



THE SURRY BAPTIST NEWSLETTER

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Appalachian Backpack Ministry

On Dec 13, twenty-five Surry Baptists traveled to Saltville, VA to deliver some 400 backpacks to Saltville Elementary and Rich Valley Elementary Schools . For many of the kids, what they received in their backpacks was all they got for Christmas. Thanks to all the associational churches who gave over 1,600 backpacks that were delivered to kids throughout the Appalachian area. Thanks Surry Baptists for such generosity.



EARLY BIRD VBS CLINIC



February 17, 2020
@ SBA Office
6:30 pm

A Preview of the Life Way 2020 VBS Theme

- Led by SBA VBS Team.
- Craft samples and theme ideas for all age groups.
- A sample of various VBS materials will be available for viewing. VBS Directors will be able to order their materials that night to be shipped to the SBA Office. (Bring your church account number.)
- If Pastor & VBS Director attend, your church will be entered for a drawing for a special VBS item! Must be present to win!

"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

As 2020 has dawned we know not what the new decade will bring our way. While uncertainty surrounds any new beginning, there is one truth we can be assured of which is unchanging.... “God demonstrated His love to us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8). Paul confidently informs us in a changing world, God’s love is unchanging and certain. If you ever doubt His love, look to the cross. The cross of Christ is the one certainty in an uncertain world. John Bowring stated it accurately in 1825 when he penned these words, “In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o’er the wrecks of time; all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.”

For Surry Baptists the cross must and should be our focal point, the centrality of our message, and our true magnetic North in all we seek to do and undertake. The cross must ALWAYS be central, never secondary.

The cross must be central in our Message. If the cross is relegated to any position other than centrality, then we have no message. If the cross is not central, our message has lost its power. It is only at the cross one can find forgiveness and experience a changed life.

The cross must be central in our Mission. What is the mission of the church? Is our mission to simply come together weekly to enjoy the fellowship of one another, eating together, etc. Is not our first mission to proclaim the Good News of Christ? And our motivation is the cross of Christ where God demonstrated His great love for fallen humanity. We must never be swayed from the mission of pointing broken humanity to the cross.

The cross must be central in our Ministries. If our ministry endeavors don’t make the cross central, then all we have is a Social Gospel. While Social Gospel can supply a person’s physical needs (and, yes, we are to strive to do that), but if we don’t point someone to the cross we have neglected their greatest need of all...a Savior who meets one’s needs for forgiveness and the hope of heaven.

The cross must be central in our Money. Whenever we give we must do so with the prayer that our giving will lift up the cross of Christ. The

cross is to guide how we give and spend our money. To be good stewards is to be the goal of every church and the cross must be our standard in church stewardship.

The cross must be central in our Managing Unity. While churches are comprised of people who have different backgrounds, likes and dislikes, one truth we can all rally around and which should be the tie that binds every congregation together, is the cross of Christ. The cross is what unites us, the cross is our “banner,” the cross is where our footing is equal, the cross is where our differences melt before the King of kings and Lord of lords, When churches find themselves in discord it is because they have lost their focus on the cross. The cross is to bring the church together not divide, for if our eyes are focused on the cross we will not be focused on our often petty differences and selfish ways.

Times come and go, seasons change, but for the Church when all is said and done it is still the cross. The centrality of the cross must always be our focus, must always be our heartbeat, and must always be our motivation. The cross is the one plus sign in a world of negativity. May we as Surry Baptists forever lift high the cross that men and women will be drawn unto its saving power.

It is an honor and high privilege to be your Director of Missions. If I can ever be of help to you in any way, please stop by the office or give me a call.

Serving Him Together,
Dr. Dan





Baptist Men Update

In January, Gary Cox provided our meal, we had 8 churches represented with 14 men present. Our devotion was given by Gary Cox, who spoke on "Trusting in the Lord in our times of need".

Discussed our local projects. Gary Cox reported on completed and upcoming ramp projects. We received a good report from our CD and Tape ministry and how well it is going. Also discussed the need from any churches that would be willing to provide CD's to this ministry.

Dan Merritt discussed the Backpack delivery that took place in December.

Our next woodcutting will be on Saturday, February 1st at the farm of Gary Cox. A trip for Disaster Relief with Mitch Calloway is scheduled for the first part of February.

Our next Pancake Breakfast will be held on March 21st at Calvary Baptist Church.

The Baptist Men invite all men within the association to come join us on Monday, February 3rd, 6:30pm @ SBA for a meal, fellowship and a time of planning how to share God's love through our service. We hope to see everyone there. Sincerely, Mike Francis

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- Feb. 7: Rev. Joey Jessup (Victory)
- Feb. 7: Mrs. Adele Bledsoe (Oak Grove)
- Feb.12: Rev. Dwight Sechrist (Fancy Gap)
- Feb.14: Rev. Scott Schuyler (Mount Carmel)
- Feb.15: Rev. Jeff Wall (Cross Roads)
- Feb.21: Rev. Ronnie Chamblin (Pinnacle View)
- Feb.26: Mrs. Joy Wall (Cross Roads)

Classifieds

Bannertown: is seeking to hire a part-time Administrative assistant. For more information, interested persons should call the church office at 336-786-5407.

Senior Adults Fellowship

February 11 @ 11:30am

Central View Baptist Church

- Bring a covered dish to share.
- Bring canned food for Surry Medical Ministries.

Please continue to remember in Prayer the family of Rev. Jimmy Slate, former pastor of Woodland Baptist Church for over 32 years. The Surry Baptist Association is thankful for his faithfulness.

Surry Christian Counseling Center

Statistics for December 2019

- Total Sessions Conducted = 46
- Total Clients Served = 33
- Client Assistance Fund Sessions = 28
- Client Assistance Fund Clients Served = 19



To make an appointment with John Shuler, Counselor, call 789-7405. Volunteer receptionists needed. Call the SBA Office (789-5701) if interested.



Medical Ministries Clinic:

Bring food anytime to be given out for February. For 2020: Antioch in February; Jessup Grove in March; Flippin Memorial in April; Fellowship in May; Turkey Ford in June; Dover in July; Cross Roads in August; Salem in September; Salem Fork in October; Woodville in November; and Blues Grove in December.

Winter Gathering "Breakfast" for WMU Directors and Pastors' Wives

February 8
9:00 - 11:00 am
SBA Resource Center
Focus On The
Unshakable Pursuit of
"Love... Unconditional Love"

Examine I Corinthians 13 and see what God's kind of love looks like.

Registration Deadline - January 31, 2020
SBA - 336-789-5701

Sponsored by the WMU Council

For WMU, GA, Acteen, Mission Friends, RA Leaders



Partnership Missions Information

The Partnership Missions Committee will soon meet and discuss possible mission endeavors for our associational churches in 2020. The committee requests two things of our churches. First, if your church is planning a mission trip and is open to allowing members of other Surry Baptist churches to join with you, please call the associational office so the information

can be shared. Second, if you have suggestions about a mission trip you would like to see our Partnership Mission Committee lead, whether the trip is stateside or foreign, please give us a call: SBA Office, 336-789-5701. The ideas will be discussed with the committee and decisions made about the feasibility of committing to your suggestions.



WMU - Medical Ministry Food Pantry

Needs Your Help!

SBA WMU in cooperation with the Surry Medical Ministry, provides one bag of food to 50 families each month, who come seeking free medical attention. This vital ministry is supported by food donations from the SBA churches only. Churches, Please give food or monetary donations to this worthy cause. You can drop them by the SBA Office anytime during work hours. Some months the food supply has ran short. Thanks In Advance.

Attention: Senior Adults!

Looking for a Spring trip get-a-way? How about Fort Caswell?

April 20-22, 2020

**Cost is \$162 per person
Or \$324 per Couple**

**Call the SBA Office (789-5701)
and pay by March 30, 2020.**

Pastor's Mark Your Calendars!

Pastor's Luncheon
February 4
11:30 @ Libby Hills
Guest Speaker: Dorald Adams, with
Your Father's House in Dobson

He will be sharing about this vital ministry in our area. Pastor's make plans to attend.

2019 Printed Minutes are ready to be picked up at the SBA Office. Please come by and get your church's ordered copies.

Antioch had a Well Food Ministry. Over 150 meals were delivered. Had a Fellowship meal after the 11am Worship Service. Held Baptist Men's Day, w/guest speaker, Anthony Cooke. The Sisterhood had a blood drive. They surpassed their goal of 30 pints and collected 32. The Golden Autumn traveled to visit a long time member of Antioch whom now lives out of town, followed by lunch. Collected for the Lottie Moon offering w/a total of \$3,726.00. The Brotherhood met and discussed projects for the community for the upcoming year. The Children's Committee had a Family Game Night in Feb. Had a valentines meal.

Calvary's pastor's sermon series in Jan. was titled 'The Gifts that Keep on Giving', based on this time of epiphany and celebrating what it means that Jesus has arrived. Blood drive collected 20 pints. The mid-week ministries have started back w/children and youth activities, a snack supper and an adult study. The current adult Bible study is based on the book, Good Speaks Your Love Language. A short-term Sunday School class is studying God Quest, looking at key signposts in your spiritual journey. Handbells began rehearsing for Easter after a break in Dec. New doors were added in the education building for security and ease of access.

Community had Baptism service. Men's group arranged for family to get a load of wood. Thanks to SB men for building a ramp for church member. Had game night w/ food, fellowship and fun. Had Community meal on Jan. 29. Planning a marriage retreat.

Copeland observed Lord's Supper. Brotherhood met and cooked breakfast w/ladies attending. Dr. David Long accepted position as Interim Pastor in unanimous vote. We are in need of a piano player for Sunday Worship Service.

Dover had 5th Sunday night singing by Tina Smith. Youth Bible study on third Wed. night @ 6pm, meal served. Had Brotherhood breakfast @ Golden Corral, Ladies had meal and fellowship @ Cracker Barrel. Youth performed Christmas play w/great attendance, had Santa visit and refreshments served following play, treat bags given to all in attendance. Women's Missionary group held Week of Prayer for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering w/offering collected. Had monthly bingo w/meal and fellowship. Church and WMU are assisting in helping family with multiple medical needs. Youth planning snowboarding and tubing trip in near future.

Fairview's Children's group went to Safari Nation in Winston Salem. "Kid's Praise" a new Children's choir was started. Weekly women's bible study began on the books of Ruth and Esther on Tues. mornings and Wed. evenings. A new church ministry -Pastor's Prayer Partners- was started. Deacon's training session was held. Hispanic Bible studies were held on Tues. evenings. The Prayer Quilt and Prayer Shawl ministries met regularly. A ladies winter social was held in the fellowship hall.

Fellowship delivered 222 backpacks to Saltville. WOM had Christmas Party @ 13 Bones and gifts for Colonial Care. AWANA hosted Christmas Stockings & Treats w/movie night. Children enjoyed a movie "The Star" and treats. Senior Singles met for food and fun. Presented a cantata "Christmas in His Presence." Our church hosted "An Old-Fashioned Country Christmas" for the community. Reached our Lottie Moon Offering Goal!

Flippin Memorial held annual prayer over our Church and Church Facilities. Observed Baptist Men's Day w/a breakfast @ Golden Corral. After breakfast had a special Baptist Men's Day service. We have been renovating our Church for the last few months. We pray that all that is done will be focused on Jesus, and him alone. So if you wish to join us at any time we would love to have you, but for now, please pardon the mess.

Highland Park rejoiced over the addition of a new member. Participated in the Jan. Bible Study on Jeremiah. Four church members returned recently from a mission trip to Guyana, South America and reported on their trip during

both worship services, as we observed Baptist Men's Day. An all-men's choir led us in worship. Children's Dept. will host a church-wide Skate Night @ Starlite Skate Center Feb. 5. We will observe Baptist Women's Day on Sun., Feb. 9. Guest Speaker will be Melanie Summey, the daughter of a Southern Baptist Pastor. Melanie teaches the word of God in such a way it motivates people to desire to live out their faith. WMU ladies will be hosting a bake sale Feb. 9 to raise funds for future mission projects. Feb. 9 @ 6pm, Associate Pastor, Jim Richland, will be leading a 4-week Bible study based on the best-selling book, Love & Respect, by Dr. Emerson Eggerichs. Pastor Jim will also begin another 4-week Bible study Feb. 5 @ 6:30pm entitled, Who I Am In Christ. Classes are open to anyone interested.

Indian Grove voted to install a phone tree. Ladies Circle delivered meals to shut-ins. Men had a cake baking contest. Observed Baptist Men's Day with an all-male choir.

Ivy Green celebrated the beginning of the Advent Season w/a Hanging of the Greens Service, followed by a church fellowship. Each Sunday the Advent Candles were lit to tell the story of the coming of the Lord. Provided gifts for 11 Angel Tree children. Monetary gift was given to Cedar Ridge Elem. School to purchase food for their weekend and holiday backpack program. Approximately 30 fruit baskets w/baked goods were made for shut-ins in the church and community. The Christmas program, The Christmas Guest, was presented. Each person that was in attendance received a "Treat" with assorted fruits and candies. WMU collected food for the SBA to be distributed to the Surry Medical Ministry. During Jan., we will be collecting food for the "Blessing Box" which is being used each week. Wed. night Bible Study continues on the book of Clossians.

Jessup Grove had one new member join. Donated food for kids in need to a local elementary school. Voted in a youth pastor search committee. Several members went caroling @ two local nursing facilities and visited shut-ins in our area. Observed communion. Planning a CPR class for members wishing to participate. Assisted 16 families during the holidays. Baptist men had a clean-up day.

Ladonia's WMU made charitable donations to Dunmore Plantation & Medical Ministries. Assisted a local family w/ aid for an unexpected expense and took up an additional love offering for their time of need. Members took the Christmas Spirit home w/them by taking down the lovely poinsettias that had been decorating the pulpit. One member will be taking the SBA Precept class on Hebrews. Jan. WMU meeting to be held @ 6pm on the 28.

Mount Zion took a Thanksgiving offering for the Baptist Children's Homes. Youth decorated our Christmas tree and had a meal following. Made a donation to the Sheriff's "Give a Kid a Christmas". Enjoyed annual Christmas meal. Took an offering for both the Foothills Food Pantry and the Salvation Army. The youth presented "What the Innkeeper Missed" and had light refreshments afterward. Fruit baskets were distributed to shut-ins. Held a Communion service on the 5th Sunday in Dec. Had a birthday luncheon to honor Pastor Gray on Jan. 12. Bible study to be held weekly on Sunday nights @ 5:00, until further notice.

Mountain View collected for Cedar Ridge Weekend Backpack Program & Yokefellow Food Offering. Had a very successful walk-through "A Night in Bethlehem" complete w/ a live nativity, two llamas, one sheep, donkey & calf & several chickens. Although there was no room in the inn, everyone was served a meal of delicious soups & sandwiches before their departure. Baby Jesus was very tired & slept through the entire presentation. Held Christmas Eve Communion Service. Had baptismal service for Emily, Kyle & Jacob Bryson & welcomed them into our church family. Great beginning to a new year!

New Life received one new member for Baptizing.

**Surry Baptist Association
Financial Contributions
December 2019**

	2019 Budget Receipts To Date	Designated & Other Receipts
Albion	\$500.00	\$210.00
Antioch	\$6,033.00	\$100.00
Bannertown	\$11,783.23	\$600.00
Blues Grove	\$1,000.00	\$1,320.00
Calvary	\$1,500.00	\$500.00
Cedar Lane	\$0.00	\$0.00
Central View	\$2,027.57	\$200.00
Christian Community	\$978.35	\$10.00
Community	\$3,000.00	\$1,575.00
Copeland	\$1,469.90	\$15.00
Cornerstone	\$2,006.31	\$300.00
Cross Roads	\$1,000.00	\$615.00
Dobson, First	\$3,000.00	\$1,130.00
Dover	\$750.00	\$0.00
Fairview	\$8,000.00	\$2,837.00
Faith	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fancy Gap	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Fellowship	\$8,939.00	\$1,325.00
Flippin Memorial	\$3,200.00	\$115.00
Fuente de Vida	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gum Orchard	\$0.00	\$0.00
Haymore Memorial	\$1,083.34	\$120.00
Highland Park	\$9,000.00	\$600.00
Hills Grove	\$600.00	\$50.00
Holly Springs	\$1,200.00	\$30.00
Indian Grove	\$600.00	\$95.00
Ivy Green	\$1,577.94	\$40.00
Jessup Grove	\$3,000.00	\$500.00
Ladonia	\$960.00	\$495.00
Little Richmond	\$1,748.90	\$80.00
Mount Carmel	\$3,600.00	\$105.00
Mount Zion	\$850.00	\$35.00
Mountain Park	\$2,000.00	\$2,030.00
Mountain View	\$1,560.73	\$30.00
New Bethel	\$100.00	\$0.00
New Hope	\$800.00	\$40.00
New Life	\$192.52	\$75.00
New Venture	\$0.00	\$0.00
Oak Grove	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Oak Ridge	\$4,245.50	\$160.00
Pauls Creek	\$900.00	\$50.00
Pinnacle View	\$3,000.00	\$80.00
Pleasant View	\$425.00	\$0.00
Rock Hill	\$3,737.00	\$213.04
Rockford	\$500.00	\$0.00
Salem	\$4,062.50	\$1,700.00
Salem Fork	\$5,400.00	\$825.00
Shoals	\$2,750.00	\$45.00
Siloam	\$2,500.00	\$1,230.00
Simmons Grove	\$4,000.00	\$1,300.00
Slate Mountain	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Sparta, First	\$4,000.00	\$250.00
Sulphur Springs	\$1,460.00	\$0.00
Turkey Ford	\$2,000.00	\$880.00
Union Cross	\$100.00	\$10.00
Victory	\$1,200.00	\$793.75
Welcome	\$600.00	\$10.00
Westfield	\$12,080.39	\$80.00
Westview	\$600.00	\$0.00
Woodland	\$1,200.00	\$450.00
Woodville	\$2,400.00	\$390.00
Other		\$97,912.00
TOTALS	\$146,221.18	\$121,555.79

*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

Oak Grove had Christmas play w/snacks afterwards. Helped w/backpack program. Had Women of the Bible study. Had love offering for church member.

Pauls Creek held communion service. Church youth and several members went to Hearts on Fire in Pigeon Forge, TN. Brother Dennie Hawks brought a Sunday morning message in Nov. Thanksgiving Eve service was held. Took up Lottie Moon offering. Candlelight service was held @ 6pm w/light refreshments after the service. A Christmas supper was held. Youth Sunday was held w/ special singing from the youth choir and scripture reading. Brother Ashley Horton brought a Sunday message in Dec. Christmas play was held. Had sweater and cookie night. Held watch night service for New Year's Eve w/ Brother Ashley Horton, Brother Dennie Hawks, Brother Jerry King and Pastor Justin McCreary bringing the messages; w/special singing and testimonies and had light refreshments after the service. In Jan. had Wed. night monthly meal. Sanctity of Life Sunday was held to recognize all babies born in 2019. Men's day will be observed on Feb 2nd. VBS will be held the week of June 15-20th.

Pinnacle View began construction on church bell display. Had Communion. Worked on Middle and High School Youth crafting Journals for a local missions project and continuing w/The Gospel Project Lessons. Had Bi-Monthly Community meal and Bible study. Had Christian movie night. Pre/school and children's gospel project bible study group working on missions project. Creating valentine's for Christian radio station WBFJ to give to meals on wheels for our county.

Pleasant View received 10 new members and 1 saved. Started a visitation program. Youth went snow tubing in W.Va. Also Youth attended Youth Crusade in GA.

Rock Hill's children & choir presented the Christmas Play "The Innkeeper". Members delivered fruit baskets to the area shut ins. Youth prepared shoe boxes for the Shoe Box Ministry.

Siloam had 1 precious soul saved. Thank God that he is still in the saving business. Christmas program was performed by the Children and Adults entitled, "Last Minute Wishes." Men's day was held w/special singing by the men's choir. YWOM finalized the nut sale. All monies will be used for community projects and needs.

Union Cross collected for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Pastor and wife served supper for the church in appreciation. Sent Christmas cards and distributed treat bags for the shut-ins. Collected wet wipes for elementary school children for the protection of cold and flu. Had Right Hand Of Fellowship for 3 new members. Revival scheduled for March 8-11.

Welcome held Christmas program in Dec. Also had Christmas Eve Service w/ several members and visitors in attendance. Made and delivered treat bags for area nursing homes. Thanks to Terry Coe for being our Interim Pastor but please pray for our search committee as they look for a new pastor. Had a meal after morning service to discuss business and moving forward w/our work for God and our church. Went to Twelve oaks for singing, fun and fellowship. in Jan.

Woodville baptized two people. Celebrated Pastor's birthday on Jan. 19. Collecting snacks for surgical waiting area at Northern Regional Hospital.

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

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