



THE SURRY BAPTIST NEWSLETTER



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WMU News

Even though many churches and WMU groups are not yet meeting in person, the WMU Council has decided to plan WMU leader training for the September Fall Gathering. Calls have been made to WMU leaders throughout the Association to determine needs and how the SBA WMU can help. We will be working on this for the next several months, along with updating the WMU section on the SBA website. We will have dates and information on upcoming NC WMU events as well as National WMU items to share with you so please check this out.

Of immediate importance is the annual NC WMU Missions Extravaganza scheduled for April 24. This will be a one-day virtual event from 9am-3:30pm. You need to register for it so check the NC WMU website to see when they begin taking registrations. Cost for the day is \$20. The focus will be on the WMU theme "Relentless" and you will have access to all the worship sessions along with all the conference sessions and missions experiences for 90 days.

If you have questions or needs please contact any member of the WMU Council and keep checking the WMU section of the SBA website for more information.

Baptist Men

Fellowship Baptist provided our meal in March. We had 25 in attendance and 9 churches represented. Our devotion was given by Ed Hall, who spoke on "Taking Care of Your Ministry Circles". Our final wood splitting ministry will be Saturday, March 6, at Gary Cox's farm and at Rack Works Inc., beginning at 8 am. Gary also discussed the possibility of a trip to Lumberton for disaster relief and also discussed the re-build, led by Mitch Callaway, going on in Sparta due to earthquake damage. Terry Hardy reported, Backpacks will be packed and distributed locally this fall. A Pancake Breakfast fundraiser was held at Calvary Baptist church. Mike discussed a "Potato give away" ministry to be held at Calvary.

Please consider donating to the Surry Handyman Ministry to help fund our local projects as we have many requests and limited funding. With your help we can continue to make a difference in the lives of those who need it most. All men within the SBA are asked to join us on Monday, April 5, 6:30pm for our monthly meeting at the SBA office for a meal. We hope to see everyone there for fellowship and a time of planning how to share God's love through our service.

If interested Please call Mike Francis at 336-830-1655 for more information.

SBA Mid-Year Meeting April 26 • 7:00 pm

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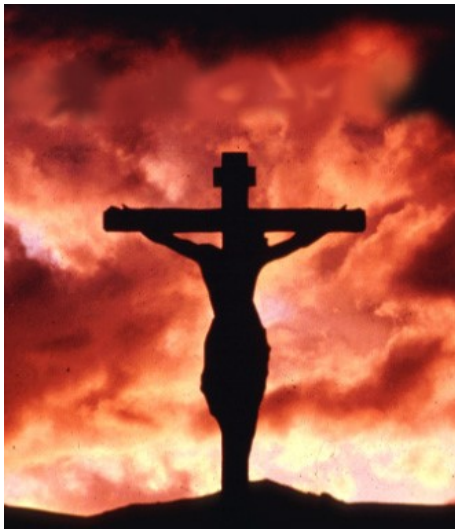
After much prayer and consulting with associational leadership, there is a consensus that it is wise to cancel the mid-year meeting.

As the Covid situation improves, it is prayerfully hoped that the July 26 Quarterly meeting can be held as scheduled.

"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

In the last minutes of his tortuous six hours hanging on the cross, shortly before Jesus committed His spirit to the Father, He cried out through parched, cracked and bleeding lips the word, "Tetelestai" (John 19:30). It is arguably the most important word that Jesus ever uttered. While in the Greek it is one word, it took three English words to express its meaning, "It is finished." O, what an utterance by the Christ of the Cross! Never has one word been spoken which contain such a wealth of meaning. Observing how the word "tetelestai" was commonly used in the ancient world serves as a doorway to understanding what Jesus accomplished on the Cross for us.



First, John used the word when writing about Christ as the fulfillment of the Old Testament Messianic prophecies. John 19:28 records that in Christ all things were "accomplished" regarding His fulfillment of the Scriptures. The word John uses

is "tetelestai".....all has been fulfilled, and has been accomplished. Of the over 300 prophecies surrounding the promised Messiah, Christ fulfilled every one of the them to the letter.

Second, servants used the word when having obediently completed a task for their master. With the job faithfully finished, the servant would proclaim, "tetelestai"...it is finished. As Jesus uttered "It is finished" He was proclaiming that he had obediently completed the task of obeying the Law of God perfectly which the Father had sent Him to do. As the faithful Servant of God, Christ lived for us the perfect life the holiness of God demands, providing for us His perfect righteousness that enables us stand before the Lord uncondemned (Romans 8:1).

Third, priests used the word when examining before offering an animal sacrifice, and upon finding the lamb acceptable would say, "Tetelestai." When Jesus cried, "It is finished" He

was proclaiming as our High Priest that His Sacrifice was acceptable to the Holy Father. God's Holiness demands justice against sin's violation of defying His holy standards. But not only did our High Priest offer the Sacrifice, He was the Sacrifice. "He was the Lamb of God who came to take away the sin of the world" (John 1:29), and His resurrection is God's "Amen" that His Sacrifice is eternally acceptable!

Fourth, merchants used the word when a bill was paid, writing "tetelestai" across the bill signifying that it had been paid in full. Because of Christ's perfect life and substitutionary death, the sin debt we could never pay was PAID IN FULL. Christ paid a debt He didn't owe to pay a debt we could never pay. "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich" (II Corinthians 8:9).

Fifth, prisoners when put in prison a "certificate of debt" listing their crimes and the penalty incurred was nailed to their cell door. When the prisoner had paid his debt to society, authorities would sign the "certificate of debt" with the word "tetelestai"....the debt owed has been paid. All humanity is guilty of rebelliously not complying with the holiness of God's righteous Law, and are imprisoned by guilt and sin. Jesus took our sins upon Himself and He was condemned so we could be declared, "Not guilty."

Sixth, conquering warriors used the word when victorious in battle, "tetelistsai".....it is finished, the victory has been accomplished. When Christ cried out, "It is finished" it was not a word of one who was defeated, but of a Conquering Savior who was victorious over sin, Satan, death and the grave. Our Champion accepted the challenge to do battle for our soul's redemption against every evil foe... and He was victorious! He was victorious, and all those who place their trust in Him share in His victory.

It is finished! What a grand utterance. We bow in awe before such majestic words.

Thankfully, the redemptive work of Christ has been fully and forever accomplished. Hallelujah!

If I can ever be of help to you in any way, give me a call or stop by the office.

Serving Christ Together,
Dr. Dan

**2020 Printed Minute Books
are at the SBA Office
for you to pick up.**

Antioch continues w/worship serves in person, online and in the parking lot. The hours of Worship are 8:30 and 11am Sunday mornings and continue doing Sunday School on Zoom. Awana Clubs are still meeting on Zoom as well. Wed. night bible study is @ 6:30pm as well. Had a baby dedication in March. Awana Awards were given out. TNT earned a total of 6 chevron patches, Sparks III earned 1 Sky Stormer Emblem, 3 Pilot Wings, 3 Skystormer Rank Emblems, Sparks II earned 1 WingRunner Emblem, Pilot Wings, 1 Red Jewel, Sparks I earned 1 Hanglider Emblem & 1 new clubber, Cubbies earned 10 red apple patches and 10 green apple patches, and the Puggles were awarded a Puggle shirt. The Children's Committee will have a Drive in movie called The Lion of Judah. The Sisterhood met in March in person & via Zoom and continues book study, having a Mary heart in a Martha World. It's a very good study as we all are growing in our faith while confirming how very important God's word is in our life. Still continuing each month providing lunches for the Davis Room lunch bags & working on a special project for the children's center of Surry & Yadkin County. Easter Schedule will be as follows 7:30 Sunrise Service, 11am Worship Service and Sunday School on Zoom. Communion is during Easter service as well. Well Food Ministries drive thru ministry reached 112 people.

Bannertown continuing to meet in person for worship with safety measures and also to live stream the service on Facebook. Served 155 meals in community drive-thru. Baptized one new believer. Continuing Monday morning Bible Study. Continuing six-week How to Share Your Faith class taught by Warren Eck. Beginning Zoom study, "Something Needs to Change," facilitated by Cory Baldwin. Will have Easter Sunrise Service and breakfast @ 7am.

Blues Grove's WMU resumed meetings in March. Church through Mission Fund provided some support for two Missionaries. Also donated to Lottie Moon and Annie Armstrong Offerings, the Foothills Food Pantry, NC Baptist Children's Homes, Samaritan's Purse and the Baptist Men's Handy Man's Projects. March meeting for ladies studying "Power of a Praying Wife" held @ Central Cafe to enjoy a meal and discuss several chapters of the book.

Calvary coordinated a drive-thru community meal in March. During Feb.'s effort, we provided 100 meals to friends in the community and 50 meals to local police, fire, and EMS personnel. Surry Baptist Men sponsored a pancake breakfast in Calvary's Fellowship Hall. During our Lenten sermon series, the church is also invited to a daily devotion study during the "Take the 'Praying with Jesus' Challenge". The devotion is a series written by Andrew Murray titled With Christ in the School of Prayer. Collected over 500 boxes of cereal for Yokefellow during Feb. Helped w/the distribution over about 10 tons of sweet potatoes during March Society of St. Andrews glean network.

Cedar Lane will host our annual Easter Egg Hunt and cookout on Sat., April 3 @ 4pm. Our Sunrise service will be held on Easter Sunday, April 4w/ breakfast afterward in the Fellowship Hall. Sunday School and Easter service will follow directly after breakfast. Everyone is invited to attend. Services continue to be held in the sanctuary as well as outside and on Facebook.

Central View is continuing inside for Sunday School and Worship but streaming on on line too. Had Appreciation Fellowship meal w/all Deacons doing the cooking. Easter Sunrise Service @ 7am then Breakfast followed by Sunday School @ 8:15 and Worship service @ 9:30.

Community invites anyone to our services each Sunday @ 10am in the parking lot. Continues to stream on Facebook and FM 87.9. Wed. night Bible study has restarted twice a month in sanctuary. Meal prepared and delivered to shut-ins and those dealing with illness. Easter egg hunt is March 27 w/ cookout to follow. Had Easter Sunrise service with breakfast afterwards following COVID guidelines. Brotherhood planning projects to help those with needs.

Cross Roads services continue online only @ 10am Sunday morning on Facebook Live and FM 92.7. Wed. night at 7pm. Will hold Easter Sunrise drive up service April 4 @ 7am using parking lots at the side and across the street from the church. Starting April 11 will begin holding drive up services and Face Live throughout the month of April starting @ 10am.

Dobson First welcomed one new believer by baptism in March. The church family celebrated Pastor Cory, wife Amy, sons Rhett and Davyn for serving @ DFBC for ten years! The family was given gifts and other recognitions. The Youth group went snow tubing @ Banner Elk. As a part of Operation In As Much,

workers @ the Covid vaccine area in Dobson were given breakfast one morning. Will sponsor a free yard sale in March On April 4, will celebrate Easter @ a 6:30am sunrise service at Salem Fork Giants Baseball park w/the Dobson Methodist church and Salem Fork Christian Church. DFBC will have the regular services afterwards.

Fairview had one baptism during the month. Initiated a mission effort for finishing the purchase of a van to be used in Romania to minister to an unreached people group through Romania American Missions. Prayer Shawls were dedicated for distribution during the month. All mission groups met during the month. Dr. Nale continued w/his series of sermons entitled "Your Character Counts."

Flippin Memorial is still holding indoor services @ this time w/ safety precautions. We are still on Facebook Live, as well as broadcasting to the parking lot on 89.1 FM. For the month of March we are praying for everyone who lives up and down McBride Rd. We are always praying for the lost and our sister churches. God Bless!

Highland Park is thankful for the addition of six new members this past month. Easter Service schedule is as follows: 7am Sunrise Service, 7:30am Full Breakfast in our new Family Life Center, Worship Services @ 8:30 & 9:45am in the Family Life Center (no live music & face masks required for the 9:45 service), and Worship Services in our Sanctuary @ 9:45 & 11am. Our goal for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is \$12,000, and we have received donations of \$10,000 to date. Will have a baby dedication service on Sunday, April 11 @ our 11am worship service. We are excited to announce the return of our Wed. evening services beginning March 17 @ 7pm. We held a church-wide Resurrection Rock & Roll to Go on March 27 from 10am – 12pm for our children and their families. Will soon be launching Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered, Biblically-based ministry that brings help and hope to people struggling with divorce, substance-abuse, addictions, veterans with PTSD, etc. For more information, please contact our church office.

Indian Grove's Easter Sunrise Service is @ 7am, breakfast 7:30am, Worship service 8:30 am. Will begin Sunday school April 11 @ 10am, followed by Worship service @ 11am, inside or outside. Wed. evening Bible study will begin April 7 @ 7pm.

Ivy Green's Sunday Services continue to be streamed on FB. In-person Sunday School and Wed. Bible Study continues. The Week of Prayer for North American Missions is being observed w/ the children being introduced to Annie Armstrong during the children's message @ worship service and offering given. Mission project for the month of March is to give to the Legacy Pregnancy Center, by filling baby bottles w/change and bring them back to give to the Legacy Pregnancy Center. Plans have been made for Easter Sunrise Service and light outside breakfast. Wed. night Bible Study continues on The Sermon on the Mount. "The Blessing Box" continues to help the community w/food, as it is filled several times a week.

Jessup Grove's brotherhood helped the associational brotherhood cut wood for anyone in the area who needs it to heat with. They helped w/handicap ramps in the community. Opened up in-person worship beginning on Wed. night, 3/10/21. On-line worship is still available. The brotherhood began monthly meetings again on 3/14/21.

Ladonia received a new member. Services are continuing in the Fellowship Hall w/Sunday School @ 10am, Worship Service @ 11am and Wed. night service @ 7pm. We will be having an Easter Sunrise service outside followed by worship service in Fellowship Hall, w/ NO 11am service. Services conducted by Interim Pastor Tony Holder.

Mount Carmel continues to meet on Sunday morning @ 11am and on line. WMU collected \$550.00 for Heck Jones in Feb. Is currently collecting for Annie Armstrong through April 4. Collected 570 snacks for Northern Regional Hospital surgical waiting. Continue to collect fronts of cards for St. Judes. WMU continues to meet by zoom once a month. We lost another cornerstone in our church on March 11. Ila Jones Chilton was a devoted member for many years. She served as teacher, WMU leader and Choir member. She visited members every Sunday afternoon as long as her health permitted. Now she has received her crown for a job well done.

New Life's deepest sympathy goes out for the family of Reeda Massey, also Dale Overton and Dexter Overton for their loss. Easter Sunrise service is April 4 starting @ 7am. Doughnuts and coffee will be served after.

**Surry Baptist Association
Financial Contributions
February 2021**

	2021 Budget Receipts To Date	Designated & Other Receipts
Albion	\$0.00	
Antioch	\$1,037.86	
Bannertown	\$2,177.58	\$50.00
Blues Grove	\$1,000.00	
Calvary	\$250.00	
Cedar Lane	\$0.00	
Central View	\$307.70	
Christian Community	\$0.00	
Community	\$500.00	\$550.00
Copeland	\$215.30	
Cornerstone	\$0.00	
Cross Roads	\$0.00	\$100.00
Dobson, First	\$0.00	
Dover	\$0.00	\$115.00
Fairview	\$2,000.00	
Faith	\$0.00	
Fancy Gap	\$2,000.00	
Fellowship	\$303.00	
Flippin Memorial	\$0.00	
Fuente de Vida	\$0.00	
Gum Orchard	\$0.00	
Haymore Memorial	\$166.68	
Highland Park	\$0.00	
Hills Grove	\$300.00	
Holly Springs	\$0.00	
Indian Grove	\$0.00	
Ivy Green	\$0.00	
Jessup Grove	\$3,000.00	\$300.00
Ladonia	\$160.00	
Little Richmond	\$260.10	
Mount Carmel	\$900.00	
Mount Zion	\$0.00	
Mountain Park	\$0.00	
Mountain View	\$177.12	
New Bethel	\$100.00	
New Hope	\$800.00	
New Life	\$26.71	
New Venture	\$0.00	
Oak Grove	\$250.00	
Oak Ridge	\$0.00	
Pauls Creek	\$0.00	
Pinnacle View	\$1,500.00	
Pleasant View	\$0.00	
Rock Hill	\$0.00	
Rockford	\$0.00	
Salem	\$0.00	
Salem Fork	\$1,350.00	
Shoals	\$0.00	\$250.00
Siloam	\$0.00	\$60.00
Simmons Grove	\$4,000.00	\$1,200.00
Slate Mountain	\$167.00	
Sparta, First	\$1,000.00	\$250.00
Sulphur Springs	\$300.00	
Turkey Ford	\$0.00	
Union Cross	\$0.00	
Victory	\$300.00	
Welcome	\$0.00	
Westfield	\$1,591.12	
Westview	\$100.00	
Woodland	\$200.00	
Woodville	\$0.00	\$50.00
Other		
TOTALS	\$26,440.17	\$3,223.00 \$6,148.00

*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.

Simmons Grove had 2 new members to join our church family. Praise the Lord! The WMU met in March to discuss upcoming mission projects. The Women of the church celebrated the NAMB Week of Prayer and began plans for the church to participate in the Annie Armstrong Easter celebration. Brotherhood/Baptist Men had a roadside trash pickup on Simmons Grove Road in March. Pastor Jacob will be leading Wed. night Bible Study @ 7 pm. Mission Friends and the Children in Action meets during this time. All is welcome!

Sparta First's Sunday School is at 8:45am, w/Worship Service @ 10am. Bible Study began March 2, "Revealing the Mysteries of Heaven," continuing each Tues. @ 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Ladies Embrace volunteered @ Alleghany Cares, a community Christian organization, in Feb. Embrace is also conducting the SECU Family House drive until the end of March. Volunteers from our church are working at the Solid Rock Food Closet during the month of March, as well as continued support throughout the year. Our church will be hosting blood drives during the coming months. Children's Choir will present a short skit, on Palm Sunday, March 28, leading us in a celebration of Jesus's victorious entry into Jerusalem on a donkey during Passover. Installed and now fully operational in our church are ultraviolet air purification filters that have been proven to destroy COVID along w/other allergens, viruses, and harmful bacteria.

Union Cross is collecting items to be sent to the mid west that is sponsored by Bro. Larry and his wife Opal. They make 2 trips a year delivering these items to help their mission out West. Easter Sunrise Service is set for 6:45 w/ breakfast.

Welcome had a Baptism and Communion. No Sunday School as of yet but Worship Service is @ 11am. Interim Pastor Terry Coe has went back to Florida due to health reasons. He has done a wonderful job and will be greatly missed by all. We will have supply pastors until the Search Committee can find a new interim or a full time pastor. Rev. Rick Jackson and Dr. Dan Merritt brought our messages in March.

Westfield's donations will be taken during the month of April for the Annie Armstrong Easter offering. We celebrated Ladies Day w/Tricia Lowe as our speaker. She spoke on Authentic Friendships. WMU took gripper socks, pajamas, and bird seed to Central Continuing Care. Prayers and Squares plan on meeting. On Sunday mornings we are continuing Sunday school w/our Coed I @ 8am and our Telephone Ministry @ 10am on our conference line. The Adult Womens I will meet and be on the conference line @ 9am. We are now having traditional Sunday school for Coed II, Coed III, Coed IV, all the children's and youth classes @ 10am. Sunday Morning Worship service is @ 11am in our fellowship hall as well as Wed. night Bible Study for adults, kids and youth @ 7pm. Easter Sunrise Service @ 7am. You may listen to the service on your radio @ 87.9 in the parking lot. Sunrise Service will be followed w/ a pancake breakfast provided by our deacons. Worship service is after the breakfast and then Sunday school. A tentative lock-in is planned for April 30. Summer camps for 6-12 graders to Caswell and 3-5 graders to Centri-kid @ Ridgecrest have been planned for June. To register for any of these events please visit: <https://www.westfieldbaptistchurch.org/coming-soon>.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 5: Rev. Jarred Seal - Siloam
April 11: Rev. Travis Sechrist - Blues Grove
April 12: Mrs. Jessica Schuyler - Mount Carmel
April 18: Mrs. Misty Quesinberry - Community
April 22: Rev. Larry Thomas - New Venture
April 25: Mrs. Casey Thomas - Hills Grove

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by the 15th of each month.**

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