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 Pauls Creek  
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# The Surry Baptist Newsletter



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## SBA 118<sup>th</sup> Annual Session October 26, 2020 Bannertown Baptist Church Evening Session: 7:00 pm



### Highlights:

#### “Reaching the Lost; Christ’s Mission, the Church’s Mandate”

- Appalachian Backpack Report: Terry Hardy
- Evening Sermon by Rev. Terry Watson, Pastor of Holly Springs Baptist Church.
- Director of Missions Report.
- Baptist Men Report.
- Special Music.
- Seminary Extension Presentation of Diplomas
- Matty Ponce de Leon - with Blessed Hope Ministry



### October Birthdays

- Oct. 05: Mrs. Ashley Kilby (Woodville)
- Oct. 25: Mrs. Mary J. Lowe (Little Richmond)
- Oct. 30: Mrs. Theresa Sechrist (Fancy Gap)



### Church Clerks Reminder!

Congregation Profiles are due in the SBA Office before Thursday, October 15.



### Deliver Backpacks to SBA by November 7 (9am-3pm).

Literature is @ SBA to be picked up if needed. If you want to help distribute these please give Terry Hardy a call at 336-374-8406 or email [Terryphardy@gmail.com](mailto:Terryphardy@gmail.com)



“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 — Dan Merritt

What a year it has been! You talk about the apple cart being turned upside down, it certainly has in 2020. This year was touted as the year of clearer vision; however, it has been one blurry year. Everything has been topsy-turvy, what has been nailed down has come loose, and that which was once a normal routine now seems like a distant memory. How to interact with others, where to go, and what to do and not do are still a puzzle and a mystery to everyone. We are truly all flying by the seat of our pants. We have been walking a path we have never trod before and we keep praying the path will lead us back to where we were in March before the invisible virus known as Covid-19 created a visible shake-up.

As October dawns upon us it is hoped that our minds will shift gears and begin focusing on more pleasant happenings to come, though they may be different in how we embrace them. With autumn having arrived there is that crisp refreshing in the air that invigorates the soul and revives the senses and instills a hope within for a better tomorrow.

October is a time when we as Surry Baptists gather for our annual meeting. While this year we have had to alter proceedings as in past years, we with anticipation look forward to gathering on Monday, October 26 at Bannertown Baptist for our one-hundred-eighteenth annual meeting. There will be no afternoon session or meal, but an evening session is being planned that is hoped will be inspirational and an encouragement to keep running the race set before us. No doubt, Rev. Terry Waston's, pastor of Holly Springs Baptist Church, message will exhort each of us to stay on course. Of course, all covid-19 safety precautions will be taken at the meeting.

Dare I say it, as the gavel sounds to end the annual meeting, October blends into November when the sounds of Thanksgiving and Christmas ring louder and louder with each passing day. We may have to alter our plans a tad or two, but it is the spirit and meaning of those two special holidays which we celebrate that is to encompass our attitudes and our hearts. A heart which contains the spirit of Thanksgiving and embraces the message of Christmas will be able to survive whatever life throws one's way. We must remember, just because an orchestra sounds a sour note doesn't mean you stop the music for there are beautiful sounds yet to come.

Yes, life the last several months has struck some sour notes, but we are in that part of the year when if you listen closely you can hear some sweet music

sounding signaling better days are ahead. Listen to the sweet words that ring like music falling from our Savior's lips when He invitingly says, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). Oh, how those words strike a magical chord in that heart whose musical strings has fallen out of tune due to the circumstances of the day. To the listening ear there is charming music drifting through the air this time of the year, and may we not allow the clamoring of the world to drown it out.

As always, 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



### Baptist Mens' Update

Terry Hardy and his wife provided our meal. We had 6 churches represented and 9 people present. Mike Francis did our devotion with a true story of how we don't need to question how God answers our prayers, it's not always as we think.

We had our Pancake Breakfast at Calvary Baptist on September 19. The wood-splitting will start October 3 at Gary Cox's place.

The Baptist Men invite all men within the SBA to come join us on Monday, October 5, 6:30 PM at the Associational Office. 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

**Antioch** is having Worship Service in the sanctuary @ 10:30am and also Bible Study @ 6:30pm in the Sanctuary, or join us on Facebook or in the parking lot by tuning into 87.9 FM to hear a wonderful message. Awana Clubs have started back on Zoom each Wed. night @ different times. The First Upward Flag Football & Cheer-leading game was in Sept. Please continue to pray for this ministry. All games are taking place in the boneyard field @ Antioch. The Sisterhood continues to collect different items for the Appalachian Backpack Program and are collecting pop-top canned items, hats, blankets, and scarves. Some of the items have been beautifully handcrafted. They also continue to fix lunches for the lunch Davis Project once a month. The Brotherhood has been busy helping people with building repairs in the community and collecting for Baptist on Mission. Halloween Drive-thru, Halloween night from 6-8pm. Please bring your child dressed up and drive thru to get some candy. The Youth traveled to Sky Wild @ the Greensboro Science Center to try out the ropes course. The Well Food Ministry teams with other people to fill the blessing box to help feed the community. Follow us on Instagram. Our new website is [www.antiochbaptistchurchma.com](http://www.antiochbaptistchurchma.com).

**Blues Grove** has one member tentatively scheduled to go on Mission Trip to Haiti in Oct. WMU preparing Backpacks to be distributed to some of the local schools. Church services now open for all who feel comfortable attending. Can also listen on radio in parking lot or watch on Facebook.

**Calvary's** youth have weekly meetings for Bible study and fellowship on Sunday afternoons. In Sept. had a "Three Item Food Drive." We're collecting crackers, mac & cheese, and canned beans for Yokefellow. The SBA Baptist Men sponsored a Pancake Breakfast @ Calvary in Sept. Continuing our support for the backpack program @ Franklin Elem. The pastor's sermon series for Sept. was "Into the Mystery: Doubting with Jesus". In late Oct., our pastor will have a short retreat to plan sermon topics for next year. He seeks input from the congregation on topics and scripture passages that will help spiritual growth. A blood drive was held, collecting 36 pints. Deacons will hold their annual banquet on Oct. 1. All ordained deacons and spouses are invited.

**Central View** had Fall Family Gathering w/chicken Stew & Hot Dogs and Youth played ball. Having In Person Sunday School and Worship but continuing live stream on Facebook for Wed. Bible study and Worship for those who can not attend. Will have Homecoming Oct. 4 w/special singing food and fellowship.

**Community** baptized two new souls to the Family of God @ Round Peak Tree farm and had three rededications to be baptized also. We have had six new members join our fellowship. Ladies group met for meal, fellowship and fixed Blessing Bags for all our shut-ins. Had Community drive-in movie. Participating in Back Pack program w/Crossroads Bapt. and Shiloh Bapt. providing back packs for Copeland Elem.

**Cornerstone** received one new member by letter. Had an online VBS w/30 kids enrolled. Lesson plans, crafts and snacks were handed out prior to the event. Held 2 blood drives w/great attendance on both. Received offerings for our annual back to school event. Presented Westfield Elem. w/check to help w/school needs. Had special prayer for our students, teachers and school staff. A prayer list w/names of school age students and staff was handed out w/ a reminder to pray for all involved in school. Darkness to Light training has been held several times. This is the child abuse prevention training all children and youth volunteers are required to complete before working w/our children. Received the NC Missions Offering. Gave out weekly food boxes through the Baptists on Mission. Our Baptist Men have been busy, along w/ men from other churches, building handicap ramps in the area. 2 of our men went to Lumberton to help wire a home @ the rebuild site. Plans are being made for annual Church on the Mountain, Sept 27, w/worship service @ Pilot Mtn. State Park. Still following social distancing guidelines, Sunday services are @ 10:30am both in person and on Facebook. Wed. Bible study is still on Facebook @ 6:30pm each Wed.

**Cross Roads** is continuing Sunday morning services inside church @ 11am, also on Facebook Live and FM 92.7 from parking lot. Wed. night bible study 7pm online only. Started Sunday School in September @ 10am in fellowship building; adult class, kids and teens in separate class rooms. Had singing w/Tina Smith. John White Memorial Backpack Program assisting Central Middle School w/food for kids raised over \$4,300. Had Gideon

speaker Terry Hardy and received special offering for Gideon ministry of \$3,700. Partnering w/Siloam Baptist to collect Christmas Backpacks for Copeland Elementary School.

**Dobson, First** is continuing four ways to worship each Sunday: 8:45am inside Early Contemporary Service, 9:45am outside drive-in worship, 11am inside Traditional service and also online. Pastor Cory Honeycutt is preaching a series of sermons on the Armor of God. The Youth are doing an online study of Ephesians. Five new deacons will be elected in Sept. Samaritan's Christmas shoeboxes are due November 15.

**Dover** had 2 new members to join church. Baptizing held at Phillip Branch farm, Phillip also supplied numerous vegetables and fruit to church family and community as well as a large donation to Second Harvest Food Bank. Continues to have Sunday School followed by morning worship service inside church while anyone wishing to remain in the car can listen through their radio. Supported NC Missions offering and this month will be collecting for NC Baptist Children's Home. Collecting crayons for Walter Terrell, Missionary for a project to place coloring books and crayons to children in other countries. WMU supported Dobson Food Pantry and Medical Ministries food collection. Had 5th Sunday night singing with Lisa Voss-Collins, enjoyed by all in attendance.

**Fairview** had one baptism for which we praise our Lord. Held a celebration Sunday for how God has used Missions and outreach through the church w/leaders from each ministry and mission group sharing in worship services. Held a week of prayer for Missions and held a special giving to missions service. Dr. Nale began a series of sermons entitled "Close Encounters of the God Kind". WMU initiated the Mission Project for the 2020 Appalachian Christmas Outreach. Prayer Shawl and Prayer Quilt ministries continued to meet.

**Flippin Memorial** has Parking Lot Worship Service @ 10am on Sunday mornings and can be heard on 89.1FM, or on Facebook Live as well as Wed. night service @ 7pm. We took up for the Annie Armstrong Missions in Sept. We are always in prayer for our country and fellow churches during this time.

**Haymore's** in-person worship service times changed to 9:30 and 10:45am. Had a group of 18 traveling tourists to attend worship service. Provided breakfast for teachers @ Tharrington School and conducted prayer walks on the grounds of the school. Held our first in-person church conference since the beginning of the pandemic. We continue our prayers for the Shepherd's House as construction has begun on the new building.

**Highland Park** is continuing to hold Sunday morning worship services w/three service times available: 8:30, 9:45, and 11am, observing guidelines for wearing face masks, maintaining social distancing, etc., w/the sanctuary sanitized between each service. Many of our Sunday School classes and our Youth and Children's Ministries are continuing to hold online classes. One of our members, Bryan Tyndall, w/Uttermost Evangelism, has been in Tanzania, Africa for the past several weeks leading crusades in Mwanza and Shinyanga. Bryan and his Team are rejoicing that over 567 adults and youth have come forward to accept Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Two of our other members, Melvin Lambe and John Crane have been serving w/the NC Disaster Relief Teams in NC and Louisiana. Begun collecting items for the Christmas Backpack Outreach ministry. Youth recently went tubing @ River Junction in Draper, VA. Each Sunday night from 5:30-7:30, our Youth meet in our Fellowship Hall for a Bible study, followed by outdoor games and dining. They continue to have virtual devotions on Tues. and Thurs. nights and virtual Wed. night lessons on Zoom. We continue to look forward to the completion of our new Family Life Center, which is expected to happen in Oct.

**Indian Grove** continues to have worship inside or drive up. Will start Sunday School back up Oct. 4. Had special called business meeting to elect teachers and officers for the 2020/2021 church year.

**Ivy Green** added two new members. Wed. night Bible Study is on the Holy Spirit. Collected \$320.00 for Christmas in Aug. sent to NAMB missionaries. Outside VBS held outside on, Sat. morning in Sept. for the area children, w/lunch served. Church wide assisted WMU in collecting items for the Backpack Ministry which will be distributed to the students @ local area schools (Copeland and Flat Rock Elementary) for ages 4-7 and 8-10.

**Surry Baptist Association  
Financial Contributions  
August 2020**

	2020 Budget Receipts To Date	Designated & Other Receipts
Albion	\$500.00	\$0.00
Antioch	\$4,151.36	\$0.00
Bannertown	\$10,257.29	\$400.00
Blues Grove	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Calvary	\$1,000.00	\$250.00
Cedar Lane	\$0.00	\$0.00
Central View	\$1,103.65	\$0.00
Christian Community	\$0.00	\$0.00
Community	\$2,000.00	\$500.00
Copeland	\$892.35	\$0.00
Cornerstone	\$1,478.27	\$0.00
Cross Roads	\$1,000.00	\$1,200.00
Dobson, First	\$1,500.00	\$500.00
Dover	\$750.00	\$105.00
Fairview	\$8,000.00	\$1,055.00
Faith	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fancy Gap	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Fellowship	\$4,814.00	\$1,100.00
Flippin Memorial	\$1,600.00	\$500.00
Fuente de Vida	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gum Orchard	\$0.00	\$0.00
Haymore Memorial	\$666.72	\$0.00
Highland Park	\$5,250.00	\$307.69
Hills Grove	\$600.00	\$0.00
Holly Springs	\$900.00	\$0.00
Indian Grove	\$600.00	\$0.00
Ivy Green	\$1,353.41	\$100.00
Jessup Grove	\$3,250.00	\$100.00
Ladonia	\$640.00	\$200.00
Little Richmond	\$1,375.09	\$0.00
Mount Carmel	\$2,400.00	\$0.00
Mount Zion	\$850.00	\$0.00
Mountain Park	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Mountain View	\$816.89	\$0.00
New Bethel	\$100.00	\$0.00
New Hope	\$800.00	\$0.00
New Life	\$288.46	\$0.00
New Venture	\$0.00	\$0.00
Oak Grove	\$500.00	\$0.00
Oak Ridge	\$1,667.00	\$0.00
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	\$700.00
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	\$1,164.00	\$0.00
Sparta, First	\$3,000.00	\$250.00
Sulphur Springs	\$1,350.00	\$0.00
Turkey Ford	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Union Cross	\$500.00	\$0.00
Victory	\$900.00	\$0.00
Welcome	\$300.00	\$0.00
Westfield	\$5,671.66	\$0.00
Westview	\$350.00	\$0.00
Woodland	\$800.00	\$420.00
Woodville	\$2,400.00	\$300.00
Other	\$0.00	\$18,524.68
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$99,115.15</b>	<b>\$30,962.37</b>

\*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**

Will have an "Old Fashion Day" w/dinner on Oct. 18, in conjunction w/the 104th Anniversary of the church. Plans have been made for an outreach event, "Community Fall Fling" on Oct. 10, w/free food, games, bounce house, and praise band mu- sic. Prizes will be awarded. Time will be from 3-7pm.

**Mountain View's** Ben Harrison made profession of faith Aug. 30 and was baptized Sept. 6. Praise God for this young man. We are still offering three options for worship on Sunday mornings. The church is open to any who feel comfortable to attend using social distancing guidelines, via FM radio seven miles, and Facebook. Wed. night bible study (7pm) is also available through Facebook. Had very successful blood drive in Aug. w/34 pints of blood donated. Thanks to Dorothy Weeks and Kay Martin for organizing this event and thanks to all the donors during this critical time!

**Salem Fork** is continuing w/worship service in the Family Life Center on Sunday mornings and have added Sunday school classes back as well. Wed. night Bible Study and Care Team meetings continue in the Family Life Center. Missions team handed out school supplies and WMU has resumed monthly meetings. Had a Gideon speaker and plan-ning for a shortened one day VBS on Oct. 10 @ the church w/the annual Homecoming celebration to be held on Sunday, Oct. 11.

**Simmons Grove's** women showered Pastor Jacob, Kelby, and Joel w/gifts for their baby boy in waiting on Sunday Sept. 27. Is taking up for the NC Missions Offering this month. Still celebrating Sunday Morning services outside until the middle of Oct., depending on the NC Covid -19 regulations. The Brotherhood is remodeling the Church Baptistry. The Brotherhood and Women on Mission are supplying paper products to the Pilot Outreach Ministry. Baptist Women met and assembled food bags for Westfield Elem. weekend Backpack Mission project. The Children in Action will be raising funds for Pure Water, Pure Love project. Homecoming will be celebrated on Oct. 18 w/guest speaker, Dale Wallace.

**Shoals** elected two new deacons. Drive in worship service continues on Sunday mornings @ 9:30 and is also available via zoom. Our midweek pick me up continues on Wed. nights @ 7:30 via zoom as well. WMU met (socially distanced) for the first time since Feb. Our new church year began and communion was held.

**Union Cross** voted in Bro Allen Horton, as pastor. Still practicing social distancing w/ cooperation of Bro Allen, deacons and congregation. Service is on Facebook for members that don't feel comfortable attending. Homecoming is last day of revival w/ dinner on the ground @ the Fellowship Building. Deacons are preparing dinner. Revival was held in Sept. w/Bro Don Ball. Special singing each night. Teachers and officers were elected for the new church year @ the last Business Meeting. Much needed repairs on the church were voted on, spraying for insects, pressure washing, installing rails, and cameras.

**Welcome** is still having service inside w/social distancing and wearing masks. Prayers are requested for our pastor as he is having tests and bloodwork. Finished Wed. night Bible Study on Angels and will start another study soon. Continuing study on Sunday nights on "Baptist Faith and Message". Dr. Dan Merritt gave a sermon in Sept. "The Only One Qualified to Run Our Government". Communion was held in Aug.

**Westfield** is collecting personal hygiene items during the month for Operation Christmas Child, also for the Appalachian Backpack ministry, and the Baptist Children's Home Food Roundup. We ordained one new deacon. Several Sunday school classes are meeting digitally and through the phone conference system and in person. Resumed midweek activities for kids, teens, and adults. Sunday morning worship service is @ 11am in the fellowship hall.

**Reminder: Church news is due by the 15th of each month.**

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