

# The Surry Baptist Newsletter

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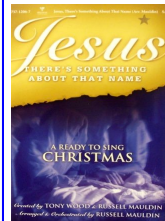
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## Surry Christmas Community Choir

**December 8th, 6:30**

**Mt Airy High School Auditorium**



Spread the word! We have a non-denominational choir event. Our director is Bobby Chilton, pianist is Beth Church, sound tech is Danny Lineberry.

Make plans to attend!

Rehearsals at 1st Presbyterian Church,  
326 S Main Street are...

Nov 24, 4:00

The final rehearsal is at the MAHS auditorium

Dec 7, 10:00 am

## World Baptist Women's Day of PRAYER:

**Woodland Baptist Church**

**NOVEMBER 4, 2024**

**6pm - Refreshments Provided**



"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

This year is disappearing faster than a scoop of ice cream on a summer day. With the arrival of November, we are ushered into the holiday season; with Thanksgiving on the horizon and Christmas only a step or two behind. It is that time of year we all look forward to when we express thanksgiving and enjoy our times together with friends and family.

In November Thanksgiving is a special time when we pause to express thanks to the Lord for His abundant spiritual and material blessings. He has graciously filled our horns of plenty. As I reflect during this Thanksgiving season, I trust you will not mind if I take a moment of personal privilege to express some things for which I am thankful. While there is much for which I am thankful, space prohibits me from naming them all.

First, I am thankful for salvation as found in Jesus Christ. I am thankful for that day, over fifty years ago, the Lord opened my blinded eyes and revealed to me the glorious Gospel and bestowed upon me His matchless grace to this undeserving sinner. I stand amazed everyday that he plucked me as a brand from the burning fire to reveal his dear Son in me.

Second, I am thankful He called me into the Gospel ministry. While His call beckoned me to preach His Word, I until this day can't comprehend why He called me to preach the unsearchable riches of His grace and put me into His service. Truly Paul was right when he said the Lord chose the base things of this world to proclaim his Word to confound the wise! The ministry has its challenges but the rewards outweigh the hard knocks.

Third, I am thankful for the amazing privilege to be the DOM of such an wonderful association. Over the last seven and a half years it has been an honor to meet so many wonderful people, to preach in so many churches, to help offer counsel when needed, and teach so many Bible classes. Words have yet to be created that would allow me to express the gratitude in my heart.

Fourth, I am thankful for the hands and feet of Jesus I have witnessed being extended in some many ways. I have seen the love of Christ reach out in help in the aftermath of hurricanes, for the Handyman Ministry, the WMU, the Medical Ministry, the Wood Ministry, the Backpack Ministry, prayers on behalf of others, and the list goes on and on. Through these ministries each SBA member serves as the extended hands and feet of Jesus ministering to a hurting people.

Fifth, I am thankful when I hear good words

spoken about the SBA from others outside our association. When I hear glowing words about the outreach of the Surry Baptist Association, I think of the words of Paul when he wrote to the church at Rome, "I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of through the whole world" (Romans 1:8). We must, however, continue to strive to be more of an impact for Christ and His Kingdom.

Sixth, I am thankful for the many who say they pray for me. Words could never be expressed what that means. I covet your prayers for physical strength, as I do battle health issues. Thankful to the Lord, I seem to be doing very well. I covet your prayers spiritually. I desire the Lord's wisdom and strength as I teach, preach, write, and counsel others. One of the greatest privileges we have as Christians is to pray for one another.

There is so much more I could write of that for which I am thankful but suffice it to say I am a most thankful to the Good Lord for His abundant blessings on me. It is my earnest prayer everyone will have a most blessed November and a most blessed Thanksgiving. If there is any way I can ever be of help to you, give me a call or stop by the office.

Serving Him Together,

Dr. Dan



**SBA Office Closed  
November 28-29, 2024  
for Thanksgiving**

# WMU News

## Medical Ministries Clinic

Give Mary Jane Shelton a call @ 336-789-5821.

Bring food anytime to be given out for November;

Woodland in Nov.; and Highland Park in December.

We accept donations anytime at the SBA and are desperately in need of groceries to help stock our pantry.

### SBA WMU News:

As we work within the new theme "What Joy" let us consider the objective that focuses on "compelled by love:. There are many ways show love to others (by this, Jesus says they will know we are His disciples). A couple of suggestions in the WMU Missions Leader handbook highlight helping widows and orphans within your church or community and encouraging social workers as they help families deal with difficult situations. Praying and making care kits for widows, orphans and social workers are ways we can show our love and support. Let's be about the business of serving others with a heart of Joy!

Hurricane relief supplies were donated and taken to Newland, NC to be distributed to the people devastated by hurricane Helene.

Thanks to all who participated!



# November Birthdays

- Nov. 7: Rev. Darryl Vestal (Copeland)
- Nov. 12: Rev. Dale Johnson (Rock Hill)
- Nov. 12: Mrs. Susan White (SBA)
- Nov. 14: Mrs. Tina Tate (Highland Park)
- Nov. 14: Mrs. Lisa Jackson (Welcome)
- Nov. 16: Mrs. Kellie Clark (Cornerstone)
- Nov. 20: Mrs. Mildred Watson (Holly Springs)
- Nov. 24: Rev. Scott Coleson (Fancy Gap)

### SBA Spring Bus Trip

Plans are underway to go to the Sights and Sound Theatre again in the Spring of 2025. We will see "Noah". Also we plan to stay 2 nights and see other attractions in the area.  
Info. to come ASAP!



*Thank You* to all who helped make the SBA Annual Meeting a Christ honoring service. A special Thanks to Mount Carmel Baptist for being such a gracious host and all who attended.

## Surry Christian Counseling Center Statistics for September 2024

Total Sessions Conducted =  
 Total Clients Served =  
 Client Assistance Fund Sessions =  
 Client Assistance Fund Clients Served =

**To make an appointment with John Shuler, Counselor, call 789-7405.**

**Volunteer receptionists needed. Call the SBA Office (789-5701) if interested.**



## Baptist Men's Report

Our October meeting, was at the Surry Baptist Association with Royce Clodfelter providing our meal. We had 10 in attendance. Our devotion was brought by Doug Perkins who spoke on "We worry about global warming, when God has everything in control including the weather since the beginning of time."

Terry discussed the backpack collection will be November 2nd, with delivery on November 8.

Gary reported that we have 4-5 ramps to do then we will try to take part in the disaster relief in western NC, which will be scheduled around our firewood ministry Saturdays.

A group will try to schedule a trip to Lumberton in November.

Our September pancake breakfast made approximately \$1,500.00 Our next firewood splitting will be on Saturday November 2.

Please consider donating to the Surry Baptist Handyman Ministry to help fund our local projects. The Baptist Men invite all Men and Women within the association to come join us on Monday, November 11th 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 of our activities, you are welcome to call Mike Francis at 336-830-1655 for more information.

Sincerely, Mike



## Drop Off Site for Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes

### Bannertown Baptist Church

#### Drop-Off Dates and Times

Monday Nov. 18 1-3pm  
 Tuesday Nov. 19 1-3pm  
 Wednesday Nov. 20 1-3pm  
 Thursday Nov. 21 1-3pm  
 Friday Nov. 22 1-5pm  
 Saturday Nov. 23 9am-5pm  
 Sunday Nov. 24 1-5pm  
 Monday Nov. 25 8-10am Truck leaves at 10am



*Please Remember to send in your Christmas Events/Activities to be posted in December's Newsletter by the 15th of November. Thank You!*



### Church News:

**Antioch** had 5 new members by Baptism and 1 new member by statement. Hosted a Fall Festival in Oct. Upward has had a blessed and successful season w/over 150 plus participants. Had an exciting and fun Awards Night @Gentry Middle school w/Joshua Anderson & Friends. The Sisterhood continues w/Lunch Davis meals, Sunshine Baskets, Shoe Ministry for students & families, Hygiene bags for the blessing box. They also hosted 2 baby showers and also continue w/ Bible/Book Study each month. The Golden Autumn traveled to Hamptonville and ate lunch at the Amish Store. The Well Food Ministry prepared and delivered 198 meals. We are currently seeking a pianist to play at the 11am Worship Service. Please call the church office for more info. @ 336-789-2057.

**Bannertown** began new Sunday night Bible studies for men and women. Resumed Good News Club after school @ Tharrington Primary. Served two drive-thru Community Meals. Senior adults enjoyed trip to Billy Graham Library. Children had pool party @ Reeves Comm. Center. Sponsored Bloodmobile. Had Trunk-or-Treat. Pastor Mickey preached @ SBA Annual Meeting.

**Blues Grove** received 2 new members by Statement. Choir sang @ Mount Vernon Baptist Church Revival in Oct. WMU prepared backpacks along w/some filled by other groups and individuals. Work on Christmas Play is in progress. Working on projects to aid WNC victims of Hurricane Helene. Pastor issued a 40 day Prayer Challenge. WMU donated from Mission Fund to Samaritan's Purse to help those affected in WNC and also prepared Goodie Bags for residents of local nursing home. Annual Harvest Sale sponsored by WMU and Youth is scheduled for Sat., Nov 23, from 9am until, w/breakfast and lunch available. Celebrated Old Fashion Day w/covered dish lunch following morning service. Steeple has been refurbished and placed back on church.

**Calvary** has been at prayer, and at work, for WNC because of Hurricane Helene. Participated w/groups taking supplies to those in need. Sending clean-up mission teams once all the initial response activities are complete. Committed to providing \$20,000 to relief efforts. Donations have already been made to Baptist on Mission Disaster Response and Samaritan's Purse. Pastor Alex's sermon series for Oct. had us consider the connection of prayer and God's Big Story through messages titled, "Immeasurably More." New Wed. night adult studies kicked off. **(Continued)**

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Voted on deacons for the next year. Blessing bags were delivered to staff @ local nursing homes. Blood drive in memory of Brent Hull collected 43 units. Collected over \$8000 to help w/backpack program @ Franklin Elem. Hand bell choir provided special music in Oct. Trunk or Treat was held. Efforts are underway for our Thanksgiving meal and for advent season, including our cantata, handbells, children's play and angel tree 'adoptions'.

**Cedar Lane** held Homecoming in Oct. Brother Roland McCraw preached the message and a meal was served in the Fellowship Hall. WMU and Baptist Men held monthly meetings. Donations were collected for areas devastated by Hurricane Helene. Our Fall Fun is was in Oct. w/a hayride and soup supper.

**Central View** had a wonderful time celebrating Homecoming w/ special singing by Billy C. Smith and Friends and a covered dish meal. Several WMU ladies attended the Fall Gathering @ Highland Park. Had Skeet Shoot w/Hotdogs for lunch. Finished backpacks for Christmas.

**Community** had one precious soul saved. Had cornhole tournament w/tailgate food. Had communion and Pastor Appreciation service. Had Old fashion Sunday w/ covered dish lunch. Had fall revival in Oct. w/Lovett Family singing on Sunday night, Mon. night w/Rev. Seth Siceloff and his family singing, Tues. night singing by Rogers family and Rev. Tommy Worth brought the message, Wed. night singing by Chad Harrison family and Rev. Tommy Wensil brought the message. Had a Fall carnival w/ different stations and covered wagon rides. Planning outdoor walk thru nativity scenes in Dec.

**Cross Roads** had service @ Richard & Jackie Collins barn for Pastor Appreciation Meal & Gift. Pledged support for Surry Baptist Men, SBC Baptist Men & Stones Throw Ministry as on going missions. Continues to collect items for Christmas Backpacks for Copeland Elem. School.

**Dobson, First** held Fall Festival in Oct. @ Dobson Square Park featuring a bounce house, games, pound cake bake off and hotdogs for all! Collected over \$21,000 dollars for Southern Baptist Men who are working in WNC on flood relief projects. Fall Extravaganza is Sat., Nov. 2 @ 6pm. There will be a catered meal followed by an auction. All monies will go to missions.

**Dover** held youth Sunday w/Rev Jesse Branch. 70th homecoming was held in Oct. w/great attendance. Common Ground presented worship thru music and had a spirit filled service w/Rev Larry Jones bringing the message. Collected NC Missions offering in Sept. Had love offering w/a match by the church for Samaritan's Purse to aid the victims in the Appalachian Mtns. whose lives were devastated by Hurricane Helene. Enjoyed a meal and bingo w/fun and fellowship. WMU members gave a monetary donation to a com. member to help w/medical needs. Prayers continue for all involved in disasters all over our country and the world. God is speaking and let us all pray the world listens. Visit anytime for a great time in the Lord.

**Fancy Gap** is having a virtual event "Prepare Him Room" Dec. 7 @ 1:30pm sponsored by the WMU, providing an opportunity to intentionally seek Jesus amid the holiday rush. Refreshments will be provided. RSVP by Dec. 1 by calling Tammy Bowman (336) 466-3322 w/number attending.

**Fellowship** had two Baptisms this past month. Observed the Lord's Supper. Pastor Drake held Revival @ Shady Grove Baptist w/ choir joining him to sing. He and his family have moved into the parsonage. Homecoming was held w/Dr. Victor Lyons and family speaking. WOM met and finalized future projects and discussed Lottie Moon week of prayer and offering. Several ladies attended Fall Gathering @ Highland Park.

**Haymore Memorial's** youth had a fundraiser w/parking for the Autumn Leaves Festival. These funds will be used for Crossroads Missions Trip in Jan. The Fall Festival is Nov 30. Donations for the Helene Flood victims were collected and delivered. The Baptist Men plan to make several trips to the flooded areas for an extended period of time. Please continue to pray for Pastor Ron and his family. Recognized our 112th Anniversary in Oct. Packing of shoeboxes will be Nov. 23 w/a Thanksgiving dinner that evening.

**Highland Park** received eight new members this past month. Children and Youth Ministries enjoyed an outing recently to The Farm in Dobson, where they enjoyed a corn maze, food, and fun activities. Children's Ministry is selling 2025 God's Creation calendars for \$10 each, contact Kelsey Mathis by calling the church for more info. Thirty-seven of our Youth and adults will be taking a trip to the Xtreme Winter Conference in Gatlinburg, TN. Youth will also be going soon to Damascus, VA, where they will be assisting w/a community event. Hosted Fall-o-ween Jesus in , Oct. w/theme The Life of Jesus, and how we can come

to Him w/our burdens because His yoke is easy (Matthew 11:28-30). Also had Appalachian Christmas Backpack Dedication Day. Over 107 backpacks were filled for area needy children to receive this Christmas. Members traveled to areas that were devastated by Hurricane Helene, helping w/Samaritan's Purse and the NC Baptist on Mission Disaster Relief organizations to give aid to victims. Our Thanksgiving meal and service is Sunday, Nov. 24th. The Explore the Bible Sunday School Class plans to assist the Pilot Mtn. Outreach organization in giving bags of food to those in need this Thanksgiving. Began filling our OCC Shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse and will have a Dedication Day for them on Nov.17.

**Holly Springs** had Five ladies go to the WMU Fall Gathering @ High-land Park. Had Pastor Appreciation Day. WMU getting backpacks ready for delivery. Began practicing Handbells and chimes. Collecting donations for WNC.

**Jessup Grove's** seniors continue to meet monthly. The choir has begun working on a Christmas cantata. Participated in the NC Missions Offering. The Baptist men helped w/the annual SBA brotherhood pancake breakfast as well as building of handicap ramps for people in the community. The Baptist men also began their annual wood cutting in Oct. and our men help w/that. They plan to replace decking for a church family. The Baptist women have begun their annual fund raiser of making and selling chicken pies to fund their projects and continue feeding our shut-ins monthly and providing meals for a family weekly. They have made several gift card donations to families w/sickness, delivered sunshine baskets to the sick, sent gift cards and cookies to the Sheriff's Dept., made a donation to the Appalachian backpack ministry, served a meal to East Surry High School football team. Church participated in the "Music in the Park" event in Pilot Mtn. Is planning a chicken stew/hot dog supper for our church family. Gathering items for the hurricane Helene victims. Youth and children continue meeting.

**Ladonia** enjoyed celebrating Pastor Appreciation w/a covered dish dinner. So blessed by God to have had Rev. Ashley Horton for a full year now after having an interim pastor for 3 years. Had hayride & chicken stew cookout in Oct. Youth meetings on 2nd & 4th Wed. nights each month. WMU meets 11/19. Regular services Sunday School 9:45am, Worship service 11am and Wed. night 7pm. Coming up in Nov.: Old Fashioned Day, Covered Dish Dinner, Breakfast & Communion service and Hanging of the Green. Come to church to find out details as they develop!

**Mount Zion** was honored to have a guest speaker from the Gideons International and an offering was collected. Book of John class continues every other Sunday night @6pm. Held a baby dedication in Sept. Wed. night prayer continues every other Wed. night @ 6 pm. Choir participated in a 5th Sunday night singing @White Rock Church in Thurmond. There was a great turnout and wonderful music! Collecting a special offering to be distributed to WNC to help the Hurricane Helene Response.

**Mountain View** gave a monetary donation to The Legacy Center to assist in their life saving work. WMU is also collecting items to help supply their store necessities. Participated in World Communion Day. Honored our pastor, Ewell Vernon, w/a catered meal on Pastor Appreciation Day. We love & appreciate Pastor Ewell & his family!

**New Hope** completed Bible Study "Looking, Ready, and Prepared" w/ Pastor Trent Lyons. Completed Community projects for Serve NC event and support for NC Baptist Disaster relief efforts in western NC. Church Choir practicing for this year's Christmas Cantata. Held Annual Trunk & Treat. Had Fellowship Breakfast & Missions meeting in Oct. Had monthly meal delivery ministry in Oct.

**Oak Grove** collected for hurricane victims and some have gone to help. Had a soup and sandwich lunch w/donations. Collecting for Food Pantry. Went to sing @ Central Continuing Care. Continuing Bible Study on Wed. nights. Will be having a Fall Festival Nov. 2 w/chicken stew and singing.

**Pinnacle View** collected socks for OCC shoeboxes. Children's Sunday school had kickoff celebration w/snacks games and Bible lessons. Honored Pastor Ronnie and wife Kay w/ special Sunday service. Began renovations on the main building lower level. Donated clothing items to Twelve Oaks for relocated residents. WMU attended the SBA WMU Fall Gathering. Donated supplies to WNC hurricane victims and contributed financially to Baptist on Mission, continued the weekly Sat. Women's Bible Study.

**Salem Fork** celebrated homecoming with wonderful preaching and fellowship; members fed the Surry Central Football team; had baby dedication; collected backpacks for Appalachian Christmas project; held new members class;

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**Surry Baptist Association  
Financial Contributions  
September 2024**

	2024 Budget Receipts To Date	Designated & Other Receipts
Albion	\$0.00	\$36.00
Antioch	\$5,152.50	\$400.00
Bannertown	\$6,000.03	\$0.00
Blues Grove	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Calvary	\$1,125.00	\$375.00
Cedar Lane	\$0.00	\$0.00
Central View	\$1,390.16	\$150.00
Christian Community	\$0.00	\$0.00
Community	\$2,475.00	\$1,900.00
Copeland	\$1,108.51	\$0.00
Cornerstone	\$598.34	\$0.00
Cross Roads	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
Dobson, First	\$1,500.00	\$750.00
Dover	\$500.00	\$40.00
Fairview	\$8,000.00	\$1,000.00
Faith	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fancy Gap	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Fellowship	\$1,098.00	\$1,075.00
Flippin Memorial	\$800.00	\$0.00
Fuente de Vida	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gum Orchard	\$0.00	\$0.00
Haymore Memorial	\$666.64	\$0.00
Highland Park	\$7,875.00	\$4,535.00
Hills Grove	\$0.00	\$0.00
Holly Springs	\$1,050.00	\$0.00
Indian Grove	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ivy Green	\$1,740.48	\$800.00
Jessup Grove	\$4,300.00	\$900.00
Ladonia	\$720.00	\$700.00
Little Richmond	\$1,426.03	\$0.00
Mount Carmel	\$2,700.00	\$900.00
Mount Zion	\$850.00	\$0.00
Mountain Park	\$500.00	\$0.00
Mountain View	\$1,517.84	\$0.00
New Bethel	\$100.00	\$0.00
New Hope	\$800.00	\$0.00
New Life	\$555.99	\$0.00
New Venture	\$0.00	\$0.00
Oak Grove	\$750.00	\$0.00
Oak Ridge	\$2,516.70	\$0.00
Pauls Creek	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
Pinnacle View	\$3,000.00	\$600.00
Pleasant View	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rock Hill	\$0.00	\$100.00
Rockford	\$0.00	\$0.00
Salem	\$2,437.47	\$0.00
Salem Fork	\$4,050.00	\$2,014.11
Shoals	\$0.00	\$250.00
Siloam	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Simmons Grove	\$4,000.00	\$1,344.00
Slate Mountain	\$1,502.00	\$0.00
Sparta, First	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
Sulphur Springs	\$1,350.00	\$0.00
Turkey Ford	\$1,500.00	\$800.00
Union Cross	\$1,100.00	\$0.00
Victory	\$600.00	\$219.13
Welcome	\$750.00	\$0.00
Westfield	\$5,061.92	\$0.00
Westview	\$450.00	\$0.00
Woodland	\$1,800.00	\$900.00
Woodville	\$2,400.00	\$340.00
Other		\$54,115.34
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$97,317.61</b>	<b>\$75,743.58</b>

\*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**

Children's team sponsored Trunk or Treat; held annual Harvest Sale w/home canned goods, baked goods, and crafts; welcomed a speaker from the Baptist Children's Home.

**Siloam** had 9 new members to join the first Sunday in Oct. Our new church year is off to a great start. Had church cleanup day along w/a breakfast provided by the Carter's. Had 124th Homecoming was in Oct. Everyone enjoyed the service and the meal. YWOM nut sale was a success. Thanks to all who purchased nuts to help w/ community mission projects. Fall Revival was held 3 Sundays in Oct. First, Rev. Jacob Flippin of Northside Baptist C, Then, Rev. Mike Goodwin from Fall Creek Baptist, and the last Sunday night, Rev. Josh Sechrist from Fellowship Baptist Church w/special singing each night. Sunny Seniors enjoyed a day out at the NC State Fair. Trunk or Treat was held on Halloween night. Pastor appreciation day was held in Oct. We are very thankful for our pastor, Jarred Seal and his wife, Marinda Seal. Siloam now has T-Shirts, Sweatshirts, and hats to order. Backpack ministry is under-way. Poinsettias are available to order for Christmas in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Signup sheets available in the church vestibule. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

**Simmons Grove's** Baptist Women met in Oct. to discuss the Shoebox ministry and Mission projects for aid in the relief of the WNC Hurricane victims. Deacon's met in Oct. Building and Grounds committee discussed a new roof for the church. Voted on the 2025 church budget in the Oct. conference. Elected 2 new deacons for the 2025 church year. Supplied donations to victims in Ashe County, NC. The choir has begun practice of the Christmas Cantata. The Messengers of the church met @ Mt. Carmel for SBA Annual meeting. Observed Trunk or Treat in Oct. Celebrated HOMECOMING w/ special guest speaker, Rev. Dale Wallace and special music from the Choir, followed by lunch in the fellowship Hall.

**Sparta First's** Wed. night meals resumed, as well as the "Kingdom Kids" opportunity for K-5 graders. The soup kitchen program, new member classes, senior adult program continue, as well as implementation of our new greeter program. Our highlight, though, was our Build The Vision prayer night and our Build The Vision banquet as we embark on our much-needed church expansion program, followed by our Build The Vision week of prayer. Joyously, we can report that every single activity was a huge success!

**Sulphur Springs** had one precious soul accept the Lord. Had Homecoming w/special singing with dedication of new shelter. Monthly community meals. Offering received for Western NC. Collecting items monthly for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. Had Truck or Treat. Handicap ramp built for people in the area. Had blood drive w/22 pints of blood donated.

**Turkey Ford** had Several members make a day trip to Boone, NC, after Helene, and assisted a church w/cooking, serving, and delivering meals. Prepared treat bags gave out at "Trunk or Treat". Had Fall Gathering and Chicken Stew, hosted by the Fulk Family. Gave Bibles and Stuffed Animals to David and Kathy Parsons, NAMB missionaries, for their ministry. Will have International Mission Study for Adults and for Children in prep. for Wk. of Prayer and LMCO. Plans are underway for Christmas party, projects, program, and entry into Dobson Christmas Parade.

**Welcome** collected school supplies for school teachers. Held Halloween Trunk or Treat, Held special singing in Oct. w/the Robertsons. Pastor Appreciation Lunch was in Oct. Thanks to all who visited with us for our Homecoming.

**Westview** had 2 precious souls saved. Pastor appreciation day was held in Oct. for pastor James. Baby dedication was held in Oct. Trunk or Treat was held on Oct. 31st. Nativity drive thru to be held Dec 6-7th from 6-8pm. Christmas play to be held Dec. 21st @ 6 pm. All welcome to these events. We thank God for the opportunity to take much needed food and supplies to Lansing and Creston NC. Also to go out on ATV'S and talk and pray w/those affected. Continued prayers for all in western NC.

**Woodville** celebrated 111th Homecoming with guest singers Strings of Victory and dinner following service. Collected Hurricane Helene relief items and took to the town of Lansing in Ashe County. Had lunch following a service in Oct. for Pastor Appreciation. Had Trunk O Ween Oct. 31.

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