

The Surry Baptist Newsletter

“Sixty-one Churches, Partners In Ministry”



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SHARING HOPE...CHANGING LIVES

Baptist Children's Homes
of NORTH CAROLINA

Week of Prayer
November 15-22, 2020



Baptist Mens Report

At the October meeting, Mike Francis provided our meal, and had 5 churches represented. Our devotion was given by Grant Thayer, who spoke on "The Ten Commandments and the direction God meant for them to direct us".

Mike reported on the ramps and other projects to do and also that our Pancake Breakfast made \$1,150 in funds to be used toward our projects.

Our first wood ministry started up Sept. 12, @ Gary Cox's farm and will be splitting wood every month this winter. Please come and help.

The Baptist Men invite all men within the SBA to join us on Monday, Nov. 2, 6:30pm @ the SBA. All are invited to join for a meal, fellowship and a time of planning how to share God's love through our service. We hope to see everyone there. If our churches have men's groups or any individuals interested in taking part in any of our activities, you are welcome to call Mike Francis at 336-830-1655 for more information.
Sincerely, Mike Francis

November Birthdays

- Nov. 4: Rev. Joe Lambert (Gum Orchard)
- Nov. 12: Susan H. White (SBA)
- Nov. 14: Mrs. Tina Tate (Highland Park)
- Nov. 20: Mrs. Mildred Watson (Holly Springs)
- Nov. 25: Mrs. Kathy Branch (Jessup Grove)



**Deliver
Backpacks
to SBA**

by November 7 (9am-3pm).



“Book of Revelation”

January - May 2021

Cost of Workbook - \$ 25

Instructor: Dr. Daniel Merritt

“The Mission of Surry Baptist Association is to glorify God through Jesus Christ by assisting and encouraging Congregations in a partnership of cooperative ministries of reaching people and developing believers.”

From Your Director of Missions — Dr. Dan Merritt

The year has flown by quicker than a June bug on a hot summer evening. Like a jack-in-the-box, the arrival of November has left us startled that it has “popped up” so soon. In spite of the topsy-turvy year 2020 has been, November brings with it Thanksgiving. A time to pause and give thanks even amidst chaotic times. While we can all find reasons to complain how our world has been uprooted, in the midst of the chaos there is an abundance for which we can give thanks to the Lord.

First, let us give thanks for the Lord’s Control. All that has transpired in 2020 has not taken our Lord by surprise. John said he saw a throne in heaven and One sat upon it. He works all things after the counsel of His will. He raises monarchs to the throne and He sinks them as He pleases. Our hope is found in the assurance that He is in control and is working all things toward a desired end that will bring about His destined plan and glorify His holy name.

Second, let us give thanks that our Lord Changes Not. Hebrews 13:8 tells us that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. The same Christ who saved Paul is the same Christ who saves us. The same Jesus who quenched the thirsty soul of the Woman at the Well is the same Jesus who invites us to come drink from the Water of Life. The same Lord, who was accessible to the little children, is accessible today to all who will come unto Him. Thankfully, the same compassion we see He extended to those broken by sin in the Bible. He today extends that same compassion.

Third, let us give thanks for the Lord’s Companionship. Because Jesus arose from the lifeless tomb, His omnipresence is perpetual in the life of every Christian. There is never a second of any day that we don’t have access to His companionship. He has promised to never leave us or forsake us. Whether the sun is shining brightly upon us with favor or the dark clouds of providence have settled around us, He is there and we can have an unbroken relationship with Him. O, the sweetness of His companionship.

Fourth, let us give thanks for the Lord’s Church. The Church belongs to the Lord and we belong to Him. This year has taught us how valuable the Church is and how much we miss assembling and worshipping and fellowshiping with one another. As we gradually regather, let us vow as the Church to reach new converts who, too, might experience the joy and fellowship of being a part of the family of God.

Fifth, let us give thanks for the Lord’s promise of His Coming again. We are not to be date setters, but we can look upon the horizon and see storm clouds gathering. The gathering clouds warn us His Coming is nearing. We know not the day or hour, so each day we must live in anticipation of the wondrous promise of His coming. O, what a wondrous promise of hope.

Sixth, above all let us give thanks for the Cross of Christ. It is at the Cross sinful humanity finds reconciliation with God, redemption from the slavery of sin, grace that is greater than all our sin, forgiveness and justification from being guilty before a holy God. At the cross we find God in Christ doing for us what we could never do for ourselves. At the cross we find God in His holy-love not only offering the sacrifice for our sins, but in Christ our God was the sacrifice. Such grace extended on our behalf is enough to find us lifting our voices in praise from this day forth for ever more.

Yes, this Thanksgiving we have much for which to give thanks. May our hearts be filled with thanksgiving all the year through.

It is a privilege to be your Director of Missions. If I can ever be of help to you give me a call or stop by the office,

Serving Christ Together,
Dr. Dan

Reminder!
Please send in all December Activities
with your Dec. Newsletter’s
information by Nov. 15th.
(Christmas Plays, Cantatas, Caroling etc.)

Christmas Child Shoebox Collection Dates

Bannertown Baptist Church

NOV. 16-19: 1:00—3:00pm

NOV. 20: 1:00—5:00pm

NOV. 23: 8:00am—10:00am

NOV. 21: 9:00am—5:00pm

NOV. 22: 1:00pm—5:00pm



Antioch continues to have Worship Service @10:30am in person, drive-in on 87.9 FM radio, and live streaming on Facebook. Sunday School classes meeting on Zoom. Wed. night Youth and Adult Bible Study @ 6:30pm. Awana Clubs meeting on Zoom w/ a separate time for each age group; Cubbies @6:30, Sparks 7pm, TrT 7:30pm. Youth took a trip to Sky Wild ropes course in Greensboro. Upward Flag Football and Cheerleading ends in Oct. Upward awards celebration will be Sunday, Nov. 8th. Golden Autumn took a trip to Amish Store in Jonesville and had lunch @ Cracker Barrel. Sisterhood packed 100 backpacks for the Appalachian Backpack Program. Started collecting Harvest Bags for our Well Food Thanksgiving meal. Continues w/Davis Lunch project. Will start collecting Lottie Moon at the end of Nov. Observed the Lord's Supper w/church members participating online. Began Christmas Poinsettia dedications to benefit the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Launched new website, www.antiochbaptistchurchma.com, and we are now on Instagram. Many families continue to benefit from the blessing box in the church parking lot, which provides non-perishable food daily. The Hospitality Committee held a drive-thru candy giveaway for the entire community.

Bannertown is continuing to distribute produce boxes by drive-thru process. Continuing to provide monthly drive-thru community meal. Blood Drive was Oct. 18.

Blues Grove had Women's Conference and taught the book "Power Of A Praying Wife". Trunk or Treat was in Church parking lot on Oct. 31. WMU put together Backpacks to be delivered to the SBA office along with any prepared by other members. WMU Mission Fund voted to send a donation to a Mission student who will be traveling home to the Philippines after being away from his family for almost five years to study in the United States. Planning a Church Newsletter on Facebook or E-Mail.

Calvary held a drive-thru treat parade on Oct. 28. Donated 580 pounds to Yokefellow during our three-item food drive. Will be participating in the Appalachian backpack program in the Association. The pastor's Oct. sermon series was on the current political divisions in our country titled "None of the Above: Whose Kingdom Is It Anyway?" Will be preparing an encouragement package for our college students.

Cedar Lane continues to offer in person services as well as parking lot and Facebook options for Sunday sermons as well as Wed. night Bible studies. Isaiah and Wendy Johnson sang during the Homecoming service, w/Pastor Ed Bowman presenting the message. Brother Justin Bushey and his family shared their heart for missions in Oct., during the morning service. Had Fall Fun, hayride and soup/sandwich meal in Oct. Made a monetary donation to Feed America. Members of the congregation also volunteer their time as well.

Central View received 6 new members by letter. Celebrated Homecoming with special singing and fellowship meal. Continuing inside worship and still live stream on Facebook including Wed. Bible study. Had a Gideon speaker. Gave pastor special gift for Pastor Appreciation Day.

Community is collecting cards to be distributed to all residents of Surry Community Nursing Center letting them know God loves them. Fall carnival w/chicken stew, games, and corn hole tournament. Created Community Baptist logo line that members can order from Carolina Ink shop. Still collecting items for the Backpack program.

Dobson, First is continuing to offer worship in three different ways (inside, outside, and online.) Pastor Cory is currently preaching a series on Psalm 23 and Psalm 100. Five new deacons were elected for the coming church year. Operation in as Much has finished several projects aiding nearby nursing homes, law enforcement, hospice home, The Ark, Foothills Food Pantry and Surry Medical Ministry. In addition, teachers were provided an appreciation lunch in four local schools. Youth are participating in an online Bible study on Ephesians. PreK through grade 5 are having Sunday School on Sunday nights from 6-7 pm. Members are now preparing Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes which are due Nov.15.

Dover continues to have inside services as well as outside services on the radio to allow all members to share in worship. The Mens Brother-hood met @ Golden Corral for a meal and fellowship, WMU met for mission study, this month their project will be serving Surry Co EMS staff a meal and also collected money to help support Surry Medical Ministries food project. Homecoming was held @ Phillip Branch farm w/catering by Aunt Bea's. Honored Rev, Larry Jones and wife Carolyn w/appreciation for service giving a monetary gift and picture placed in Pastors Appreciation Section of Mt Airy News. Prayers continue for our community and our country.

Fairview's Sunday School classes met on a semi-regular basis. Worship services continued w/two Sunday morning services w/Dr. Nale bringing a series of messages "Encounters of the God Kind." Services are also provided on Facebook. Held a Romanian American Mission Online Celebration on Facebook where RAM pastors shared on God's outreach to people in Europe. Work continued for the 2020 Appalachian Christmas Outreach. Deacon ordination service was held for Brett Stanley, newly elected deacon. Prayer Shawl ministry met during the moth. 23 prayer quilts were dedicated by intercessory prayer and 12 were given to law enforcement in Surry County. Youth Group met on a semi-weekly basis.

Fancy Gap had pastor appreciation lunch after Oct. service. WMU are doing backpacks for Copeland and Flat Rock Elementary schools. WMU is giving blankets and playdough for foster children.

Haymore continues to have worship services @ 9:30 and 10:45 w/ streaming on Facebook and YouTube. A Bible Study is streamed on Facebook on Tue. morning. Awana was resumed. An outdoor Fall Festival was held. The Clothes Closet ministry is to open soon. A blood drive was held. Plans are in process for an international youth mission trip to South Africa scheduled for July of 2021. Backpacks for the Appalachian Ministry are being prepared.

Highland Park is thankful for the addition of three new members this past month, and held a baptismal service for them @ 11am worship service. We invite anyone not attending services to join us for worship. Sunday morning worship times are: 8:30am, 9:45am, and 11am. Facemasks must be worn when entering and leaving all services. Youth are meeting on Sunday and Wed. evenings each week in Fellowship Hall. Awana Clubs will continue to hold virtual meetings online through Dec. We are collecting filled backpacks for the Christmas Backpack Outreach Ministry and have decided to fill our OCC shoeboxes online this year. Will host a Drive-Thru Trunk-or-Treat for all children in our community on Wed., Oct. 28th, from 6:30 – 8pm.

Ivy Green now has internet services to be able to share Sunday morning services on online. The 104th church anniversary was celebrated w/an "old fashion" day and dinner on the grounds. The "Community Fall Fling" had to be postponed from the 10th until the 24th of Oct. due to weather. Had drive by "Trunk or Treat" for the children in the area. WMU and church are collecting items for the Backpack Ministry. In Nov., the WMU and families in the church will be collecting toys for the Angel Tree ministry. The "Blessing Box" continues to be filled w/food for those in need. Christian books have also been added to the "Box". The need is great as the "Box" is filled several times a week and emptied by those in need.

Jessup Grove welcomed three new members. Three youth were baptized. In Sept. the ladies' Bible study group began a study on the book, "It's Not About Me". The Baptist men sponsored a BBQ supper to raise funds for a family needing a new well.

Ladonia's congregation grew by 3 new members, w/2 baptisms. We also gained a new pastor, Rev. Michael Smith, after enjoying 16 years w/our exiting pastor Tony Holder. Sunday morning services @ 10am are now being held inside the church. Wed. nights @ 7pm. One member is taking the SBA James Bible Study class. WMU will meet Oct 27 @ 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Charitable donations this month were made in support of Mtn Valley Hospice and Gideon's International.

Mountain View is so thankful for Pastor Ewell Vernon, his wife Melissa, and their children Emma, Luke and Caleb. For pastor appreciation, they were treated to a zipline excursion at Buffalo Mountain Ziplining in Floyd, VA. We continue to collect and donate to Cedar Ridge Backpack Program and Yokefellow Ministries. Much needed school supplies were also taken to Cedar Ridge Elementary School before students were to report to the classroom.

New Life's deepest sympathy goes out to our former pastor, Rev. Gray Kirkman's family of his passing August 27 2020. We have resumed our Sunday School at 10am each Sunday. We will continue social distancing. Had communion service.

Pinnacle View celebrated Pastor appreciation month by honoring Pastor Ronnie w/a plaque honoring him for 22 years of ministry @ Pinnacle View. Continued collecting items for Operation Christmas Child. Continued worship services in our fellowship hall while social distancing while offering services online including an online Adult Sunday School class.

**Surry Baptist Association
Financial Contributions
September 2020**

	2020 Budget Receipts To Date	Designated & Other Receipts
Albion	\$500.00	\$125.00
Antioch	\$4,670.28	\$0.00
Bannertown	\$11,051.36	\$450.00
Blues Grove	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Calvary	\$1,125.00	\$375.00
Cedar Lane	\$0.00	\$0.00
Central View	\$1,255.03	\$0.00
Christian Community	\$0.00	\$0.00
Community	\$2,250.00	\$575.00
Copeland	\$952.25	\$0.00
Cornerstone	\$1,478.27	\$0.00
Cross Roads	\$1,000.00	\$1,360.00
Dobson, First	\$1,500.00	\$800.00
Dover	\$1,000.00	\$120.00
Fairview	\$8,000.00	\$1,155.00
Faith	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fancy Gap	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Fellowship	\$5,427.00	\$1,220.00
Flippin Memorial	\$2,400.00	\$525.00
Fuente de Vida	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gum Orchard	\$0.00	\$0.00
Haymore Memorial	\$666.72	\$0.00
Highland Park	\$7,875.00	\$307.69
Hills Grove	\$600.00	\$0.00
Holly Springs	\$1,250.00	\$0.00
Indian Grove	\$600.00	\$0.00
Ivy Green	\$1,353.41	\$100.00
Jessup Grove	\$3,250.00	\$100.00
Ladonia	\$720.00	\$200.00
Little Richmond	\$1,573.84	\$0.00
Mount Carmel	\$2,700.00	\$0.00
Mount Zion	\$850.00	\$0.00
Mountain Park	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Mountain View	\$1,077.23	\$0.00
New Bethel	\$100.00	\$0.00
New Hope	\$800.00	\$0.00
New Life	\$305.84	\$0.00
New Venture	\$0.00	\$0.00
Oak Grove	\$500.00	\$0.00
Oak Ridge	\$2,788.00	\$50.00
Pauls Creek	\$900.00	\$0.00
Pinnacle View	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
Pleasant View	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rock Hill	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rockford	\$500.00	\$0.00
Salem	\$2,125.00	\$900.00
Salem Fork	\$4,050.00	\$0.00
Shoals	\$0.00	\$0.00
Siloam	\$1,000.00	\$250.00
Simmons Grove	\$4,000.00	\$1,200.00
Slate Mountain	\$1,331.00	\$0.00
Sparta, First	\$3,000.00	\$250.00
Sulphur Springs	\$1,500.00	\$25.00
Turkey Ford	\$1,500.00	\$750.00
Union Cross	\$500.00	\$10.00
Victory	\$1,200.00	\$1,066.88
Welcome	\$300.00	\$15.00
Westfield	\$7,243.42	\$0.00
Westview	\$400.00	\$0.00
Woodland	\$900.00	\$470.00
Woodville	\$2,400.00	\$300.00
Other	\$0.00	\$21,814.68
TOTALS	\$110,468.65	\$37,514.25

*Designated & Other Receipts are additional monies given for specific SBA ministries (such as Surry Christian Counseling Center, Handyman Ministry, etc.) as well as General Funds.

Church News continued from inside

Siloam held a clean-up day in Sept. Breakfast was served to all who came out to work. The men did an outstanding job w/pressure washing, mulching, putting out pine straw, rewiring the church sign and built a new pull down staircase going into the attic. Hard work and fun was had by all who participated. Celebrated 120 years of celebrating the Lord w/gladness. Our homecoming was very different this year but we still had a good time in the Lord. Continued to serve our community meal on the first Wed. night of each month. Also opened the doors for our members and visitors to come in on Sunday and Wed. night services while continuing to following the CDC rules of wearing mask and continuing to social distance. We also continue our church options of sitting in the fellowship hall or in the parking lot while listening through 95.3. God has continued to bless our church and we are very proud to announce that we are officially debt free. Our church addition was paid off last month and we will soon be celebrating w/a note burning. Collected \$1275.00 for the NC Missions Offering. We appreciate our church for continuing to be so dedicated during this 2020 unique pandemic church year.

Simmons Grove had one Baptism. Followed the guidelines for indoor worship in Oct. and came back inside. Brotherhood completed a restoration project to the baptistery and completed a paint project to the building. WMU met w/guest speaker, Allie Willard. We would like to thank the Children in Action for their campaign to raise money for the Pure Water, Pure Love ministry. Celebrated Homecoming w/Rev. Dale Wallace as guest speaker. Reached our goal to the NC Missions Offering. Thank you to all who gave. We exceeded our goal.

Union Cross's Bro. Allen Horton celebrated his first year as pastor. Handicap rails were donated to the Fellowship Building and installed free. Still working on getting cameras for the church for protection. Working on rules and guide lines for burial plots. Pastor and his wife are working w/the deacons to help the unsaved in our church community. Members can now tune in to 93.3 FM for worship service. Special prayer was lifted up for our country.

Welcome's Sunday School started back up in Oct. Wed. night studies are on the Beatitudes w/ Pastor Terry. Sunday night study is on "Baptist Faith and Message".

Westfield has a member that has been to Israel and Jerusalem and she has shared pictures and a presentation on two Wed. nights. Homecoming was held in Oct. w/ no meal because of Covid 19. Drive thru Trunk & Treat is Oct. 31 from 6-8pm. Pumpkin painting for the teens and kids is Oct.28 @7 pm. Collecting a special offering for the NC Missions. Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box collections are in the process. We are filling backpacks to donate to the Appalachian Coalfield Ministry. Sunday school classes resume on the telephone conference line @ 8, 9, and 10am w/different classes being taught. Also have one Sunday school class that meets in the fellowship hall @10am before our Sunday morning worship service @11am. Also one Sunday school teacher types up his lesson each week and delivers to each member of his class. WMU bought birdseed and gripper socks for the Central Continuing Care residents.

Woodville had 2 people Baptized. Resumed Indoor service on Sunday mornings @10am w/social distancing and masks. Continuing Parking Lot drive in service and online Facebook service.

**SBA Office Closed
November 26-27, 2020
for Thanksgiving**



**Pastors' Luncheon
Nov. 3rd - 11:45 @ Libby Hills**



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