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SBA
Mid-Year Meeting
July 27, 2020
7:00 pm @
Rock Hill Baptist
Cancelled

After much prayer, It is regrettable but we feel it is best to cancel the July meeting. Under the circumstances, it is the most sensible and safest decision at this time. Pray that in October we can joyously meet for our annual meeting.



Deadline Extended Until July 31

The Pledge of Allegiance



"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

No Clerks Training Class !

If you are a new Clerk and need assistance, Please call Susan @ the SBA 336-789-5701 Materials will be mailed this month.

Please pray for the following churches without pastors:

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| Rock Hill | Copeland |
| Fuente de Vida | New Life |
| Hills Grove | Sparta First |
| Fellowship | Welcome |
| Rockford | Central View |

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- July 1: Rev. Robert McCrary (Ivy Green)
- July 4: Mrs. Heidi Jessup (Victory)
- July 5: Rev. Allen Horton (Union Cross)
- July 9: Mrs. Gayle McCrary (Ivy Green)
- July 11: Rev. Grant Atkins (Antioch)
- July 15: Mrs. Roxanna McCreary (Pauls Creek)
- July 27: Rev. Ewell Vernon (Mountain View)
- July 28: Rev. Randy Edwards (Faith)
- July 29: Rev. Brad Quesinberry (Community)

"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:

America has a noble heritage, which is slowly beginning to be forgotten in the climate of our current culture. On July 4, 1776, fifty-six brave men put their signatures on a document called the Declaration of Independence. They were declaring freedom from British tyranny. While America was founded on more than a desire to be free from British domination, we are also a nation founded "under God" on Christian principles. While not all the signers of the declaration were Christians, they all believed in a Supreme Being from whom we receive our "unalienable rights."

Yes, the signers intended the Declaration to officially bring separation between the Colonies and British authority. But it was also a document that served as a foundation to the birth of a nation whose foundational belief was that God was the source upon which our country's "unalienable rights" must rest. Four times in the Declaration is found reference to "God," "Creator," "Supreme Judge of the world," and "Divine Providence."

Samuel Adams, one of the signers of the Declaration, stated, "Just and true liberty, equal and impartial liberty, in matters spiritual and temporal is a thing that all men are clearly entitled to by the eternal and immutable laws of God and nature, as well as by the laws of nations and all well-grounded and municipal laws, which must have their foundation in the former (God's laws)."

America's roots cannot be divorced from the intent of the earliest settlers and Christianity. The Pilgrims clearly stated the purpose of their coming to the New World in the Mayflower Compact (1620): "Having undertaken for the glory of God and the advancement of the Christian faith..."

Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration, also believed it was "God who gave us life, gave us liberty." And two of the first actions of the Continental Congress was to hire military chaplains and to purchase 20,000 Bibles to remedy a national shortage.

George Washington, our first President, contended that religion and morality were a must in upholding the nation. During his farewell address he said, "And let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion. Whatever may be conceded to the influence of refined education on minds of peculiar structure, reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle."

John Adams, our second President, stated, "Our Constitution was made for a moral and a religious people. It is wholly inadequate for the government of any other."

John Quincy Adams, our sixth president, summed up the historic event that led to America's independence when he wrote, "The highest glory of the American Revolution was this: that it connected in one indissoluble bond the principles of civil government with the principles of Christianity."

Regardless of what revisionists say who try to

rewrite the history of America, Christianity and Christian principles are woven into the very fabric of our nation. We are witnessing today the unraveling of America because of the attempt to remove the threads of Christian principles which have been intertwined within society. Our 40th President, Ronald Reagan, said, "Without God there is no virtue because there is no prompting of the conscience....without God there is an eroding of the society; without God democracy will not and cannot long endure....If we ever forget that we are one Nation Under God, then we will be a nation gone under."

As Christians we need to pray for a return to the conviction that God cannot be removed from the social, moral and governmental construction of our nation. Pausing to celebrate our nation's birthday, let us as Christians shine our Light for Christ in the darkness that is seeking to overtake society.

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

Serving Him Together,
Dr. Dan



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Kim Collins, Debbie Marcovic, and Brian Smith
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 Call the Surry Baptist Association
 (336-789-5701) to register.

WMU[®] News

WMU groups are encouraged to donate to the Pure Water, Pure Love program which are desperately needed. We must remember those who do not have clean drinking water and take this opportunity to help. Pray and ask God to guide your WMU in giving. Checks should be made payable to the SBA, mailed to that address, and earmarked for Pure Water. Donation deadline is September 30. Also, please pray how you can support the Red Box Prison Ministry conducted by NC WMU. Monetary donations are also needed for this mission. Donations should be made by October 30. Checks can be made to SBA and mailed to that address. Thanks to each of you for your work for the Lord. These are difficult days, but we serve a God who is in control. The WMU Council will meet later this summer and hopefully plan an association WMU event for the fall. God Bless each of you.

Thanks – Carolyn Johnson

Antioch continues with Facebook live Bible Study on Wed. nights @7pm and Live Worship Service @10am every Sunday. The Sisterhood helped to host a blood drive this month. Collected canned foods for Gentry Middle School. The Sisterhood continues w/bag lunches for the Davis Rooms once a month. Has been distributing produce, milk, meat, and cheese to families in need through the Baptist on Mission. Continue w/ the Antioch Show on Wed. nights @ 9pm for the Youth w/ Rev. Joshua Summerlin live on Facebook. Making plans for the Upward Flag Football and Cheerleading grades K-8th grades. Registration will begin late July.

Bannertown is a distribution site for NC Baptist Men's partnership, "Farmers & Families." Produce boxes are given out each Mon. @4pm, one per car, first-come, first-served. Drive-thru community meal is served last Thurs. of each month. Church reopened for worship service in the sanctuary on w/enhanced safety measures and social distancing. Continuing to live stream worship services on Facebook.

Blues Grove had 1 profession of faith. WMU resumed monthly meeting. Will have guest speaker Cody Hall for July meeting. Youth will be participated in Youth Rally @ Pleasant View. Honored our graduates in June w/each of the 10 receiving a special gift. Church has not opened back up completely since being closed because of the CoronaVirus. Still live-streaming services on Sunday mornings and Wed. evenings.

Calvary's deacons approved a plan for resuming church activities. Worship services will resume the last Sunday in June. However, children's programs are still on hold. If the room allows for social distancing, Sunday School classes will resume the same Sunday. Some classes have been having virtual Sunday School and some of those offerings will continue. Sunday Services are streamed on Facebook live on Sunday's @ 9am. Women's and men's group meeting virtually on Sunday evenings. Our pastor has been connecting through a daily devotion that is emailed and delivered through the church's telephone tree. VBS will be postponed and our mission trip to Belize was cancelled by the host agency. We celebrated our graduates in May.

Central View is back inside for Sunday School and Worship but will continue doing live stream on Facebook for those who are not able to come. More than doubled our goal for our Annie Armstrong Easter offering with \$2,120.00.

Community honored those graduating from high school and college w/special gift. The honorees were set up under separate tents for everyone to drive by and wish them well. Honored all mothers on Mother's Day Sunday. Gave Pastor Brad's wife, Misty a hanging basket. Honored fathers on Father's Day Sunday. Gave Pastor Brad a special gift. Work is almost completed on refurbishing the sanctuary and updating audio system.

Cross Roads resumed worship service inside @ 11am only at this time, three options to worship, Live stream on Face Book, also for those who are unsettled about coming inside the church can listen on FM 92.7 from the parking lot. Divided congregation, 60 years of age and up meet in the church, those 59 years and below meet in fellowship building watching live stream. Our Wed. night bible study @7pm will continue on Face Book live only at this time. Thanks Dr. Dan Merritt for his continued prayers and support for our SBA pastors and churches through this troubled season we're going through.

Dobson, First is continuing to hold drive in services each Sunday @ 9am in the back parking lot. L252 (Luke 2: 52) children are holding Zoom meetings and receiving packets of worksheets and crafts to complete. One-tenth of church offerings are being used to serve the community through the backpack schools' program and other local agencies during the pandemic. Other church committees are continuing to work @ home as they strive to complete their intended purposes. Pastor Cory is preaching a series on the Ten Commandments each Sunday morning and online as well. Look forward to returning to our sanctuary as soon as the safety protocols permit.

Dover is now back to holding inside Sunday School classes and preaching, we also have technology to provide for those that would like to hear the message from their vehicles through their car radio. Had one precious soul saved in June, WMU and deacons met, WMU helped a family who had a fire @

home and gave donation to Dobson food pantry. Graduation gifts given to children moving up to the next level and to graduating seniors. Pastor and wife both had birthdays w/ monetary gifts given in celebration. Lost two members of church to illnesses.

Fellowship rejoices that one joined by profession of faith. Senior Singles Leaders prepared and delivered goody bags to the widowed. Transitioned from virtual internet services to outdoor drive-in services. In June, began indoor services @8:30 in fellowship hall and in our sanctuary @11. The Couples SS class sponsored a "Chalk and Chat", a combined Youth and Senior Adult event. This gave us the opportunity to share the love of God through messages in chalk for the community to see as they walk through our church campus. To God be the glory for the things He has done.

Highland Park began having Sunday morning worship services w/three service times available: 8:30am, 9:45am, and 11am. There are guidelines in place for entering the building, maintaining social distancing, etc., w/ the sanctuary sanitized between each service. Sunday School and Youth and Children's Ministries will continue via online sources until further notice. Sunday Evening and Wed. Evening services, as well as our Youth and Children's ministries, will be evaluated to begin at a later date.

Ivy Green continued to meet during the last two months w/social distancing and wearing mask in outside, drive-in services.

Mother's Day was celebrated w/each mother receiving tote bags. There were three Mothers that were recognized, the oldest, the youngest, and a drawing for the the third mother. WMU continued to collect paper products for the Baptist Children's Home. The "Blessing Box" continues to be used by the community which is well stocked by the ladies of the church. In June, the congregation moved back into the church building, masks and social distancing are being observed. Father's Day was celebrated recognizing Fathers w/ gift bags of useful items. Three Fathers were recognized, the oldest, the youngest, and a lottery drawing for the third father. The WMU provided meals for families for those bereaved and in the hospital. Currently the WMU is collecting food items for Foothills Food Pantry and beginning to collect a "Mile of Pennies" for our VBS to go to missions.

Jessup Grove continues to have on-line services on Sunday morning and Wed. nights. Began "tail gate" services outside in May for anyone wishing to attend by sitting outside their cars. Began indoor services on Wed. night. Still practicing social distancing during both. The Outreach committee, along w/the help of the Baptist Men, held another drive-thru community meal. The Baptist Men aided in installing a ramp for a lady in the community.

Mountain View is now offering three options for worship on Sunday mornings. Church is open to any who feel comfortable to attend using social distancing guidelines, via FM radio within seven miles, or Facebook. Wed. night bible study (7 pm) is also available through Facebook. We are blessed to have these options to worship. Would love for you to join us in any capacity.

New Life's oldest member Ida Stone celebrated her 102 birthday on June 8. Having worship service only @11am this month.

Pinnacle View began Sunday morning Worship services in our fellowship hall while practicing social distancing while maintaining livestreaming on Facebook. First service back honored our 2020 Graduates. Continued online Sunday School classes for adults. Held special singing with "The Dosses".

Rock Hill had Drive In Church w/special singing each week w/ Pete & Paulette Welborn, Wes Bruner, Landon Johnston & Andy Simpson, Craig Southern & Will Marion, Linda Cave & Billy C Smith. Rev. Brian Thompson did our services for us in May. Dale Johnson & Jerry Pratt will be conducting our services for June. We have had a wonderful time w/our Lord conducting our services outside in His creation.

Shoals continued to have drive up worship service and the sermon is also available by live streaming through zoom. Our church congregation would like to "officially" welcome Rev. Joey Lane as our church pastor.

**Surry Baptist Association
Financial Contributions
May 2020**

	2020 Budget Receipts To Date	Designated & Other Receipts
Albion	\$500.00	\$0.00
Antioch	\$2,594.60	\$0.00
Bannertown	\$5,966.27	\$250.00
Blues Grove	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Calvary	\$375.00	\$125.00
Cedar Lane	\$0.00	\$0.00
Central View	\$698.04	\$0.00
Christian Community	\$0.00	\$0.00
Community	\$1,250.00	\$500.00
Copeland	\$586.95	\$0.00
Cornerstone	\$917.63	\$0.00
Cross Roads	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dobson, First	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dover	\$500.00	\$44.00
Fairview	\$4,000.00	\$1,055.00
Faith	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fancy Gap	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Fellowship	\$4,020.00	\$650.00
Flippin Memorial	\$800.00	\$500.00
Fuente de Vida	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gum Orchard	\$0.00	\$0.00
Haymore Memorial	\$416.70	\$0.00
Highland Park	\$2,625.00	\$0.00
Hills Grove	\$300.00	\$0.00
Holly Springs	\$300.00	\$0.00
Indian Grove	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ivy Green	\$404.96	\$0.00
Jessup Grove	\$3,250.00	\$100.00
Ladonia	\$400.00	\$100.00
Little Richmond	\$1,077.16	\$0.00
Mount Carmel	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
Mount Zion	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mountain Park	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mountain View	\$635.86	\$0.00
New Bethel	\$100.00	\$0.00
New Hope	\$800.00	\$0.00
New Life	\$87.22	\$0.00
New Venture	\$0.00	\$0.00
Oak Grove	\$250.00	\$0.00
Oak Ridge	\$807.00	\$0.00
Pauls Creek	\$600.00	\$0.00
Pinnacle View	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
Pleasant View	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rock Hill	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rockford	\$0.00	\$0.00
Salem	\$1,062.50	\$450.00
Salem Fork	\$2,700.00	\$0.00
Shoals	\$0.00	\$0.00
Siloam	\$500.00	\$125.00
Simmons Grove	\$4,000.00	\$1,200.00
Slate Mountain	\$666.00	\$0.00
Sparta, First	\$2,000.00	\$250.00
Sulphur Springs	\$900.00	\$0.00
Turkey Ford	\$500.00	\$0.00
Union Cross	\$500.00	\$0.00
Victory	\$600.00	\$0.00
Welcome	\$150.00	\$0.00
Westfield	\$4,316.38	\$0.00
Westview	\$300.00	\$0.00
Woodland	\$500.00	\$270.00
Woodville	\$2,400.00	\$300.00
Other	\$0.00	\$13,154.83
TOTALS	\$62,857.27	\$20,073.83

*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 continues to hear God’s word through technology. Holding on-line Wed. night and Sunday worship services as well as drive up services on Sunday mornings w/ a remote radio receiver that tunes to 88.1. Our church doors have never been closed during this pandemic as we have continued to serve God in the parking lot and through technology. During Phase II, we will be allowing members who would like to come inside to do so w/restrictions around social distancing while also continuing to offer drive up service for those who are not comfortable being around others at this time. Mother’s Day was made special by the gift committee who presented a flower to all Mother’s and women of our church. Pastor Jarred Seal placed American flags on all graves of those who served our country and read aloud each name and division of the military each served for Memorial Day. Everyone was humbled by this generous act of kindness and respect to those who served. Had a community drive through Hot Dog supper and served approximately 175 Hot Dogs. The community and members thoroughly enjoyed the delicious drive through meal.

Sparta First continues to record and post our worship and Bible study on our website (spartafirstbaptist.com). Our worship team has been meeting in May to develop strategies for reopening our worship service. Reopened church in June. Will also complete the new landscaping plan in front of church in June.

Turkey Ford continues to meet via Zoom for Worship on Sundays and Bible Study on Wed. Tentatively looking forward to meeting again @ church @10am for Worship on Sunday, July 12, practicing safety guidelines. Pastor and Deacons will keep a close eye on whether this might be safe nearer that time. WOM will decide to meet after that time. Tithes and Offerings and Contributions continue to come in and go out. The Youth continue to meet for Bible Study every Tues. @7pm via Zoom or as announced each week on Facebook or other media. Thanks be to God that we’ve had no cases of Coronavirus amongst our Church Family. God is GOOD!

Union Cross had service several Sundays in the parking lot @ the Fellowship Building. We now meet at the church thankful for the technology that allows us to see and hear Sunday worship and Wed. night services w/social distancing. Streaming them on Facebook for shut-ins. Ladies have faithfully sent cards to the sick and shut-ins.

Welcome had drive-in services since May but have started having church inside w/ social distancing in place. Been Live Streaming services since June. Bible Study on Wed. nights in church is resuming.

Westfield had “Parking Lot” worship services in May. In June we began phasing “back in” worship services in our fellowship hall @ 9 and 11am. For those that feel safer at home can view online the Sunday morning worship services and Wed. night Bible study. Online services have reached people in numerous states. We also have Sunday school classes on our telephone conference line @ 9 and 10 am each Sunday. Youth and kids have been doing outside activities. Quarantine packets on Encouragement were sent home to the youth.



Baptist Men Meeting @ SBA Office
July 13, 2020 @ 6:30
Meal Provided by Mike Francis

Attention!
2019 Printed Minutes Books
need to be picked up Now!

SBA Office will be Closed
in Observance of July 4th
on Thursday and Friday
July 2-3.

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