



THE SURREY BAPTIST NEWSLETTER

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Oak Ridge
Pauls Creek
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Pleasant View
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SBA Church Services

Online

(Most are on Facebook) search
for Church name

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(These are the ones that we know of.)

Still Scheduled at This Time **Senior Adults** **Cook-Out**

June 16, 2020
11:30 am



Indian Grove
Baptist Church

Bring Canned Food
For Medical Ministry



Deadline to have products turned in
July 31 @ SBA Office



SBA Office Closed
May 25 2020
for Memorial Day

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

"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

May has dawned upon us. I have never been one to wish time away, but I am glad April is behind us and my prayer is May will bring with it more than the blooming of May flowers but some semblance of a return to normalcy in life. Because of the pandemic, the pews in our churches have remained empty throughout April and possibly May, the Associational office has been closed, most associational and church events that had been planned have been cancelled, and our interaction with others has been limited by a “stay at home” order in hopes of keeping the coronavirus from spreading. While our church parking lots are empty, I am most grateful for our churches being innovative in continuing to proclaim the Word through the many technological means available to us today. One truth is certain, the Word of God cannot be chained or bound. The message of Christ has saturated the airwaves and no doubt has penetrated many hearts that would not have otherwise have heard the Good News of Christ.

As we think back over the last month, it has caused us to pause and reflect about life and what is truly important. There is one inescapable truth I have learned through the pandemic “stay at home” order and that is the “little things” in life are actually the “big things.” We are a society that majors on experiencing the grandiose, but the grandiose is in reality the “little things” we have taken for granted. I miss interacting daily with people, seeing sunshiny smiles that brightens my day. I miss hearing the music of shared laughter that mutually revives the spirit. I miss the firm handshake of a friend that says more than words can convey. I miss the embrace of a fellow brother or sister in Christ and the sense of well-being and love transmitted by the simple hug. I miss the “good natured funning” with friends who brighten my day and make my life richer, the jocular interaction being an expression of, “I truly care about you.”

I miss the chance meeting of someone while out and about, and the opportunity to be a blessing in the life of someone else. I miss the face to face exchange of ideas, opinions and discussions that cause us to expand our thinking and the chance to learn something new. I miss

going to the office and the sense of purpose it gives to my life knowing that I have the opportunity to make a difference in someone’s life that day. I miss sitting and sharing a meal with friends, which nourishes the soul with food that transcends the physical. I miss the energy and encouragement two individuals can transfer to one another by their interaction. I miss the cultivation of relationships that can only truly be cultivated by personal connecting. I miss “seeing the voice” of those dear to my heart that cannot be substituted by hearing their voice over the phone.

I miss the gathering for corporate worship with fellow believers, the strength and renewal mutually shared and gained which can only be expressed with the language of angels. I miss hearing the Word proclaimed in person and sensing the presence of the Holy Spirit as He sweeps up and down the aisles touching the hearts of those gathered. I miss seeing people kneeling at the altar pouring their hearts out in prayer. I miss the opportunity of giving and saying a prayer over the offering I am about to drop in the offering plate. I miss the challenge each week as we depart that we are departing to serve.

Ah, there is much I miss...and I am learning the “little things” I had taken for granted are actually the “big things” in life. As life gradually returns to normal, let us pray we will not forget that truth.

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

Serving Him

Together,

Dr. Dan





Baptist Men Update

Due to Covid 19, The Baptist Men couldn't meet. We did have a few updates. In March we had our last wood splitting for the season and it went well. We have postponed our Pancake Breakfast that was scheduled in March at Calvary, and we will reschedule when possible. We were able to purchase an additional aluminum ramp and it has been installed at a home in need.

The Baptist Men invite all men within the association to come join us at our next meeting. Please call the associational office to see when we are able to meet. Our usual meeting date is the first Monday of every month. You 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.

MAY Birthdays

May 10: Rev. Larry Jones (Dover)
 May 10: Rev. Jacob Hall (Simmons Grove)
 May 12: Mrs. Melissa Vernon (Mountain View)
 May 14: Mrs. Pam Gray (Mount Zion)
 May 15: Rev. Mickey Cogdill (Bannertown)
 May 18: Rev. Tim Burton (Flippin Memorial)
 May 22: Mrs. Michele Joplin (Salem Fork)
 May 23: Mrs. Emmy Corn (Turkey Ford)



Seminary Extension Class

Tuesdays 6:30-9:30
June 23 - August 25
1, 2, and 3 John

Instructor: Dr. Dan Merritt

The cost is \$136 without the book.

A study of the epistles of John, listing key themes of belief, obedience, love and warnings against false teachers.

2019 Printed Minutes Books

Printed Minutes books that the churches ordered are ready. Have someone from your church come by the SBA Office to pick up your church's copies.

Surry Christian Counseling Center

Statistics for
March 2020

Total Sessions Conducted = 88

Total Clients Served = 46

Client Assistance Fund Sessions = 35

Client Assistance Fund Clients Served = 20

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:

Thank you to all the churches that have helped us in collecting and giving out food for the Medical Ministries Clinic. Your hard work is appreciated!

Bring food anytime to be given out for April.

**For 2020: 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.**

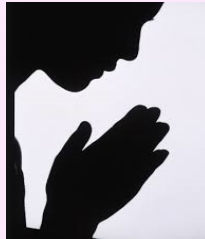
Call Mary Jane Shelton @ 336-789-5821 for any questions.



Dr. Chris Benfield, who has been our Associational Moderator since October 2018, was presented with a plaque for his service as moderator on March 29, 2020, at his last service as pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church. Chris has assumed the pastorate of Shady Grove Baptist Church, Yadkin Association. We appreciated his ten years of service as a pastor in our association and his superb leadership while serving as Moderator and on many other associational committees. We bid him and his wife, Tanya Godspeed as they embark upon a new ministry.

Mother's Day Offering

A MINISTRY OF NORTH CAROLINA BAPTISTS AND WAKE FOREST BAPTIST HEALTH SINCE 1924



Mother's Day Offering

Touching Lives with Hope
at Wake Forest Baptist Health
Week of Prayer ~ May 3-10



www.mothersdayoffering.org



Since 1924 North Carolina Baptists have given to the Mother's Day Offering to "extend the healing ministry of Jesus Christ, especially to the needy". Today your gifts to the Mother's Day Offering continue that work to assist patients in financial need at Wake Forest Baptist Health.

**The Bus Trip to Washington DC
and Bible Museum
will be re-scheduled for a later time.**

Special Offering



The Surry Christian Counseling Center is a most valuable ministry. There are at times clients who are not able to financially contribute and extra funds are needed. During the month of May churches are asked if they might receive a special offering to help with those whose contribution is limited. The counseling center, is an arm of the SBA and is a most needed and important asset to our churches and community. Let us seek to minister to

those who might not otherwise be able to take advantage of this valuable service.

Please send donations to the SBA office and specify that it goes to the counseling center

Antioch is live streaming Sunday School classes at 9:00 am and a Worship Service at 10:00 am. We are also doing a Wednesday night Bible Study at 7:00 pm. Please visit our Facebook page for more information.

Calvary as are others during this time, has been learning to navigate our fellowship when we have restricted gatherings. We are holding Sunday morning services at 9:00 am using Facebook live until we can gather again. Some Sunday School classes are using online platforms to have class and share prayer concerns. We did complete a diaper drive in March and are having a food drive in April for Yokefellow.

Central View is Streaming live on Facebook. Sunday School lesson 10:00. Worship service 11:00. Wed. night Bible Study 7:00.

Dobson, First has cancelled or postponed all events due to the current "sheltering in place." The church has been helping out needy families with gift cards and also supporting local schools backpack program. The CARE ministry and quilting warriors have continued their tasks while working at home. Pastor Cory Honeycutt is sending out devotions each day while sermons are broadcast live every Sunday. Children are also receiving weekly L252 lessons each week.

Highland Park - In the midst of having to cancel services and activities due to covid-19, we were delighted to be able to host a Community Easter Drive-In on Sunday, April 12. The event was held at Veteran's Park in Mount Airy at 9:45 am. People were asked to remain in their cars and tune their radios to 1300 AM, WSYD to listen to Dr. Darrell Tate live as he brought us a wonderful, uplifting message. We are praying for people the world over—for those infected with the virus and for others to remain virus-free, and look forward to the time when we can once again gather in our churches to worship our great God!

Hills Grove's interim pastor, Rev. Danny Moore, is having Sunday morning and Wednesday evening services via YouTube and Facebook. He is also Livestreamed the Sunrise service.

Ivy Green has been having "Drive In" church during this "Social Distancing", in cars and staying 6 feet apart if sitting in the parking lot. We enjoyed Sunrise Service on Easter. The services have been streamed on our Facebook Page. The WMU continues to collect paper products for the Baptist Children's Homes. WMU has encouraged members to send cards to the elderly who are shut-in due to the Covid 19. Members have kept the "Blessing Box" filled for the community.

Ladonia is observing the Governor's Stay-at-Home order by following other church services live on Facebook or on TV. Pastor Tony Holder is making weekly calls to parishioners. Easter Saturday some church members conducted an Easter parade, driving by others' homes to displays signs and decorations and shout out greetings from their cars.

Pinnacle View is also live streaming thru Facebook.

Siloam had a Drive-In Easter Service on Easter Sunday. Everyone enjoyed the service. We will also begin the drive in service on Sunday mornings! Tune in to 88.1 to listen to Pastor Jarred Seal. We praise God for Technology to allow us to continue our worship at the church. Sunday School (for some classes) and Wednesday night service has continued through our Zoom technology. It has been great continuing to learn and be together through Zoom. The Baptist Men's golf tournament that was to be held at Silo Run has been postponed until further notice due to COVID-19. Youth Sunday was postponed until further notice but will be rescheduled once we are back to our normal schedule.

Simmons Grove has no formal worship services for April due to Covid-19 regulations. Pastor Jacob invited all to worship with us weekly on sermonaudio.com/simmons_grove.

Sparta First missing the opportunity to meet in worship and personally fellowship together. We are praying for the virus to slow so we can meet again. We are rescheduling our Spring Revival for the fall. We had a shortened version of our Easter Crosswalk on Good Friday, April 10. Pastor John Attaway and our staff are recording and posting our worship and Bible study on our website (spartafirstbaptist.com). We invite any and all in the association to log on watch. Pray with us for better days ahead.

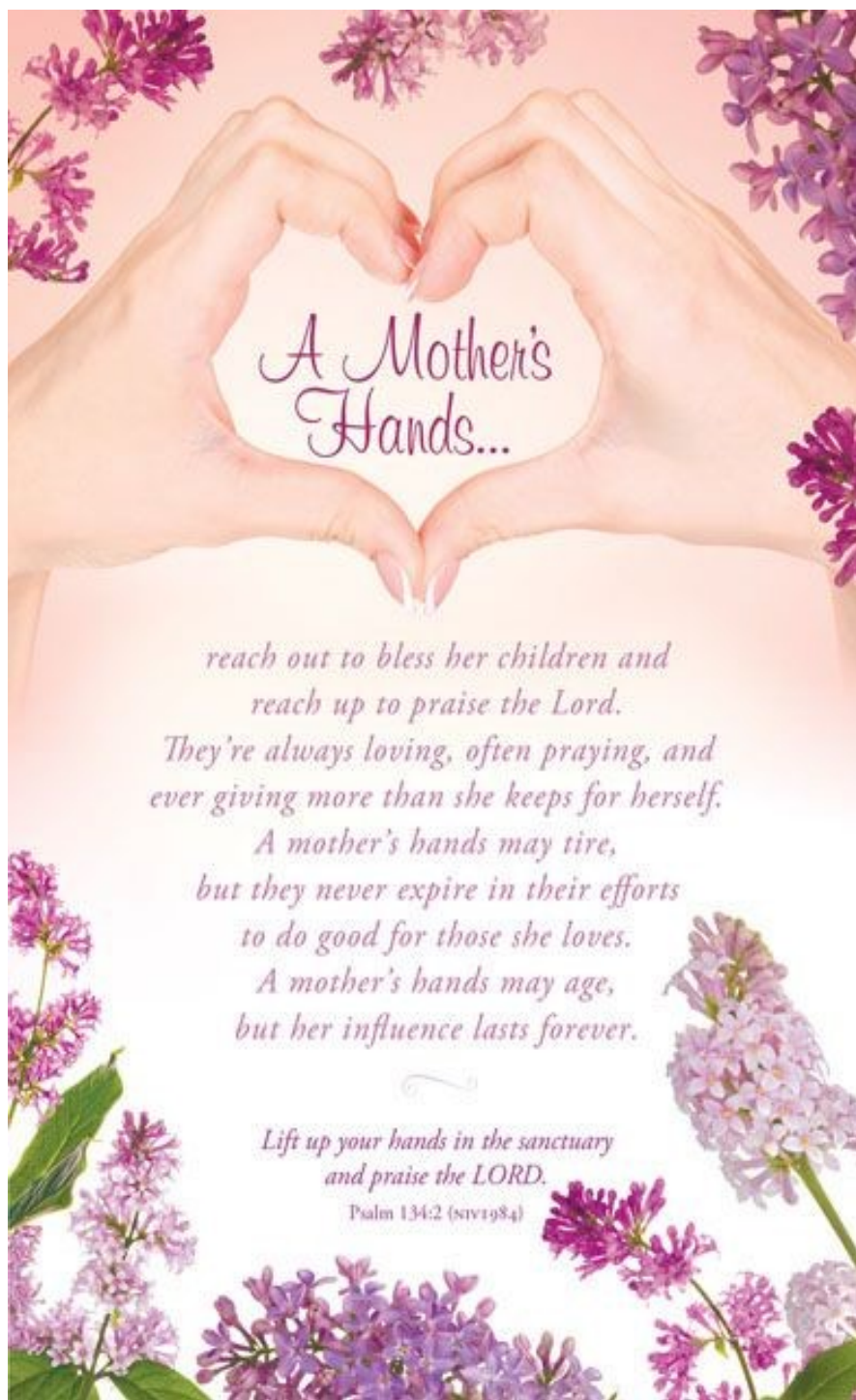
Union Cross had Revival March 8 – 11 with Bro. Larry Adams of Rescue America Baptist Missions from North Wilkesboro. Pastor and family provided soup and sandwiches for the church. Collecting items for "Shoes for my Neighbor". Sent a donation to "Rescue America Baptist Missions".



Surry Baptist Association Financial Contributions March 2020

	2020 Budget Receipts To Date	Designated & Other Receipts
Albion	\$500.00	\$0.00
Antioch	\$1,556.76	\$0.00
Bannertown	\$4,257.98	\$150.00
Blues Grove	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Calvary	\$375.00	\$125.00
Cedar Lane	\$0.00	\$0.00
Central View	\$351.42	\$0.00
Christian Community	\$0.00	\$0.00
Community	\$750.00	\$500.00
Copeland	\$315.60	\$0.00
Cornerstone	\$501.93	\$0.00
Cross Roads	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dobson, First	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dover	\$250.00	\$44.00
Fairview	\$2,000.00	\$55.00
Faith	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fancy Gap	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Fellowship	\$2,844.00	\$450.00
Flippin Memorial	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fuente de Vida	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gum Orchard	\$0.00	\$0.00
Haymore Memorial	\$166.68	\$0.00
Highland Park	\$0.00	\$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	\$240.00	\$100.00
Little Richmond	\$614.31	\$0.00
Mount Carmel	\$900.00	\$0.00
Mount Zion	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mountain Park	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mountain View	\$393.14	\$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	\$0.00	\$0.00
Oak Ridge	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pauls Creek	\$600.00	\$0.00
Pinnacle View	\$1,500.00	\$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	\$1,350.00	\$0.00
Shoals	\$0.00	\$0.00
Siloam	\$500.00	\$125.00
Simmons Grove	\$4,000.00	\$1,200.00
Slate Mountain	\$500.00	\$0.00
Sparta, First	\$2,000.00	\$250.00
Sulphur Springs	\$600.00	\$0.00
Turkey Ford	\$500.00	\$0.00
Union Cross	\$500.00	\$0.00
Victory	\$300.00	\$0.00
Welcome	\$150.00	\$0.00
Westfield	\$1,652.80	\$0.00
Westview	\$150.00	\$0.00
Woodland	\$300.00	\$170.00
Woodville	\$2,400.00	\$300.00
Other	\$0.00	\$8,702.00
TOTALS	\$42,324.30	\$13,721.00

*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.



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