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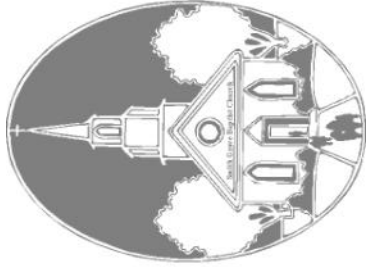
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*Celebrate Mother*

Sat., May 6 ..... **Winston-Salem Rescue Mission**  
Tues., May 9, 7-8 p.m. .... **Robinwood Retirement Center**  
Sun., May 21 ..... **BEAMS' SUNDAY**  
Sun., May 28, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. .... **Director Duain & Faye Whittemore, Anchor Baptist Missions**

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**June 19 ~ 23** ..... **"Operation Arctic"** - Join us for a **cool** Vacation Bible School as we explore the beautiful Arctic region, plunging into a frigid world where we'll uncover the **COOLEST BOOK** on the planet ... **God's Word!**

**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    Clara Ward  
Harry Haynes    Barbara Tucker    Gerry Williams

## Assisted Living/Nursing Home

Rose Matthews    Ann Rayle  
Jo Anne Pegram    Lorene Robertson

*Prayer List continued on  
Next Page . . .*

*Pray for those . . .*

## **IN THE SERVICE OF THEIR COUNTRY**

**CW3 Jonathan Harless** (Raleigh)  
**Maj. Robert Harless** (160th SOAR, Savannah, GA)  
**Charles Holmes**, Al Asad Air Base (Northern Iraq)  
**David Laramore**, Fort Hood, Texas, US Army  
**Chief Warrant Officer 4 Michael Maine**, US Army  
[Alaska] (Nephew of Clarence Redmon)  
**SrA Kyle Norman**, 2602 Westridge Ave W #L304  
Tacoma, WA 98466  
**Jason Sabot** – Serving in Afghanistan  
**PFC Trevor Westmoreland**, PO Box 10197  
Ft. Irwin, CA 92310



**Memorial Day**, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in service of the United States of America. Regardless of the exact date or location of its origins, one thing is clear – Memorial Day dates back to the Civil War and remains today to honor our brave dead.



## BEAMS' Report for April 2017

# of Pledges: 15; # of Contributions: 6 ;  
Total Contributors: 21  
Total Contributed: \$ 787.00 =  
98 Bibles in April (plus some postage)

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)

Pastor Chuck's sermons online: [smithgrove.org](http://smithgrove.org)

Audio Sermons

## *Welcome, New Members*

**Kathy Flynt**  
1965 Sandy Ridge Rd.  
Colfax, NC 27235  
336-668-2500 (Home)  
336-880-3352 (Cell)

**Calvin & Joy Vaughn**  
& Wesley  
4104 Rose Dr.  
Greensboro, NC 27407  
336-294-6686 (Home)  
336-601-9487 (Calvin Cell)  
336-601-0422 (Joy Cell)

**Eric & Angela Sexton**  
8635 Adkins Rd.  
Colfax, NC 27235  
336-662-0317 (Home)  
336-442-7598 (Eric Cell)  
336-471-5258 (Angela Cell)  
(Ireland)

**Address Change:**  
**Jim Laramore**  
2528 Hwy 66  
Kernersville, NC 27284  
336-337-1098



## *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."

## ... from our Youth Leaders

We are blessed to report that our “Family Spring Fling” proved to be a special way to kick off our Easter week celebration! We snacked on fruit, “butterfly cocoons” (mini-corn dogs), “rabbit food” (carrots & celery), “bunny tails” (white cheese balls), and an adorable bunny cake, prepared by Cheryl. Divided into small groups (“Birds, Butterflies, and Bunnies”), our youngsters rotated through fun craft stations. They built a thought-provoking “Empty Tomb Box” with Misty. Barbara, Homer, and Glenda helped them make a colorful beaded bracelet that proclaims, “He Lives.” Stephanie and John showed them how to create a beautiful wooden cross draped with a purple sash. All three creations provided something meaningful the children could take home, to ponder the events of the coming Easter week.

Once the guidelines for our unusual egg hunt were discussed, Scooby Doo surprised us with a visit, but he had changed a bit since our Ocean Commotion VBS ... he was sporting bunny ears, a cottontail, and bunny teeth! In the beautiful grassy area out back, our teens were on hand to not only hide the eggs, but they happily assisted the little ones in finding ten different colors! Once we came back inside, Misty introduced us to a stirring new song about Jesus’ resurrection, set to the tune of “Wheels on the Bus.” Then, with our young people gathered on the floor, we shared the lovely book, Benjamin’s Box, a fictional story woven around the Biblical events of Christ’s crucifixion and resurrection. Benjamin’s grandfather had been a shepherd, who remembers the night a King was born in a stable. He kept a bundle of straw from the manger, placed it in a box, and years later, passed it on to his grandson, Benjamin. As a bystander, young Benjamin collects “treasures” as he encounters Jesus, and he adds them to his box. Throughout the story, our own young listeners were sweetly attentive as they opened their eggs to find tokens to correlate with the souvenirs Benjamin collects as he witnesses the story of Jesus unfold: a tuft of donkey fur, a piece of silver, a cup from the last supper, a twig from the Garden of Gethsemane, a piece of a leather whip, a thorny stem, a cross with nails, gambling dice, a strip of burial cloth, a chip of the stone that rolled away. These simple visuals bring the story of redemption to life, and they provide the children a framework on which to recount the true events of our faith... it was a joy to see them so excited to take their own set of “Resurrection Eggs” home with them! Just as Benjamin learned, they saw that the *true treasure* to be found was Jesus Himself, and the precious gift of salvation He offers through His sacrifice of love and grace. In the end, Benjamin uses his box of “treasures” to tell his friends what Jesus has done for them. Likewise, not only did the contents of the eggs provide us with a powerful way to portray the gospel, but for those children who have already accepted Christ as Savior, their “treasures,” along with the accompanying scriptures, provide a tool for witnessing to their family and friends.

We rejoice that we were able to share such a memorable afternoon with our young people and their families ... and we deeply appreciate the many devoted youth leaders who played such a part in making it possible. We’re so grateful to all the families who came out to fellowship and honor our Lord as we remembered His great sacrifice for us. It was a joy to see young hearts stirred for Him!  
Love, Bruce, Darla and Marshall

## SICK/OTHER PRAYER NEEDS:

*(Newly added names are in italics.)*

Dale Austin (leukemia)	Carol McBrayer (High Point Hospital)
Lou Badgett	David McBrayer (Fell)
Joe Blackburn (surgery)	Maggie McGee
Eddie Blackburn (Heart)	Mary Miller (Health issues)
Sheridan Bowman	Jo Anne Pegram (Kidney issues)
Tammy Burnett (cancer)	Ethel Pendry
Kay Collins (Health issues)	Gene & Oma Lou Pitts
Tonya Crews (Cancer)	<i>Sonya Poole</i> (fell - broken bones)
Dovie Mae Dull (Heart issues)	Allen Priddy (PTSD)
Olivia Dunn (9-yr-old - cancer)	Dean Puckett (Stroke)
Jamie & Jan Estes	<i>Cathy Ramer &amp; baby Kayden</i> (Premature delivery)
Diane Foust	Joe Ray
Kathy Fulk (Health issues)	Marissa Rymer (kidney disease)
Kim Garrett (Cancer/Crohn’s Disease)	Sandra Richardson
Ephraim Gosler (Health Challenges)	Tom Rodgers
Samuel Hall (Health Issues)	Justin Royal
Mary Hart (stroke)	<i>Noah Sanchez</i>
George Hayes (heart)	Adam & Maryann Serafini (Spiritual needs)
Rhonda Hedgecock	Ken Shelton (Open-heart surgery)
Ricky Hedgecock	Bobby Shelton (Stroke)
Tim Hedgecock	<i>Irene Shields</i> (Hip Surgery)
Cheryl Holt’s brothers (Salvation)	Betty Sue Smith (Health issues)
Joretta Holt (Health Issues)	Allen Steele (Syria)
Reva Holt (Hip Surgery)	Donald Stephens
Sarah Hudson (CHF)	<i>Wayne Tilley</i> (ICU - Cancer)
Sarah Isenhour (Crohn’s Disease)	Betty Wall (Colon cancer)
Cindy Johnson (Cancer)	Clara Ward
David Kite (stroke)	Gerri Williams
Wesley Landreth	
Clara Farrington Long (health issues)	
<i>Pam Manard</i> (brain tumor)	
Daniel & Mazie Matthews	<b>BEREAVED</b> Family of: Edith Sineath (Eloise’s sister)
Gary McArthur (malignant tumor)	



## Beatitudes for Married Couples

*Blessed are the husband and wife who continue to be considerate and loving after the marriage vows have been exchanged.*

*Blessed are the husband and wife who are as polite and courteous to each other as they are to their friends. Blessed are the husband and wife who maintain a sense of humor.*

*Blessed are they who fulfill their*

*marriage vows of a lifetime of fidelity and mutual helpfulness to one another.*

*Blessed are they who study God’s word and thank God for his multitude of blessings.*

*Blessed are the husband and wife who humbly dedicate their lives and their home to Christ and practice His teachings!*



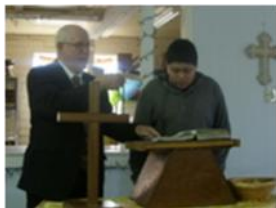
## News from the Coleman's "Tohono O'odham Nation" Missions - Jan thru Mar 2017

**John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me."**

Blessings in Jesus name and thank you for your love, prayers, and faithful support!!! It means so much to us knowing that we have mission partners like you who are with us in the mission field our Lord has called us to!

As you can see, we're in the process of developing a more dynamic newsletter format where we'll share more details and stories about the photos of some of our mission experiences with the Tohono O'odham people. We hope this will be a greater blessing to you, our partners, who help make our outreach possible with your faithful prayers and financial support! We also hope to get as many of our partners as possible signed up for our **new enhanced email format** so we won't be so limited by space, and at the same time significantly reduce our production and postage expenses. **So please sign up for this new service by simply emailing your name to [john.coleman44@yahoo.com](mailto:john.coleman44@yahoo.com)** With the email newsletter, our plan is to also provide a smaller printable version in the form of a pdf attachment that you can post on your church bulletin board.

Please keep the following in prayer for us: For God's daily wisdom and protection as we go forth with the message. For more churches to share our mission outreach through. For growth and God's blessing on all of the Christian ministries on the Tohono O'odham Reservation. Greater vision as we continue to develop our new newsletter format.



While conducting a service in the Village of Santa Rosa, I felt led by the Lord to ask this young man Vega, who has trusted Jesus as his Savior, to come and participate in the service by reading the scripture passage. He was so honored and blessed for this opportunity.

While the person who regularly conducts a Bible time with the children in Sells was sick, I was asked to fill in and shared a lesson from the Bible with them. My heart was blessed as they gathered around to hear the word of God.



While conducting a service from Philippians ch.4, I used this heart as an illustration. The heart was made by Yolanda, a godly Christian young lady and the daughter of Corky Mendez who is holding the heart on the right. Corky was so blessed that his daughter had made it.

This Bible study in South Komelik conducted by David Felix (left front) has nearly completed a 13 thirteen lesson study of Bible truths and doctrine. The message is more accepted when it comes from one of their own, and I've had the privilege of helping to raise David up as a leader in his community.



This is Brother Dean Saxton with "Wycliffe Bible Translators" sharing special music in the Tohono O'odham language. He has been living on the reservation for over 50 years and now in his 90's has completed an O'odham translation of the Bible.



People coming to receive food in South Komelik (left) and Choulic (right) under the "Watto" we helped to construct.



We always present the gospel message before the food distributions, and we recently had 8 salvation decisions!!! We help feed over 300 people a month and during January thru March we delivered over 10 thousand pounds of food!



Lauritz and Gina (left) from the Village of Choulic have been together for years. Since their becoming Christians and following the Lord in believers baptism, they said to me "Brother Coleman we want to do things right and have a Christian wedding" and they asked me if I would conduct their wedding. We arranged to have the ceremony at Rincon Baptist with their family. Praise God, what a glorious wedding!

We produced the "Beatitudes For Married Couples" for the occasion. I'm including a copy of it for you to keep along with a Bible book marker in the O'odham language for you.

We praise God for all He is doing and allowing us to do for the Tohono O'odham people, and we thank you again for your continued prayers and financial support!

Love in Christ, *John and Mavis Coleman*  
Serving with "Christ To The Nations Missions" and  
Rincon Baptist Church"



## “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 *May and June* 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.

### Ann Dean

4632 Kendale Road  
High Point, NC 27265  
336-668-9875 ~ May 02

### Clara Ward

4465 Kime Farm Road Ext.  
Climax, NC 27233  
336-685-4196 ~ June 02

### Alta Key

4454 Peace Rd  
Trinity, NC 27370  
336-431-0079 ~ May 03

### Ann Rayle

Brookdale Senior Living  
1564 Skeet Club Rd. - Room 3  
High Point, NC 27265  
~ June 11

### Dovie Dull

1016 Madison Place Circle  
Kernersville, NC 27284  
336-996-6330 ~ May 14

### Jo Anne Pegram

1 Marithe Ct  
Greensboro, NC 27407  
~ June 14

### Eloise McCollum

8626 Bull Road  
Colfax, NC 27235  
336-996-6320 ~ May 26

### COMMUNION SERVICES:

Aug. 27; Nov. 26

In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life:

“It goes on.” ~Robert Frost~

### Member Phone Number Change:

Angie Cornell - 336-601-8322 (Cell)



## May Anniversaries

- 6 John & Stephanie Moore
- 14 Allen & Sandra Westmoreland
- 19 Dennis & Brenda Westmoreland
- 26 Rick & Angela Cornell



Marriage is the most natural state of man, and... the state in which you will find solid happiness.

..... ..Benjamin Franklin



**Mayday! Mayday! Mayday!** It's the call that no airplane pilot or ship's captain ever wants to have to make. Why? Because it means trouble. Big trouble! Mayday is the word used around the world to make a distress call via radio communications. Mayday signals a life-threatening emergency, usually on a ship or a plane, although it may be used in a variety of other situations.

Procedure calls for the mayday distress signal to be said three times in a row — Mayday! Mayday! Mayday! — so that it won't be mistaken for another word or phrase that sounds similar under noisy conditions.

## A Prayer for a Mother's Birthday by Henry Van Dyke

Lord Jesus, Thou hast known  
A mother's love and tender care:  
And Thou wilt hear, while for  
my own Mother most dear  
I make this birthday prayer.

Her every wish fulfill; And even if  
Thou must refuse  
In anything, let Thy wise will  
A comfort bring such as kind  
mothers use.

Protect her life, I pray,  
Who gave the gift of life to me;  
And may she know, from day to day,  
The deepening glow of Life that  
comes from Thee.

Ah, hold her by the hand,  
As once her hand held mine;  
And though she may not understand  
Life's winding way,  
lead her in peace divine.

As once upon her breast  
Fearless and well content I lay,  
So let her heart, on Thee at rest,  
Feel fears depart and troubles fade  
away.

I cannot pay my debt  
For all the love that she has given;  
But Thou, love's Lord, wilt not forget  
Her due reward,--bless her in earth  
and heaven.



Please keep in mind the items we will be needing for our upcoming Vacation Bible School, **“Operation Arctic!”**

If you have any of the following items you would be willing to loan, please let us know: *stuffed polar bears, huskies, sled dogs, reindeer, or moose/ plastic icicles and snowflakes/ strands of white or blue lights/ icicle lights/ snowy*

*Christmas trees/ ski gear/old fashioned sleds/ and any wintry scene setters.* We would love to have a *giant polar bear or snowman yard inflatable*, if anybody knows of one! Thank you so much!

~ Bruce, Darla, and Marshall

# “The Stones Would Speak”

Luke 19:40

Pastor Chuck Peters

The week before the Saviour’s crucifixion was most eventful. The event known as the Triumphant Entry took place at the beginning of the week that would culminate with the Lord’s crucifixion and resurrection. Jesus rode into the city of Jerusalem on a colt that had never been ridden. This indicated His preeminence and sovereignty. He allowed praise and even stated that the stones would cry out if praise was withheld on the part of the disciples. He basically said that if the disciples held their peace, the stones would stand in and resume the praise meeting!

Have you ever wondered what they would say? If stones were not inanimate and could remember and speak, they could testify of sovereignty, salvation, and supply on the part of God.

Jacob once used a stone as a pillow while running from his brother Esau. The Lord spoke to him in a dream and assured him that He would carry out the blessing promised to Abraham through his offspring. Jacob awoke, took the stone, and anointed it with oil.

If that stone could speak it would declare that God is a covenant keeping God! We can rest assured that the sinfulness and chaos in this world today does not overrule God’s control and purposes. Our assurance rests upon an empty tomb and an occupied throne!

Moses once was told to strike a rock and water would come out for the thirsty children of Israel. Moses smote the rock and the rock poured fresh water.

If that rock could speak it would declare that God will provide! It would furthermore declare that the real hope and soul refreshment for sinful mankind is found in the “Rock of Ages” smitten on the cross on account of our sins!

Those who have come to Christ by faith have drunk the living waters. They know the joy and peace of the Holy Spirit’s presence and guidance. They echo the great words of Augustus Toplady in his grand old hymn. “*Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee; Let the water and the blood, From Thy wounded side which flowed, Be of sin the double cure, Save from wrath and make me pure.*” – Augustus Toplady

*An excerpt from....* A Sermon Delivered On Sunday Morning, February 23, 1862, By Pastor C. H. Spurgeon, At The Metropolitan Tabernacle.



*My beloved spoke, and said to me, “Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come way. For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone, the flowers appear on the earth, the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle dove is heard in our land; the fig tree puts forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grapes give a good smell. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.” (So 2:10-13)*



The things which are seen are types of the things which are not seen. The works of creation are pictures to the children of God of the secret mysteries of grace. God’s truths are the apples of gold, and the visible creatures are the baskets of silver. The very seasons of the year find their parallel in the little world of man within. We have our winter—dreary howling winter,—when the north wind of the law rushes forth against us, when every hope is nipped, when all the seeds of joy lie buried beneath the dark clods of despair, when our soul is firmly fettered like a river bound with ice, without waves of joy, or flowings of thanksgiving.



Thanks be to God, the soft south wind breathes upon our soul, and at once the waters of desire are set free, the spring of love comes on, flowers of hope appear in our hearts, the trees of faith put forth their young shoots, the time of the singing of birds comes in our hearts, and we have joy and peace in believing through the Lord Jesus Christ. That happy spring time is followed in the believer by a rich summer, when his graces, like fragrant flowers, are in full bloom, loading the air with perfume; and fruits of the Spirit like citrons and pomegranates fully mature in the genial warmth of the Sun of Righteousness. Then comes the believer’s autumn, when his fruits ripen, and his fields are ready for the harvest; the time has come when his Lord shall gather together his



“pleasant fruits,” and store them in heaven; the feast of ingathering is at hand—the time when the year shall begin anew, an unchanging year, like the years of the right hand of the Most High in heaven. Now, beloved, each particular season has its duty. The farmer finds that there is a time to plough, a time to sow, a time to reap; there is a season for vintage, and a period for the pruning of the vine; there is a month for the planting of herbs, and for the ingathering of seeds. To everything there is a time and a purpose, and every season has its special labour. It seems from the text, that whenever it is spring time in our hearts, then Christ’s voice may be heard saying, “Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.” Whenever we have been delivered from a dreary winter of temptation or affliction, or tribulation,—whenever the fair spring of hope comes upon us, and our joys begin to multiply, then we should hear the Master bidding us seek after something higher and better, and we should go forth in his strength to love him more, and serve him more diligently than before.

