



THE SURRY BAPTIST NEWSLETTER

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food roundup



Why is the Food Roundup so vital?
You provide meals and snacks to boys and girls in Baptist Children's Homes' care who often come to us from traumatic situations of abuse and neglect. Many children have gone without eating regularly. Your participation keeps our shelves stocked and children's bellies -- and hearts -- full.

How does my church make an impact?
When children see cars and trucks full of food and necessities pull into our statewide locations, they see God's love in action. Being a part of the Food Roundup is not only about collecting food -- it's about shining the light of Jesus into the darkness boys and girls, many who are unchurched, have endured.



April 2021
bchfoodroundup.org

April 1 - July 1
This year we are strictly going to take up gift cards.

Grocery Stores, Walmart, Target, etc.



QUARANTINE DOESN'T MEAN QUIT!

Just because we can't meet face-to-face, doesn't mean we have to stop serving the Lord.

With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men: Ephesians 6:7

While Covid-19 has prevented us from serving the Lord in our normal way, there is still many ways to serve Him and our community.

- Pray for one another
- Help with Baptist Men's Firewood Ministry
- Give to Handy Man Ministry - Handicap Ramps
- Bring Food for Surry Medical Ministry
- Prepare for Upcoming Backpack Ministry
- Collect for NC Baptist Children's Home Food-Round-Up
- Donate to Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Good works and the word of God, never have to be quarantined.



North Carolina Baptists on Mission Disaster Relief
Training session in our Region on April 24th at Hudson First Baptist Church.
Administration Child Care Logistics Shower/Laundry
Assessment Maintenance Recovery Communications/IT
Chaplaincy Feeding Safety Medical Reserve Corp.

Many of these trainings will take place virtually on Thursday night April 22nd. Several trainings will include both the virtual training on Thursday night and a "hands on" training on Saturday morning April 24th. If you are interested in being trained, please contact baptistsonmission.org to get full details. You may also call Dr. John Crane at 336-813-6791 for further details

"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:

Hard to believe it is time for spring to ride in on the wings of March winds. The blustery winds will awaken the slumbering trees bringing forth buds of a new season. March winds are natural, a force which are most important and necessary for the birth of spring.

Just as nature's wind is essential, spiritual wind is also of vital importance in the life of every Christian. In the New Testament the Greek word "pneuma" can be translated "breath, wind, or spirit." Our daily lives need to experience His breath, wind and spirit blowing upon us in a vital and dynamic way.

We need the wind of the Spirit in **Rebirth**. Jesus said, "The wind blows where it wills, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit" (John 3:8). We are sinners who need the breath of God's Spirit to awaken our deaden hearts whereby we enter into a living relationship with Christ. Thank the Lord for the wind of the Spirit who brings **Rebirth** to rebellious hearts.

We need the wind of the Spirit for **Refreshing**. The past year has been draining on us all, making us weary and in need of the invigorating breeze of the Spirit to refresh us. Peter spoke of those occasions "when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord" (Acts 3:19). When we grow weary His Spirit blows upon our dry souls refreshing us like a cool summer breeze.

We need the wind of the Spirit who is our **Replenisher**. The wind or breath of the Spirit is our **Replenisher** of strength when encountering the unexpected on the road of life. Paul spoke of "the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ" (Phil. 1:19). Our strength reserves are limited, but the wind of the Spirit is ever blowing into our lives to replenish us with divine strength. David said, "The Lord is the strength of my life, in this I shall be confident" (Ps 27). What a promise!

We need the wind of the Spirit who imparts **Real Joy**. "And the disciples were continually filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 13:52). The hard knocks of life can beat us down and steal our joy, but like a tree filled with birds in springtime bursting forth with choruses of praise, the breath of the Wind of the Spirit can fill our hearts with joyous song. Nehemiah stated, "The joy of the Lord is our strength" (Neh 8:10).

We need the wind of the Spirit for **Reproving**. Jesus taught one of the functions of the Holy Spirit is to reprove (correct us) and convict us when we begin to stray from the path of righteousness (Jh 16:8). It behooves us when the wind of the Spirit blows upon our lives in conviction and correction that we follow His prompting and cast aside those things which hinders our

walk with Christ.

We need the wind of the Spirit in our **Relations**. We are called to relate the Good News of Christ to others in our walk, witness and words. We can't effectively relate to others without the aid of the Wind of the Spirit. Jesus said, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you" (Acts 1:8). Oh, how we need His power so others can sense that we have been with Jesus (Acts 4:13).

Yes, we need the wind of the Spirit to blow upon is in power whereby we might be a vessel impacting others for the expanse of His Kingdom. Let us as Surry Baptists pray for it to be so in our individual lives and our churches.

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

Serving Him Together,
Dr. Dan

Revitalization
Leadership
Intensives



Pastor's Revitalization Leadership Workshop April 19, from 9am-3:30 pm @ SBA Office

\$10 registration fee, for materials and lunch
Open to the first 20 who register.

Click on <https://ncbaptist.wufoo.com/forms/zvk6oul13e4lo2/>
to register.

This Workshop is to present information, tools, encouragement and equip pastors to better minister in these challenging days.

All Covid related precautions will be taken. So wear a mask.

**If you have any questions please call the office @
336-789-5701**



Mar. 10: Mrs. Shirley Merritt (SBA)
Mar. 15: Rev. Alan Branch (Jessup Grove)
Mar. 17: Dr. Dan Merritt (SBA)
Mar. 17: Mrs. Jewel Faw (Indian Grove)
Mar. 20: Mrs. Hope Sechrist (Blues Grove)
Mar. 23: Mrs. Carlene Lyons (New Hope)
Mar. 30: Rev. Jimmy McCraw (New Bethel)

Antioch continues services in person, online on Facebook live, and in the parking lot @ 8:30 and 11am on Sunday mornings. Continues w/ Sunday School on Zoom @ 9:30 am and also offer in person Wed. night Bible Study @ 6:30 pm @ the church as well as Facebook live. Presented several Awana clubbers w/earned awards in a Sunday morning ceremony. Will host "Journey To Financial Freedom" a discipleship course presented by Crown Financial Ministries, every Wed in March from 6:30-7:45 pm. The Sisterhood started Bible/Book study for the year and also had a blood drive. They helped w/Medical Ministries through Surry Baptist Association. They also sent out care packages to out of town college students and military. The Well Food Ministry had a drive thru pick up and served 112 meals in January.

Calvary's pastor's sermon series for the Lenten season began in Feb. w/ focus on "Praying with Jesus on the Way to Calvary." Each week, the sermon examines one of the prayers that Jesus prayed. Had a goal of collecting 500 boxes of cereal for Yokefellow. Members of our Coed 1 Sunday School class sponsored a free meal for folks in our community. One hundred fifty boxed meals were distributed in a "drive-thru" at the church. Held a 7-week virtual women's Bible study titled, "Elijah: Faith and Fire," by Priscilla Shirer began. Resumed our pre-coronavirus worship schedule @ 8:30, Sunday School @9:45 and our Traditional worship service @10:55. Childcare is provided for the entire Sunday morning schedule and will continue to be live-streamed on Facebook. Celebrated Baptist Men's Sunday and celebrated Baptist Women's Day. During those services men and women from the church offered testimony and devotions. Also celebrated Scout Sunday welcoming members of our Cub Pack and Scout Troop and their families. Each scout was provided w/a Scout Sunday merit badge. Pastor Alex based his message on the scout motto "Be Prepared".

Central View almost doubled our Lottie Moon Offering w/ \$2,210.00. Continuing inside Sunday school and Worship but streaming on line for those who can't come. Delivered fruit baskets to widows and shut-ins. Had special communion service. Youth did special program for Baptist mens day.

Community continues to have Sunday worship services @10 am in the parking lot. Everyone is welcome to come join us in person, follow us on Facebook or tune in to 87.9 FM. Couples dinner catered by 13 Bones @ local barn venue was enjoyed by all attendees.

Copeland sent snacks to the Hospice Home in Dobson. On Feb. 10, Rev. Gerald LeFevre was voted in as full-time pastor of Copeland Baptist Church. Our pastor fixed lunch for the congregation that Sunday.

Cross Roads participated in Souper Bowl for Caring for the 12th year and raised \$1,870.00 for Second Harvest Food Bank. Also excepted challenge to assist with Appalachian Backpack program this year.

Dobson, First baptized a new believer this month. Continues to give 10 per cent of all offerings to local organizations such as Backpack program for local schools, Arc in Elkin, Foothills Food Pantry and Legacy Center in Mt. Airy. Beginning Feb. 15 through March 5, the church will be a host site for free Covid-19 testing. This will take place in the back parking lot from 1-7pm Monday-Friday.

Fairview paused for one month due to Covid-19 concerns, had in person worship services resumed w/option of on-line viewing as well. A special "Test the Tithe" Sunday was observed. Dr Nale began a series of sermons entitled "Your Character Counts" during the month. Provided over 850 food items for the Foothills Food Pantry through a "Souper Bowl" Sunday drive. BYW implemented a card outreach program to members and families within the church. Missions Council met for making plans and scheduling for missions and outreach actions for the remainder of the church year. The Prayer Shawl Ministry reconvened during the month. The Hispanic Bible Studies resumed on Tue. evenings in the fellowship hall.

Fancy Gap With regrets announces the resignation of our pastor Rev. Dwight Sechrist. His last Sunday was on Feb. 8 and we will be having a soup lunch to honor him.

Flippin Memorial is still having online services on Facebook Live and had some parking lot services as well; but due to the weather and Covid, are holding most services online as of right now. Our prayer infocess for Feb. is for our families, most importantly the ones who are lost. We are always praying for our sister churches and our country. God Bless!

Gum Orchard's worship options include Sunday morning service inside church, via FM transmitter in vehicles in church parking lot, on 98.3 FM, and on our GOBC Facebook page live this month @ 11am. Also offering Wed. night adult bible study inside church and via FM transmitter in vehicle and youth bible study @ 7pm. Continuing Men's/Women's Bible Study every 1st and 3rd Thur. night of the month @ 7pm. Deena Longworth teaching ladies class, continuing lesson 7: choose to press on in the book The Choice is Yours, Ricky Thomas teaching men's class. Everyone welcome! Updates were shared w/congregation from our missionaries GOBC sponsors. Pastor Joe has been preaching a series of "Getting Back to the Basics". Collected and donated 28 lbs of food to Foothills Food Pantry for Jan. Joined for prayer in the park @ Dobson Square Park.

Collecting blankets and stuffed animals for local sheriff and police depts. to provide comfort to children encountered during crisis situations. Joined in prayer for Jesse Vaughn, 18 y/ member who is leaving for the Air Force. Youth group sponsored a Little Caesars Fundraiser this month. April 17, 2021: church sponsoring American Red Cross Blood Drive 11am - 3:30pm in Fellowship Hall.

Haymore Memorial is having one in-person service @ 10am until further notice. Deacons are having a study of the book "Feels Like Home". On Valentine's Day the youth recognized the "senior" members w/a take-out luncheon. Blood Drive was held. Sponsored Crown's "Journey to Financial Freedom Seminar. WMU Sunday was recognized w/James Lee Derrick, PA-C as speaker.

Ivy Green continued to meet w/Sunday Services and Wed. night activities. Sunday morning services are being streamed on Facebook each Sunday, on the Ivy Green Facebook page. Wed. night Bible Study, was on The Sermon on the Mount. WMU asked the church to join w/ them to collect food for the "Blessing Box", which has been kept filled during these cold weeks and will be preparing "Thank You" baskets for the units @ Northern Regional Hospital for the staff to enjoy during this virus time. Remembered our shut-ins for Valentine's Day, w/cards sent them. Meals were sent to members who have lost loved ones during this time.

Jessup Grove's Baptist men have helped on building two handicap ramps for people in our church and community and have helped Associational Brotherhood split wood for the wood ministry. Observed communion the last Sunday in Jan. Services are still being held virtually.

Mount Carmel continues to meet on Sunday morning in person and on line. Has great ladies in our church that are working hard to keep us connected in our community. Special thanks to Frances Cook, Lana Hurn, Mitzi Stanish and Susan Thomas for preparing 34 gift bags for the Skilled floor residence. Special thank you to Lance Knight, Frances Cook, Glenn Cook, Phyllis Whitaker and Susan Thomas for preparing and delivering homemade vegetable beef soup, fruit, crackers and cake to many members. Collecting fronts of cards to send to St. Judes. We are collecting offerings for Heck Jones.

Mountain View made donations to Cedar Ridge Weekend Backpack Program & Yokefellow Ministries. Youth enjoyed a Super Bowl evening together w/great food, fun & fellowship. Some of our church men cleared storm-downed trees from community center property.

Pauls Creek had Men's Day. Communion was held on Sunday March 21. Easter sunrise service will be held on Sunday April 4 @ 6:30am. Revival is planned to be held April 18-21. Church is still having inside services w/social distancing and outside services on the radio thru 102.5 FM.

Pinnacle View continued Morning Worship Services in our fellowship hall and live streamed services on both Facebook and YouTube and had a special Valentine's Day singing featuring Jonathan Bledsoe. Honored Pastor Ronnie Chamblin on his birthday and continued holding Adult Sunday School over Zoom meeting.

Simmons Grove welcomed 2 new members this month. Sunday morning worship services were cancelled due to inclement weather and Pastor Jacob encouraged everyone to meet w/immediate family to enjoy Bible Study and fellowship. Children in Action (CIA's and Youth) had a paint party during Wed. night meeting and enjoyed their projects and also, w/the help of the 4-5 year old class, prepared and presented each member a Valentine Chocolate treat bag to show their love on Valentines Day Service. Pastor Jacob and his wife Kelby, along w/other members have provided praise music each service. God is good!

Slate Mountain is continuing to have well-attended drive-in services and collecting food for Yokefellow Ministry. Baptist Women had regular monthly meeting and drew names for Secret Sister activity for the new year. Had baby shower for Whittley McMillian; Blood Drive is scheduled for March 21 @ the Fellowship Building.

Sparta First's Worship Service is @ 10am in the sanctuary and via television in fellowship hall to accommodate social distancing, also offered via local television channels multiple times each week. Feedback as to community outreach uplifting as many are reached who could not attend regular service. Also, Bible study each Wed. at 6 pm. Nursery has been completely renovated w/new flooring and paint. Amazon registry utilized to purchase items needed. New nursery dedicated on Jan. 24. Monthly listing of items for shoe boxes accomplished. Women's Embrace assembled and distributed Cheer and Appreciation baskets for health care workers. Fabulous church cookbook available for sale, \$15; great buy. Baby bottle campaign continues in support of Pregnancy Center. Volunteering in March each year for support of Solid Rock Food Closet. Men's Bible study began in Jan.; Ladies' Bible study to begin in March. Blessings Box posted outside church with nonperishable food items and toiletries available.

**Surry Baptist Association
Financial Contributions
January 2021**

	2021 Budget Receipts To Date	Designated & Other Receipts
Albion	\$0.00	\$0.00
Antioch	\$518.93	
Bannertown	\$1,088.79	\$50.00
Blues Grove	\$0.00	
Calvary	\$125.00	
Cedar Lane	\$0.00	
Central View	\$179.02	
Christian Community	\$0.00	
Community	\$250.00	\$550.00
Copeland	\$89.90	
Cornerstone	\$0.00	
Cross Roads	\$0.00	\$100.00
Dobson, First	\$0.00	
Dover	\$0.00	\$115.00
Fairview	\$0.00	
Faith	\$0.00	
Fancy Gap	\$0.00	
Fellowship	\$0.00	
Flippin Memorial	\$0.00	
Fuente de Vida	\$0.00	
Gum Orchard	\$0.00	
Haymore Memorial	\$83.34	
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	\$80.00	
Little Richmond	\$0.00	
Mount Carmel	\$300.00	
Mount Zion	\$0.00	
Mountain Park	\$0.00	
Mountain View	\$81.12	
New Bethel	\$100.00	
New Hope	\$800.00	
New Life	\$0.00	
New Venture	\$0.00	
Oak Grove	\$0.00	
Oak Ridge	\$0.00	
Pauls Creek	\$0.00	
Pinnacle View	\$0.00	
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	\$0.00	
Sparta, First	\$1,000.00	\$250.00
Sulphur Springs	\$150.00	
Turkey Ford	\$0.00	
Union Cross	\$0.00	
Victory	\$300.00	
Welcome	\$0.00	
Westfield	\$0.00	
Westview	\$50.00	
Woodland	\$100.00	\$50.00
Woodville	\$0.00	
Other		\$3,223.00
TOTALS	\$13,946.10	\$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.

Church News continued from inside

Union Cross's 2020 was an unusual year w/trying to send our services out to our church families, meeting in the church building when possible, on Facebook and tuned in to 93.3 FM. At times meeting in the Fellowship Building parking lot and church parking lot. Revival March 7th w/Bro. Larry Adams of Rescue America Baptist Missions from North Wilkesboro. Special singing each night. A beautiful red flower arrangement was placed in the church for Valentine's Day. Welcomed special singers Brady Horton and wife for Worship Service.

Welcome has stopped Sunday School for a while but still having Worship Service @ 11am, wearing masks and social distancing. Live Streaming on Wed. nights for Bible Study. Still having Sunday night Bible Study @ the church and Live Streaming. Recent Baptism for our newest memberhas been postponed due to inclement weather. Please pray for our church and their families.

Westfield continues to have Sunday school on conference line @ 8, 9, and 10 am. Sunday school class meets in our fellowship hall @ 10am followed by Sunday morning worship service @11am also in the fellowship hall. Dr. David Long from Cana, Virginia has been delivering our Sunday morning worship service as well as our Wed. night Bible Study. Kids pizza party and a "nerf" war is on April 9. April 30 the youth will have a tentative lock-in. Summer camps for 6-12 graders to Caswell and 3-5 graders to Centri-kid @ Ridgecrest have been planned in June. To register for any of these events please visit: <https://www.westfieldbaptistchurch.org/coming-soon>

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



Baptist Men Update

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Long provided Jan. meal and had 14 in attendance with 10 churches represented. Our devotion was given by Dennis Long, who spoke on "Our gatherings and the presence of God with us during them".

Gary reported that we have built three ramps in three weeks and have two left to build and also discussed the possibility of a trip to Lumberton for disaster relief.

Our Pancake Breakfast fundraiser will be held Sat. March 20, at Calvary Baptist Church.

Please consider donating to the Surry Handyman Ministry to help fund our local projects. We have many project requests and limited funding, with your help we can continue to make a difference in the lives of those who need it most.

Next meeting is Monday, March 1 @ 6:30pm at the SBA office for a meal, this is our quarterly meeting where all wives are invited to attend. We hope to see everyone there for fellowship and a time of planning how to share God's love through our service.

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.

2020 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.

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SBA Office Hours
 Monday-Thursday.....8:30am-4:30pm
 Friday.....8:30am-1:00pm