

# The Surry Baptist Newsletter

*“Sixty-one Churches, Partners In Ministry”*



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“The very purpose of Christ’s coming into the world was that He might offer up His life as a sacrifice for the sins of men. He came to die. This is the heart of Christmas.”

– Billy Graham

**We wish you a blessed and Christ-filled Christmas!**

Dr. Dan Merritt, Director of Missions,  
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**SENIOR ADULT  
CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

**December 10 @ 11:30 am**  
*New Hope Baptist*  
**Covered Dish**

**Bring Canned food for  
Medical Ministries**



UNTIL THE GOSPEL HAS REACHED  
EVERY PEOPLE, IN EVERY PLACE  
AND EVERY LANGUAGE  
- WE HAVE WORK TO DO.

**Week of Prayer**

**December 1-8, 2024**

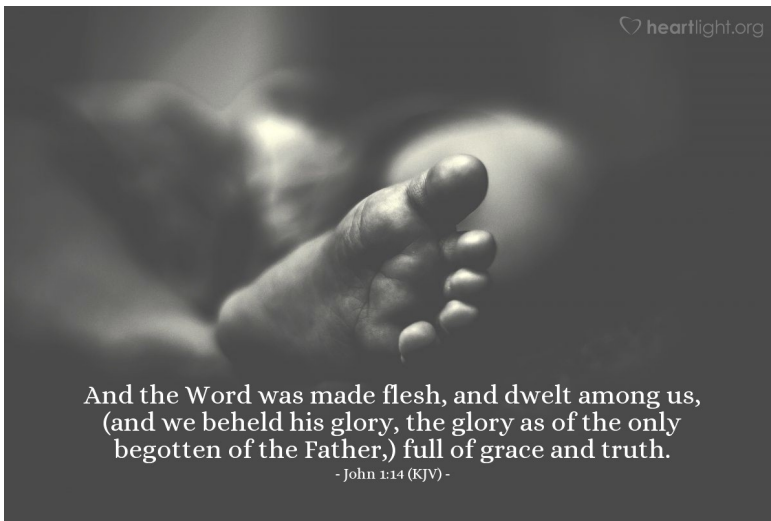
We give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering  
in honor of her work and sacrifice  
to keep our missionaries on the field.

**“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

How did December arrive so quickly on the calendar? Yet the arrival of the twelfth month of the year is wrapped in wonder! We find our thoughts turned toward the miracle of God's revelation of Himself contained in the Christmas story. The Psalmist asserts, "The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament shows his handiwork" (Ps19:1). In creation we have a natural or general revelation that declares there is a Creator. Creation is a declarative revelation of God, yet humanity needs more than a revelation that is simply declarative.

What humanity needs is an effective revelation from God. In other words, a revelation is needed that reveals the heart of the Creator who created the heavens and the earth. An effective revelation is to be understood as an act of God by which He reveals His character and nature to His creation by a specific act (s). Where can such an act of God be found?



An effective revelation is found in the person and work of Jesus Christ. At Christmas we hear the term "incarnation" meaning God became flesh and dwelt among us (John 1:14). Incarnation means the Creator clothed Himself in our flesh. He "took upon himself the form of a servant and was made in the likeness of man" (Phil. 2:7). In Christ, the Eternal Word became a Man to reveal what kind of Creator He was/is. That is the marvel of the Christmas Story; God became a man in Jesus. Jesus with assurance stated, "If you have seen me you have seen the Father (John 14:9). Christ came to give a face to "Him who is invisible" (Heb. 11:27).

The revelation of God, though, extends beyond the straw-filled manger found in the lowly stable. The revelation of God is also unfolded in the Act of the

Cross. God revealing Himself in Christ was more than just to instruct His creatures how to live but was also revealed in His death upon the cross. God revealed His heart by atoning for our sins, by redeeming. Christ did not come just to make us aware that there was a God, but to affect forgiveness for sins by His Act on the cross. In the cross we see the Act of the Creator by which He effects and bestows forgiveness, we see a God who not only provided the perfect Sacrifice needed for our sins, but in Christ was the Sacrifice. It is the Act of the cross we see the very heart of the God who created....One of redeeming love, a heart of super-abounding grace.

For those who contend the cross was no more than an unfortunate mishap where a misunderstood Jesus lost his life as a martyr, then peer in wonderment into the empty tomb. The stone was not rolled away from the entrance of the borrowed tomb to let Jesus out, but the stone was rolled away to let humanity in to see that we have a risen Savior. The resurrection of Christ was the authenticating proof that Jesus was more than a great teacher, more than just an example, more than a mere philosopher, but the resurrection confirms that He was the God-Man whose birth, death, and resurrection make it possible for sinful man to find acceptance before our holy God.

Christmas is more than celebrating the birth of a baby, but it is celebrating the birth of The Babe. But the story doesn't end there. The incarnation, the cross, and the resurrection are an unbreakable three-fold cord inseparably linked together, and when woven together make it possible for humanity to experience victory and redemption. Now that is the message of Christmas. Now that is the greatest Gift one can ever receive this Christmas.

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

Merry Christmas,  
Dr. Dan

### Backpack Update

**The Surry Baptist Association would like to thank all who participated in the Backpack Ministry. We exceeded our goal and collected over 1,780 backpacks that were distributed to 4 local schools and the Appalachian region.**





## Baptist Men Update

For our November meeting Mike Francis provided our meal. We had 10 in attendance. Our devotion was brought by Ronald Jones, who spoke on “We can’t do anything without Jesus, but when we abide in Him we can do much more.”

Our next wood splitting will be on Dec. 7th. We have 1Ramp and we are waiting on the permit. A few of our Men finished two houses in Lumberton last week.

Over 700 backpacks were delivered to the Children’s Home.

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.

The Baptist Men invite all Men and Women within the association to come join us on Monday, December 9th at 6:30pm at the Surry Baptist Association office for a meal. We hope to see everyone there for fellowship and a time of planning how to share God’s love through our service.

If your church has a men’s group or any individual interested in taking part in any of our activities, you are welcome to call Mike Francis at 336-830-1655 for more information.

# DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- Dec. 02: Mrs. B.J. Bowman (Cedar Lane)
- Dec. 10: Mrs. Kelby Hall (Simmons Grove)
- Dec. 12: Rev. Alex Martin (Calvary)
- Dec. 12: Mrs. Courtney Atkins (Antioch)
- Dec. 12: Mrs. Pansy Jessup (Christian Comm.)
- Dec. 14: Mrs. Barbara Sechrist (Oak Ridge)
- Dec. 16: Rev. Chris McMillian (Slate Mountain)
- Dec. 23: Mrs. Joan Johnson (Rock Hill)
- Dec. 23: Mrs. Debbie Thomas (New Venture)
- Dec. 24: Rev. Bill Faw (Central View)
- Dec. 26: Rev. Sean Joplin (Salem Fork)
- Dec. 27: Rev. Terry Watson (Holly Springs)



**Red Box Ministry:** Thank you for giving to the Red Box Ministry to women inmates. WMU NC prepares over 2,000 red boxes that go to eligible women’s prisons in NC. For many, it is the only gift they will receive at Christmas.

**Pure Water, Pure Love:** Thank you for giving to Pure Water, Pure Love which provides clean water for missionaries around the world.

**Medical Ministries Clinic:**

Bring food anytime to be given out for December:

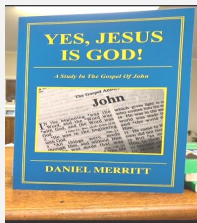
Highland Park in December.

On November 4, WMU members met at Woodland Baptist Church to join women around the world to pray for burdens and needs expressed by Baptist women in 7 continental unions. After a time of fellowship and food provided by Woodland WMU, several WMU members presented specific prayer requests and some gave personal testimonies related to mission trips they had made to some countries within continental unions. It was noted that the world day of prayer has been held since 1948. The fact that we can go straight to God’s throne on behalf of others is amazing and we thank Jesus for making direct access to God possible. “WHAT JOY” we experience when we know that the God of the universe hears us, understands us, and responds to us when we call on Him in prayer. Let us never forget to pray for our sisters around the world and to be unified in praying for those in our own community who have needs.

To God be the glory!

Carolyn

## Discipleship Training Class



### “Gospel of John”

### Part 2

- Tuesday morning: January 7 @ 10-12
- Tues. eve. Zoom Meeting: January 7 @6:30
- Thursday morning: January 9 @10-12
- Thursday evenings: January 9 @ 6:30-8:30

**Instructor: Dr. Daniel Merritt**

**Books are \$25**

**Come by the SBA office and sign up and pick up a book written by Dr. Dan**

### 2025 Calendars

**2025 Calendars are ready to be picked up for anyone wanting them. Come by the office and get 4-5 for your church.**

## Hanging of the Green Services



**Nov. 24 Community - @ 6pm**  
**Dec. 1 Dobson First - @ 6pm**  
**Hills Grove - @ 6pm Ivy Green**  
**Ladonia - @ 6pm New Hope - 7pm**  
**Dec. 5 Rock Hill @ 10:30am**  
**Dec. 8 Holly Springs**

## Programs, Plays, Cantatas, Live Nativities, etc.

**Dec. 1: Highland Park @ 6pm Westfield -Program**  
**Dec. 6-7: Westview - @ 6-8pm**  
**Dec. 7: Mount Carmel - Nativity Scene @ 10am-4pm**  
**Dec. 8: Simmons Grove - Musical @ 10am**  
**Dec. 11: Westfield - Caroling**  
**Dec. 14 Ladonia -Play @ 6pm Turkey Ford -Caroling**  
**Dec. 14-15 Community - Live Walk-Thru Nativity**  
**Dec. 15 Antioch - @ 5pm Blues Grove - @ 6pm**  
**Calvary - Cantata Cornerstone - Program @ 5:30pm**  
**Dobson First - Program @ 4pm Dover - Play @ 6pm**  
**Highland Park - Cantata @ 6pm**  
**Sulphur Springs - Program @ 6pm**  
**New Hope - Play @ 7pm**  
**Dec. 18: Calvary - Children's Play**  
**Turkey Ford - Candlelight Communion @ 7pm**  
**Dec. 20: Siloam - Drive- Thru Nativity**  
**Dec. 21 Rock Hill - Play @ 6pm Siloam - Play @ 6pm**  
**Westview - Play @ 6pm**  
**Dec. 22 Calvary - Handbells**  
**Cedar Lane - Play @ 6pm**  
**Central View - Cantata @ 11am, Play @ 6pm**  
**Dobson First - Candlelight Service @ 6pm**  
**Mount Zion - Play @ 6:30pm**  
**New Hope - Candlelight Service @ 7pm**  
**Turkey Ford - Play @ 11am**  
**Dec. 23: Welcome - Candlelight Service @ 7pm**

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**Antioch's** Well Food Ministry sent out over 200 meals in Nov. The Sisterhood teamed up w/the Well Food Ministry for Nov. Sisterhood collected items to make harvest bags and were delivered w/a Well Food Ministry Meal. They crafted handmade stockings for people in nursing homes and also hosted 2 baby showers for people in the church. They will be providing baked cookies for KAIROS River North Christian Prison Ministry and continues w/the Lunch Davis food ministry as well. Had a Hanging of the Greens Service. The Golden Autumn traveled to see the "Christmas Jubilee", at the Ruby Theater. The Youth traveled to Carolina Zipline w/30 participants. They also had a Friendsgiving to celebrate the Youth Group. Christmas play is Dec.1 @ 5pm. Taylor Vaden will have singing on Jan. 11 @7pm. Everyone is invited.

**Bannertown** Baptized three new believers. Receiving ongoing monetary donations for Baptists on Mission serving in western NC. WMU and Sunday School classes filled backpacks for Appalachian Backpack Ministry. Had Pastor Appreciation Luncheon. Senior Adults enjoyed trip to Wohlfahrt Theater for Christmas Show. Was collection site for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Youth went to Hearts on Fire Conf. in Pigeon Forge. Served Thanksgiving Meal for the comm. Receiving resumes for new part-time ministry position of Director of Evangelism & Discipleship. Send resumes by Dec. 10:Attn: Personnel Committee, 1834 Westfield Rd., Mount Airy, NC 27030.

# SURRY Christmas COMMUNITY CHOIR

*Spread the word!*  
 We have a non-denominational choir event! Make plans to attend!

**DEC 08 2024**

**Mt. Airy High School Auditorium**

**6:30PM**

MAHS is assisting Buncombe County School in their relief and recovery. Monetary donations will be accepted at the door.

### Surry Christian Counseling Center

#### Statistics for October 2024

Total Sessions Conducted =	C \$ C
Total Clients Served =	C
Client Assistance Fund Sessions =	C
Client Assistance Fund Clients Served =	C

**To make an appointment with John Shuler,**

**SBA Office will be closed  
 Dec. 20, 2024 - Jan. 5, 2025**

**If inclement weather, we will operate  
 on Mt. Airy School system's schedule.**

**Blues Grove** honored our Veterans and presented each one w/a gift. Seniors Christmas Dinner is Fri., Dec. 6, @5pm in the Fellowship Hall. Christmas Play for adults and youth is Sunday, Dec. 15 @ 6pm. WMU had monthly meeting w/light meal. Had Harvest Sale. Also made donation to NC Baptist Children's Homes and Samaritan's Purse. Christmas Play is Sunday, Dec.15 @ 6pm.

**Calvary's** Pastor Alex's sermon series for Nov. was built on the words of the Old Testament prophets. The title is 'God Says' and looks at the words that God would have us hear from these messengers. The monthly fellowship group met for a covered dish and Thanksgivings. Held business meeting to adopt our officers, teachers and budget for 2025. Held a Thanksgiving meal for a time of gratitude and fellowship. Meals were delivered to our home-bound members. Heard message from Meredith and Besweri Walujjo on their missionary work in Uganda. She is the daughter of church members. We are opening our post office to collect Christmas cards and notes for our silver circle – seniors and homebound – to share seasonal joy w/them. Christmas Cantata by our choir and praise band, along w/our drama team is Dec. 15. Our children's program is Dec.18. Handbells will play Dec. 22.

**Cedar Lane** held Pastor Appreciation in recognition of Preacher, Ed Bowman w/breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. The youth are planning a trip to Pigeon Forge over Thanksgiving weekend. Christmas play is "Christmas in Juneberry", Sunday evening, Dec. 22 @ 6pm.

**Central View** welcomed 3 more new members. Delivered \$5,050.00 check to Samaritans Purse in Boone to help w/disaster relief in N.C. Finished our backpacks for Christmas and delivered them. Had Communion. Received \$100.00 for the Red Box Prison Ministry. Delivered 86 lbs. of food to dobson food pantry. WMU did another sunshine basket. Had Veterans Day Program Christmas events are: Dec.22 @11am Cantata, "Beautiful Star" and 6pm, Christmas Play "The Biggest Gift".

**Community's Ladies Fellowship** finished their 10 week Bible study w/ potluck dinner. Thanks to Misty Quesinberry for a great study. Youth carved pumpkins. Collected supplies for our Western communities and delivered it. Several guys went to Independence VA to help w/clearing trees. Made donation to NC Baptist Men's Disaster Relief as well to 12 Oaks for the residents they took in. Had annual chicken supper prepared by men of the church for 40+ years for the community. Had service to honor our Veterans. Working w/ Siloam and Crossroads Baptist churches to distribute backpacks to Copeland Elem. School. Community Baptist was blessed to donate 90+ backpacks. Had Hanging of the Green service. Live walk-thru Nativity Scene is Dec. 14-15.

**Cornerstone's** Baptist men helped w/monthly SBA wood splitting. Helped SBA Handyman build 4 handicap ramps. Collected OCC Shoeboxes. Helped Cross Training Ministry w/a meal, serving 92 take out plates. Received special offering for NC hurricane victims. Decorated a trunk and gave out candy to Westfield Elem. Students. Fall Outreach was going into the neighborhood to hand out 9 volt batteries reminding people to set clocks back, check their smoke detectors and inviting them to church. Received the Baptist Children's Home Offering. Collecting instant potatoes for Foothills Food Panty for Christmas. Had Covered dish Thanksgiving meal. Christmas Program is Dec. 15 @5:30pm w/food following.

**Dobson, First's** Fall Extravaganza event was a big success w/over \$9,000 raised, after expenses, to fund local mission projects. Held community Thanksgiving service w/Pastor Cory speaking. Sunday, Dec.1, is "Hanging of the Green" service @ 6pm in the sanctuary. Thurs., Dec. 5 @ 6pm, is our Women's event @ Blueberry Hill Barn "Are You in the Christmas Story?" Sunday, Dec.15 is the Christmas program @ 4pm. Dec. 22 is the Candlelight service @ 6pm following by a Christmas party in the Fellowship Hall.

**Dover** had a precious soul saved. Held fall festival w/games, cake walk and bingo. WMU gave monetary gift for medical needs to a community member. Collecting plastic grocery bags for a mission project, an individual is making mats for the homeless. Collected for the NC Missions in Oct. and collecting for NC Baptist Children's home during Nov. Christmas play is Dec 15 @ 6pm, the play is written by a church member and titled "Unwrapping the Names of Jesus," w/snacks following the play. Everyone is invited to come out and worship our Lord and Saviour w/us.

**Fellowship's WOM** met @ Central Care and enjoyed refreshments w/the residents. Two of our teen-age boys provided music for everyone. Had a Senior Soup and Sandwich supper w/games and prizes. Thanks to our Senior Comm. and Social Comm. Honored Pastor Drake w/a reception. Had Trunk or Treat in Oct. Continue to deliver food boxes from Stones Throw Ministries each month. Single Seniors meet 2nd Thursday of the month @ noon in fellowship hall.

**Flippin Memorial** taking up snacks for the local hospital waiting room. Taking donations for our 2024 ministries. Held a Lady's Day at the fellowship building. As we look to the Thanksgiving Season let us always be thankful for all the Lord has done. God Bless!

**Haymore Memorial's** youth will be attending Crossroads in Gatlinburg in Jan. They will have a chili cookoff fundraiser to help w/the trip. A Christmas covered dish will be held after the worship service on Dec 15. Haymore is offering the use of the bottom floor of the church for potential use by the Mount Airy Library as a temporary location while the library is being renovated. This will last for approximately four months.

**Highland Park** recognized all our Veterans during both Sunday morning worship services in appreciation of their service to our Country. Our Willing Hands Crochet Class met. Our Joy in the Morning Support Group met and enjoyed a fall-themed lunch together. Enjoyed our annual Thanksgiving Meal and Service w/a time for reflecting on God's goodness and mercy this past year, along w/an observance of the Lord's Supper. Sunday, Dec. 1 @ 6pm, having a special Love Came Down Service, when we commemorate and celebrate the coming Christmas season. As part of the service, our Children's Ministry kids will perform a musical called Promise of Christmas. We invite everyone to join us for our Christmas Cantata, Glorious, Wonders of His Love, led by Kelsey Mathis, on Sunday, Dec. 15 @ 6pm. Our Brotherhood is receiving donations to support the Christmas Angel Tree drive. Our Youth is attending the Xtreme Winter Conference Dec. 27-29. Our WMU ladies assisted an area nursing home that took in 45 displaced persons from Hurricane Helene by providing snack foods for the residents. Made donations to the NC Baptist on Mission Disaster Relief fund in honor of our church staff during Staff Appreciation Month.

**Hills Grove** had Old Fashioned Day in Nov. w/soup lunch. WMU had meeting to discuss upcoming events. Collecting canned goods and winter clothing for WNC. Hanging of the Greens service is Sunday, Dec. 1 @ 6pm w/snacks following service. Ladies Fellowship is Dec. 4 @ 7pm @ Haley's house for gift exchange and fellowship. Sat. Dec. 7 @ 3:30pm will meet @ ES High School for the Pilot Christmas parade.

**Holly Springs** had three go to WMU National Women's Day of Prayer @Woodland. Honored our veterans w/gift cards. Handbells and chimes practicing for Hanging of the Green on Dec. 8, w/ refreshments afterwards. Children's Dowel Rod Ministry practicing. WMU helps to keep food in our Blessing Box. Planning our Walk to the Manger Sunday for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. God has been so Good to us and we Thank him!

**Ivy Green's** Wed. night Bible Study continues, "Knowing and Doing God's Will". The study is preceded by a pizza dinner @ 6:30. Donated items for the "Appalachian Christmas Backpacks" w/a total of 45 backpacks completed. Gathered around the backpacks for a prayer of dedication. Pastor Robert McCrary was recognized w/a covered dish lunch for Pastor Appreciation Month in Oct. The congregation has agreed to work w/pastors in areas that were damaged by Hurricane Helene, donating time and monies for their needs. Voted to provide food for weekend food bags for children at Cedar Ridge Elem. School. WMU has been preparing the weekly bags. Ongoing mission project is to continue to fill the "Blessing Box", for the community members suffering from food insufficiency. Messengers attended the SBA Meeting and WMU ladies prepared cakes for the dinner. Dec. events: Hanging of the Greens Service is Dec. 1, 2024.

**Jessup Grove's** choir is practicing the Christmas cantata. The Baptist women are making chicken pies to sell to fund their projects and continue fixing meals for the shut-ins and others who are sick in our church family as well as other projects. The Baptist men are helping on handicap ramps, and helped two families w/deck repairs. They assist the associational brotherhood men in splitting wood for people in the community. Various committees are working on updating guidelines for their groups for the by-laws. The youth had a "fall night" w/games and food. Several members helped w/serving the meal at the SBA annual meeting. Several people helped serve coffee, water and snacks during election day while people voted at our church. Participating in the Lottie Moon Christmas offering.

**Ladonia** celebrated Old Fashioned Day and honored our veterans w/a covered dish dinner. Had Communion service. Hanging of the Green service is Dec. 1 @6pm. Christmas Play is Sat. Dec. 14 @ 6pm. Youth meetings on 2nd & 4th Wed. nights. WMU meetings Nov. 19 and Dec. 17 @ 6pm.

**Mount Carmel's** WMU met in Nov. by ZOOM w/7 members present. Food was delivered for Oct. and Nov. to SBA office for Medical Ministry and water was also delivered to the Medical Ministry. Delivered 48 backpacks and 150 Shoeboxes. Made a donation to the Red Box ministry. Delivered Thanksgiving meals to our homebound members Nov. 27th. Brenda Westmoreland gave our program on Brazil Going w/the flow of the Holy Spirit discipleship on the river. Will have a Nativity Scene Open House on Dec. 7 @ 10am to 4pm, everyone is welcome.

**Mount Zion** was honored to have guest speaker Greg Journey as he spoke during morning worship in Oct. Love offering collected. Youth had an outing to Alpha and Omega corn maze. Everyone had a wonderful time. Trunk or Treat was held. Trunks were decorated in Biblical theme. Wed. night prayer every other Wed. and Finished Book of John. Wed. night prayer on hold for the remaining of Nov. as Christmas play practice has begun. Christmas play is 12/22/24 @ 6:30 pm.

**Mountain View** had a great turnout for Fall Festival in Oct. which included hayrides, weenie roast, games & smores. Gave a monetary donation of \$6000+ to Samaritan's Purse to assist w/the needs of WNC folks after Hurricane Helene. Veterans were recognized & thanked during church service for their willingness to serve. Sponsored an outing @Twin County Cinema in Galax, VA where 26 people enjoyed the funny & meaningful movie "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever".

**New Hope** completed Bible Study "From Glory to Glory" w/Pastor Trent Lyons. Completing our Surry Baptist Backpack ministry for this year. Disaster Relief mission team completed several projects in Spruce Pines, NC. Choir practicing for this year's Christmas Cantata. Will host the Surry Baptist Senior Adult Luncheon on Dec. 10 @ 11:30 in Church Fellowship Hall. Made and decorated Gingerbread Houses in Nov. in Fellowship Hall. Had Fellowship Breakfast & Missions meeting. Monthly meal delivery ministry was in Nov. Dec. events will include: Hanging of the Greens on Dec. 1, @ 7pm, Christmas Play Dec. 15, @ 7pm, and Candlelight Communion Service on Dec. 22, @ 7pm.

**Surry Baptist Association  
Financial Contributions  
October 2024**

	2024 Budget Receipts To Date	Designated & Other Receipts
Albion	\$0.00	\$236.00
Antioch	\$5,725.00	\$400.00
Bannertown	\$6,666.70	\$0.00
Blues Grove	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Calvary	\$1,125.00	\$375.00
Cedar Lane	\$0.00	\$0.00
Central View	\$1,531.52	\$330.00
Christian Community	\$0.00	\$0.00
Community	\$2,750.00	\$7,080.00
Copeland	\$1,221.76	\$0.00
Cornerstone	\$759.12	\$0.00
Cross Roads	\$1,000.00	\$1,200.00
Dobson, First	\$1,500.00	\$750.00
Dover	\$500.00	\$56.00
Fairview	\$8,000.00	\$1,756.00
Faith	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fancy Gap	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Fellowship	\$1,226.00	\$1,175.00
Flippin Memorial	\$800.00	\$480.00
Fuente de Vida	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gum Orchard	\$0.00	\$0.00
Haymore Memorial	\$833.31	\$92.00
Highland Park	\$7,875.00	\$4,585.00
Hills Grove	\$0.00	\$48.00
Holly Springs	\$1,050.00	\$16.00
Indian Grove	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ivy Green	\$2,470.80	\$800.00
Jessup Grove	\$4,300.00	\$952.00
Ladonia	\$800.00	\$1,200.00
Little Richmond	\$1,550.14	\$60.00
Mount Carmel	\$2,950.00	\$950.00
Mount Zion	\$850.00	\$1,036.00
Mountain Park	\$500.00	\$0.00
Mountain View	\$1,662.18	\$12.00
New Bethel	\$100.00	\$0.00
New Hope	\$800.00	\$72.00
New Life	\$622.51	\$120.00
New Venture	\$0.00	\$0.00
Oak Grove	\$750.00	\$273.00
Oak Ridge	\$2,516.70	\$2,056.00
Pauls Creek	\$1,500.00	\$80.00
Pinnacle View	\$3,000.00	\$1,716.00
Pleasant View	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rock Hill	\$4,927.00	\$292.00
Rockford	\$0.00	\$0.00
Salem	\$2,708.30	\$0.00
Salem Fork	\$5,400.00	\$2,098.11
Shoals	\$0.00	\$346.00
Siloam	\$1,000.00	\$464.00
Simmons Grove	\$4,000.00	\$1,344.00
Slate Mountain	\$1,668.00	\$0.00
Sparta, First	\$4,000.00	\$0.00
Sulphur Springs	\$1,350.00	\$88.00
Turkey Ford	\$1,500.00	\$880.00
Union Cross	\$1,100.00	\$16.00
Victory	\$600.00	\$283.13
Welcome	\$750.00	\$40.00
Westfield	\$5,873.27	\$0.00
Westview	\$500.00	\$0.00
Woodland	\$2,000.00	\$1,050.00
Woodville	\$2,400.00	\$402.00
Other		\$61,329.34
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$109,712.31</b>	<b>\$97,538.58</b>

**Church News continued from inside**

**Pinnacle View** had special singing w/"The Grindstuffs". Collected 19 backpacks for the Appalachian Backpack project. Had group that went to Burnsville NC to help distribute supplies to for victims. Sponsored Trunk or Treat event serving Hot Dogs and soup to roughly 300 people and upcycled Sunday School literature. Held annual Thanksgiving praise service w/finger food fellowship. Honored our veterans. Collected Thanksgiving meals for Pilot Mountain outreach. Participated in the Shoals Angel tree.

**Salem Fork's** Pastor Sean and piano player, Kay Hamlin, each spent a week serving w/NC Baptist Disaster Relief- one going to Burnsville and the other to Swannanoa. Welcomed Clay Leonard, speaker from NC Baptist Children's Home and took an offering to support Children's Home programs. Held a successful harvest sale to raise money for missions. Packed shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Praised God for His goodness and love at a special Thanksgiving service.

**Siloam's** Youth had a great time @ a Thanksgiving outing in Nov. Everyone enjoyed Old Fashion Day w/a covered dish meal following the service. A drive through Nativity will be held on Fri., Dec. 20. Christmas play will be held on Sat., Dec. 21 @ 6pm. "Enter the gates with Thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name." Philippians 4:6. Blessings to all during this Holiday season.

**Simmons Grove's** Children's Choir sang in Nov. during worship service. Baptist Women met for World Day of Prayer @ Woodland Baptist. Continuing our Wed. night Prayers Services and Children's Church classes. Baptist Women will prepared Shoeboxes. Had Deacon Meeting. Praise the Lord for our new roof! Had offering to support the Baptist Children's Home Annual Thanksgiving meals were provided to the Pilot Outreach Ministry. Thanksgiving Service w/Communion was held. The Adult Choir will be giving a Christmas Musical, CELEBRATE THE KING.

**Sparta First** began Oct. w/our Build The Vision Week of Prayer. Exponential Sunday followed w/the gathering of pledges, coming together as a fellowship for the furtherance of this project. Had senior trip to the Billy Graham Library.

**Sulphur Springs** had Pastor appreciation day, w/lunch in Oct. Ramp built for member. Outreach team to provide meal to Shepherds House. Christmas program, Dec.15@ 6pm. Sisters In Christ met.

**Turkey Ford** had Old-Fashioned Friends and Family Day in Nov. w/a fellowship meal. Will begin Christmas celebrations w/WMU and Church Christmas Party on Dec. 6, @ Central Cafe in Dobson. Will fill Christmas Stockings to help them reach their goal of delivering 100 Stockings to WNC. Plan to enter the Dobson Christmas Parade and visit The Farm on Dec. 7. Will go Christmas Caroling Dec. 14 and deliver Christmas Sunshine Bags to shut-ins. Candlelight Communion is Dec.18, @ 7pm. Christmas Play is Sunday, Dec. 22, @ 11am, after Christmas Breakfast Snack and Sunday School.

**Union Cross** had Pastor Appreciation Day @ Kibler Valley, VA. Pastor and wife were presented w/gifts. Christmas Program is Sunday, Dec. 8. w/refreshments after in fellowship hall. Over 600 items were collected for storm victims in NC. Raffle tickets were sold and made money for a church family. Collected items for residents @ Pruitt Health. Gospel singing in Feb.

**Welcome** had one soul saved w/baptism and joined church. Pastor Rick completed spiritual warfare series and is now teaching thru the book of Revelation on FB every Wed. around noon. Everyone is invited to our Christmas Candlelight Service Dec. 23@ 7pm.

**Westfield** welcomes three new members as well as celebrating their baptisms. Hosted a community Trunk or Treat w/the Westfield VFD. Held a Homecoming service w/a pot luck meal following as well as celebrating the Lord's Super together. Purchased supplies and filled 120 backpacks for Appalachian Christmas Backpack outreach. The WMU and youth and kids have been working hard to pack 150 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Our Golden Agers have hosted events and will continue to do so throughout the Christmas Season. We are looking forward to a family ministry event, Jingle Jam on Dec.1 and Christmas Caroling on Dec. 11.

**Westview** had 2 precious souls saved. Donations were taken for hurricane relief and will be taken to Anchor Ridge soon. Youth movie night was held. Ladies breakfast and visit to Twelve Oaks assisted Living was held in Nov. Thanksgiving meal was held after service Nov. 24. Live Nativity drive- thru is Dec. 6-7 from 6-8pm. Christmas play is Dec 21@ 6pm. Everyone is welcome to these events.

**Woodville** celebrated 111th Homecoming w/guest singers Strings of Victory and dinner following service. Collected Hurricane Helene relief items to be taken to the town of Lansing in Ashe County. Had lunch following service for Pastor Appreciation. Had Trunk O Ween also in Oct.

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**Rock Hill** provided assistance to WNC devastated by Hurricane Helena w/donated items and financially. Held our Fall Festival & Chicken Stew w/games and a hayride. Also Trunk or Treat following morning Worship. Donated Shoeboxes to Samaritan's Purse, Backpacks to the Appalachian Christmas Backpack Program & provided monetary donations to local elementary schools to assist w/winter backpacks. Had Pastor Appreciation day and our Thanksgiving lunch. Hanging of the Green service is Dec. 5 @ 10:30am, Christmas play will be Dec. 21, @ 6pm.