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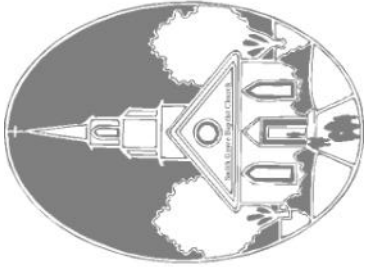
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Sat., Aug. 1 ~ Winston-Salem Rescue Mission

Sun., Aug. 16 **BEAMS' SUNDAY & Communion**

Sun., Aug. 30, 6 pm **Special Music provided by the Grady Stevens' Family**

Looking Ahead:

Sun., Nov. 1, 6 pm ~ **The White Family** ~ Missionaries to Bolivia

Schedule of COMMUNION SERVICES:

Nov. 22, 2015 ~ Feb. 21 & March 20, 2016

Statement of Faith:

We are an Independent Baptist Church 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

Louise Byrd	Jo Anne Pegram	Clara Ward
Iris Farrington	Ann Rayle	Gerry Williams
Harry Haynes	Barbara Tucker	
Neva Long	Forrest Tucker	

Assisted Living/Nursing Home

Helen Jones ~ Rose Matthews ~ Betty Robinson ~ Lorene Robertson

SICK/OTHER NEEDS: (Newly added names are in italics.)

Lou Badgett	Dot Long
<i>Donnie Barham</i> (Cancer– special prayer needed)	Neva Long
Homer Bowden	Elaine Lowe (Health Issues)
Sherri Bowling	Mark Lowe
Sheridan Bowman	Daniel & Mazie Matthews (Special needs)
Konny Bridges	Gary McArthur (malignant tumor)
Ann Burke (stroke)	Maggie McGee
Thelma Bullard	Cindy Miller (Health Issues)
Tammy Burnett (cancer)	Phillip Moore - (Lung Cancer)
Johnny Clark (heart transplant)	<i>Melody Myers</i> (Cancer)
Patrick Clark (CHF)	Sally Nester (cancer)
Christie Cobb (Breast Cancer)	Clarence Parker (Cancer)
<i>Alice Covington</i> (Hospice)	Gene & Oma Lou Pitts
Olivia Dunn (9-yr old -- cancer)	Allen Priddy (PTSD)
Iris Farrington (Broken arm)	<i>Charly Raso</i> (COPD)
Diane Foust (Cancer)	Joe Ray
Kathy Fulk (Diabetes & health issues)	<i>Ron Rayle</i>
Kim Garrett (Cancer/Crohn's Disease)	Sandra Richardson
Charles "Junior" Gray (Cancer)	Claude Royal
Karen Hart (Kidney Transplant Candidate)	Justin Royal
George Hayes (heart)	Jean Rumsey
Rhonda Hedgecock	Violet Sealey
Ricky Hedgecock	Betty Soyars
Tim Hedgecock	<i>Samantha Tucker's mother</i>
Joretta Holt (CHF)	Brooke Long Wagoner
Marlene Holt (crushed shoulder)	Kenneth Westmoreland
Sarah Hudson (CHF)	Reid Westmoreland
Stephanie Hutton	Jan Wilson
Sarah Isenhour (Crohn's Disease)	Greg Wood (Heart attack)
Jimmy Johnson (Illness)	<i>Elizabeth Yeoman</i>
Maureen Lamb	
Wesley Landreth	BEREAVED Families of:
Don & Marcie Lemar (Health Issues)	Ruby Shields Marshall
Clara Farrington Long (health issues)	Jackie Roberson
	Tommy Smith
	Rev. Ed Yeoman



BEAMS' Report for July 2015

of Pledges: 14 ; # of Contributions: 6 ;
 Total Contributors: 20
 Total Contributed: \$ 587.00 =
73 Bibles (plus some postage) in July

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

Ponder This . . .

- *Are you lost?* Pick up the GPS . . . God's Problem Solver ~ the Bible.
- The law may provide an avenue to justice, but never justification. Only the grace of God can do that.
- Christ's return is near. Don't miss it for the world!
- Get right or get left!
- Joy is not the absence of difficulties, but the presence of God
- Noah passed God's test with flying colors – witness the rainbow!
- Faith ends where worry begins. Worry ends where faith begins
- Fear can keep you up all night. Faith makes one fine pillow
- Sorrow looks back, worry looks around, faith looks up
- Flee temptation. And don't leave a forwarding address
- Sin fascinates, and then assassinates



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."

THE DAMAZIOS ~ Missionaries to Brazil

I want to start this letter by saying "Thank you very much" for your interest, love and faithfulness to our ministry. Here on the missionary field we are all well and as they say here we have "saude de ferro (health like iron)." We have no complaints when it comes to our life. I have never felt so ready to carry on our ministry as I do now. God has used us to reach many others for Christ. Winter is starting here in southern Brazil but I don't see a better time to spread the gospel. As I have mentioned in earlier letters we have a new church that is growing in the city of "Imbituba" also in the state of Santa Catarina. It is located less than an hour's drive from Florianopolis. We are holding services on a farm that belongs to Sebastiao and his wife, Marcia. They were saved and have become very faithful and involved in the Lord's work. Sebastiao has a successful small construction company and before he got saved he would have big "fiestas" with dances, alcohol and other things that I don't need to mention. These parties were held in a huge shed that was used every weekend. The area there is one of much poverty. Our services are held every Saturday at 4 PM and afterwards we serve snacks for all those who attended. Also, we have a service every Tuesday night at 7 PM and it is a study for couples. This study is led by a member of our church and who has been trained to minister to couples. He is in the Navy and is in the third year in our Bible college. His name is Helio and his wife is Nilceia. After the study a free snack from the church is served to all who participated in the study. It is a beautiful place with lots of trees even fruit trees and in the middle a small lake. Next week we are going to place a big billboard on the interstate highway that will announce our church but we are also, going house to house announcing the Good News. Pray for this new work.

Last month we had a mission conference here in our main church starting on the 15th and going through the 17th. This conference was promoted by the mission board "Associacao Missionaria Independente" (AMI) and pastor and missionary Fernando Martins was the main speaker. AMI is located in Sao Paulo and it is a fundamental Baptist mission board that sends Brazilian missionaries to many countries of the world and they are supported by our churches here in Brazil. The main goal is to reach countries where the language is Portuguese or Spanish. Several missionaries and pastors (local & national) attended during these 3 especial days. During the 3 days much teaching and preaching was done about missions and our people were greatly challenged and are getting more involved.

Brazil is having what may be the worst time of its history. Corruption and inflation is growing more than ever and is frightening everyone. Our president (Jezebel) is promoting through the media homosexuality. Thousands of gays and Lesbians are in the streets giving support to the president; things that we have never seen before. Today there is liberty for all types of immorality, corrupt politicians are lining up with the president and Christians are being prohibited to preach what the Bible teaches. Traditional churches are being threatened and everything indicates that this is our last chance to do something big in behalf of the reign of God!

Moises and Rute Damazios

Pray for those . . .

IN THE SERVICE OF THEIR COUNTRY



A1C William Holt, US Air Force
Pope AFB, Vass, NC 28394

CW3 Jonathan Harless (Raleigh, NC)

Maj. Robert Harless (160th SOAR,
Savannah, GA)

Charles Holmes, Al Asad Air Base
(Northern Iraq)

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

David Ortez, Iraq & Afghanistan

Jason Sabot – Serving in Afghanistan



Why God Made Teachers

By Kevin William Huff

When God created teachers,
He gave us special friends
To help us understand His world
And truly comprehend
The beauty and the wonder
Of everything we see,
And become a better person
With each discovery.
When God created teachers,
He gave us special guides
To show us ways in which to grow
So we can all decide
How to live and how to do
What's right instead of wrong,
To lead us so that we can lead
And learn how to be strong.
Why God created teachers,
In His wisdom and His grace,
Was to help us learn to make our world
A better, wiser place.

*In the Beginning there was nothing,
which exploded – Yeah, right . . .*

A Circle of Friends

We've joined together as classmates
as the new year begins . . .
A year full of learning
while we become friends.
We'll share and be kind
as we work and play.
And our friendship will grow
with each passing day.





Purple Heart Day

August 7, 2015

Each year in the United States, August 7th celebrates Purple Heart Day.

A decoration consisting of a purple, heart-shaped piece of silk having a narrow edge of silver stitched with the word Merit across the face, was created by General George Washington on August 7, 1782. Considered to be the first official military combat badge of the United States Armed Forces, this is called the “Badge for Military Merit.” The official successor decoration of the Badge of Military Merit is the **Purple Heart**.

Washington said the following regarding the Badge of Military Merit:

“The General ever desirous to cherish virtuous ambition in his soldiers, as well as to foster and encourage every species of Military merit, directs that whenever any singularly meritorious action is performed, the author of it shall be permitted to wear on his facings over the left breast, the figure of a heart in purple cloth, or silk, edged with narrow lace or binding. Not only instances of unusual gallantry, but also of extraordinary fidelity and essential service in any way shall meet with a due reward. Before this favour can be conferred on any man, the particular fact, or facts, on which it is to be grounded must be set forth to the Commander in chief accompanied with certificates from the Commanding officers of the regiment and brigade to which the Candidate for reward belonged, or other incontestable proofs, and upon granting it, the name and regiment of the person with the action so certified are to be enrolled in the book of merit which will be kept at the orderly office. Men who have merited this last distinction to be suffered to pass all guards and sentinals which officers are permitted to do. The road to glory in a patriot army and a free country is thus open to all. This order is also to have retrospect to the earliest stages of war, and to be considered as a permanent one.” (Wikipedia)

August Birthdays

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



September Birthdays

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|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Heath Bryant | 18 Linda Hooker |
| 1 Evelyn Mickey | 18 Andrea Nelson |
| 2 Glenn Blackburn | 21 Tyler Pilcher |
| 4 Lala Pitts | 23 Don Sealey |
| 5 Brandon Nuckles | 26 Melissa Briggs |
| 5 Kasie Powell | 26 Michelle Hendrix |
| 5 Sherrill Vanderburg | 27 Bobbie Hayworth |
| 5 Helen Jones | 30 Chuck Peters |
| 13 Courtney Forbes | Joy Cisom |
| 14 Trevor Westmoreland | Patricia Fulk |
| 15 Donnie Campbell | Sandy Hancock |
| 15 Bob Ingold | Mike Poindexter |
| 17 Clarence Redmon | Gary Sechler |

August Anniversaries

- Johnny & Laura Smith – Aug. 10
 Andrew & Lydia Beeson - Aug. 15
 Raymond & Mattie Nuckles – Aug. 15





“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 *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

Lala Pitts

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

Patsy Pendry

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

Helen Jones

Countryside Manor Ret. Home
7700 US 158 E
Stokesdale, NC 27357
643-2996 ~ September 5

Doris Nuckles

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

Linda Hooker

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

Evelyn Mickey

9024 County Line Road
Kernersville, NC 27284
~ September 01

*“Be careful with your words:
once spoken, they can only be
forgiven, not forgotten.”*

Proverbs 22:6 - Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.
Psalms 32:8 - I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.

2 Timothy 2:15 - Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Romans 12:7 - Or ministry, [let us wait] on [our] ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching;

2 Timothy 3:16 - All scripture [is] given by inspiration of God, and [is] profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:



Excerpt from . . .

Soul Winning

A sermon (No. 850) delivered at the Metropolitan Tabernacle, Newington, by C. H. Spurgeon.

“He that winneth souls is wise.”—Proverbs 11:30.

“He that winneth souls is wise,” because he has selected a wise object. I think it was Michaelangelo who once carved certain magnificent statues in snow. They are gone; the material readily compacted by the frost as readily melted in the heat. Far wiser was he when he fashioned the enduring marble, and produced works which will last all down the ages. But even marble itself is consumed and fretted by the tooth of time; and he is wise who selects for his raw material immortal souls, whose existence shall outlast the stars. If God shall bless us to the winning of souls, our work shall remain when the wood, and hay, and stubble of earth’s art and science shall have gone to the dust from which they sprang. In heaven itself, the soul-winner, blessed of God, shall have memorials of his work preserved for ever in the galleries of the skies. He has selected a wise object, for what can be wiser than to glorify God, and what, next to that, can be wiser than in the highest sense to bless our fellow men; to snatch a soul from the gulf that yawns, to lift it up to the heaven that glorifies; to deliver an immortal from the thralldom of Satan, and to bring him into the liberty of Christ? What more excellent than this? I say that such an aim would commend itself to all right minds, and that angels themselves may envy us poor sons of men that we are permitted to make this our life-object, to win souls for Jesus Christ. Wisdom herself assents to the excellence of the design.

To accomplish such a work a man must be wise, for to win a soul requires infinite wisdom. God himself wins not souls without wisdom, for the eternal plan of salvation was dictated by an infallible judgment, and in every line of it infinite skill is apparent. Christ, God’s great soul-winner, is “the wisdom of God,” as well as “the power of God.” There is as much wisdom to be seen in the new creation as in the old. In a sinner saved, there is as much of God to be beheld as in a universe rising out of nothing; and we then, who are to be workers together with God, proceeding side by side with him to the great work of soul-winning, must be wise too. It is a work which filled a Savior’s heart—a work which moved the Eternal mind or ever the earth was. It is no child’s play, nor a thing to be achieved while we are half asleep, nor to be attempted without deep consideration, nor to be carried on without gracious help from the only-wise God, our Savior. The pursuit is wise.

“More Excellent Way”
I Cor.12:31 Pastor Chuck Peters

The “more excellent way” referenced in this verse, is the way of love which is the highlight theme of Chapter 13 of this Book. I thought of this subject in light of the tragic killings in S.C. this past week. (June 17, 2015) I was particularly struck with the response of many of the family members of the slain. They actually forgave the killer! I try to put myself in their shoes and seriously wonder if I could copy their example under those circumstances. I would simply say that nothing short of the grace of God makes forgiveness of that magnitude possible!

The killer himself admitted that he was killing good people who had treated him with kindness prior to his killing rage. I know nothing about the members of Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina. I honestly have never met a single one of them. I only know that they chose the “more excellent way” in their response to the killings. Their response has baffled many, including Christians! How often is such a display of love and forgiveness seen in our world today which is blinded by so much hatred, strife, and greed? I watch as news anchor, Greg Gutfeld, threw up his hands saying that he could not understand how the family members of the slain could forgive Dylann Roof. Greg Gutfeld admits to being non religious but gave the impression that the unique ability of the members to forgive was coming from a source that he knew nothing about!

The ability to love and forgive the unloving and, yes, even the killer, finds its source in the loving Lord who loved us in spite of ourselves and gave Himself for us on the cross. The love of God is shed in the hearts of the redeemed one. The Christian literally does have the “supernatural” ability to forgive the worst specimen of a human. We who know the Lord in salvation, oftentimes struggle with the issue of forgiveness but need to know it is both possible and also, perhaps, the greatest way to display Christianity in shoe leather to a violent world where many today are saying, where is God?

I believe that a proof of His existence and power is seen in the Christ-honoring demeanor of those precious grieving members of Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina.

They have my prayers and love.

Excerpts from . . . **God’s Forgiveness** by Pastor Jimmy Dean
(First Baptist Church of Barberville, FL) ~ Ephesians 1:3-8

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What is forgiveness? It is, quite literally, the setting aside of a debt by the one to which the debt is owed. When we talk about forgiveness in this light, are we to understand that it is possible for us to “pay” God for our forgiveness? Of course not. But it should cause us to realize, if we never have before, just how incredible and awesome God’s forgiveness toward us actually is. When I thought of it recently, it made me ask some questions...

WHO NEEDS GOD’S FORGIVENESS? ANYONE WHO MEETS THE BIBLICAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR BEING A SINNER (THOSE UNDER THE CURSE OF UNIVERSAL SIN)EVERYONE!

WHAT IS GOD’S FORGIVENESS? A little boy came to the Washington Monument and noticed a guard standing by it. The little boy looked up at the guard and said, “I want to buy it.” The guard stooped down and says, “How much do you have?” The boy reached into his pocket and pulled out a quarter. The guard said, “That’s not enough.” The boy replied, “I thought you would say that.” So he pulled out nine cents more. The guard looked down at the boy and said, “You need to understand three things. First, thirty-four cents is not enough. In fact, \$34 million is not enough to buy the Washington Monument. Second, the Washington Monument is not for sale. And third, if you are an American citizen, the Washington Monument already belongs to you.”

We need to understand three things about forgiveness. First, we can not earn it. Second, it is not for sale. And third, if we accept Christ, we already have it.

God’s forgiveness is His UNMERITED FAVOR. (Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.) The “grace” and the “faith” are both not of ourselves.

What does God do with sins that He’s forgiven? Psalm 103:12 As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us. He completely separates the sins from those who committed them. Isaiah 43:25 I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins. - He forgets them! Critics charge that an omniscient God could never forget something. **But they fail to recognize that an omnipotent God can do anything!**

WHAT IS GOD’S FORGIVENESS? IT IS EXPERIENCING HIS UNMERITED FAVOR... YOU CAN’T EARN IT!

HOW TO EXPERIENCE GOD’S FORGIVENESS? Anyone can experience God’s forgiveness by UTILIZING GOD’S PLAN: REALIZE your need; RESPOND to God’s provision; REPENT of your sin; RECEIVE Christ as Savior (Romans 10:9-13 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. 10For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.); REJOICE in telling othersMat. 10:32 Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. 33But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.