626 Bull Road
Colfax, NC 27235
336-996-6320 ~ May 26

Alta Key
4454 Peace Rd
Trinity, NC 27370
336-431-0079 ~ May 03



Happy Birthday to all those born in the lovely month of April!

The word “April” comes from “aperire,” a Latin word meaning “to open,” representing the opening of buds and flowers in spring.

Attention Members: Because of space constraints, we are not printing a complete birthday list in The Messenger. A printed listing is available in the Church Foyer for those who would like to have it.

What the caterpillar calls the end, God calls a Butterfly.



April Anniversaries

- 1 Walter & Gail Tate
- 3 Scott & Laura Ritch
- 11 Mike & Becky McCollum



COMMUNION SERVICES:
May 28; Aug. 27;
Nov. 26

On **Saturday, April 8, from 2-4:30**, we will hold a “**Family Spring Fling!**” All children, teens, and their families are invited to celebrate Easter... with a party, crafts, and a Resurrection Egg hunt! Hunters will take their own set of eggs home, so they can share the story of redemption with others. Beyond the fun festivities, our leaders and teachers are eager to share the story of Jesus with young and tender hearts ... this is why they faithfully teach and prepare from week to week. To borrow the familiar words of Fanny Crosby, we hope to “*tell (them) the story of Jesus, write on (their) heart every word; tell (them) the story most precious, sweetest that ever was heard.*” Church family, if you have children, grandchildren, or neighbors that you’re burdened about, please invite them to this Easter event. In conjunction with the beautiful book, Benjamin’s Box, we hope to use the Resurrection Eggs to once again “*tell of the cross where they nailed Him ... the grave where they laid Him ... and how He liveth again.*” What a blessing it would be, if some young soul would realize its need for Christ the Savior... this is the calling Jesus has placed in our hearts, to lead young people to Him. In this season, may we all joyously ponder again what Jesus has accomplished in His unending love for us ... may we each humbly remember that “*love paid the ransom for me.*”

Love, Bruce, Darla, and Marshall

I've banished Winter,
saith the Spring,
Awake! arise, ye flowers!
Brisk breezes blow,



Bright sunshine glow,
And rouse the young
Year's powers.
~Henry James Slack (1818–1896)



Please keep in mind the donations we will be needing for our upcoming Vacation Bible School,

“Operation Arctic!”

If you have any of the following items you would be willing to loan, please let us know: *stuffed polar bears, huskies, sled dogs, reindeer, or moose/ plastic icicles and snowflakes/ strands of white or blue lights/ icicle lights/ snowy*

Christmas trees/ ski gear/old fashioned sleds/ and any wintry scene setters. We would love to have a *giant polar bear or snowman yard inflatable*, if anybody knows of one! Thank you so much!

~ Bruce, Darla, and Marshall

The Danger of Drifting

“Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.” – Hebrews 2:1

This passage constitutes one of the five warnings given to Jewish believers. They are admonished in the Book to go on to maturity, recognizing the adequacy of Christ’s finished work. The Jewish altars and blood sacrifices have ended. The Saviour and His cross work is the final answer to the question of the solution for sin.

The superiority of Christ to Angels is presented in Chapter One. His finished work has resulted in His seating at the Father’s right hand. The antidote against drifting is staying focused upon Him. These wonder truths concerning Jesus Christ support the “therefore” of our text. Slipping, on our part, is prevented by our giving heed to the things previously given.

Someone said, “The protection against drifting is to have Christ at once the anchor and the rudder of our life. The anchor will hold us to the truth while the rudder will guide us by the truth.” The danger of “slipping” is the danger of “neglecting” (Heb.2:3). The consequences of drifting involve not the loss of salvation, for Christians are recipients of eternal life. (John.10:28) The Author of Hebrews presents the sober consequences for drifting, on the part of the Jewish believers. They would fail to enter into a life substantiated by faith and accompanied with spiritual development. They also would risk God’s disfavor and accompanying chastisement. (Heb.12)

The child of God possesses a “so great salvation!” (Hebrews 2:3) How could we give Him less than our all in light of our Lord’s sacrifice for us at Calvary?

“Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small; Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.” – Isaac Watts

Pastor Chuck Peters

Take A Second Look At Calvary



When I went through times of loneliness, I thought, “Lord, where were You?

Don’t You know, Lord, can’t You see all this pain I’m going through?” Then in the midst of my devotions, I was thunderstruck one day When I realized: in my Saviour’s darkest hours all His friends had turned away.

When I struggled through depression, I cried, “Lord, where were You? Can’t You take these doubts and fears away; help me somehow make it through?”

But I knelt in sweet submission, surrendered all and my heart was still, As I remembered my blessed Saviour praying, “Not Mine, but Your will.”

When my heart ached in bitter anguish, grief-struck and broken too, I cried through tears of agony, “Oh my Lord, where were You? I can’t fight this battle anymore, I can’t overcome this gloom.” Then in my self-pity, I recalled, that Jesus wept at Lazarus’ tomb.

When I think that I’m forsaken, bitter, anguished and alone, I remember that my Saviour made all my pain His own. He tasted death, He suffered much, He was tempted, tried, beset, And in all His trials and afflictions, Jesus loved me yet.

A man of sorrows - He knew our grief, He bore our sin and shame, He was forsaken by God above that we may never be again. He was wounded for our transgressions – as the Bible has revealed - But most of all, Jesus shed His blood and by His stripes we are healed.

So when you are feeling lonely, depressed, and are haunted by your grief,

Here’s a solution that, through eyes of faith, will surely bring relief: When you are wondering if the Lord cares and if He is watching from above,

Take a second look at Calvary – and there behold God’s wondrous love!

..... By *Jerry Bouey*