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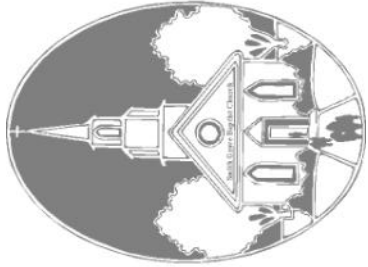
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Proverbs 10:5 "He that gathereth in summer is a wise son: but he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame."



Sat., Aug. 6..... **Winston-Salem Rescue Mission**
Tues., Aug. 9, 7-8 p.m...... **Robinwood Retirement Center**
Sun., Aug. 21 **BEAMS' SUNDAY!**

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 Forrest Tucker Gerry Williams
Harry Haynes Barbara Tucker Clara Ward

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, NC)
Maj. Robert Harless (160th SOAR,
Savannah, GA)
Charles Holmes, Al Asad Air Base
(Northern Iraq)
David Laramore, Fort Huachuca,
Sierra Vista, AZ, 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



- Worry is like a rocking chair -- it gives you something to do but doesn't get you anywhere.
- Thank God for what you have -- Trust God for what you need.
- The soul would have no rainbow if the eyes had no tears. (Native American proverb)
- Don't put people down, unless it's on your prayer list.
- What wings are to a bird, and sails to a ship, so is prayer to the soul.
- Freedom is not the right to do as you please, but the liberty to do as you ought.
- The will of God will never take you to where the Grace of God will not protect you.



BEAMS' Report for July 2016

of Pledges: 11; # of Contributions: 6 ;
Total Contributors: 17
Total Contributed: \$ 957.00 =
119 Bibles in July (plus some postage)

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

Audio Sermons

Don't forget: Pastor Chuck's sermons are online. They are included in the Home Page navigation on [smithgrove.org](http://www.smithgrove.org) (top of page) -- Audio Sermons button.

THE PIT *Psalm 40:2*

A man fell into a pit and couldn't get himself out. A subjective person came along and said, "I feel for you down there." An objective person walked by and said, "It's logical that someone would fall down there." A Pharisee said, "Only bad people fall into pits." A mathematician calculated how deep the pit was. A news reporter wanted the exclusive story on the pit. A self-pitying person said, "You haven't seen anything until you've seen my pit." A fire-and-brimstone preacher said, "You deserve your pit." A Christian Scientist observed, "The pit is just in your mind." A psychologist noted, "Your mother and father are to blame for your being in that pit." A self-esteem therapist said, "Believe in yourself and you can get out of that pit." An optimist said, "Things could be worse." A pessimist claimed, "Things will get worse." *Jesus, seeing the man, took him by the hand and lifted him out of the pit.*



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."

MALACHI BOYS SCHOOL, INC.

Reaching the World for Christ One Boy at a Time

School is out! The last couple of months were especially busy with lots of school activities. We are thankful that all the boys did well in school this year. We have two new boys who should be coming soon; please pray for them and for their families. We are grateful for the summer months when we can do more work on the property and hopefully visit lots of churches. As we said in our last letter, we would like to expand our ministry. If you know a church that might be interested in having us present his work to them, please have them give us a call.

We are doing more remodeling in our basement and hope to complete it soon. We have also begun the process of remodeling our dorm. We have six bunk beds in need of seven or eight new mattresses. We have closet space for each boy, but would like to have sturdy footlockers for each one or some new dressers. We could use twelve new mattress covers and new matching twin comforters. We also need to do some work in the bathrooms. A major and immediate need is a new security/alarm system since we are dealing with troubled boys. We would like to be able to put laminate flooring in the living room. The carpet is very worn; it does not hold up well with all the traffic. We completed our fence on the property and are now working on our barn, which needs lots of repairs. We still plan to have animals on the property once these improvements are completed.

All of the above projects are time consuming and expensive, especially the flooring. We would welcome and appreciate your help. Please pray for needed funds to complete these projects this summer.

We have listed many needs, but we want to say how God has blessed Malachi. We just received money for a new washer/dryer, and we are so grateful. God bless each of you who sacrifice for this ministry.

Thank you again for your faithful prayers and support! The invitation to visit us is always open; please call us (cell 336-554-4585). We would love to come to your church and sing, preach, visit.

May God richly bless you, *Tim & Katrina Skelton*
House Parents

SICK/OTHER PRAYER NEEDS:

(Newly added names are in italics.)

Melvin & JoAnn Alley	Allen Priddy (PTSD)
Dale Austin (leukemia)	Joe Ray
Lou Badgett	Larry Rayle (Health concerns)
Thurmond Bondurant (throat cancer)	Sandra Richardson
Homer Bowden	Tom Rodgers
Sheridan Bowman	Claude Royal
Jeffrey Branch (Car accident)	Justin Royal
Ann Burke (stroke)	Violet Sealey
Thelma Bullard	Irene Shields (Recovering from hip surgery)
Tammy Burnett (cancer)	Johnny Smith (Surgery)
Kenneth Case (cancer)	Nora Smith (Hip surgery)
Kay Collins (Health issues)	Betty Soyars (Pneumonia)
Tonya Crews (Cancer)	Bobby Shelton (Stroke)
Dovie Mae Dull (Heart issues)	Allen Steele (Syria)
Olivia Dunn (9-yr-old - cancer)	Donald Stephens
Jamie & Jan Estes	Gail Tate (Heart issues)
Diane Foust	Michael Tate
Kathy Fulk (Health issues)	Chara Tate's mother (cancer)
Kim Garrett (Cancer/Crohn's Disease)	Sue Uhler (Lung Cancer)
Samuel Hall (Health Issues)	Brooke Long Wagoner
Carol Hayden	Clara Ward
George Hayes (heart)	Reid Westmoreland
Rhonda Hedgecock	Johnny Willard (New health issues)
Ricky Hedgecock	Elizabeth Yeoman
Tim Hedgecock	
Joretta Holt (CHF)	
Reva Holt (Back issues & eyesight)	BEREAVED: <i>Family of</i>
Sarah Hudson (CHF)	Helen Jones
Sarah Isenhour (Crohn's Disease)	Floyd Knight
Cindy Johnson (Cancer)	Nola Bernice Idol Smith
Maureen Lamb	Rita Dillon Woodard
Wesley Landreth	
Don & Marcie Lemar (Health Issues)	
Clara Farrington Long (health issues)	
Dot Long (Suffered a fall)	
Neva Long (Recovering at home.)	
Daniel & Mazie Matthews	
Gary McArthur (malignant tumor)	
Maggie McGee	
Mary Miller (Health issues)	
Gail Nuckles	
Darla Parks (Pulmonary infection)	
Jo Anne Pegram (Broken Hip)	
Ethel Pendry	
Gene & Oma Lou Pitts	

Please pray for the Flood Victims in West Virginia.

To donate monies for the five families in the Lewisburg Baptist Church who lost their homes in the flood, please note on your check or donation envelope that it is for the "WV Flood Victims" and specify the amount you wish to designate; place it in the offering plate at church or give it to Martha Harless.

Importance of Prayer

“Shall I give you yet another reason why you should pray? I have preached my very heart out. I could not say any more than I have said. Will not your prayers accomplish that which my preaching fails to do? Is it not likely that the Church has been putting forth its preaching hand but not its praying hand? Oh dear friends! Let us agonize in prayer.” - Charles Spurgeon

“No man can do me a truer kindness in this world than to pray for me.” Charles Spurgeon

Don't pray when you feel like it. Have an appointment with the Lord and keep it. A man is powerful on his knees.”
Corrie ten Boom

“Prayer will make a man cease from sin, or sin will entice a man to cease from prayer.” John Bunyon

“Prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance, but laying hold of His willingness.” Martin Luther.

“The one concern of the devil is to keep Christians from praying. He fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayerless work and prayerless religion. He laughs at our toil, mocks at our wisdom, but he trembles when we pray.” Samuel Chadwick

True prayer is neither a mere mental exercise nor a vocal performance. It is far deeper than that - it is spiritual transaction with the Creator of Heaven and Earth. – Charles Spurgeon

“**Any concern** too small to be turned into a prayer is too small to be made into a burden.” – Corrie Ten Boom

“**Work as** if you were to live a hundred years, pray as if you were to die tomorrow.” – Benjamin Franklin

“**To get nations** back on their feet, we must first get down on our knees.” – Billy Graham

“**I have been** driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had absolutely no other place to go.” - Abraham Lincoln

August Birthdays

2	Sandy Westmoreland	21	Trudy Nuckles
3	Taylor Westmoreland	22	Jeanette Dillon
4	John Finney	22	Stephen Hutton
4	Lorene Robertson	22	Carol Peters
6	Spencer Holt	23	Allen Westmoreland
7	Mike McCollum	24	Maudean Nuckles
8	Robin Pitts	24	Rick Cornell
8	Allen Pitts	27	Patrick Clark
9	April Owens	27	Lindsay Owens
10	David Keedy	27	Ashley Pilcher
11	Diane Baker	28	Doris Nuckles
11	Ann Matthews	30	Scott Crump
12	Cleo Holt		
12	Gerald Pitts		
13	Darrell Jordan		
17	Jay Pitts		
19	Patsy Pendry		
20	Sarah Hendrix		
21	Corinne “Coco” Keedy		
21	Tori Kennedy		



“The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why.” — Mark Twain

August Anniversaries



- 10 Johnny & Laura Smith
- 15 Andrew & Lydia Beeson
- 17 David & Lori Keedy (25th)

Congratulations

To David and Lori Keedy on their
Silver Wedding Anniversary!





“Our Honour Roll”

Smith Grove’s ministry to our widows and widowers

“Honour widows that are widows indeed.”

(I 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 *August and September* 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.

Lorene Robertson

PO Box 285
Colfax, NC 27235
~ August 04

Evelyn Mickey

9024 County Line Road
Kernersville, NC 27284
~ September 01

Patsy Pendry

8054 Clinard Farms Rd
High Point, NC 27265
336-668-4415 ~ August 19

Lala Pitts

2520 Sandy Ridge Rd.
Colfax, NC 27235
336-668-2218 ~ September 4



Doris Nuckles

8324 Tyner Loop Road
Colfax, NC 27235
336-668-2332 ~ August 28

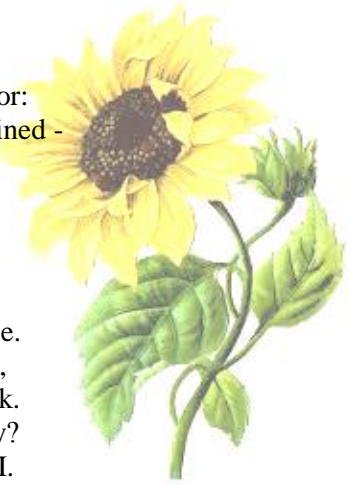
Linda Hooker

463 Macy Grove Rd.
Kernersville, NC 27284
336-993-5789 ~ September 17

An August Midnight

Thomas Hardy

A shaded lamp and a waving blind,
And the beat of a clock from a distant floor:
On this scene enter--winged, horned, and spined -
A longlegs, a moth, and a dumbledore;
While 'mid my page there idly stands
A sleepy fly, that rubs its hands . . .



Thus meet we five, in this still place,
At this point of time, at this point in space.
- My guests parade my new-penned ink,
Or bang at the lamp-glass, whirl, and sink.
“God's humblest, they!” I muse. Yet why?
They know Earth-secrets that know not I.

“When summer opens, I see how fast it matures, and fear it will be short; but after the heats of July and August, I am reconciled, like one who has had his swing, to the cool of autumn.”

— Ralph Waldo Emerson, American essayist and scholar

“Summer’s lease hath all too short a date.” — William Shakespeare

As told by D. L. Moody . . .

Mr. Spurgeon, a number of years ago, made a parable. He thought he had a right to make one, and he did it. He said: “There was once a tyrant who ordered one of his subjects into his presence, and ordered him to make a chain. The poor blacksmith—that was his occupation—had to go to work and forge the chain. When it was done he brought it into the presence of the tyrant, and he was ordered to take it away and make it twice the length. He brought it again to the tyrant, and again he was ordered to double it. Back he came when he had obeyed the order, and the tyrant looked at it, and then commanded the servants to bind the man hand and foot with the chain he had made and cast him into prison. “And,” Mr. Spurgeon said, “that is what the devil does with man. He makes them forge their own chain, and then binds them hand and foot with it, and casts them into outer darkness.” My friends, that is just what these drunkards, these gamblers, these blasphemers—that is just what every sinner is doing. But, thank God, we can tell you of a deliverer. The Son of God has power to break every one of these fetters if you will only come to Him.



A father was reading Bible stories to his young son. He read, “The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned to salt.” His son asked, “But what happened to the flea?”

A three-year-old boy went with his dad to see a litter of kittens. On returning home, he breathlessly informed his mother, “There were two boy kittens and two girl kittens.” “How did you know?” his mother asked. “Daddy picked them up and looked underneath,” he replied. “I think it's printed on the bottom.”

A Sunday School teacher asked her class, “Does anyone here know what we mean by sins of omission?” A small girl replied: “Aren't those the sins we should have committed, but didn't?”

“Gun Control or Heart Control”?

“For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he.” Proverbs 23:7

Pastor Chuck Peters

This passage in Proverbs pertains to the use of favor for evil intent. The example given is that of the invitation to a meal for the purpose of exploiting rather than showing genuine hospitality. The host who uses the table guest in this manner is insincere and their heart is not right! They are revealing their true selves and are acting in accordance with a wicked heart.

The core problem in this world today is a problem of the heart. The heart is defined as the seat of the emotions, intellect, and will. The heart is the mirror of one’s character. The condition of our heart determines our actions whether good or bad. The common tendency today is to play the blame game for human evil actions. The blame is placed upon the home, society, the environment, or the company we keep. The blame, however, goes back much further and much deeper. The Biblical truth is that we are sinners by choice because we are sinners by nature. “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 5:12. We all inherited the sin nature from our Father, Adam!

People do bad things because they have a bad internal problem. The explanation for the wholesale corruption and violence today is much deeper than that which is being presented by secular society. Millions of dollars are being spent in attempting to rehabilitate people out of addictions and bad activity. Real rehabilitation can be experienced at a much cheaper cost! The cost may be as low as the cost of a Bible coupled with willingness to read and obey its inspired contents!

This precious “Book of God” actually pinpoints the root cause of the sinful and corrupt activity committed today in our world. Most of the so-called “experts” who deal with human personality disorders rarely, if ever, relate the problems to the root cause. The Bible reveals the root cause as a “heart” cause. “For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts,

adulteries, fornications, murders, Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.” – Mark 7:21-23.

Wickedness comes from within! A killer’s heart is what drives to kill. A gun, for example, is only an inanimate object. It has no life. It totally depends on a human being to make it function. It takes a human being to pick up a gun and pull the trigger. The condition of the heart of human beings determines the use of any inanimate object whether for good or for bad! People with evil, murderous hearts are not restricted to killing only with firearms. The first murderer in human history murdered without a gun! Cain slew Abel not because of access to a weapon but because he was wicked! Bad behavior is the result of a corrupt heart. Wickedness lies in the heart of the person who picks up the gun and murders a fellow human being. “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?” – Jeremiah 17:9.

The greatest need today in our society is not “gun control” but “heart control!” The way to heart control is the way of righteousness or salvation. “For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” – Romans 10:10.

The control of habits, activities, and even the use of “guns” is a matter that relates to the control of the heart. God, alone, is the fixer of the heart. He certainly heals the broken heart and He also has a way of dealing with the wicked heart. He gives a new heart for He makes a person a new creation in Christ Jesus when He saves them. (Ref. II Corinthians 5:17)

The answer today for the violence is not in gun control but in heart control and God, and God alone, is the Specialist in that area!

