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# The Surry Baptist Newsletter



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



### 2025 SBA Christmas Choir

**"HE SHALL REIGN FOREVERMORE"**

by, JAY ROUSE

Rehearsal: Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> 10am

**Christmas Concert:**

**Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 pm**  
**Salem Baptist Church of Dobson.**



### Thanks to All Who Gave



Thanks to all who participated in the Appalachian Backpack Ministry sponsored by NC Baptist on Mission and all who assisted at the collection site.



Approximately 30 churches participated and several individuals.

**Surry Baptist Association collected over 1770 backpacks.** Your compassion for making a brighter Christmas in many young lives is truly appreciated. We will pray that many will come to accept Christ through this ministry. God Bless, Terry Hardy

"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

While the last month of the year arrives with the chilly shadow of winter lurking near, there can be heard the warmth of a song of celebration that a Savior has visited earth. The festive season of Christmas finds us focusing on the hope of the Holiday and allows us to temporarily escape the chaos and confusion that life can often bring. The Christmas story reminds us that, despite our circumstances, God remains on the throne and is sovereignly in control of His universe.

God had promised through the Old Testament prophets a Savior, but the pages of history began to pile higher and higher, but no Savior. Then one day, an angel appears to a young maiden named Mary, informing her that she would bear the Christ Child. While Mary was living in Nazareth, the prophet Micah foretold that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem. How is that going to happen, for Mary and her fiancé, Joseph, have no intention of going to Bethlehem? Joseph has an established carpentry business in Nazareth, and a trip to Bethlehem is not on his agenda.

Well, in the Providence of God, Caesar Augustus, oblivious to the visit of the angel to Mary, following the way of all rulers, decides to enact a census for the purpose of taxing the people of the Roman Empire. Mary and Joseph, both being from the House of David, are required to go to Bethlehem to register for the census. Mary, who had no intention of going to Bethlehem when the angel had visited her nine months earlier, finds herself in her final month of pregnancy as they begin the trip. As the couple arrives in Bethlehem, Mary gives birth to the Christ Child, fulfilling the prophecy of Micah 5:2. Caesar had no clue when he enacted the decree to take a census that he was a pawn in the Hand of a sovereign Lord who was arranging and moving events in place to fulfill His Word. Events that appeared unrelated to man were ordained by the One who sits on the throne of the universe, directing events to bring about the realization of His promise.

Isn't that the essence of the story of Christmas? God has not forgotten us. As Emmanuel, He is with us. His presence is always among us. Christmas reminds us that the Hand of God is always working behind the scenes, arranging events and circumstances to fulfill His will in our lives and in world affairs. As Christians, our lives are not a series of "accidents" and coincidences, but our Sovereign Lord is always working on our behalf, even when we can't see it and we don't understand.

The message of Christmas is that we are never alone, our Lord is present with us and walks with us daily. The message of Christmas is that our Lord is never inactive in our lives! The message of Christmas is that the Lord births hope in our midst, even in our darkest hour. In the nights of our life, the glory of the Lord shines round about us, assuring us that a Savior has penetrated the darkness of our every night with His glorious Light.

Our response to the Sovereign of the universe should be the same as the humble shepherds, bowing before Him in worship and adoration. Even though the shepherds had plenty of questions swirling in their hearts as they made their way from the manger back to their flocks, they knew in their hearts the God of eternity had invaded time and He had invaded their lives. Christmas reminds us once again, our transcendent God clothed Himself in our flesh to walk among us.

As we come before Him in worship, we arise to never be the same again. The God who spoke the worlds into existence has indeed invaded time and is in the midst of every circumstance we experience and every pain we endure. Christmas is about a promise kept by holy God and the promise that He will never leave nor forsake us. O, what a Savior.

As we come to the end of another year, it is a privileged honor to be your Director of Missions. If I can ever be of help to you, stop by the office or give me a call.

Merry Christmas,  
Dr. Dan



But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.

**Micah 5:2**





## Baptist Men Update

For our November meeting, we met at Surry Baptist Association and Gary and Angela Cox provided our meal. We had 11 present. Our devotion was brought by Dennis Long who spoke on, "Go and teach all nations about God".

Gary reported that we have 2 ramps in line to do. The wood splitting has been going well. Our Next wood splitting will be on December 6th.

We are planning a trip to do repairs at the Children's Home in Thomasville, anyone interested in helping please call Mike Francis at 336-830-1655 for more information.

If you are planning on attending our Christmas meal on December 8th, please RSVP Mike Francis @ 336-830-1655.

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 8th at 6:30pm at Surry 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.

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

## WMU News

The SBA WMU Council THANKS all who made the Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer a wonderful time devoted to prayer and fellowship. We THANK: Fellowship Baptist Church WMU for hosting us and a THANK YOU to the 40 ladies in attendance; we pray it was a blessing!

**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:** Thank you to all the churches that have helped us in collecting and giving out food for the Medical Ministries Clinic. Your hard work is appreciated! Bring food anytime to be given out for Dec. For 2025: Calvary is for December.

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

# December BIRTHDAYS

Dec. 2:	Mrs. B.J. Bowman	(Cedar Lane)
Dec. 10:	Mrs. Kelby Hall	(Simmons Grove)
Dec. 12:	Mr. 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. Debbie Thomas	(New Venture)
Dec. 23:	Mrs. Joan Johnson	(Rock Hill)
Dec. 24:	Rev. Bill Faw	(Central View)
Dec. 26:	Rev. Sean Joplin	(Salem Fork)
Dec. 27:	Rev. Terry Watson	(Holly Springs)

## SPRING BUS TRIP

**Preliminary plans for a trip to the Sight and Sounds Theatre in PA to see "Joshua" in March is underway.**

**More info coming soon!**

Contact the SBA office and let us know if you are interested, 336-789-5701.



## Surry Christian Counseling Center Statistics for October 2025

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.



**The SBA Office will be Closed from Dec. 23-Jan. 2, 2026**

## Hanging of the Green and Similar Services



Christmas Cantatas  
& Programs

**Nov. 30**

**Ivy Green** - 11am **Dobson First** - 6pm

**Hills Grove** - 6pm **Community** - 6pm

**Highland Park** - Love Came Down  
service- @ 6pm

**Ladonia** - @ 6pm

**Dec. 14: Mt. Zion** -

## Caroling, Programs, Plays, Cantatas

**Dec. 6-7: Bannertown** - Drama "Hope Has Come" @ 6pm

**Dec. 7: Blues Grove** - Caroling

**Dec. 12: Westview** - Caroling

**Dec. 13 Antioch** - Play @ 5:00 pm

**Turkey Ford** - Caroling

**Rock Hill** - Play @ 6pm

**Dec. 14: Highland Park** - Cantata @ 6pm

**Dec. 17: Turkey Ford** - Candlelight Service @ 7pm

**Dec. 20: Ladonia** - Play @ 6pm

**Dec. 21: Westview** - Play **Mt. Zion** - Play @ 7pm

**Oak Grove** - Christmas Cantata **Ivy Green** - Play @ 6pm

**Turkey Ford** - Play @ 11am **Blues Grove** - Play @ 10am

**Sulphur Springs** - Play @ 6pm

**Central View** - Cantata @ 11am ,Play @ 6pm

**Jessup Grove** - Cantata @ 6pm

**Rock Hill** - Special Music

**Dec. 24: Westview** - Play

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST,  
AND ON EARTH PEACE,  
GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN.  
LUKE 2:14



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**Antioch** is collecting for Poinsettias for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. The Sisterhood sponsored Harvest Bags for the Needy people in the Community. Thank you to everyone that donated for the cause. The continue each month w/the Davis Lunch projects, sunshine baskets, helped students with unique situations in selected schools. They had a Blood Drive. The Golden Autumn traveled to the Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theater in Wytheville, VA to see their Motown Christmas program. Had a beautiful Hanging of the Greens service. Hospitality hosted a reception afterwards. Christmas play is Dec. 13 @ 5pm. Choir will be a part of the SBA Christmas Choir. The Well Food Ministry prepared meals for over 200 people and delivered them. The Children took a trip to the Farm see the Christmas lights and had a wonderful fellowship. The Youth celebrated Thanksgiving with a Friendship Dinner together.

**Bannertown** Received three new members. Celebrated "Night of Thanks" with chicken stew and hotdogs, music, hayrides, pumpkin painting, prayer tent, and s'mores at the bonfire. Church was collection site for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Served special Community Thanksgiving Meal. Youth attended Hearts on Fire in Pigeon Forge. Looking forward to



"For More Than A Century"

"Time will tell" is a well-known saying meaning the results of an action can only be realized in the future. This saying could well pertain to the beginning to SBA WMU in the early 1900's. What started out as the determination of one woman to organize women in the SBA to be on mission with God through Women's Missionary Societies (today WMU) can only be termed a complete success now some 124 years later! Dr. Dan Merritt, our DOM for the SBA, has compiled a wonderful account in book form of the story of SBA WMU and it is available for purchase. The book highlights all aspects of the growth of WMU and has photos off all WMU Directors and other interesting information. This book is a "must have" for WMU members and can be purchased at the SBA Office for \$15.00.

## 2026 Upcoming Class

## THE BOOK OF Proverbs

Instructions on the best way to live  
Pass wisdom on to the next generation  
Guidance in every area of life  
Put wisdom into action

This is a verse by verse and chapter by chapter Bible study. We provide the short questions for each chapter. Cost \$12.00 Choose which one you want to attend. THIS IS NOT A PRECEPT INTERNATIONAL BIBLE STUDY.

January 6 to May 26, 2026

1. Tuesday mornings 10am to 12 noon  
at the Surry Baptist Association seated class room.

2. Tuesday nights Zoom 6:30-8 P.M.

January 8 to May 28 2026

1. Thursday mornings 10am to 12 noon  
at the Surry Baptist Association seated class room.

2. Thursday nights 6:30-8pm  
at the Surry Baptist Association seated class room.

Christmas drama, "Hope Has Come," on Dec. 6 & 7, 6pm; free tickets available online at [bannertown.org/Christmas](http://bannertown.org/Christmas).

**Blues Grove's** WMU Bazaar was a success and we would like to say "thank you" to all who made this happen. Youth planning to go Christmas Caroling Dec. 7 in the afternoon. Trip to The Farm being scheduled for Youth of all ages. The younger Youth will present a Christmas program on Sunday before Christmas during the Sunday School hour. There will be a combination Thanks-Singing/Hanging of the Green service on the Wed night before Thanksgiving. Blues Angels (Seniors) scheduled to have Christmas Dinner on Dec. 5 @ 5pm. in the Fellowship Hall. Had special speaker for Wed night service.

**Calvary's** pastor's Nov. sermon series "Prophet Margin: Reaping Dividends from the Word of the Lord", examined messages of Old Testament prophets. Celebrated our members who are veterans as we recognized their service to our country. At the Nov. business meeting, approved officers and the budget for 2026. Held a deacon ordination service for a newly elected deacon. Celebrated Thanksgiving w/our church-wide dinner. Advent preparations are underway w/plans for the choir cantata, handbells, and children's play. We also have a church post office for our homebound members.

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**Central View** finished our Backpacks for Appalachian Christmas Outreach and delivered them. Had revival w/Dr. Dan Merritt and Jarred Seal speaking and singing by the Siloam Baptist Church Choir. Had one precious profession of faith awaiting baptism. Received \$230.00 for the Red box Ministry for women in N.C. prisons. Had a Veterans Day Program. Jeff wall was the speaker for the Gideons and the love offering was \$625.00 to purchase Bibles. Christmas Cantata "The light of the world" is Dec. 21 - 11am. Christmas Play "Charlie Brown Christmas" is Dec. 21 - 6pm.

**Community** visited shut-ins. Had annual community chicken dinner prepared by the men of the church. This has been done for 60 years. Celebrated our Veterans on Sunday w/recognition and gift. Had hanging of the Green on Sunday night Nov. 30. Making plans for the Christmas activities. Have Ladies Fellowship meetings every Thurs. night in Fellowship Hall @ 6:30.

**Cornerstone** collected OCC Shoeboxes. Baptist men have been making return trips to Lumberton to help w/rebuild, helping w/SBA firewood ministry and working on handicap ramps. Furnished desserts for East Surry Band Competition. Had 2 members help w/Westfield Elem. trunk or treat. Donated food for Westfield Elem.'s food closet. Baptist Children's Homes Offering received. Planning to participate in a walk for "Light the Way" Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Walk that benefits The Shepherd's House and Helping Hands. Furnishing canned corn for Foothills Food Pantry Christmas boxes. Made donations to Pilot Outreach, Yokefellow and Food Pantry. We will have our annual Thanksgiving covered dish lunch on Nov. 23.

**Cross Roads** gathered for fellowship and appreciation of our Pastor in Oct. We enjoyed a wonderful lunch w/chicken stew, BBQ chicken, etc. Held "Fall Fun Night" in Oct. w/games and prizes, and candy for the kids and a table decorating contest for the adults. Pizza and snacks provided for all. The youth had a great time at The Farm on Sunday Nov. 2 after church.

**Dobson, First's** Fall Extravaganza was a huge success w/net profit of \$7,700 dollars made for local missions. A community Thanksgiving service was held in Nov. Hanging of the Green service will be Nov. 30 @ 6pm. Our Women's Ministry is hosting a meal and program, "Heart to Heart," at Blueberry Hill Barn on Dec. 4 @ 6pm. Our annual Christmas music program is Dec. 14 @ 4pm. And lastly, Candlelight and Communion service is Dec. 21. Promoted the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering by inviting the congregation to send Christmas cards through our "mail" system for 25 cents a card. Merry Christmas to all!

**Fellowship** treated the community with our annual Trunk or Treat. Continues to open the sanctuary for prayer the first Monday of each month. Hours are 6:30-8am and 12 - 1:30pm and 6:30-8pm. All are welcome to drop in for prayer. Seniors were honored w/breakfast before Sunday School. Surry Baptist met at Fellowship for the Tri-Annual Meeting. Observed Homecoming combined with Thanksgiving. Jonathan Love was the morning speaker. A delicious lunch followed. WMU met to finalize Christmas projects. Plans were made for a trip to visit the Billy Graham Library.

**Flippin Memorial** took up for Purple Heart Ministries. Had a Fall Gathering at the fellowship building for seniors. Had our Thanksgiving meal after service. The WMU ladies have been busy as well, they had a meal for the 4-way fire dept. and collected pj's for foster kids. As always we are praying for our country and our sister churches. God Bless!

**Haymore Memorial** welcomed two new members; one by statement of faith and one by baptism. The number of those signed up for "Strength to stand" conference in Pigeon Forge in Jan. has grown to 40 (34 youth and 6 adults). The Chili Cookoff will be a fundraiser for the youth. The Women's Ministry donated backpacks to the Appalachian Backpack program. The number of shoeboxes will be given in the next newsletter. The Baptist Men continue to tackle some of the property needs of the church. A Friends Giving meal was prepared for the youth by the parents. Welcome bags are given to new residents at the Shepherd's House.

**Highland Park** was blessed to receive two new members the past month. We recognized our Pastors and staff during the month of Oct. w/cards and gifts of appreciation. Our Youth enjoyed a Friendsgiving Event in Nov. Several families of our church prepared food for the Youth and shared w/them how the Lord taught them about gratitude. We held w/grateful hearts a church-wide Thanksgiving meal and service in our Family Life Center, w/praise and thanks to God for His marvelous blessings! Mr. John Pope, President of NC Gideons International shared w/us in Nov. about the work of the Gideons in their world-wide Bible distribution efforts. We recognized and honored our Veterans at both of our morning worship services on Sunday, Nov. 9. Had OCC Shoebox Dedication Day. Our Joy in the Morning Group met at Golden Corral for a lunch outing. We are planning a special evening of worship, singing and inspiration w/a Love Came Down service on Sunday, Nov. 30 @ 6pm, as we celebrate and commemorate the arrival of our Savior into the world. Our Children's Ministry is raising money to send children to camp this summer by offering God's Creation Wall Calendars for \$10 each. Our WMU recently gathered items for Loads of Love Rooms @ some of our area schools. These items will be used to assist local families in need. On Sunday, Dec. 7 we will have a March to the Altar for the Lottie Moon Offering. Everyone is invited to come worship w/us at our Christmas Cantata on

Sunday evening, Dec. 14 @ 6pm.

**Hills Grove** had Old Fashioned Day w/soup lunch after the service. Will have Thanks-singing service for Thanksgiving w/Cantata practice after. Nov 30 is Hanging of the Greens service @at 6 pm. WMU Dec. meeting will be meeting at Haley's for our annual Christmas party at 6:30, bring a \$10 gift to exchange and your favorite Holiday snack to share.

**Ivy Green's** Bible study on the Gospel of Mark will conclude by the end of the year. The new study will be on the Old Testament Book of Nehemiah in Jan. Bible Study will continue to be on second and fourth Wed., w/a pizza meal before the study @ 6:30. The WMU will continue to meet on the first Wed. of the month w/the time changing to 10am. This is to help w/attendance during the winter months. The church delivered 56 backpacks for the Appalachian Backpacks for Children to the SBA. Will be putting in audio-visional equipment to enable our services to be better broadcasts to others. Mission projects for Nov. and Dec. will assist w/providing items for the Angel Trees for children @ Cedar Ridge Elem. School and Seniors in nursing facilities. Continues w/the weekend food bags for the children @ Cedar Ridge Elem. and provide food to the "Blessing Box" w/donation for congregation members. Throughout the year the church participates in supporting our NC Highway Patrol. Will celebrate the beginning of Advent w/our Hanging of the Greens Service on November 30, at 11am and Dec. 21 the Christmas Program at 6pm.

**Jessup Grove's** choir is working on the Christmas cantata to be performed 12/21/25 @6pm. Participated in the Trunk or Treat event in Pilot Mountain handing out candy and information about our church. The youth had a Trunk or Treat at our church also. The senior adults had their monthly gathering. Sponsored feeding 100 families in the Philippines. We will be filling Thanksgiving meal bags to feed local families through the Pilot Mtn. Outreach. We will be participating in the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. Also donating stocking items for youth Christmas stocking ministry to the Hope Center. The Baptist men are sponsoring the Appalachian Backpack ministry; the church is filling backpacks for Westfield Elem. School. Hosting the SBA Senior Adult Christmas lunch on 12/09/25. Baptist women continue serving our community and meeting needs of our neighbors through various projects. Baptist men helped w/the SBA wood cutting ministry as well as helping build handicap ramps.

**Ladonia** has joyfully added 5 members this month. Praise the Lord. We honored 6 veterans on Veteran's Sunday and enjoyed a Thanksgiving breakfast during the Sunday School hour before Thanksgiving. Hanging of the Greens service will be held Nov. 30 @ 6pm. This will serve as our "4th Sunday" service even though it's on the 5th Sunday. The Nov/Dec WMU meeting will be held Dec. 2 @ 6pm. The Christmas Play will be Sat. Dec. 20 @ 6pm.

**Mount Carmel's** WMU met in Nov. in person w/13 members present. w/ special guest missionary from Kenya, Catherine Mitchell Kojvang. She shared her mission work w/all girl school in Kenya. It was a blessing to her of the work she and her husband are doing. We loaded 187 shoeboxes to be delivered to Bannertown. Made plans for homebound meals for members for Thanksgiving meal. Delivered water to Medical Ministry and food to SBA office.

**Mount Zion** had Trunk or Treat in Oct. in the parking lot. This year's theme was Biblical, and we had a great turnout from the community along w/wonderful fellowship among attendees. Revival services were held in Nov. and we were honored to welcome guest speaker Pastor Ernie Smith. He delivered a powerful, Spirit-filled message each night. Had its Thanksgiving meal @ Libby Hill on Sunday, Nov. 23. On that day, we will also receive a special offering for the Baptist Children's Home. A Hanging of the Greens service will be held on Sunday, Dec. 14. Throughout the month of Dec. we will also be collecting special offerings for Foothills Food Pantry and the Salvation Army. Our Christmas play is Sunday, Dec. 21 @ 7pm. All are welcome to attend.

**Mountain View's** provided food for North Surry Varsity Football Team before a Friday night game. Honored our pastor, Ewell Vernon, w/a family meal during Pastor Appreciation Month. We love & appreciate Pastor Ewell & his family! Had a great turnout for Fall Festival which included hayrides, weenie roast, games & smores. Contributed baby gifts to The Legacy Center baby shower. Veterans were recognized & thanked during church service for their willingness to serve.

**New Hope** celebrated Old Fashion Day w/a covered dish meal following the service in Oct. Hosted annual trunk & treat event in Oct. Provided a meal for North Surry Band and JV football team. The 2025 Christmas Play preparation and practices are underway. Voted to expand space in Sanctuary for Praise Worship Team and add a handicap ramp access in Fellowship Hall. Had monthly mission's breakfast and had monthly meal delivery ministry.

**Oak Grove** had Fall Festival in Nov. w/chicken stew, hotdogs, music and games. Had movie night in Nov., (Miracles In Heaven) w/pizza and popcorn. Had Thanksgiving meal. Collecting food for Food Pantry. Will be starting Christmas Play practice (It is about what will you do with Jesus after Christmas). Will have Christmas Cantata Dec. 21.

**Pinnacle View** added 3 new members by transfer of letter and one profession of Faith. Collected 17 Christmas backpacks for the Appalachian Outreach. Made monetary donation for the Shoals Elem. Loads of Love Room. Had a special singing on veterans Sunday w/ Bluegrass Gospel band "Strings of Victory" and had a Thanksgiving praise service with a finger food fellowship.

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### Surry Baptist Association Financial Contributions October 2025

	2025 Budget Receipts To Date	Designated & Other Receipts
Albion	\$0.00	\$0.00
Antioch	\$4,579.50	\$0.00
Bannertown	\$6,666.70	\$150.00
Blues Grove	\$1,000.00	\$2,500.00
Calvary	\$1,250.00	\$375.00
Cedar Lane	\$0.00	\$0.00
Central View	\$1,485.36	\$230.00
Christian Community	\$0.00	\$0.00
Community	\$2,750.00	\$2,000.00
Copeland	\$3,280.10	\$1,000.00
Cornerstone	\$881.19	\$1,625.00
Cross Roads	\$1,200.00	\$2,400.00
Dobson, First	\$1,500.00	\$1,250.00
Dover	\$500.00	\$172.00
Fairview	\$6,000.00	\$900.00
Faith	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fancy Gap	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Fellowship	\$1,393.00	\$2,150.00
Flippin Memorial	\$2,425.00	\$400.00
Fuente de Vida	\$398.54	\$0.00
Gum Orchard	\$0.00	\$0.00
Haymore Memorial	\$737.00	\$0.00
Highland Park	\$7,875.00	\$4,825.00
Hills Grove	\$0.00	\$0.00
Holly Springs	\$1,050.00	\$0.00
Indian Grove	\$600.00	\$0.00
Ivy Green	\$2,155.34	\$437.00
Jessup Grove	\$4,100.00	\$1,180.00
Ladonia	\$800.00	\$1,600.00
Little Richmond	\$1,436.93	\$0.00
Mount Carmel	\$2,250.00	\$600.00
Mount Zion	\$900.00	\$0.00
Mountain Park	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mountain View	\$1,427.49	\$100.00
New Bethel	\$100.00	\$0.00
New Hope	\$800.00	\$500.00
New Life	\$517.76	\$0.00
New Venture	\$0.00	\$0.00
Oak Grove	\$750.00	\$0.00
Oak Ridge	\$2,898.70	\$4,000.00
Pauls Creek	\$1,500.00	\$5,000.00
Pinnacle View	\$3,000.00	\$1,800.00
Pleasant View	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rock Hill	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rockford	\$0.00	\$0.00
Salem	\$2,708.30	\$225.00
Salem Fork	\$4,875.00	\$1,927.35
Shoals	\$3,500.00	\$250.00
Siloam	\$2,000.00	\$100.00
Simmons Grove	\$4,000.00	\$1,200.00
Slate Mountain	\$1,660.00	\$0.00
Sparta, First	\$4,000.00	\$0.00
Sulphur Springs	\$1,800.00	\$0.00
Turkey Ford	\$2,500.00	\$300.00
Union Cross	\$1,200.00	\$0.00
Victory	\$0.00	\$0.00
Welcome	\$750.00	\$0.00
Westfield	\$6,235.76	\$0.00
Westview	\$475.00	\$0.00
Woodland	\$1,550.00	\$850.00
Woodville	\$2,400.00	\$300.00
Other		\$81,218.30
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$109,861.67</b>	<b>\$34,411.35</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

**Rock Hill** provided support to Give a Kid a Christmas, the Gideons, a local oil co. for families in need, and to three area schools for their backpack food programs. Provided backpacks to the Appalachian Backpack Ministry and Shoeboxes to Operation Christmas Child. Enjoyed Thanksgiving Fellowship Lunch & celebrated Pastor Dale for Pastor Appreciation. Enjoyed special music by the Rock Hill Boys in Nov. and held Hanging of the Green Services. Join us for our continued Advent Services in Dec., along w/our Christmas Play on Dec. 13 @ 6pm, "Stories of the Savior." Choir will provide special music on Dec. 21.

**Salem Fork** had a speaker from the NC Baptist Children's Home and received an offering for this mission. Collected backpacks for kids in Saltville, Va. Kid's team held a great fall festival for children and families. Held the annual Harvest Sale to raise money for church mission groups. Enjoyed a shoebox packing party for items collected for Samaritans Purse. Had an evening Thanksgiving Service. Choir working on Christmas Cantata and children practicing for the Christmas play.

**Simmons Grove's** Brotherhood served a meal to the ESHS football team before the Friday night game. The meal was enjoyed by everyone w/devotions by Pastor Jacob. The Adult Choir joined by the Children's choir sang and led in praise music in Nov. The Kids Mission Club led a church-wide mission project to purchase chickens this month. Continuing Wed. night adult Bible Study and Kids Club. Had Prayer Walk through the church and community neighborhood. Participated in Operation Christmas Child by filling Shoe boxes. Thanksgiving Meal bags were presented to the hungry at the Pilot Outreach Ministry. The Kids Club were in charge of distributing Christmas Cards again this year as a mission project for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. A group of church members traveled to Boone to Samaritans Purse's Distribution Warehouse to package for Operation Christmas Child. The members participated in Hanging of the Greens as we prepared the church for Jesus Birthday 2025 and the event was followed by refreshments for everyone.

**Sparta First** had Pastor Appreciation Month and are so grateful for our pastor. Had a group from church to participate in a much successful Greece Mission trip for all involved. Had a Prayer Walk, a Mission report from a couple ministering overseas, and a well attended Youth Camp. Will have a Christmas Blessing Event in Nov.

**Sulphur Springs** Christmas program is Dec. 21 @ 6pm. Put together items for Operation Shoebox. Outreach team helped supply the Loads of Love Room at Pilot Mtn. Elem. Supplied several families w/Thanksgiving meal boxes.

**Turkey Ford** participated in the Dobson Christmas Parade w/Church Invitations & Candy. Will go Caroling on Sat., Dec. 13 and delivering Christmas Bags to the Homebound. Candlelight Christmas Service is Wed, Dec. 17, @ 7pm. Breakfast is at 9:15am and Christmas Play at 11am on Sunday, Dec. 21. Eight WoM attended the Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer at Fellowship Baptist and Presented on 2 Continental Unions: Asia and Latin America. Enjoyed Annual Chicken Stew and Hot Dog Supper hosted by the Fulk Family. Collected and Prayed over 35 Samaritans Purse Shoe Boxes. WoM delivered 2 Sunshine Baskets to people w/special needs and contributed to Pure Water, Pure Love and to the Red Box Christmas Ministry.

**Welcome** had Fall-O-Ween for the kids. Enjoyed a hotdog lunch after Sunday worship in celebration and appreciation to our church family of giving 500 backpacks to our local hospital for newborns. PTL! Hosted youth and children from the Baptist Children's Home from Thomasville during our Sunday worship time. Afterwards we took them to lunch. We were blessed to have them join with us in worship. Our church was blessed to share \$800.00 w/them for the work there. Recognized our veterans. The WOW Gals met. They are sharing during their meetings on the fruit of the Spirit. We sponsored children at Joy Ranch providing them gifts at Christmas.

**Westview** had a Veterans Day service to honor our veterans. Thank you for your service. The women's Christmas party will be held on Dec 5. Also we will be caroling to our shut-in's Dec. 12. Our church family Christmas lunch will be held on Dec. 14 and our Christmas play will be held on Dec. 24. Everyone welcome. Continuing to collect food items for our blessing box and backpack programs. Merry Christmas to all.

**Woodland** celebrated Homecoming w/special singing by the Nunn Brothers and Friends and a meal to follow. Celebrated pastor appreciation day w/an Old fashioned day celebration. The WMU is collecting bags of food for Surry Medical Ministries and collecting toys and food for the children of western NC. Had a successful Trunk o Ween.



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