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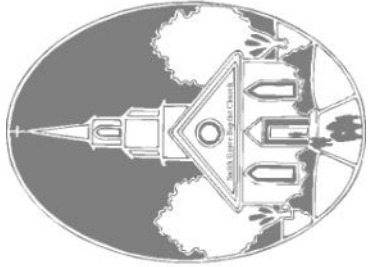
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**Sat., July 4 ~ Winston-Salem Rescue Mission**

**Sun., July 5 ~ Patriotic Service with the Rev. Steve Reaves, Associate Pastor of Jordan Baptist Church in Lynchburg, VA, and former Marine buddy of Pastor Chuck. The service will be followed by Hot Dogs & Hamburgers in the Fellowship Building.**  
*No evening service.*

**Sunday, July 19 .....BEAMS' SUNDAY**

**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	Don & Marcie Lemar (Health Issues)
<i>Donnie Barham</i> (Cancer– <i>special prayer needed</i> )	Clara Farrington Long (health issues)
Homer Bowden	Dot Long
Sherri Bowling	<i>Neva long</i> (In rehab)
Sheridan Bowman	Elaine Lowe (Health Issues)
<i>Konny Bridges</i>	Mark Lowe
Ann Burke (stroke)	Daniel & Mazie Matthews (Special needs)
Thelma Bullard	Gary McArthur (malignant tumor)
Tammy Burnett (cancer)	Maggie McGee
Rebecca Carmine (brain surgery)	Cindy Miller (Health Issues)
Johnny Clark (heart transplant)	Phillip Moore - (Lung Cancer - Dreama's brother-in-law)
Patrick Clark (CHF)	Sally Nester (cancer)
Christie Cobb (Breast Cancer)	Clarence Parker (Cancer)
Olivia Dunn (9-yr old -- cancer)	Gene & Oma Lou Pitts
Iris Farrington (Broken arm)	Allen Priddy (PTSD)
<i>Diane Foust</i> (Cancer)	<i>Charly Raso</i> (COPD)
Kathy Fulk (Diabetes & health issues)	Joe Ray
Kim Garrett (Cancer & Crohn's Disease)	Sandra Richardson
Charles "Junior" Gray (Cancer)	Claude Royal
<i>Karen Hart</i> (Kidney Transplant Candidate)	Justin Royal
George Hayes (heart)	Jean Rumsey
Rhonda Hedgecock	Violet Sealey
Ricky Hedgecock	Betty Soyars
Tim Hedgecock	Donise Tucker (immune system issues)
Joretta Holt (Surgery)	Brooke Long Wagoner
<i>Marlene Holt</i> (broken arm)	Kenneth Westmoreland
<i>Sarah Hudson</i> (CHF)	Reid Westmoreland
Stephanie Hutton	Jan Wilson
Sarah Isenhour (Crohn's Disease)	Greg Wood (Heart attack)
Jimmy Johnson (Illness)	
Maureen Lamb	
Wesley Landreth	

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

## BEAMS' Report for June 2015



# of Pledges: 14 ; # of Contributions: 6 ;

Total Contributors: 20

Total Contributed: \$1,083.00 =

**135 Bibles (plus some postage) in June**

*\$350 of this amount was collected through Vacation Bible School for Ilonggo Bibles to be distributed to people in the Philippines.*

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)

## *Hole Up*

A motorist, after being bogged down in a muddy road, paid a passing farmer five dollars to pull him out with his tractor. After he was back on dry ground he said to the farmer, "At those prices, I should think you would be pulling people out of the mud night and day."



"Can't do it," replied the farmer. "At night I haul water for the hole."

## **Matthew 10:16**

Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.



## *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."

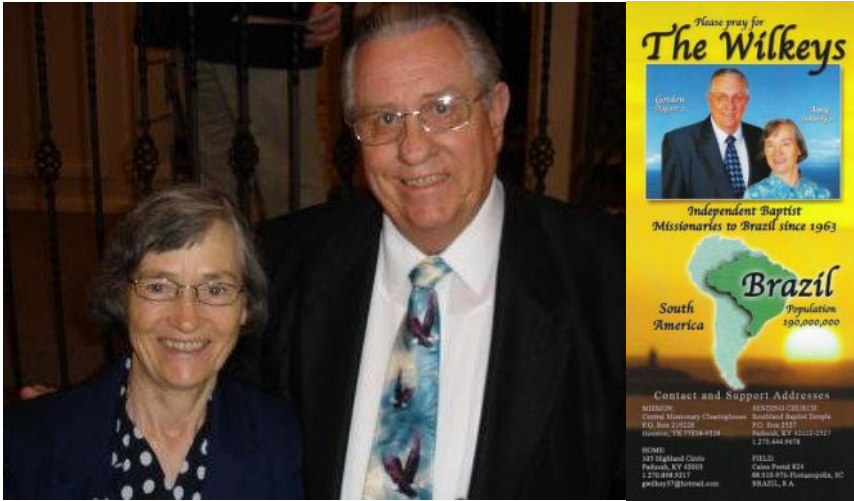
**Romans 5:8** "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

**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 Wilkeys ~ Missionaries to Brazil since 1963



Gordon and Amy Wilkey are missionaries sent by Southland Baptist Temple over 40 years ago to Brazil. They pioneered works in Brazil that today have grown into a mega ministry under the leadership of Brazilian pastors. A new SBT ministry is "Brazil for Christ" - Gordy and Amy will travel, represent, and raise project funds for this rapidly growing work in Brazil.

May 2015

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Somehow, the words that we feel in our hearts and that we want to express to you for your faithful prayers and the financial gifts to us, fail us. It seems very inadequate to just say "thank you" as we realize that you, through praying for us and the giving of your finances, give to us a part of yourself. May God richly bless you in these days and we trust that you will continue to remember us and our ministry.



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**Pictured on left:** Brother Gordon Wilkey with Ricardo and Irani Camargo, missionaries to Brazil. They recently visited our church and Brother Ricardo brought a sermon in Portuguese as Brother Wilkey translated it into English.

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

[Germany] (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



*Seriously?* ★☆☆★★★☆☆★★★☆☆

**Ring-a-Ding-Ding!** Before cell phones, you could tell a person's age when the telephone rang. If the phone rang and you raced to answer it, you were young. If your first reaction was a sigh and an annoyed glance at the ringing contraption, you were grown-up. And if your phone stopped ringing altogether, no matter how many people swore they had called, you were old!

**Snow Way!** How do Minnesotans choose where to move when they retire? They strap a snow shovel to the hood of their car, then drive south until someone asks, "What in the world is that?"

**Who are you going to call?** On a preschool field trip to the police station, my 5-year-old great-grandson, Myles, listened quietly as the class learned what to do in case of an emergency. But when an officer quizzed him, Myles said that in an emergency, he wouldn't call the police. He would call the Ninja Turtles!

**Amen and Salute!** Pointing to an American flag, I asked Evan, my 4-year-old grandson, if he knew what it was. After a few seconds, he smiled and replied, "It's the God bless America flag!"



## United Hearts

God has brought us here together  
 To be united in His love,  
 Joined in Holy Matrimony  
 With faith in God above

For it's our faith that guides our lives  
 With a measure of God's grace,  
 For this is what keeps love strong  
 Through whatever we may face

And as we build our marriage on  
 The foundation of Christ,  
 It will not crumble or give way  
 Through the daily pressures of life

But it will stand the test of time,  
 Growing stronger day by day,  
 As we keep our hearts united  
 And joined as one when we pray

The cord that binds our hearts in love  
 Will not fray over the years,  
 For when we build our lives on God,  
 We discover His love is there.

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## July Birthdays

- |                     |                       |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Betty Byrd        | 19 Bill Dillon        |
| 2 Tommy Holt        | 20 Paul Westmoreland  |
| 5 William Keedy     | 22 Troy Holt          |
| 5 Justin Payne      | 22 Tanya Stafford     |
| 6 Homer Bowden      | 24 Juanita Faulkner   |
| 6 Bruce Freeman     | 24 Brad Hendrix       |
| 7 Stephanie Dillon  | 24 Jonathan Jimenez   |
| 7 Jeremy Payne      | 25 Amy Jordan         |
| 9 Becky Redmon      | 25 Johnny Smith       |
| 10 Johnny Foust     | 27 Victoria Ann Holt  |
| 10 Jim Laramore     | 28 Dan Hayworth       |
| 12 Sherrill Bowling | 29 Karen Holt         |
| 14 Goldie Jones     | 29 Christopher Sealey |
| 16 Barbara Tucker   | Lauren Sechler        |

## August Birthdays

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



## July Anniversaries



- |                                  |                              |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Pam & Glenn Blackburn            | Chuck & Carol Peters-July 11 |
| Homer & Barbara Bowden           | Gary & Beverly Sechler       |
| Steve & Stephanie Dillon-July 16 | Wade & Nora Smith            |
| B. J. & Melissa Foster-July 13   | Allen & Chara Tate-July 7    |
| Bruce & Darla Freeman-July 27    | Gale & Charlene Tester       |
| Gary & Helen Hendrix-July 7      | Rusty & Opal Tucker-July 4   |
| David & Carolyn McBrayer-July 28 |                              |



## “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 *July and August* 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.

### Betty Byrd

3316 Sandy Ridge Rd  
Colfax, NC 27235  
~ July 01

### Lorene Robertson

2410 Sandy Ridge Rd.  
High Point, NC 27265  
668-2372 ~ August 04

### Patsy Pendry

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

### Becky Redmon

8421 Endicott Road  
Colfax, NC 27235  
993-1833 (H)  
482-1926 (Cell) ~ July 09



### Doris Nuckles

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

“God wants full custody . . . Not weekend visitation.”

## The Other Boot

My Father used to tell my brothers and me a story of World War I. While a young soldier was praying before bedtime one night, another soldier told him to stop that noise and threw one of his boots at him.

The next morning, the injured returned the boot to the soldier who had been praying, and asked for the other one and said he would also polish that one. My father said the young soldier was never



abused again.

### Matthew 5:39-44

39 But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. 40 And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also. 41 And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain. 42 Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away. 43 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. 44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

## Jesus on the Fourth of July

We gather 'round to celebrate  
On Independence Day  
Pay homage to our country  
As the children run and play.  
With barbecues and picnics  
And fireworks in the air  
The flag we own is proudly flown  
To show how much we care.  
The stars and stripes spell freedom  
She waves upon the breeze  
While bursts of colors can be seen  
Above the towering trees.  
This is all quite wonderful  
We revel in delight  
But God above in divine love  
Has brought this day to light.  
With just a stroke of liberty  
A touch of His great hand

He gave democracy to us  
And helped this country stand.  
The stripes upon our stately flag  
Were touched by His sweet grace  
Each star of white that shines so bright  
Reflects His loving face.  
So as you turn to face the flag  
For battles that were fought  
Be filled with pride for those who died  
And freedoms that were bought.  
But don't forget to thank the One  
That gives the bright display  
The reason why we paint the sky  
On Independence Day  
~ Marilyn Ferguson ~



During the Revolutionary War, several patriots made flags for our new Nation. Among them were Cornelia Bridges, Elizabeth (Betsy) Ross, and Rebecca Young, all of Pennsylvania, and John Shaw of Annapolis, Maryland. Although Betsy Ross, the best known of these persons, made flags for 50 years, there is no proof that she made the first Stars and Stripes. It is known that she made flags for the Pennsylvania State Navy in 1777. The flag popularly known as the “Betsy Ross flag,” which arranged the stars in a circle, did not appear until the early 1790's.

The claims of Betsy Ross were first brought to the attention of the public in 1870 by one of her grandsons, William J. Canby. In a paper he read before the meeting of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Canby stated:

“It is not tradition, it is report from the lips of the principal participator in the transaction, directly told not to one or two, but a dozen or more living witnesses, of which I myself am one, though but a little boy when I heard it. . . . Colonel Ross with Robert Morris and General Washington, called on Mrs. Ross and told her they were a committee of Congress, and wanted her to make a flag from the drawing, a rough one, which, upon her suggestions, was redrawn by General Washington in pencil in her back parlor. This was prior to the Declaration of Independence. I fix the date to be during Washington's visit to Congress from New York in June, 1776 when he came to confer upon the affairs of the Army, the flag being no doubt, one of these affairs.”

# “A Republic if We Can Keep It”

Pastor Chuck Peters

Flags are unfurled, fireworks are seen and America again celebrates its independence. What does the 4<sup>th</sup> of July mean? We will enjoy a holiday, a vacation, a cookout, a parade, and yes, will probably get choked up at the singing of our Nation’s songs and the reminder by our flag of the price of freedom. I wonder, though, do we realize that the approach of each “4<sup>th</sup>” finds us further from the moorings of our intended government designed by our founders? Many Americans are like some of the passengers on the sinking Titanic. They collect pieces of the iceberg as souvenirs while the ship is in the process of sinking!

We are told that Benjamin Franklin, after the completion of the Constitution, reminded a curious citizen that we were now a republic if we could keep it. The new government for the newly established Nation was designed as a republic to be governed under Constitutional law. The United States Constitution is our Nation’s charter. A democracy is government where the people rule. The founders never endorsed a democracy form of government for they knew the danger of a potential mob rule.

The founders crafted a government that allowed for the election of representatives by the people to create legislation within the limited framework of the Constitution. A professor of history at the University of Pennsylvania reminds us of the responsibility of Americans in terms of awareness and active involvement in the maintaining of government. He states, “If there is a lesson in all of this it is that our Constitution is neither a self-actuating nor a self-correcting document. It requires the constant attention and devotion of all citizens. Democratic republics are not merely founded upon the consent of the people; they are also absolutely dependent upon the active and informed involvement of the people for their continued good health.”

I still well up with tears of patriotic gratitude when considering our brave military who risk their lives for the defense of our country. I am moved by the study of American history and the obvious tremendous sacrifices of our Nation’s founders. Today, however, while the band plays on and multitudes of Americans party, our country is unraveling at the seams. The sad thing is that we are losing our Republic! Yes, let’s blame the corrupt politicians whether Democrat or Republican. We should be concerned over the left-winged ideology that has permeated politics but I would raise the question, how did they get in office? You say, the electorate! Right answer! I would suggest, however, that we need not only registered voters but informed voters. America stands in the threshold of collapse because of subtle enemies within that are nurtured by an uninformed, an unconcerned, and an uncommitted part of the population. I understand the needs of the sick, aged, and down and outers. I do, however, have no sympathy for the free-loading and hobo



mentality of many lazy Americans who vote for a President on the bases of a free “Obama phone“ and regular welfare checks in the mail!

I believe that America is being destroyed, primarily, at its foundation. The enemies of America are educated, well organized, and relentless as they successfully chip away at the historical foundation of our Country. It cannot be denied that the foundation of our government was laid by men who understood that the maintenance of government and way of life depended heavily on a population aware and dependant on the Sustainer of our Nation. The inalienable rights of the individual are God given and recognized as such in print in the Constitution. Is there any wonder that the Constitution is looked upon with disdain when the moral and spiritual fabric underlying the Constitution is being chiseled away? A ruling class that advocates government control is threatened by a government by the people and for the people. They certainly vote in favor of not keeping the republic!

America today has no time for God. Politicians want to dismantle the constitution. Homes are being destroyed and alternate life styles are considered as normal and opposition to those life styles often label the critic as guilty of hate crimes! Morals are at an all time low. Political correctness has now become more important than moral correctness. The National debt is now at 18 trillion dollars. Our respect has diminished in the eyes of the world for we cannot be trusted. It also is noteworthy that those who fail to learn by history are destined to repeat history. The growing anti-Semitism in this Country is an example. Has this Country already forgotten the Nazi object lesson on the end results of attempting to curse God’s Covenant people? Many today are blinded by agenda and consumed in efforts to promote individual rights and self destruct in the process. They burn down buildings, kill policemen, and threaten the economy of their own cities. They fight the very ones who protect them.

The standard for God’s blessings upon a Nation has not changed. “Righteousness exalteth a Nation: but sin *is* a reproach to any people.” (Pro.14:34) The truth is that our Nation desperately needs God’s direction. We need the advice and instruction of the Bible. We need strong homes and godly citizens. The freedom of the soul from the tyranny of sin through the finished work of Christ is the greatest testimony of liberty!

The dignity of the human being along with God given rights is clearly better understood by those acquainted with the Sovereign God who has blessed this Country. The Constitution is protected better and the Republic is made the strongest when the underlying moral and spiritual elements are respected and practiced. Otherwise, we lose the Republic!