



May 2011

## Welcome!

We would like to invite you to join us in worship here at Words of Life. It is our desire to minister to the vast needs of families in today's fast paced world. We believe the success of the church depends on the success of the family. We have a dedicated team to minister to the needs of adults and children, as well as teens. Bring your family and join us as we experience Jesus Christ in an exciting atmosphere of worship and praise.



*Pastor Carl  
And  
Linda Bishop*

### Honoring Our Eldest

#### Attending Mother - *Sister Nettie*

May is a time for honoring our Mothers. Please extend a warm recognition to our Eldest Attending Mother - Sarah Fi Nettie Smith Goodson.



**Favorite Foods Are:**

Chicken Biscuits  
Corn On The Cobb  
Fried Potatoes w/Onions

Sister Nettie was born June 18<sup>th</sup>, 1920 in Yancey County North Carolina to Grady and Axie Smith. She is the mother of three children: Jim Chappalear of York SC, Robert Chappalear of Fletcher and Joanne Himaya of Bossier City Louisiana. Sister Nettie has been blessed with many grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren. She enjoys her grandchildren and loves the Lord. Sister Nettie really likes her church and keeps trying to get her family to come. Despite having some health issues she doesn't let that stop her. She is very happy that she can live on her own and has lots to live for. Sister Nettie has worked in the medical profession for a good portion of her career.

### May Project

We will continue with the funding of April's project - repainting the sanctuary and fellowship building. Please support this project by placing your donation in a tithing envelope marked "special projects" and drop it in the offering buckets. We thank you for your support.

### Upcoming Events

#### **Mother's Day Garden Party Ladies Meeting**

All Ladies are encouraged to attend our Mother's Day Celebration. Bring the special ladies in your life and have a fun evening at our Garden Party. Flyers with more details are in the foyer.

Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Building

#### **Mother's Day Balloon Bouquets**

Please see Sis. Kelly Graham or Sis. Serena Graham to purchase balloons to honor mothers, grandmothers or any special lady in your life. Balloon Bouquets will be presented to that special lady on Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup> after the 11:00 service. White balloons can also be purchased in honor of a deceased lady. All proceeds will go to support sending our high school youth group to camp.

#### **Mother's Day - Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup>**

No Evening Service

#### **Shake It Up Café**

#### **Vacation Bible School**

June 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> 6:45 pm - 9:00 pm. Registration is open on our website [www.wolt.org](http://www.wolt.org). If you would like to make a difference in a child's life, see Sis. Linda Bishop or Sis. Teresa Cole to sign up to help.

#### **Jr. Youth Fundraiser**

#### **Amazing Grace Wall Hanging Raffle**

Jr. Youth Class will be selling tickets through the July 4<sup>th</sup> picnic. Please see one of the Jr. Youth kids to purchase your tickets. Drawing will be held at the picnic.

### Bulletin Board

#### **Newsletter Name**

We want to thank everyone for their input and voting on a name for our newsletter. The winner was "Tabernacle Times" submitted by Rick Robinson.

#### **On the Web**

Did you know...our newsletter is also on the web! Visit [www.wolt.org](http://www.wolt.org) to view it in color.

Also listen to past service messages.

## Services

### Sunday

Sunday School	9:45 am
(Classes for all ages)	
Preaching	11:00 am
Children's Church	11:00 am
Preaching	6:00 pm

### Wednesday

Preaching	7:00 pm
Youth (7 <sup>th</sup> grade & up)	7:00 pm
Children's Church	7:00 pm
(Pre-k to 6 <sup>th</sup> grade)	

Nursery is available for ages 2 and under for all services.

## Ministers

Carl Bishop, *Pastor*  
Greg Pippin, *Outreach Pastor*  
Scott Graham, *Youth Pastor*  
Gerald Wilkie, *Evangelist*

## Board Members

Ronnie Anderson	Eddie Wilde
Richard Cole	Pat Pippin
Kenneth Meece	Virginia Cope
Donald Bishop	Keith Rogers
Butch Stepp	

## Inspirations

*Untitled by Nicole Rose*

How she must have felt  
When she held Him in her arms  
The miracle, the Light, the Beginner of new days  
How she must have comforted him  
Through scraped knees and bruises  
And scolded Him in her own motherly way  
How proud she must have been  
As He brought hope and healing to the world  
And set the sinner free  
How her heart must have broken  
As they condemned and betrayed Him  
Hurt and abused Him  
How she must have longed  
To ease the suffering of her beloved son  
As He bore the cross to save us all  
How her spirit surely did cry out  
When He looked upon her and said  
WOMAN, BEHOLD THY SON!  
Oh but the song her soul must have sung  
When that stone rolled away and  
Like fire the word spread  
*He has risen!!*

## Testimony

At a very young age, I experienced a lot of negative influences from the people in my home. Between the ages of 10 and 12, I started doing the things that I had seen these other people do. Not knowing at that time, what road that influence would lead me down. By the time I was 14 or 15 years old, I was smoking cigarettes, pot and eating acid. By age 16, I was smoking crack. By age 18, I was using crank on a regular basis. When I met my wife, I stopped all these things - but still had that desire to use when things didn't seem to go my way. The pull to do these drugs finally took a toll. Around age 26, I gave in to that desire once again. This time was so much worse than any other time. It escalated into shooting meth almost every day for the next couple of years. I had lost everything... my wife, my daughter, my home and myself. I lost down to weigh about 98 pounds, and all I cared about was getting high. BUT GOD!!! My wife and daughter had started going to church and praying. God answered their prayers. On April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2005 - my JESUS saved me, delivered me and set me free from the meth that had me bound. No rehab, no meetings, just the power of an Almighty God who took all desires to do those things away from me. No shakes, no sickness, no withdrawals. It was like I had never used any drugs. One year later, God restored my family. My wife and I have a stronger bond in our marriage than ever before, and my daughter has her daddy back. In 2009, I answered the call to preach. Now I share with others what the Power of God can do if you turn your life completely over to Jesus Christ.

**I serve a God who can do anything!**

**Gerald Wilkie**

## Outreach Ministries

Here at Words of Life we have numerous ministries established to meet the needs of our church family and community.

**The Least of These Ministries** - devoted to offering assistance to those who need help with physical needs such as fuel oil or making sure the electric bill gets paid.

**Drug Rehab Outreach** - travels several Sundays a month to minister and give hope to those in rehabilitation.

**Nursing Home Ministry** - focuses on touching the hearts of the elderly and brings joy to their lives.

**Street Ministry** - being a light to those who are experiencing unfortunate circumstances and need some guidance and a caring hand.

## May Elders

Rick & Jeanette Metcalf  
243-7493 (Rick's cell)  
243-7455 (Jeanette cell)

Elders are available to offer prayer and spiritual guidance, as well as assist with any need that may arise.

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