



# THE SURREY BAPTIST NEWSLETTER

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## Winter Gathering "Breakfast"

for WMU Directors and  
Pastors' Wives

February 18  
9:00 - 11:00 am  
SBA Resource Center

### "Have You Left Your First Love"

The program highlights one area of the  
overall WMU theme : "Hope in Christ"  
by looking at our being genuine in love.

During the program, participants will  
have the opportunity to evaluate the  
extent they give Jesus their heart, soul,  
and mind.

- Delicious breakfast prepared by the WMU Council.
- Time of fun and fellowship.
- Call the SBA Office (336-789-5701) to register by February 9.

If you have never attended this  
breakfast, please come!

**Sponsored by the WMU Council**



Senior Adults  
Fellowship  
February 14  
@ 11:30  
Welcome Baptist

Covered Dish  
Luncheon w/fun  
and games.

Bring a canned food item for  
our Food Pantry.

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Feb. 7: Dr. Joey Jessup (Victory)  
Feb.14: Rev. Scott Schuyler (Mount Carmel)  
Feb.15: Rev. Jeff Wall (Cross Roads)  
Feb.21: Rev. Ronnie Chamblin (Pinnacle View)  
Feb.26: Mrs. Joy Wall (Cross Roads)

"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

Where did January go? February has arrived seemingly unannounced. In February we turn our thoughts to Valentine's Day. It is a day we express our love to those who are dear to us. But should we not express our love to those who have enriched our lives more than once a year? Jesus even commanded us to love beyond our circle of familiarity.

Our English word for "love" is not expansive in its meaning. The Greeks had four words for love that covered the scope of human experience. There was the love for a friend (phileo), erotic love (eros), love for family (storge), and God's unconditional love (agape).

Agape, of course, is the noblest word for love in the Greek language. It is a love that is not kindled by the merit or worth of its object, but it originates in the very nature of God. It is a love that keeps on loving even when the one to whom it is extended is unresponsive, unkind and unworthy. It is unconditional love. Such love is demonstrated in God giving Christ for our sins. It is such love that has been shed abroad in our hearts and has been deposited within us, which we are to share. While the demonstration of such love is contrary to our sinful nature, it is the love which, as Christians we are called to display in our lives as we interact with one another.

What is the nature of such love? Paul describes the nature of true Christian love in the beautiful passage found in I Corinthians 13:4-7: "Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, [thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."

One might say, "To practice and display such love is difficult." Without question it is hard. Our sinful nature wants too often to display just the opposite type of love which should flow from our lives. If we could love with agape love on our own, we would not need Christ. But to love as Christ loved, we must abide in Him, look to Him, pray to Him and stay surrendered to Him. O, how we need to be bathed in such love that it might be witnessed before a watching world. If we truly showed such love to one another and the lost, what an impact it would have on those searching for the answers to life.

The Roman Emperor Hardin (76-138 AD), wanting to bring charges against the early Christians, sent out a spy to infiltrate their midst to dig up some "dirt" on the followers of Jesus and have them arrested. The spy upon returning to Emperor Hadrian was asked what he learned and what he discovered. The report given to the emperor has echoed down through history, "Behold, how they loved one another."

How often do we hear such words today from those outside the four walls of the church or for that matter from within the church? May the prayer and longing of each Surry Baptist be to hear those words again.

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

Serving Him Together,  
Dr. Dan



Let me say "Thank You" to Surry Baptist member for your love, support, and encouragement over the last six years. On February 1, 2017, I began as interim Director of Missions then later by the orchestrating hand of the position became fulltime. The last six years has been a joy, privilege and honor to be your Director of Missions. I always count it a privilege to stand in the pulpit of so many churches and preach the inspired Word. It is an honor to be entrusted with responsibility. The friends made, the fellowship enjoyed, the privilege to help those seeking counsel, and a myriad of other encounters has enriched my life. While there have been some detours along the way, the Lord has richly blessed the last six years. It is a privileged honor to be part of the best association in North Carolina. It is trusted we can share many more years together. As Tiny Tim says at the end of the movie Scrooge, "God bless us, everyone."

Dr. Dan



## Baptist Men Update

For our January meeting, we met at the Surry Baptist Association with Calvary Baptist Church providing our meal. We had 14 in attendance and 9 churches were represented. Our devotion was brought by Tom Hill.

Gary discussed the projects we have to do.

We will be having a Pancake Breakfast at Calvary Baptist Church on March 18th.

Our next wood splitting will be held on February 4th.

Mike thanked everyone for all their support and dedication this year in making our projects a reality to many that badly needed them. And he is looking forward to having the group be a blessing this year to many more and hoping the group grows for this new year of service.

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, February 6th at 6:30pm at Surry Baptist Associational 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.

### Surry Christian Counseling Center Statistics for December 2022



Total Sessions Conducted = 55  
Total Clients Served = 45  
Client Assistance Fund Sessions = 29  
Client Assit. Fund Clients Served = 22

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:

**Bring food anytime to be given out for February. For 2023: Antioch in Feb.; Jessup Grove in March; Dobson 1st in April; Flippin Mem. in May; Turkey Ford in June; Highland Park in July; Cross Roads in Aug.; Dover in Sept.; Salem Fork in Oct.; Woodland in Nov.; and Highland Park in Dec.**

## 2023 NC Baptist Foundation Scholarships

Applications for these scholarships are online, and were open as of January 1, 2023 and will remain open until the close of business on February 15th, 2023. More detailed information can be found on each scholarship at:

<http://ncbaptistfoundation.org/scholarships>

### Bullard Family Scholarship:

Be committed to preparing for full-time Christian ministry.

Be a member (or parents are a member) of a church affiliate

with the Baptist State Convention of NC.

Award ranging between \$500 minimum and \$2,500 maximum.

### Martha Watson Scholarship:

Be full-time student at any institution of higher education.

Be a member of a church affiliated with the Baptist State Convention of NC.

Award ranging between \$500 minimum and \$2,500 maximum.

### Luther H. Butler Scholarship:

Be a full-time student at a NC Baptist related University.

Be a member of a church affiliated with the Baptist State Convention of NC.

Award ranging between \$500 minimum and \$2,500 maximum.

### Mildred France Thomas Music Scholarship:

Be a music major with an interest in piano and / or organ as your medium.

Be a member (or parents are a member) of a church affiliated with the Baptist State Convention of NC.

Award ranging between \$500 minimum and \$2,500 maximum.



**February 20**  
**@ 6:30pm**  
**SBA Office**

- Classes will be non theme specific
- Craft samples and theme ideas for all age groups.
- A sample of various VBS materials will be available for viewing. VBS
- Directors will be able to order their materials that night to be shipped to the SBA Office. (Bring your church account number.)

If Pastor & VBS Director attend, your church will be entered for a drawing for a special VBS item! Must be present to win!

### Pray for our Churches Without Pastors

<p><b>Haymore Memorial</b></p> <p><b>Fancy Gap</b></p> <p><b>Fellowship</b></p> <p><b>New Life</b></p> <p><b>Fuenta De Vida</b></p> <p><b>Jessup Grove</b></p>	<p><b>Little Richmond</b></p> <p><b>Westfield</b></p> <p><b>Ladonia</b></p> <p><b>Pleasant View</b></p> <p><b>Oak Grove</b></p> <p><b>Salem</b></p>
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## Pastor's Mark Your Calendars!

**Pastor's Luncheon**  
**February 7 and March 7**  
**11:30 @ Libby Hills**

## Upcoming Missions *in 2023*

As soon as you are aware of mission trip opportunities in your church, let the SBA Office know so that we can begin praying for you and help connect other folks to your mission team if you have openings.

We will be posting these opportunities to our website: [surrybaptist.org](http://surrybaptist.org).

## 2023 Calendars

Copies of the 2023 Calendars are ready to be picked up at the SBA Office. Have someone from your church come by and pick up your church's copies if you have not already done so.



### The Surry Baptist Newsletter

**Antioch** continues w/Worship Services on Sunday @ 8:30 11am. Sunday School @ 9:45am. Wed. night bible study @ 6:30pm. Awana Clubs 6:30pm and Youth @ 6:30pm. All Worship Services and Bible Study can be viewed on Facebook Live. Please Join us! Youth traveled to Gatlinburg for Winter Extreme. There were 17 in attendance. Youth also hosted a delicious Spaghetti Supper fundraiser w/great success. Thanks to everyone that participated. Sisterhood held a Blood Drive and surpassed their goal. Thank you to everyone that helped to run the blood drive, or for those that gave blood. The Sisterhood continues w/the Lunch Davis Project each month. They also started a new Bible/Book Study. "Lazarus Awakening". The Golden Autumn met and played Bingo and traveled out to eat for lunch. The Well Food Ministry delivered out 166 meals in Dec. Stared new discipleship classes on Wed. nights. They are titled, "Not a Fan", "Calm Parenting", & "How to Study Your Bible."

**Bannertown's** Pastor Mickey is finishing sermon series on the life of David. Had Special Business Meeting to discuss replacing sanctuary roof. Continued Good News Club on

Tues. @ Tharrington Primary School. Began Missionary Fund to support Pastor Chad Hooker in WV and Pastor Wilson in Kenya. Provided two community meals in Jan.

**Blues Grove** had 1 profession of faith and received 8 new members. Working on several building improvements. Youth planning Feb. trip to The Ark in KY. Had Sunday night joint Church service w/Community Baptist Church and New Hope Baptist Church. Taking orders for new Church shirts.

**Cedar Lane** held a 2nd performance of the Christmas play, "A Cricket County Blizzard" on New Years Day. The congregation celebrated pastor Ed Bowman's birthday w/a meal and evening of bowling. A sign was placed on our new playground in memory of Brother Gilmer Peele. Services and Bible Study continue to be available on Facebook.

**Community** had 2 new members to join our congregation. Donated 100 backpacks to the SBA backpack ministry. Fruit baskets given to shut-ins. Senior Saints enjoyed breakfast @ Central Cafe. Had 4th Sunday night combined service w/ Blues Grove and New Hope Baptist Churches. All ages enjoyed game night w/ refreshments.

**Cross Roads** renovated the inside painting the sanctuary w/services being held in fellowship building for a couple of weeks. Continued services inside as well as Facebook live 11am Sunday mornings as well as 7pm Bible study Wed. night.

**Dobson First** had a believer baptized on Jan.1. Celebrated the ordination of two newly elected Deacons. Pastor Cory is leading a series of sermons on "The Seven Disciples of the Early Church" from the gospel of Acts. L252 resumed second semester w/60 attending the first session. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal was met. Pastor Cory is introducing a "Bible in a Year" study plan for 2023. Welcomed Camden Kendrick, new Youth Director, who began his position on Jan. 2.

**Dover's** Christmas play was held w/good attendance and refreshments afterwards, Pastor, youth and seniors were given gift from church. Made a donation to the Give A Kid A Christmas project w/Graham Atkinson and Sheriff Hiatt. Had New Years Eve Watch Night service w/several preachers bringing a message of hope for the new year. Refreshments were served afterwards. WMU project for month was monetary donation to the Surry Co Schools student assistance pro-gram. Working on new picnic shelter for church gatherings. Received a donation of refrigerator, stove and dishwasher from Terry Hutchens family and will be donating the old appliances. May God bless each church in 2023 and see increased harvest for our work.

**Fairview's** Pastor Billy resumes Revelation study during Sunday morning worship. Opportunity for all ages to participate in Bible study and choir on Wed. evenings @ 6pm. Church-wide Souper Bowl Sunday, Feb. 12, blitz for canned food for Foothills Food Pantry. WMU continues to collect specific items each month for Appalachian Backpacks. Prayer shawl and prayer quilt ministries are back in full swing, as well as Baptist Men and Embrace.

**Fellowship** celebrated Christmas w/a cantata and worship service Christmas Day. Exceeded their Lottie Moon offering goal. Began a new bible study series called "Wisdom Wednesdays". Welcomed Rev. Todd Payne of Hopegivers International on New Year's day. Had a "Beans and Greens" luncheon.

**Flippin Memorial** had yearly planning meeting to plan missions for the new year. WMU also met to plan their missions for the new year, and are planning a new bible study focus starting in Feb. We are praying this year for our Missionaries. We are excited to see what the Lord has in store for the new year. God Bless!

**Highland Park** welcomed five new members. Sunday School continues to grow, and we have been blessed w/a 36.9% increase in the total number enrolled during the past few weeks, which is the highest number recorded since the Pandemic. Exceeded our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal this year, and praise God for the generosity of all those giving to support our missionaries in the foreign field. Participated in Lifeway's Jan. Bible Study from the book of Ephesians, w/different men teaching each of the eight sessions. WMU has been busy w/projects such as making "washcloth kits" for area nursing homes, transporting 60 bags of food from the SBA to Surry Medical Ministries, and preparing 23 large, family-size chicken pies for sick and elderly members of our church. Will observe Baptist Women's Day Feb. 19, including an all-ladies choir. A team of 9 individuals went on a mission trip w/Uttermost Evangelism. Enjoyed taco soup and all the fixings for our monthly Fellowship Meal in Jan.

**Hills Grove's** WMU met for devotions, prayers and making a bird feeder w/the help of the Surry extension lady w/the children also in attendance. Thank you Teri Stewart for getting this together!

**Holly Springs** is rejoicing and praising the Lord for six new members added to our church family. Had "Walk to the Manager for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Bringing non-perishable food items for our Blessing Box. Having "Souper Bowl" on Super Bowl Sunday after the Worship service. New playground equipment has arrived. Our youth have a year long "Change for a Purpose" on going. They are collecting change each Sunday for a year and the money will go to mission work. Putting together a "Basket for Baby" for one our members expecting. God Is So Good!

**Indian Grove** received one new member by statement of faith and baptism. Observed Baptist Men's Day w/the men teaching Sunday School and doing the preliminaries for the worship service. Guest singer Jonathan Bledsoe brought a message in song at our Worship Service. Afterwards the Ladies Circle prepared a delicious Soup-n-Sandwich lunch for every-one. Observed Communion. Had quarterly business meeting in Jan.

**Ivy Green's** Wed. night Bible Study is the 2nd and 4th Weds. @ 7 pm, pizza supper is @ 6:30. Sunday services are being live streamed each Sunday. Security cameras have been installed at the church. Renovations have been completed: new carpet laid in the upstairs and sanctuary, painting the sanctuary and upstairs, new flooring laid in the downstairs rooms and new lighting installed. The mission project for Dec. was to provide food for the "Blessing Box". The mission project for Jan. is to bring soup and crackers for the Foothill Food Pantry. Enjoyed a fellowship lunch of soup and sandwiches in Jan., following the morning service. Ongoing emphasis is on feeding the community as the "Blessing Box" is being filled and being used.

**Jessup Grove's** children presented a Christmas play and the choir presented a cantata w/a time if food and fellowship afterwards. Participated in the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. Provided backpacks filled for Christmas for a local elem. school. Provided 40 hygiene bags for the Westfield Fire Dept. to hand out to folks in the community. The senior group met for a time of food, a devotion, games and fellowship. Began using a new website for the church. Baptist men helped w/the SBA men's wood cutting and building of handicap ramps. The Baptist women continue making chicken pies to sell as their fund-raiser. They gave a donation to Lottie Moon, provided two children w/gifts for Christmas through the Salvation Army, gave a donation to the SBA food pantry, donated leggings to East Surry for the female students to use, as needed, gave out several sunshine baskets and gift cards to people who were sick or had surgery. The children continue meeting on Wed. evenings and the youth meet, as well, the third Sunday of each month.

**Ladonia** holds services Sunday morning @ 10am Sunday School & 11am Worship Service; Wed. night 7pm; and special evening service is held on 4th Sunday of the month @7pm w/guest pastor and singers. We are still seeking a full-time pastor. WMU met. Charitable donations sent to Dunmore Plantation, Lottie Moon & local needy family.

**Mount Carmel's** WMU met in Jan. by zoom w/six members in attendance. Donated 118 shoeboxes. Continue to donate food to SBA and water to the Medical ministry. Susan continues to serve Latte's and all donations go to Lottie Moon and other Missions. Delivered Christmas cards in the church w/postage donations to Lottie Moon. Treats were delivered on Christmas day and a special thank you to Gary Harold for all that hard work and donations. Making plans for Heck Jones offering in Feb. and preparing gift bags for 3rd floor skill nursing and homebound members for Feb.14. Brenda Westmoreland presented our program "Like a Weaned Child".

**Mountain View** gave donations to Cedar Ridge Weekend Backpack Program, Yokefellow Ministries & Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Held Christmas Eve Communion Service by using prefilled communion cups w/wafers. Fellowship meetings are held the third Friday of each month; all are invited to attend.

**Pinnacle View** delivered Poinsettias to widows and shut inns after Christmas. Held communion and continued adult large group and children's Sunday school. Pastor and wife celebrated their 60 wedding anniversary.

**Rockford** has struggled w/our share of illness. Almost everyone in our congregation including myself has been set back w/either the flu, covid or colds of some sort. The winter always brings challenges health wise but our faith in Christ has always and will always be our anchor in times of storms. On a positive note someone anonymously donated \$7,000 to replace our 30 year old roof this spring. We also are adding 1 church name a week in our bulletin that is without a pastor to pray that God will bring them the best man for their church. Will celebrate communion followed w/fellowship and a pot luck meal. Together we are stronger!

**Rock Hill** met our goal w/Lottie Moon Offering. Pastor Dale is scheduling a Sunday for Baptisms. Youth had movie night and popcorn in Jan.

**Salem Fork** Exceeded Lottie Moon Offering goal. Several members continued programs for residents at the Shepherd's House. Held new members classes. Hosted the SBA quarterly meeting. Pastor Sean begin sermon series on the 10 Commandments. Spark of Hope clothes closet for Foster families began collection of new/unused clothes for children in need. WMU made project plans for 2023.

**Surry Baptist Association  
Financial Contributions  
December 2022**

	2022 Budget Receipts To Date	Designated & Other Receipts
Albion	\$500.00	\$0.00
Antioch	\$6,353.16	\$200.00
Bannertown	\$8,000.04	\$0.00
Blues Grove	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Calvary	\$1,500.00	\$600.00
Cedar Lane	\$0.00	\$0.00
Central View	\$1,917.50	\$210.00
Christian Community	\$0.00	\$0.00
Community	\$3,000.00	\$2,280.00
Copeland	\$1,577.28	\$0.00
Cornerstone	\$944.99	\$1,100.00
Cross Roads	\$1,000.00	\$700.00
Dobson, First	\$3,000.00	\$1,550.00
Dover	\$500.00	\$30.00
Fairview	\$8,000.00	\$1,565.00
Faith	\$83.34	\$0.00
Fancy Gap	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Fellowship	\$6,793.00	\$1,230.00
Flippin Memorial	\$3,200.00	\$620.00
Fuente de Vida	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gum Orchard	\$0.00	\$0.00
Haymore Memorial	\$1,000.00	\$32.00
Highland Park	\$10,500.00	\$525.00
Hills Grove	\$600.00	\$50.00
Holly Springs	\$1,400.00	\$700.00
Indian Grove	\$600.00	\$0.00
Ivy Green	\$2,390.48	\$100.00
Jessup Grove	\$3,000.00	\$416.00
Ladonia	\$960.00	\$1,164.00
Little Richmond	\$1,882.52	\$48.00
Mount Carmel	\$3,900.00	\$550.00
Mount Zion	\$850.00	\$40.00
Mountain Park	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Mountain View	\$1,877.45	\$0.00
New Bethel	\$100.00	\$0.00
New Hope	\$800.00	\$6,000.00
New Life	\$661.18	\$80.00
New Venture	\$0.00	\$0.00
Oak Grove	\$750.00	\$0.00
Oak Ridge	\$4,965.31	\$64.00
Pauls Creek	\$1,200.00	\$80.00
Pinnacle View	\$3,000.00	\$448.00
Pleasant View	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rock Hill	\$4,778.00	\$80.00
Rockford	\$500.00	\$0.00
Salem	\$3,187.50	\$880.00
Salem Fork	\$5,400.00	\$0.00
Shoals	\$2,785.00	\$282.00
Siloam	\$2,000.00	\$635.00
Simmons Grove	\$4,086.40	\$1,268.00
Slate Mountain	\$1,994.00	\$0.00
Sparta, First	\$4,000.00	\$0.00
Sulphur Springs	\$1,650.00	\$0.00
Turkey Ford	\$2,000.00	\$830.00
Union Cross	\$1,200.00	\$16.00
Victory	\$1,200.00	\$260.00
Welcome	\$600.00	\$24.00
Westfield	\$7,928.04	\$30.00
Westview	\$600.00	\$0.00
Woodland	\$1,350.00	\$550.00
Woodville	\$2,400.00	\$340.00
Other		\$43,054.01
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$139,465.19</b>	<b>\$69,631.01</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.

**SBA Office Hours**  
**Monday-Thursday.....8:30am-4:30pm**  
**Friday.....Closed**

**Church News continued from inside**

**Simmons Grove's** Baptist Women met in Jan. to discuss mission projects for 2023. Monthly meeting of Deacon's w/church conference was held. Church Child Safety Committee met. Brotherhood of the church had breakfast meeting to discuss yearly mission projects. The messengers of the church attended the SBA quarterly meeting @Salem Fork. 5th Sunday visiting speaker for our worship service was Rev. Wes McGarry. Happy New Year to all our local churches. "The Lord bless and keep you!" .... Numbers 6:24

**Sparta First** opened the month w/the Singing Christmas Tree presentation, followed by the Equip Women's Gathering the following weekend. Growth of our church has required expansion of our nursery program as well as new member classes as we welcome our new members. The Wednesday night meal, Bible study, and prayer time is enjoyed in the middle of each week w/great fellowship and eye-opening Bible studies. Foremost was our celebratory Christmas worship as we praised God from whom all blessings flow. We are truly blessed.

**Turkey Ford's** Pastor Steven led us through the David Jeremiah Sermon Series "Why The Nativity?" Andrew Fulk constructed and erected a Blessing Box on site as his Eagle Scout project. Sunday School and Worship Services continue @10am and 11am on Sunday in church, and on Zoom for those who cannot attend. The Youth have Bible Study on Tues. (see social media for details). Bible Study for Adults and for Children is held on Wed. @7pm w/Adult Study on Zoom also.

**Union Cross** members enjoyed going through the community Christmas Caroling to sick and shut-ins. They handed out gifts w/good cheer and smiles. Pastor is planning a Spring Revival.

**Welcome** received 4 new members. Pastor Jackson is continuing his Facebook Bible study each Wed. @ 12pm. Welcome invites everyone to 10am Sunday School. Special service on Jan. 29 w/visiting missionary from International Mission Board covering France and Africa.

**Westfield's** WMU met. Several members attended the senior adult luncheon @ Faith Baptist Church. Had a business meeting and WMU and Missions prepared a meal for all those that attended. Enjoyed a Christmas presentation by the Journeys. We worked w/WVFD on their Christmas Toy Drive. Had a Christmas Day Service. WMU took care of the Lottie Moon Post Office. All postage from the Christmas cards went to Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Had movie night. We will be showing an episode each night of The Chosen. Rev. Jimmy Lancaster has invited the church to read through the Bible in the New Year.

**Westview** had our yearly special men's and women's meeting w/a soup supper. A good time and fellowship was had by all. Looking forward for all God had in store for 2023. Happy and Blessed New Year to all.

**Upcoming Missions in 2023**

As soon as you are aware of mission trip opportunities in your church, let the SBA Office know so that we can begin praying for you and help connect other folks to your mission team if you have openings.

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

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