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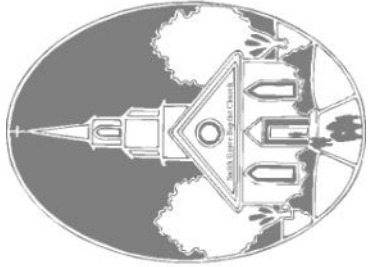
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Sat., Jan. 2.....Winston-Salem Rescue Mission

Tues., Jan. 12, 7-8 p.m. Robinwood Retirement Center

Sunday, January 17 BEAMS' SUNDAY
Sun., Jan. 17, 11 a.m.....Dr. Roger Baker (& wife Diane),
European/Middle East Field Director, Macedonia World
Baptist Missions

Sun., Jan. 31, 6 p.m.5th Sunday Night Singing

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

Louise Byrd
Iris Farrington
Harry Haynes
Neva Long

Jo Anne Pegram
Ann Rayle
Barbara Tucker
Forrest Tucker

Clara Ward
Gerry Williams

Assisted Living/Nursing Home

Helen Jones ~ Rose Matthews ~ Betty Robinson ~ Lorene Robertson

Prayer List continued on Next Page . . .

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

Jason Sabot – Serving in Afghanistan



A happy New Year! Grant that I
May bring no tear to any eye
When this New Year in time shall end
Let it be said I've played the friend,
Have lived and loved and labored here,
And made of it a happy year.

~Edgar Guest



Good resolutions
are simply checks
that men draw on
a bank where they
have no account.

~Oscar Wilde

A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other.



BEAMS' Report for December 2015

of Pledges: 15; # of Contributions: 4 ;
Total Contributors: 19
Total Contributed: \$ 711.00 =
88 Bibles in December (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 (top of page) -- simply click on the Audio Sermons button. *Please share this information with everybody you know!*



John 4:35

“Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.”



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.”

THOMAS JERAN ~ *Jewish End Time Ministries*

Grace be unto you and peace from God the Father and from our Lord Jesus Christ! I pray that your holiday season may be healthy and joyful in our Lord! With another year passed and another about to begin it is good to reflect on what the Lord has accomplished not only in the work of ministry, but also in our own spiritual lives as well. Paul wrote to the Philippians 1:6 “*Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:*” It is not only the work of the ministry that our Lord Jesus Christ is interested, but also the work of the Lord in our spiritual lives. Perhaps the end of the year is an appropriate time to reflect and appreciate what the Lord has done for us through the year and give Him the glory He deserves!

In 2015 the Lord provided some *remarkable* ministry achievements! In Cuba, many Cubans have continually come to the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation through the major outreaches and the churches are still growing. The *Jewish End-time Fellowship* groups are continually committed to their attendance in their monthly meetings. Soon these groups will be inviting their Jewish friends introducing them to Christian love for the Jewish people and the nation of Israel. Rolly Muniz and I flew to Mexico to assist Pastor Nick Sutmaier and Iglesia Bautista Biblica to start a Jewish End-time Fellowship group to help reach the 40,000 Jewish people of Mexico City. The ministry work to the Jewish people in Brighton Beach sadly has come to a close. I worked in Brighton Beach for approximately eight years. The church lost its rented space in Brighton Beach along with the other churches that were renting the space. The church had to be disbanded and the congregation now attends another Baptist church. A new work will now begin to the Jewish people in Atlanta, GA. Veteran missionary Jay Brandon, whom I have worked with for many years, has joined Jewish End-time Ministries and we will now be working together in the Atlanta area. Atlanta is home to 120,000 Jewish people with thirty-eight synagogues of various sects. Brother Jay’s home church is centered in a Jewish section of Atlanta surrounded by synagogues and should provide wonderful ministry opportunities!

All of us at JEM are looking forward to 2016 with the possibilities of new ministry opportunities while other ministry works continue. Through the years the Lord has brought before us new venues of ministry and the Christians ready to help us. At this time some ministry opportunities have already been arranged with others in the planning stages.

May all of us look forward to the year ahead staying faithful to our Lord while looking for that blessed hope promised us to come. I want to say thank you so much for all of your prayers through this year and your continued support for the ministry. It is an honor to serve the Lord in the ministry He has called me too. *The Lord bless you!*

Shalom, In the Name of the Lord, *Thomas Jeran*

SICK/OTHER PRAYER NEEDS:

(Newly added names are in italics.)

J.C. Adams (Car accident)	<i>Teresa & Paul Maruna</i> (House fire)
Melvin & JoAnn Alley (Guilford House, GBoro)	Daniel & Mazie Matthews
Dale Austin (Melanie’s Dad-leukemia)	Gary McArthur (malignant tumor)
Lou Badgett	Kevin McBrayer (Heart Issues)
<i>Thurmond Bondurant</i> (throat cancer)	Maggie McGee
Homer Bowden	Cindy Miller (Health Issues)
Sherri Bowling	Phillip Moore - (Lung Cancer)
Sheridan Bowman	Melody Myers (Cancer)
Konny Bridges	Sally Nester (cancer)
Ann Burke (stroke)	Gail Nuckles
Thelma Bullard	Clarence Parker (Cancer)
Tammy Burnett (cancer)	Ethel Pendry
<i>Kenneth Case</i> (cancer)	Vera Peters (Heart Attack)
Johnny Clark (heart transplant)	Gene & Oma Lou Pitts
Patrick Clark (CHF)	Allen Priddy (PTSD)
Christie Cobb (Breast Cancer)	Charles Raso (Recovering at home)
Teresa Duggins (Heart Surgery)	Joe Ray
Olivia Dunn (9-yr old -- cancer)	Sandra Richardson
Iris Farrington (Broken arm)	Tom Rodgers
Diane Foust	Claude Royal
Kathy Fulk (Diabetes & health issues)	Justin Royal
Kim Garrett (Cancer/Crohn’s Disease)	Jean Rumsey
Samuel Hall (Health Issues)	Violet Sealey (Special prayer, please)
Carol Hayden	<i>Violet Smith</i> (Stage 4 Cancer)
George Hayes (heart)	Betty Soyars
Rhonda Hedgecock	Allen Steele (Syria)
Ricky Hedgecock	Donald Stephens
Tim Hedgecock	Michael Tate (ICU)
Blake Hemric (Car Accident)	Amy Thompson (Suffered a fall)
<i>Gary Holt</i> (ALS)	Samantha Tucker’s mother
Joretta Holt (CHF)	Brooke Long Wagoner
Marlene Holt (crushed shoulder)	<i>Clara Ward</i> (Suffered a fall)
Sarah Hudson (CHF)	Reid Westmoreland
Sarah Isenhour (Crohn’s Disease)	Sandy Westmoreland
Maureen Lamb	Jan Wilson
Wesley Landreth	Elizabeth Yeoman
Don & Marcie Lemar (Health Issues)	BEREAVED Families of:
Clara Farrington Long (health issues)	Charles “Junior” Gray
Dot Long (Suffered a fall)	Jimmy Johnson
Neva Long (Recovering at home.)	Carol Jordan
Elaine Lowe (Health Issues)	Raymond Nuckles
Mark Lowe	Howard Eugene “Gene” Smith
	Pete Smith (<i>Donise Tucker’s uncle</i>)

SMITH GROVE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Our fellowship hall has recently been cleaned and repainted, and we thought this would be a good time to review the instructions for using the building and keeping our facility beautiful and clean.

Smith Grove Baptist Church welcomes the use of our Fellowship Hall by *active* church members, their children and grandchildren. (Active is defined as one who attends regularly except due to sickness).

RULES FOR USE:

To prevent damage: Do not use tape, tacks, pins, or nails on the walls. You may use products that are easily removed and do not damage the walls. Examples: Command-brand products, or U-Glu which removes easily and leaves no residue. When decorating... do not use glitter or confetti.

1. No smoking on the premises. (This includes e-cigarettes/vapor smoking.)
2. No intoxicating beverages or illegal substances on premises.
3. Smith Grove Baptist Church is not liable for any accidents incurred while on the premises.
4. Group using the facility will have one church member as a spokes person.
5. The group engaging the use of the facility is responsible for any damages incurred during their use.
6. An adult must be on the premises during all youth-related activities.
7. On Sunday, the church facilities will only be available between 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
8. Unless preapproved by the building and grounds committee, there will be no activities after 10:00 p.m.

Smith Grove Baptist Church reserves the right to refuse the use of the Fellowship Hall, without explanation. There will be no fees charged for use of the Fellowship Hall by members. However, a donation to offset the expenses would be appreciated.

CLEAN-UP CHECK LIST: *It is the responsibility of the person(s) reserving the facility to insure that the following cleanup is completed.*

- Tables and chairs placed just as they were found.
- Kitchen cleaned, floor swept, and spills mopped up.
- Refrigerator emptied of your items.
- Dishwasher emptied, garbage and all trash bagged and put in dumpster in rear parking lot.
- Stove, microwave, and coffee maker cleaned and turned off.
- Ice maker door tightly closed.
- All kitchen equipment (such as pots, pans, silverware, etc.) returned to its proper place.
- All decorations removed.
- All faucets turned off in the kitchen and bathrooms.
- All lights turned off and all doors locked, and commodes flushed.
- Anything that you find damaged prior to use, or that is damaged during use should be reported to one of the Deacons.

January Birthdays

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

February Birthdays

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

January Anniversaries

17 Tim & Lisa Pitts (Celebrating 35 years)



“The reality is that you will grieve forever. You will not ‘get over’ the loss of a loved one; you will learn to live with it. You will heal and you will rebuild yourself around the loss you have suffered. You will be whole again but you will never be the same. Nor should you be the same nor would you want to.” — Elisabeth Kübler-Ross



“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 *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.

Kathy Flynt

1965 Sandy Ridge Road
Colfax, NC 27235
336-668-2500 ~ January 7

Jean Rumsey

8730 Bame Road
Colfax, NC 27235
336-668-2080 ~ February 01

Dolly Westmoreland

520 Lakedale Rd
Colfax, NC 27235
336-993-2093 ~ January 27

Joy Overcast

441 Mountain View Dr, Apt. 110
Kernersville, NC 27284
336-996-7563 ~ February 12

Louise Byrd

2211 Golden Gate Dr APT 301
Greensboro, NC 27405-4350
336-370-3999 ~ January 29

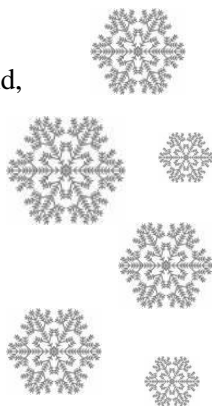
Gerry Williams

600 Lakedale Road
Colfax, NC 27235
336-993-8604 ~ February 20

NEW EVERY MORNING

Yea, “new every morning,” though we may awake,
Our hearts with old sorrow beginning to ache;
With old work unfinished when night stayed our hand,
With new duties waiting, unknown and unplanned;
With old care still pressing, to fret and to vex,
With new problems rising, our minds to perplex;
In ways long familiar, in paths yet untrod,
Oh, new every morning the mercies of God!

His faithfulness fails not; it meets each new day
With guidance for every new step of the way;
New grace for new trials, new trust for old fears,
New patience for hearing the wrongs of the years,
New strength for new burdens, new courage for old.
New faith for whatever the day may unfold;
As fresh for each need as the dew on the sod;
Oh, new every morning are the mercies of God!



An excerpt from . . .

GOOD CHEER FOR THE NEW YEAR - NO. 728

JANUARY 6, 1867, BY C. H. SPURGEON

“The eyes of the Lord your God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year.” Deuteronomy 11:12.

We must have God or we are, of all men, most miserable. Suppose that in this year 1867 we were at any rate filled with the desire to have our eyes always upon God from the beginning of the year to the end of the year, to be always conscious that He sees us, to be always sensible of His presence — more than that, to be always longing to be obedient to His commands, always desiring to win souls for His dear Son from the beginning of the year to the end of the year; what a happy thing this would be! If we could abide in a spirit of prayerfulness or thankfulness, devout, consecrated, loving, tender, it would be a high thing to attain unto. Brothers and sisters, we believe in a great God who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above what we ask or even think, why not expect great things from Him? I think of this blessing, and I dare to ask for it; surely then He is able to give it. Do not let us stand back because of unbelief; let us ask that as God’s eyes will be upon us, our eyes may be upon Him. What a blessed meeting of eyes when the Lord looks us full in the face, and we look at Him through the Mediator Christ Jesus, and the Lord declares, “I love you,” and we answer, “We also love You, O our God!” Oh that we may be in harmony with the Lord our God, and find ourselves drawn upwards and bound to Him! May the Lord be the Sun, and we the dewdrops which sparkle in His rays and are exhaled and drawn aloft by the heat of His love! May God look down from heaven, and we look up to heaven, and both of us be happy in the sight of each other, delighting and rejoicing in mutual affection!

This is what communion means. I have taken a long while to bring it to that one word, but that is what it means — “Daily communion let me prove With You, blest object of my love.” That was Toplady’s desire, but I am afraid if I would express my own experience I must close with the other two of the verses where Toplady says — “But oh, for this no strength have I, My strength is at Your feet to lie.”

In the third place, we will imagine that WE BLOT THE TEXT OUT ALTOGETHER. Not that we can blot it out or would do so if we could, but we are to suppose that it is blotted out to imagine that you and I have to live all the year without the eyes of God upon us, not finding a moment from the beginning of the year to the end of the year in which we perceive the Lord to be caring for us or to be waiting to be gracious to us. Imagine that there is none to whom we may appeal beyond our own fellow creatures for help. Oh miserable supposition! We have come to the opening of the year, and we have to get through it somehow, we must stumble through January, go muddling through the winter, groaning through the spring, sweating through the summer, fainting through the autumn, and groveling on to another Christmas, and no God to help us; no prayer when God is gone, no promise when God is no more. There could be no promise, no spiritual succor, no comfort, no help for us if there were no God. I will suppose this to be the case with any one of us here. But I hear you cry out, “Imagine not such a thing, for I would be like an orphan child without a father, I would be helpless—a tree with no water to its roots.”

“When the Judges Ruled” Ruth 1:1

Pastor Chuck Peters

Israel dipped to one of its lowest levels during the times of the Judges. The lack of a strong national leadership on the part of a King led to a confused, divided, and degraded state of living on the part of Israel. It has always been a recipe for disaster when sinful human beings attempt to do right in their own eyes! The land was troubled with a famine.

The famine in the land caused a Jew by the name of Elimelech to take his family to Moab. The choice of Elimelech was based upon a wrong reaction to trouble. He chose a path of least resistance at a time in which he was weakened by the trouble in the land. Many react to trouble in a similar way. The impulse is to flee. David expressed it well in Psalms 55:6. “And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove! For then would I fly away, and be at rest.” The impulse of David under trouble was an impulse of fear and flight! The wings of a dove were desired. A faithlessness in God’s presence and promises triggers a reaction of running from troubles.

There is a much better option when trouble comes our way. A firm trust in the Lord’s grace and guidance results in flying above troubles instead of flying away from troubles. The Prophet Isaiah

spoke of another set of wings! “But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint.” The better response to trouble is with wings of faith and insight instead of wings of fear and flight! When we wait upon the Lord, our strength is renewed. We are not immune to troubles but know that the problems are purposeful and manageable by the grace of God.

We certainly find in reading the Book of Ruth that, though the Judges were ruling, God was overruling! A Moabite lady by the name of Ruth would meet a Jew by the name of Boaz and the two would marry. They would have a child by the name of Obed who would be the father of Jesse who was the father of David. When you follow the lineage of this offspring which began in Bethlehem, you eventually find it leading to the One born in Bethlehem. Matthew states, “The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.” – Matthew 1:1

What a blessing to know that God is indeed in control when troubles knock at our door. We just need to react by faith and choose the right set of wings!

His Unfailing Presence

Another year I enter
Its history unknown;
Oh, how my feet would tremble
To tread its paths alone!
But I have heard a whisper,
I know I shall be blest;
"My presence shall go with thee,
And I will give thee rest."

What will the New Year bring me?
I may not, must not know;
Will it be love and rapture,
Or loneliness and woe?
Hush! Hush! I hear His whisper;
I surely shall be blest;
"My presence shall go with thee,
And I will give thee rest."



New Year's Prayer by Jack Zavada

Lord, this year I want to change,
and I've said that in the past.
but now my prayer is different
'cause I understand at last.

I wanted my own way before,
I ignored your loving plans.
But now I'm putting everything
into your nail-scarred hands.

I promise to obey you
out of gratitude and love.

I won't be giving orders
to my Father up above.

I finally realize the truth
and so I've changed my prayer.
The safest place for me to be
is in your gentle care.

Please be my shepherd, Jesus,
that's all I ask of you.
In good times and in bad this year,
Take my hand and lead me through.