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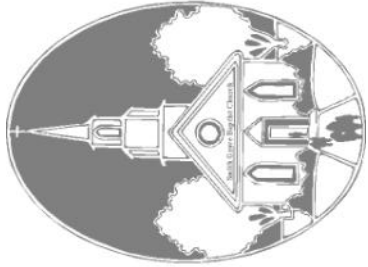
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*"The strength of a nation, lies in the homes of its people."
...Abraham Lincoln*

- Sat., July 2** Winston-Salem Rescue Mission
- Sun., July 3** ... **July 4th Patriotic Service** - Hot dogs and hamburgers in the Fellowship Bldg. after the morning service. Please bring a dessert! **(No evening service.)**
- Tues., July 12, 7-8 p.m.**Robinwood Retirement Center
- Sun., July 17****BEAMS' SUNDAY!**
- Sun., July 31, 6 pm****5th Sunday Night Song Service**

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

Helen Jones Ann Rayle
Rose Matthews Lorene Robertson
Jo Anne Pegrarn

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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



North Carolinians who signed the Declaration of Independence:

Joseph Hewes (1730-1779) [Quaker/Episcopalian] —Joseph Hewes was a merchant who was one of the most conservative signers of the Declaration of Independence. He was a graduate of Princeton College, and he along with John Adams helped to establish the Continental Navy

William Hooper (1742-1790) [Episcopalian] —William Hooper was a graduate of Harvard College and was highly successful in law and politics. Because of his family situation and financial difficulties, he resigned from Congress to return to North Carolina. After the war, he was elected to the state legislature and served there through 1786.

John Penn (1740-1788) [Episcopalian] —John Penn was one of sixteen signers of the Declaration of Independence who also signed the Articles of Confederation. He was a member of the Continental Congress from 1775-77; 1779-80.



BEAMS' Report for June 2016

of Pledges: 18; # of Contributions: 3 ;
Total Contributors: 21
Total Contributed: \$ 773.00 =
96 Bibles in June (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.



. . . Bloopers from Church Bulletins:

"We offer everyone a hearty welcome - if it's your first visit - or your last."
"Good news! They x-rayed the pastor's head and found nothing."
"Bride Cindy Fox wore a lovely veil that fell to the floor as she walked down the aisle."
"A 7-lb. baby boy, Thomas Gavin, arrived last night to frighten the lives of Sherman and Edie Forrest."
"The Seaview homeschooling parent group is looking an English tooter for several of their high school students."
Rent-a-Senior Fund Raiser: "We'll clean for you. Why risk a poor quality cleaning job when we guarantee it?"



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."

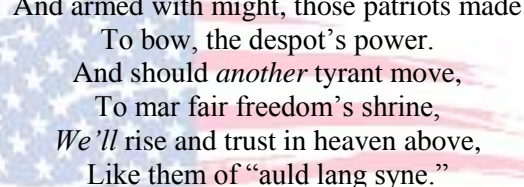
Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

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."

ODE, Written for July 4th, 1829, By C. Thurber, Esq., of Milford.

This is the day, our fathers said
“America is free.”
And our beloved country made
The land of Liberty.
And while the clustering fruit we take
From Freedom’s lovely vine,
The song of joy, this day, we’ll wake,
To them of “auld lang syne.”



They trusted to celestial aid,
When storms began to lower,
And armed with might, those patriots made
To bow, the despot’s power.
And should *another* tyrant move,
To mar fair freedom’s shrine,
We’ll rise and trust in heaven above,
Like them of “auld lang syne.”

How glowed their bosoms when they stood
On Bunker’s awful height!
Braved the fierce tyrant, and with blood
Asserted freemen’s right.
And should ten thousand Caesars come
To trample Freedom’s vine,
We’ll gird the *Patriot’s* armor on,
Like them of “auld lang syne.”

Our *mothers*, too, with noble pride,
The warrior’s toils did share,
Cheer’d his faint heart, or at his side,
Made light the tug of war.
And may their daughters cheer the brave,
And lovely garlands twine,
Or, strew with flowers the patriot’s grave,
Like them of “auld lang syne.”

(It is interesting to note that Charles Thurber was an inventor. He designed and patented in 1843 the first practical typewriter, though his machine was slow, crude and was never manufactured. In addition, Mr. Thurber, in partnership with his brother-in-law, Ethan Allen, started a firearms manufacturing company called “Allen and Thurber.”)

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
Ann Burke (stroke)	Justin Royal
Thelma Bullard	Violet Shealey (Special prayer, please)
Tammy Burnett (cancer)	Irene Shields (Recovering from hip surgery)
Kenneth Case (cancer)	Nora Smith (Hip surgery)
Kay Collins (Health issues)	Betty Soyars (Broken Hip)
Olivia Dunn (9-yr-old - cancer)	Allen Steele (Syria)
Jamie & Jan Estes	Donald Stephens
Diane Foust	Michael Tate
Kathy Fulk (Health issues)	Chara Tate’s mother (cancer)
Kim Garrett (Cancer/Crohn’s Disease)	Brooke Long Wagoner
Samuel Hall (Health Issues)	Clara Ward
Carol Hayden	Reid Westmoreland
George Hayes (heart)	Johnny Willard (New health issues)
Rhonda Hedgecock	Elizabeth Yeoman
Ricky Hedgecock	
Tim Hedgecock	
Joretta Holt (CHF & Foot Surgery)	
Reva Holt (Back issues & eyesight)	
Sarah Hudson (CHF)	
Sarah Isenhour (Crohn’s Disease)	
Cindy Johnson (Cancer)	
<i>Helen Jones</i> (Critical)	
Bernice Knight (Suffered a fall)	
Maureen Lamb	
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	
Clarence Parker (Cancer)	
Darla Parks (Pulmonary infection)	
Jo Anne Pegram (Broken Hip)	
Ethel Pendry	
Gene & Oma Lou Pitts	

BEREAVED: *Families of*

Martha Sapp Farrington
Gary Lee Holt
Dana Denise Martin
(Becky McCollum’s sister)
Philip Moore
(Darris Moore’s brother)
Rev. David Neese
Margaret Morgan Westmoreland

The WHITE Family ~ Missionaries to Bolivia

Great Advances: I have been very excited and encouraged to see how the people of the church in Bolivia have been sacrificing and giving for the construction of their church building. As you know we were able to help them purchase land, and since then they have been working on the construction almost completely on their own. After the recent break in, where they had their chairs stolen, they have been working really hard to get the building enclosed so that it will be more secure. They now have the side wall up and only lack the glass for the windows. In the front they have the main columns up and are now filling in with brick. While they still have a long way to go, this has been amazing considering the sacrifice they have had to make. Just one wall can cost as much as several months salary and the fixtures and finishing work even more. Once they have everything enclosed the main goal will be to build bathrooms, and a few rooms for an office, nursery and class rooms for the kids. Please pray for them as they seek to build their church for Christ.

Great Need: One of the main things that lead us to be missionaries was hearing about and seeing the great harvest of souls around the world and our responsibility to reach them with the gospel. It wasn't a matter of should I go, but how can I not go. This is what I think Paul was expressing when he proclaimed, "woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel." (1 Cor 9:16) The problem that existed in Bible times (Mat 9:37) still exists today and may be even greater. There is a great harvest wherever you look, but there aren't enough laborers to reap it. This is why we work not only in Bolivia, but also pray for and encourage people to go into all the world with the gospel. If you also feel this way and would like to be more involved in missions, I would like to invite you to the Our Generation Camp this June 6th – 10th. This is a camp that is not like many others in that it is solely focused on missions. It is there that you will hear from missionaries from different parts of the world and learn more about the great need and how you can be involved in reaching it. The camp is focused on High School and College age, but everyone is encouraged to come, because whether you are working on the foreign field or reaching people here in the US, and holding the rope for those who go, we should all be involved. For more information about the camp please go to www.visionmissions.com, click on Events and then on the Our Generation Camp. You will not regret having been part of something that will impact the world in our generation.

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Great Opportunity: We would like to ask you to be praying for an upcoming event that we will have when we return to Bolivia. We are very excited about this event and are praying that it will impact many lives for Christ. Our annual youth conference will be held the second week of June only two weeks after we get back, so we have a lot to do in a short time. We also have close to ten visitors that will be coming with our mission's director, Jeff Bush to help in the conference. We are praying that not only will lives be impacted of those who come to the youth conference but also of those who are visiting from the US. It is often on a trip like this that the Lord burdens hearts and calls people to serve Him on the mission field. We are excited about having visitors come and would like to invite you to come and visit us also. For more info go to www.operationbolivia.com.

Prayer Requests:

1. Pray for the group that will visit Bolivia for our youth conference.
2. Pray for us as we finish up our meetings and pack for Bolivia.
3. Pray for our Bible college as they start another session of classes.
4. Pray for the construction of our new church building and the needs they have.

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An excerpt from the . . .

Action of Second Continental Congress, July 4, 1776. The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America,

WHEN in the Course of human Events, it becomes necessary for one People to dissolve the Political Bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the Powers of the Earth, the separate and equal Station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent Respect to the Opinions of Mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the Separation.

WE hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness—That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed, . . .



“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.

Becky Redmon

8421 Endicott Road
Colfax, NC 27235
336-993-1833
336-482-1926 (Cell) ~ July 09

Patsy Pendry

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

Lorene Robertson

PO Box 285
Colfax, NC 27235
~ August 04

Doris Nuckles

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

The Magic Bank Account (Romans 13:11 - And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: . . .)

Imagine that you had won the following prize in a contest: Each morning you would have a deposit of \$86,400 in your bank account for your use. However, this prize has rules:

1. Everything that you didn't spend during each day would be taken away from you. 2. You may not simply transfer money into some other account. 3. You may only spend it. 4. Each morning upon awakening, the bank opens your account with another \$86,400 for that day. 5. The provider can end the game without warning; at any time it can say, “Game Over!” What would you personally do? You would buy anything and everything you wanted, right? Not only for yourself, but for all the people you love and care for. Even for people you don't know, because you couldn't possibly spend it all on yourself, right? You would try to spend every penny, and use it all, because you knew it would be replenished in the morning, right?

ACTUALLY, This GAME is REAL ... Each of us is already a winner of this prize. We just can't seem to see it. The PRIZE is TIME.

1. Each morning we awaken to receive 86,400 seconds as a gift of life.
2. And when we go to sleep at night, any remaining time is not credited to us.
3. What we haven't used up that day is forever lost.
4. Yesterday is forever gone.
5. Each morning the account is refilled, but your account can be dissolved at any time. WITHOUT WARNING... SO, what will YOU do with your 86,400 seconds. . . We need to share the message of Christ while we have TIME!

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 |
| 11 Jaobel Matthews | 29 Karen Holt |
| 12 Sherrill Bowling | 29 Jacob Fields |
| 14 Goldie Jones | 29 Christopher Sealey |
| 16 Barbara Tucker | Lauren Sechler |

July Anniversaries



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|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2 Gale and Charlene Tester | 16 Steve and Stephanie Dillon |
| 4 Rusty and Opal Tucker | 19 Gerald and Robin Pitts |
| 7 Gary and Helen Hendrix | 23 Wade and Nora Smith (50th) |
| 7 Allen and Chara Tate | 25 Pam and Glenn Blackburn |
| 11 Chuck and Carol Peters | 27 Bruce and Darla Freeman |
| 13 B.J. and Melissa Foster | 28 Homer and Barbara Bowden |
| 15 Gary and Beverly Sechler | 28 David & Carolyn McBrayer |

Congratulations!
to **Wade and Nora Smith**

on their
Golden Wedding Anniversary!
July 23, 2016



My Most Unusual Flower Box!

Pastor Chuck Peters

“FREE INDEED”



“What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee.”
– Psalm 56:3

I have a rare flower box. My flower box has both flowers and rabbits growing at the same time! We have a litter of wild rabbits beside our porch and in our flower box. This is a first! We, furthermore, live in a housing area primarily away from habitat considered ideal for

rabbits! Yet they chose our flower box!

These little long-eared creatures are wild and afraid of humans by instinct yet took a chance and decided to raise their family at our doorstep. It’s as though they knew that they would be safe regardless of their instinct. Yes, I have to admit, I have been known to carry a few of these wild animals in a hunting pouch after a day with a beagle! But, the circumstances with these little guys are much different. I don’t want to harm them. I would really like to hold them! This event lends itself to a spiritual application that reminds me of the loving care of God.

I walk over to the flowerbox and the little rabbits huddle together under a flower out of fear. This is interesting for I still know where they are and if I wanted, I could easily harm them. I don’t because of my nature. I actually love them but they don’t know it! If I could, I would love to be able to pick them up and pet them. Because of their nature, they won’t let me get but so close to them. If they were tame, it would be different. They are wild animals!

I think of the child of God. The old wild sinful nature is so oftentimes a barrier. The Heavenly Father loves His children and would like to hold them and enjoy their presence but they flee from Him and huddle under a cheap substitute for protection. If He wanted, He could easily harm them but He won’t because of His nature. He is a loving God who desires the love, communion, and attention of those purchased by His Son’s precious blood. Those of us who know Him in redemption, find ourselves protected under His watch care. We now enjoy the safety of His grace, love, and care. We, as those little rabbits, are in a sense protected in His walled box and surrounded by the beauty of grace! Yet for now, we still have the old, wild, fleshly nature that succeeds from time to time in keeping us at a distance from the One who loves us more than we can imagine.

The little bunnies are afraid yet, in a sense, still trusting their safety to my care. I think of David who said, “What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee.” – Psalm 56:3 David found his God both protector and lover of His soul. If those bunnies only knew!



“If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.” John 8:36

July 4, 1776 was the birth date of our country. For more than 200 years, America, on the Fourth of July, has celebrated her independence. The 4th is a bitter sweet time of the year! Amidst the celebrations is the somber fact that our freedoms are not free. Our founders paid a huge price for our freedom. Many wars have been fought to preserve that freedom. Countless American lives have been lost in the defense of this cherished freedom.

Political freedom is, in fact, a fragile thing. It can be lost! It is apparent that internal enemies are active today and they threaten our freedoms. These enemies are very subtle in that they are attempting to distance us from our history and discredit our constitution. They still approve sending our sons and daughters into battle to fight a war but are confused as to what constitutes winning the war. We had no trouble defining what constituted “victory” in the wars of the last centuries. We have politicians today who act as though America had no enemies! I am personally thankful that World War II didn’t end with America having to learn to speak German or Japanese! I also today prefer speaking English over Arabic!

American history is a history of the accomplishment and the defense of freedom. The defense of freedom, unfortunately, still requires warfare. Daniel Webster warned in a speech in 1834, “God grants liberty only to those who love it, and are always ready to guard and defend it.”

I thank God for the privilege of being an American. I am a full participant in the 4th of July celebrations. Bring on the fireworks and flag-waving! I can assure you that this is one old Military Veteran that will surely weep when I hear the singing of the national anthem. We need to remember one thing though. We are celebrating a fragile freedom that we run the risk of losing. But I’ve got good news! “If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.” Charles Spurgeon said, “He is the free man who is master of himself through the grace of God.”

Freedom from sin is actually greater than freedom from tyranny. Spiritual freedom has higher value than political freedom. While an American can say, “I’m free”, a Christian can say, “I’m free indeed!” The American Revolution was fought to secure our country’s freedom but we have had to fight other wars to defend that freedom. The greatest Warrior of all times fought the greatest war and secured an endless victory. “Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it. (Col. 2:14-15)

Those who have trusted The Lord Jesus Christ for salvation are “free indeed.” His blood has eternally purchased our freedom. His victory at Calvary can never be challenged and this victory celebration will go on forever. This 4th of July finds me thankful to have served beneath the American flag but more thankful to serve forever beneath the banner of the Cross! “If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.”