

**THE MESSENGER**  
Smith Grove Baptist Church  
P.O. Box 57  
Colfax, NC 27235

Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Morning Worship 11:00 AM  
Junior Church 11:15 AM  
Evening Worship 6:00 PM  
Wednesday Service 7:00 PM  
Bible Clubs 6:45 PM  
Thursday Visitation 7:00 PM

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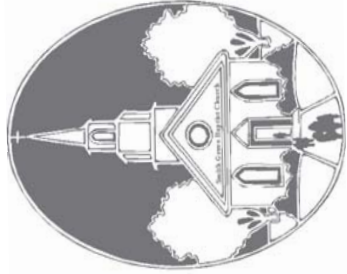
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**PROVERBS 25:13**

As the cold of snow in the  
time of harvest, so is a faithful  
messenger to them that send  
him, for he refresheth the soul  
of his masters . . .



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## ***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."

We are an independent Baptist Church, still preaching the Word of God - as it is, to people as they are. We are furthermore satisfied that the King James Version of the Bible is the preserved, inspired Word of God.

If you have not yet followed the Lord in Believer's Baptism or if you feel the Lord is leading you to join Smith Grove Baptist Church, please see Pastor Chuck.

*January 2015*



**Tues., Jan. 13, 7-8 pm ..... Robinwood Retirement Ctr.**

**Sunday, Jan. 18 ..... BEAMS' SUNDAY [Note:**

The day for the BEAMS' offering is being changed to the **third Sunday of each month** to better coordinate with the printing of the newsletter. *Please be sure to use the "BEAMS" envelope and make your check payable to the BEAMS' program (exactly as shown on the BEAMS' envelope);* return the envelope along with your check in the offering plate on the third Sunday of each month.]

**Sunday, Jan. 25, 6 pm ..... Missionary Chad Branch**

## The McKittrick Family ~ Serving U.S. Military Families in Japan

About 18 folks showed up early Saturday morning for the task at hand. We had 3,000 “gospel fans” that needed to be put in the hands of local Japanese people attending Yokota Air Base’s Annual Friendship Festival. We met at the church around 8:00 am, stuffed our backpacks with the “fans,” prayed for God to bless and use them, and then we headed to the streets. By God’s grace, we were able to pass out all 3,000 in about 35 minutes. If you do the math, that means we passed out about 85 fans per minute! That’s more than one per second! It was great to see a mixture of U.S. military members and local Japanese folks working to reach their fellow man with the gospel of Jesus Christ!

It’s sad to say, but the military ministry also has its downs; one of our most faithful families moved back to Florida. Bro. Art Ascano retired from military service and with that came a move back stateside. We hated to see them go! Bro. Art was our Sunday School Superintendent, 4th-6th grade SS teacher, and faithful choir member. Mrs. Jenette was also a faithful Sunday School teacher and choir member, and their daughter Gabby was an excellent pianist and faithful member of our teen group. Their other daughter, Alyssa, a faithful & godly young lady, left for Pensacola Christian College last month. They were part of the 18 passing out the gospel fans! But such is the military ministry. Great folks come, serve the Lord through the local church, and then God moves them on down the road. But it sure does hurt to see them leave.

However, the work of the Lord must go on. Haruna and I were grateful to make a visit to a military member’s spouse on a Saturday afternoon and help her get assurance of her salvation. We took a trip through the first four chapters of Romans and proved that God is willing to put His righteousness to those who will believe that He justifies the ungodly (Rom. 4:5). Liz came that Sunday morning and made her profession public and was baptized. She and her husband, Jonas, are faithfully serving in the ministry here. To God be the glory, great things He hath done!

In our previous prayer letter, I mentioned about working with a young airman named Dairon. Please pray for Dairon. In the last few weeks I have pretty much lost contact with him. He came a couple of times for discipleship but has since dropped off the map. God knows all things, so please pray especially for Dairon.

We are having Dr. Richard Harper come for revival meetings at the end of November. Please pray for God to move and work in the hearts of His people that we might shine brighter and longer for the cause of Christ!

P.S. Praise be to God for allowing us to get a base pass. This was something we asked many of you to pray about and God answered your prayer. We can now drive on and off base whenever we need to without any escort! Praise the Lord.

Thank you for your faithful praying and for your faithful giving. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

### **The McKittrick Family**

Danny, Haruna, Titus, Asa & Silas

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## ***Praise the Lord Anyhow!***

Poor Uncle Ned went to sit down,  
He grunted and grunted and, my, what a frown!  
“What’s the matter” asked Auntie. “Are you ailin’?”  
“Oh,” groaned Uncle Ned, “this old body’s failin’.  
Hurts my hands to open a door;  
Got no teeth, and my gums are sore.  
My legs cramp and my eyes are red;  
Can’t half hear, and no hair on my head.  
Can’t see very well without my specs;  
When I turn my head, it hurts my neck.  
On my arm is a great big bruise;  
Can hardly bend over to put on my shoes!  
Arthritis in my back, sinus in my nose,  
Knots on my fingers and corns on my toes;  
I’m skin and bones, with my cheeks sunk in;  
When I close my mouth, my nose hits my chin.  
My legs ache and my feet go to sleep.  
When I move around, my joints creak.  
I take cold in the slightest breeze;  
Those lumps are not doorknobs; they’re my knees.  
Had about all the diseases you can name,  
Everything connected with an ache or pain.  
I drag my feet across the floor;  
Besides all else, people say I snore.  
If there’s anything more I’m supposed to take,  
It had better hit me quick – or ‘twill be too late!  
But I’m not givin’ up – No-o-o-o, Ma’am!  
I just thank the good Lord I’m as well as I am!”



## **LAUGHTER,**

## **THE BEST MEDICINE**

**Say what???** “What do you get when you cross a pig and an evergreen tree? . . . A porky-pine!”

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One night when my son Terry was 3, I put him to bed and reached for the light switch. He said, “Please don’t turn the dark on!”

## January Birthdays

2	Adrian Barham	7	Kathy Flynt	27	Dolly Westmoreland
3	Jerry Crump	10	Gary Hendrix	29	Brianna Clemmons
3	Bessie Sloop	12	Becky McCollum	29	Louise Byrd
4	Keith Crouch	14	Emberly Lynn Tate	30	Briana Crews
4	Kevin Crouch	17	Doris Cochran	30	Austin Russell
4	Ernie Fulk	17	Jennifer Finney	30	Allen Tate
5	William Holt	20	Stephanie Hutton	30	Betty Bame
6	Shirley Ingold	23	Rachael Keedy		Terry Dillon
7	Corey Faulkner	23	Matthew Norman		
7	Wanda Stafford	27	Morgan Flynt		

Happy  
Birthday

## February Birthdays

1	Briana Faulkner	10	Cathy Ramer	18	Clyde Ray Gray
1	Jean Rumsey	11	Craig Hendrix	20	Gerry Williams
7	Adalyn Shea Tate	11	Debra Pitts	21	Tammy Cameron
8	Orion Faulkner	12	Joy Overcast	22	Ross Cashion
10	Madelyn Clark	13	Joshua Westmoreland	25	Mattie Mae Nuckles
10	Parran Crump	15	Randy Foust		Brittany Tilley
10	Lori Keedy	16	Eric Nuckles		Caleb Tilley

## January Anniversaries

Tim & Lisa Pitts

2015



As we begin this New Year of 2015, the members of our newsletter committee, Glenda Foust, Becky Redmon, and Sherrill Crater, wish each of you a glorious year in the Lord Jesus. It is sobering to realize that with this issue we embark on the thirty-second year of *The Messenger*! Praise the

Lord for allowing this ministry to continue, and please help us pray that it will be a blessing to every reader.

Thank you to everyone who has submitted articles, funny stories, and prayer requests; and a great big thank you for the many words of encouragement.

## RECIPE FOR WASHING CLOTHES

Many years ago, an Alabama grandmother gave a new bride the following recipe. This is an exact copy as written and found in an old scrap-book – with spelling errors and all.

### WASHING CLOTHES

Build fire in backyard to heat kettle of rain water. Set tubs so smoke won't blow in eyes if wind is pert. Shave one hole cake of lie soap in boilin water.

sort things, make 3 piles

- 1 pile white
- 1 pile colored
- 1 pile work britches and rags



To make starch, stir flour in cool water to smooth, then thin down wth boilin water.

Take white things, rub dirty spots on board, scrub hard, and boil, then rub colored - don't boil just wrench and starch.

Take things out of kettle with broom stick handle, then wrench and starch. Hang old rags on fence. Spread tea towels on grass.

Go put on clean dress, smooth hair with hair combs. Brew cup of tea, sit and rock a spell and count your blessings.

**John 14:13** "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the father may be glorified in the Son."

### BEAMS' Report for December 2014



# of Pledges: **10**; # of Contributions: **11**;  
 Total Contributors: **21**  
 Total Contributed: **\$525.00** =  
**65 Bibles (plus postage) in December**

You can also get the BEAMS' report online at our website:

[http://www.smithgrove.org/beams\\_ministry.htm](http://www.smithgrove.org/beams_ministry.htm)

# REMEMBER IN PRAYER

## SHUT-INS

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

## Assisted Living/Nursing Home

Helen Jones ~ Rose Matthews ~ Betty Robinson

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

Robert & Doris Anderson	Maggie McGee
Curt Bame (broken hip)	Cindy Miller
Donnie Barham (Cancer) - Adrian's Dad	(Health Issues)
Sara Benach (cancer)	Phillip Moore - (Lung Cancer - Drema's brother-in-law)
Sherry Bowling	Clara Morgan (94 years old ~ health issues)
<i>Sheridan Bowman</i> (Health Issues)	Sally Nester (cancer)
Patty Brittain	Clarence Parker (Cancer)
Ann Burke (stroke)	Gene & Oma Lou Pitts
Thelma Bullard	Sandra Richardson
Tammy Burnett (cancer)	Justin Royal
Kevin Canady (Illness)	Jean Rumsey
Johnny Clark (heart transplant patient)	Violet Sealey
Patrick Clark (CHF)	Betty Soyars
Christie Cobb (Breast Cancer - Drema's niece by marriage)	Gale Tester (Recovering from surgery)
Kathy Fulk (Diabetes & other health issues)	Donise Tucker (Severe respiratory infection)
Kim Garrett (Cancer & Crohn's Disease)	Brooke Long Wagoner
George Hayes (heart )	Kenneth Westmoreland
Rhonda Hedgecock	Reid Westmoreland
Ricky Hedgecock	Jan Wilson
Tim Hedgecock	<b>BEREAVED: Families of</b>
Joretta Holt (CHF)	<b>Ruth Dowdy</b>
Stephanie Hutton	<b>Shirley Hutton</b>
Jimmy Johnson (Illness)	(Stephen's & Ashley's grandmother ~ to be buried in Arlington Cemetery in January 2015.)
<i>Wesley Landreth</i>	<b>Louise Smith</b>
Dot Long	
Mark Lowe (Surgery)	
Daniel & Mazie Matthews (Special needs)	
Gary McArthur (malignant tumor)	

If there are names that may be removed from the prayer list, please alert Pastor Chuck or someone on the Newsletter Committee.

## What is *your* favorite Bible verse?

Place it in The Messenger box in the foyer & we'll share it in an upcoming Messenger! (Or email: [sherrill@triad.rr.com](mailto:sherrill@triad.rr.com))

## My favorite verse: From *Ashley Pilcher*

My favorite verse is Psalm 107:1. When I was a child I often frequented Smith Grove Baptist Church with my grandparents, Nancy and Barry Westmoreland. I was in the late Wilma Farrington's Sunday School Class for several years. She was the greatest! I remember the warm hugs and greetings I always received from her. It was through Mrs. Farrington that I was able to accept Christ as my Savior!

I can remember Mrs. Farrington asking me to open my Bible and read Psalm 107:1 in her class. "O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever." To this day, I can remember her asking and my reciting of the verse and accepting Christ as my Savior. As years have come and gone – I've never forgotten this verse, or her class, or her! What a blessing Mrs. Farrington was.



## Welcome, New Members

Tim and Evelyn **Matthews**  
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Stokesdale, NC 27357  
(336) 971-3852  
(Joey & William)



## Member Information Update:

**Address Correction: Nancy Kelley**  
118 Applegate Rd.  
Kernersville, NC 27284  
336-830-4852

**Phone Number Correction: Louise Byrd - 336-370-3999**  
**Helen Jones - 336-643-2996**

**Schedule of COMMUNION SERVICES**  
**Feb. 15, 2015 ~ May 17 ~ Aug. 16 ~ Nov. 22**





## “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 *January and February* 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.

<b>Kathy Flynt</b> 1965 Sandy Ridge Rd Colfax, NC 27235 668-2500 ~ January 7	<b>Dolly Westmoreland</b> 520 Lakedale Rd Colfax, NC 27235 993-2093 ~ January 27	<b>Louise Byrd</b> 2211 Golden Gate Dr APT 301 Greensboro, NC 27405-4350 370-3999 ~ January 29
<b>Jean Rumsey</b> 8730 Bame Road Colfax, NC 27235 668-2080 ~ Feb. 01	<b>Joy Overcast</b> 441 Mountain View Dr, Apt. 110 Kernersville, NC 27284 996-7563 ~ February 12	<b>Gerry Williams</b> 600 Lakedale Road Colfax, NC 27235 993-8604 ~ Feb. 20

### The Test



An eccentric philosophy professor gave a one question final exam after a semester dealing with a broad array of topics. The class was already seated and ready to go when the professor picked up his chair, plopped it on his desk and wrote on the board: “Using everything we have learned this semester, prove that this chair does not exist.”

Fingers flew, erasers erased, notebooks were filled in furious fashion. Some students wrote over 30 pages in one hour attempting to refute the existence of the chair. One member of the class however, was up and finished in less than a minute.

Weeks later when the grades were posted, the student who finished in one minute got an A. The rest of the group wondered how he could have gotten an A when he had barely written anything at all.

This is what he wrote: “What chair?”

*Pray for those . . .*

In the Service of our 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

[Germany] (Nephew of Clarence Redmon)

**Ann. Kyle Norman**, PCS Box 5000, JB Lewis-McCord, WA 98438

**David Ortez**, Iraq & Afghanistan

**SSgt. Samuel A. Priddy**, Marines - New River (Jacksonville, NC) - son of Brenda Westmoreland

**Jason Sabot** – Serving in Afghanistan



### New Year’s Resolutions ~ Bible-Style!

**Psalms 51:10-11** - Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

**Colossians 3:14-15** - And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

**Philippians 3:12-15** - 12 Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

15 Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.



# “Just be a Good Christian in 2015 ”

Pastor Chuck Peters

The New Year brings with it many challenges and fears. The New Year may witness personal depletion in terms of financial and material resources. Yet, the resources for serving and pleasing God are still available and abundant as we enter into 2015. We should just concentrate on being what God would have us to be and simply focus on the basics for being a good Christian. Christian Success, in God’s sight, is not being a superman, endowed with a myriad of abilities and talents. A successful person is an individual who is willing to believe God’s Word, commit himself to God’s will, and devote himself to God’s work. “Certainly God can use a person of great intellect, but only as long as his faith is even greater.” - Fred Smith

There will also be a commitment to God’s will. Someone said, “A hero is someone who is sincere and does his duty. He stands up and is counted, ethically, morally and humanly.” It does not take great men to do great things; it only takes consecrated men. – Phillips Brooks (1835-1893)

The Holy Spirit chooses the nobody of the church and makes them somebody when they are committed to God’s will in their lives. The most powerful weapon on earth is the human soul on fire for God.

We are to be consecrated not to Christian work, but to the will of God, to be and to do whatever he requires. “Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.” (Ps.37:5)

“Give me a hundred men who fear nothing but sin, and desire nothing but God, and I will shake the world. I care not a straw whether they be clergymen or laymen; and such alone will overthrow the kingdom of Satan and build up the kingdom of God on earth” - James S. Hewett, Illustrations Unlimited (Wheaton: Tyndale House Publishers, Inc, 1988) p. 128.

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Dear Lord, as this New Year is born  
I give it to Thy hand,  
Content to walk by faith what paths  
I cannot understand.

Whatever coming days may bring  
Of bitter loss, or gain,  
Or every crown of happiness;  
Should sorrow come, or pain,

Or, Lord, if all unknown to me  
Thine angel hovers near

To bear me to that farther shore  
Before another year,

It matters not—my hand in Thine,  
Thy light upon my face,  
Thy boundless strength  
when I am weak,  
Thy love and saving grace!

I only ask, loose not my hand,  
Grip fast my soul, and be  
My guiding light upon the path  
Till, blind no more, I see!



## Romans 6:4

Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

## The New Year

- Martha Snell Nicholson

### A New Year With The Lord

- M.S.Lowndes

A new year is about to unfold  
With new opportunities to explore  
Doors will open for new experiences  
New adventures with the Lord

Remember not the former things  
The things of this past year  
The Lord will do new things in us  
Much more than we are aware

For He will make a way for us  
As we put our trust in Him  
And He will guide our every step  
By His presence we have within

What God has placed within our hearts  
We find we'll be able to do  
If we look for the opportunities  
We'll see the door to go through

We mustn't let anything hold us back  
But rise up and take our place  
And be all that God wants us to be  
With a fresh touch of His grace!

