

"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

We have barely blinked our eyes, and May has dawned. When we think of May our minds automatically think of arguably the most important day during the month...Mother's Day. It is a time to honor our mothers and the special women in our lives.

There are two women in the Bible who had an encounter with Jesus who are as opposite as night and day: Mary, the mother of Jesus, and the woman in John 4, the Woman at the Well. What a contrast they are. Mary was a woman of moral purity; the Woman at the Well had been used by men. Mary was a woman people respected; the Woman at the Well was a woman others shunned. Mary was a woman who prayed; the Woman at the Well had been in five loveless marriages and preyed upon by men. Mary was a woman held in high esteem by others, the Woman at the Well was looked down upon by others because of her past and she was a despised Samaritan.

In their encounter with Jesus, they had something in common. They were both addressed by Jesus in the same manner. In John 2:4 and 19:26-27, Jesus addressed his mother Mary with the word "Woman." In John 4:21, Jesus addressed this Samaritan woman with the same word "Woman." Our English rendering of the Greek word doesn't give the meaning of what the word "woman" signifies. The Greek word translated "Woman" was used to address a woman of notoriety, nobility, and distinction. It was used by Caesar Augustus to address **Oueen Cleopatra.** Jesus in addressing the two women the same, there was born an equality between them. They have a connection of equality that is not seen on the surface. While these two women seem opposite, they have much in common.

We see the equality of these two women regarding (1) Jesus' Personal Love for them. Jesus dearly loved His mother, Mary, but He also loved this broken woman. Some of her brokenness may have been her fault, yet Jesus loved her. As well, Jesus loves each of us and He demonstrated His love for us by going to the cross for us.

We see the equality of these two women regarding (2) Jesus' Perception of them. Again, the word translated "woman" was used to address a woman of distinction and nobility. We can see why he addressed his mother that way, but why would he address the Woman at the Well that way? Because Jesus saw her not for what she was but for what she could be. Jesus saw the Queen in her. Aren't you glad Jesus sees us not just for what we are but for what we can be? He sees the king or queen in each of us!

We see the equality of these two women regarding (3) Jesus's Provision for them. On the cross, Jesus made earthly provision for his mother by having John look after her until her death. On the cross, he made eternal provision for this broken woman by dying on the cross for her and extending to her forgiveness. Thankfully, he has made provision for our sins, as well. May we gladly accept His provision of salvation.

We see the equality of these two women regarding (4) Jesus Preparing Paradise for them. Both the esteemed mother of Jesus and the Woman at the Well will inherit Paradise, because of what Christ accomplished for them on the cross. Jesus has not only made provision for our sins, He went and prepared a place for us in heaven after this life is over.

This Mother's Day, let us honor them and all the special women in our lives and remember He sees beyond what we are to what we can be.

If I can ever be of help to you, give me a call or stop by the office.

Serving Him Together, Dr. Dan



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## Baptist Men Update

In April, we met at Surry Baptist Association and Gary and Angela Cox provided our meal with 11 in attendance. Our devotion was brought by Mike Francis, who spoke on, "Bring-

ing your best so that you may be pleasing to God"

Pancake Breakfast on March 22 at Calvary was very successful. Thanks to all who volunteered and all who came out to support us.

Gary reported that we have 4 ramps in line to do and we are waiting on permits for some.

We are planning 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.

Please consider donating to the Surry Handyman Ministry to help fund our local projects. We have many project requests and limited fund-ing; 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 SBA to join us on Monday, May 12 at 6:30pm at SBA 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.

## WMU<sup>®</sup> News

Medical Ministries Clinic: Bring food anytime to be given out for April. For 2025: Hills Grove 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.



## Upcoming Class "1 John, 2 John, 3 John"

Tuesday morning: Sept. 09-Nov. 11@ 10-12 Tuesday Evening ZOOM: Sept. 09-Nov.11 6:30-8pm Thursday morning: Sept. 11-Nov. 13@10-12 Thursday evenings: Sept. 11-Nov. 13@6:30-8:30 Facilitators: Jennifer Thoppil, Kim Collins and Debbie Markovic Workbook cost: \$22.00 Call the Surry Baptist Association (336-789-5701) to register.



May 10: Rev. Larry Jones (Dover) May 12: Mrs. Melissa Vernon (Mountain View) May 13: Rev. Jacob Hall (Simmons Grove) May 15: Rev. Mickey Cogdill (Bannertown) May 18: Rev. Tim Burton (Flippin Memorial) May 22: Mrs. Michele Joplin (Salem Fork) May 23: Mrs. Emmy Corn (Turkey Ford)

# Senior Trip to Fort Caswell NC Baptist Assembly

Oct. 13 - 15, 2025 3 Days and 2 Nights (5 Meals included) Price \$199

> Sign up at the SBA to reserve a spot. 336-789-5701

Full Amount due Sept. 1, 2025

## **2024 Printed Minutes Books**

Printed Minutes books that the churches ordered are ready. Have someone from your church come by the SBA Office to pick up your church's copies.

#### Surry Christian Counseling Center Statistics for March 2025

 Total Sessions Conducted = 59
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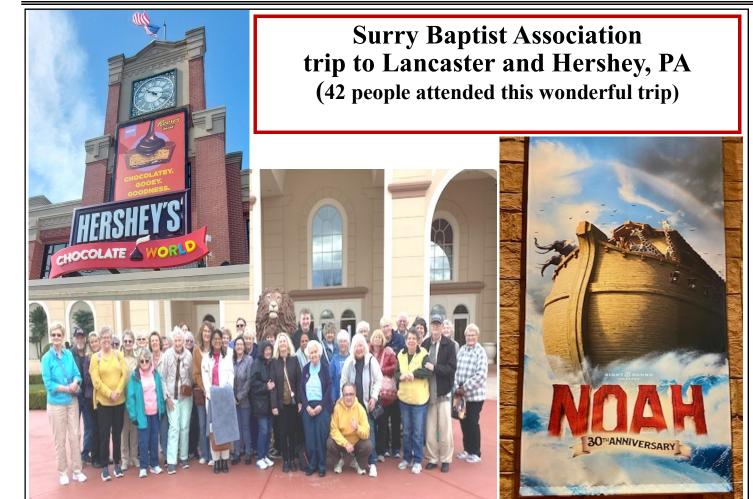
 Total Clients Served = 39
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 Client Assistance Fund Sessions = 28
 Surry Christian<br/>Counseling Center

 Client Assistance Fund Clients Served = 18

 To make an appointment with John Shuler, Counselor, call 789-7405.<br/>Volunteer receptionists needed.<br/>Call the SBA Office (789-5701) if interested.

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### **National Day of Prayer** Thursday May 1, 2025 (a) 12 Noon at Mount Airy Municipal Bldg. and at Dobson Courthouse

Sponsored by: Mount Airy Ministerial Association

#### The Surry Baptist Newsletter

Antioch had 3 Baptisms and 2 people to join. One by statement and one by baptism. The Sisterhood met and had Book/Bible Study and continue w/the following ministries: the Lunch Davis project, School Shoes project, Kairos Prision Ministry baking cookies project, and Hygiene bags for the Blessing box. They also delivered snacks to the Surry Medical Ministry. The Children's Committee traveled to the NC Zoo and had a won derful time. The Evangelism Committee hosted an Eggsplore Easter Event which included an Easter Egg hunt and a Bible Study. The Golden Autumn traveled to Madision Dry Good and Country store and stopped for lunch. The Upward Flag Football and Cheerleading registration will begin in May. Please contact the church office at 336-789-2057 for more info. Mark your calendars. VBS is June 1-5 @ 6-8:30pm. The theme for the VBS will be True North for kids and Flywheel for Adults. Supper will be provided each night.

Blues Grove received 2 new members. Looking forward to VBS week of June 23-27@ 6:30 p.m. - 8:30pm w/classes for all

# WMU Prayer Breakfast

### Saturday, June 7, 2025 9am @ SBA Office All Members are encouraged to attend. Call SBA with number of attending from your church. 336-789-5701

ages. A meal will be served @ 5:15pm. Had special Communion Service. Honored our Pastor''s wife w/special remarks & gifts as a thank you for her dedication & all the work she does for our Church. We love & appreciate you Hope. WMU had monthly meeting. Sending donation to Samaritans Purse for WNC.

- **Calvary's** April mission was supporting the Legacy Center by donating diapers and infant clothing. We're in the midst of collecting our Easter missions offering. The Maundy Thurs. service this year focused on the Lord's Supper. Easter Sunday we celebrated w/a Sunrise Service, breakfast and joint worship. An Easter egg hunt was held for children after services. A new organ was placed into service and the congergation is enjoying hearing this addition to our music minis try. VBS to be held June 1-5.
- **Cedar Lane** held Sunrise service, followed by breakfast in the fellowship hall. An egg hunt and hotdog lunch was held the previous Sunday. Communion was observed in March. Installation of new carpeting in the sanctuary and Sunday School rooms was completed.

- Central View Is SEEKING a Pianist, call Bill Faw@336-710-0027. Went over our goal for the Annie Armstrong Easter offering w/ \$1400. Collecting food items for backpacks @ Central Middle School again. Several seniors enjoyed the Senior fellowship event @ Fellowship. Collecting gift cards for BCH. Senior Class donated \$300.00 to Baptist men to help build ramps.
- **Community** had one precious soul saved and two rededications during our Spring Revival. Welcomed three new members by statement. Having Community Singing Service. Ladies fellowship had brunch meeting w/special guest. Having Sunday worship service @ Fisher River Park @ 10am on May 18 w/ lunch following.
- **Dobson First** will be holding Foster Parent Training on April 26, May 10 and May 24. Please call 844-791-3117 for more details. Our men will be having a "Shoulder to Shoulder" gathering on May 4 @ 4 pm in the church Fellowship Center. The theme is "Hitting the Mark". A baby dedication will be performed on Mother's Day, May 11. High school graduates will be honored on May 18. VBS week is June 8-12. The theme is "Wonder Junction."
- Fellowship had one soul saved and baptized. Observed Pastor Appreciation Day w/lunch and gifts for Pastor Drake. Several youth and leaders attended the movie The Chosen. Ten ladies of WOM enjoyed a trip to N. Myrtle Beach w/lots of food & fellowship, shopping and fun. Held Revival w/different speakers and singers each night. Youth trip to NC Zoo is May 10th.
- Flippin Memorial had a Baptism Service w/2 new members. Had our Easter Egg Hunt at the fellowship building w/over 50 people in attendance. Celebrated the Lord's Supper @ morning worship service. Had Sunrise Service w/breakfast to following. The WMU ladies fixed flowerpot's for the homebound members after meeting and meal. Always a blessing to see these ladies working for the Lord. We are always praying for our sister churches. God Bless!
- Haymore Memorial's Pastor Ron has decided to step aside as Pastor until the Visa problem is resolved. Kevin Minix will serve as Interim Pastor. The youth have two fundraisers (rent-astudent and a pickleball tournament). Graduate Sunday will be May 18. Two prayer services were held leading up to Easter. An Easter Egg Hunt was held and breakfast was served Easter Sunday. Nine women attended Take Heart Women's Conference. An adult mission trip is being planned.
- Conference. An adult mission trip is being planned. **Highland Park** received ten new members this past month. VBS for all ages will be held June 22 – 26. Held an Easter Fest event to celebrate Jesus Christ's death, burial and resurrection on w/a good attendance from the community and great participation by our members. Our adult choir presented an Easter musical two evenings in April, w/a wonderful turnout for both presentations. About 90 people were involved in this musical about the life, death and resurrection of our Savior. Will have a Baby Dedication Ceremony on Sunday, May 11 @ the 8:30and 11am worship services. Will also have a Graduate Recognition Ceremony on Sunday, May 18 @ our 11am worship service for our students who are graduating this Spring. WMU held annual bake sale on. Funds received from the sale will be used for mission projects throughout the year. Several members have been giving money to help fund a church expansion in Uganda. Our next Blood Drive to be held @ Highland Park will be Sunday, May 18 in our Family Life Center.
- Hills Grove had Easter Egg Hunt w/lunch. Celebrated Easter Sunday w/Sonrise Service, followed by Easter Lilly Service and Communion. Breakfast was also provided. Had Sunday school only that day. Had Wed. night service. WMU had a meeting.
- Holly Springs is having a singing Sunday night May 4 @ 6pm. Revival Monday May 5 w/Rev. Brad Quesinberry, Tues. May 6, Rev. James Collins, and May 7, Rev. Pete King. Special singing each night and services start @7pm each night. Six ladies attended the WMU Annual Meeting. WMU is collecting stuffed animals for the Bannertown Fire Dept. Youth are going to the Mt Airy Skating Rink. Our pastor and wife enjoyed the Surry Baptist Bus Tour to Lancaster County and the Sights and Sounds Theater.
- Ivy Green's Wed. night Bible Study, 7pm is on "Knowing and Experiencing God" concluded in April. The next Bible study will begin in May w/a study of the book I Peter. Bible Study will continue to be on the second and fourth Weds., w/a pizza meal before the study @ 6:30. Enjoyed an inspirational fifth

Sunday singing w/guest, "The Country Boys". WMU continues to meet on the first Wed. of each month. Our ladies provided art supplies for the Life Span Center that will be delivered when our ladies attend the WMU 99th Annual meeting on April 24. The WMU will also decorate a table for this event and also donated to the fund raiser for the Legacy Center. Had Sunrise service followed by breakfast. Voted to have the front sidewalk and steps replaced. This work should start the last week in April.

- Jessup Grove's Baptist men helped w/the SBA Brotherhood pancake breakfast, as well as building handicap ramps for people in the community. The church baptist men's group held a BBQ meal to raise money to purchase items for the Christmas backpack program. Had a movie night and watched, "The Forge" and had snacks and a time of fellowship by inviting Simmons Grove and Westfield churches to join us. The choir presented an Easter cantata, "Behold the Lamb". Has a blessing box for people in the community to get food from and to leave prayer requests for the church to pray over. Participating in the Annie Armstrong Easter offering. The Baptist women continue feeding shut-ins one Sunday a month, provide meals for a family facing illness, provide gas and food cards to those in hospitals or who have needs in their families. The ladies continue meeting various needs in our community. The children's group continues meeting on Wed. nights. Planning a mission trip to help in Western NC. Provided donations for hurricane victims in Burnsville, NC.
- Ladonia is honoring our graduates w/a covered dish lunch after church on May 18.Youth meetings every Wed. night 7pm. Homecoming is on June 8. VBS June 9-13 @ 6:30pm.
- **Mount Carmel's** WMU met by zoom w/6 members in attendance. Purchased backpacks. Delivered food to SBA for medical ministry for April and May. Delivered water for April to Medical Ministry. Preparing cards for St. Jude's. Clean up at the church went w/lots of organizing.
- Mount Zion held a revival for four nights in March and was honored to have had guest speaker Randy Johnson. All who attended received a blessing. Fifth Sunday night singing was held in March and was honored to host White Rock Church and Central Full Gospel Church from Thurmond NC. Wonderful music was enjoyed by all. Youth continue to practice for their Easter program. Easter festivities are included the telling of Easter story, Easter egg hunt, games, and lunch. Sunrise service was held w/breakfast and morning worship to follow. VBS planning has begun and has been scheduled for July 6-10 from 6:45pm - 8:45pm.
- Mountain View enjoyed revival w/Israel Easter, Tim Burton, Dr. Dan Merritt & Chris Benfield w/special singing nightly & a meal before each service. Twelve senior members were treated to lunch at 67 Pizza in Jonesville. It was great food & wonderful fellowship! Donations were made to Cedar Ridge Weekend Program, Yoke-fellow Ministries & God's Pit Crew.
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   New Hope completed the Bible Study "Greatest War, Greatest Victory" w/Pastor Trent Lyons. Looking forward to hosting our 3rd annual Spring Carnival on May 3 w/many fun activities & ministry opportunities. Will celebrate a special Mother's Day service including Child dedication prayer & Bible presentation. Enjoyed all our special Easter Services including Palm Sunday, Easter Maundy w/ Communion, Sunrise Service w/Breakfast. Collected items for the month supporting Church Blessing Box. Church approved donation to Surry Baptist Handyman ministry. Our monthly meal delivery ministry will is May 21.
- ministry. Our monthly meal delivery ministry will is May 21. Oak Grove called Kendall Thomas and Taylor Galyean to be youth leaders. Had "Son" Rise Service w/breakfast afterwards. Continuing Bible Study Wed. nights. Continuing a Bible Study called Never Alone Wed. @ 1pm. We continue to take needed supplies to western NC. Collecting for Food Pantry.
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   Pauls Creek held Spring Revival every Wed. in March. Youth Sunday was held in March. Youth picked up trash around church and cleaned the church's flowerbeds. Communion was observed. Woman had a Ladies Night Paint Party. Sunrise Service was held w/breakfast following the service.
   Pinnacle View held Easter Sunrise service and included breakfast
- **Pinnacle View** held Easter Sunrise service and included breakfast supplied by the Men's group. WMU provided and served meal for Easter Egg Hunt. Group attended "Bow the Knee", drama. WMU attended the SBA WMU Spring event @ Calvary. Women's Sat. morning Bible study continued meeting weekly.

Surry Baptist Association Financial Contributions March 2025			
	2025 Budget Receipts To Date	Designated & Other Receipts	
Albion	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Antioch	\$1,717.00	\$0.00	
Bannertown Blues Grove	\$2,000.01 \$1,000.00	\$100.00 \$1,000.00	
Calvary	\$375.00	\$125.00	
Cedar Lane Central View	\$0.00 \$259.50	\$0.00 \$0.00	
Christian Community	\$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	
Community	\$825.00	\$1,300.00	
Copeland Cornerstone	\$256.00 \$163.40	\$0.00 \$1,475.00	
Cross Roads	\$200.00	\$400.00	
Dobson, First	\$0.00	\$0.00	1
Dover Fairview	\$0.00 \$2,000.00	\$0.00 \$270.00	1
Faith	\$0.00	\$0.00	1
Fancy Gap	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	
Fellowship Flippin Memorial	\$291.00 \$0.00	\$300.00 \$400.00	
Fuente de Vida	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Gum Orchard	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Haymore Memorial Highland Park	\$258.67 \$2,625.00	0.00\$ \$3,000.00	
Hills Grove	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Holly Springs	\$350.00	\$0.00	
Indian Grove Ivy Green	\$600.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	
Jessup Grove	\$4,100.00	\$200.00	
Ladonia Little Richmond	\$240.00 \$330.35	\$350.00	
Mount Carmel	\$750.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	
Mount Zion	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Mountain Park Mountain View	\$0.00 \$409.75	\$0.00 \$0.00	
New Bethel	\$100.00	\$0.00	
New Hope	\$800.00	\$500.00	
New Life New Venture	\$127.99 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	
Oak Grove	\$250.00	\$2,000.00	
Oak Ridge	\$873.00	\$2,000.00	1
Pauls Creek Pinnacle View	\$500.00 \$1,500.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	1
Pleasant View	\$0.00	\$0.00	1
Rock Hill Bookford	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Rockford Salem	\$0.00 \$812.49	\$0.00 \$0.00	1
Salem Fork	\$0.00	\$0.00	1
Shoals Siloam	\$0.00 \$500.00	\$250.00 \$0.00	1
Simmons Grove	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	1
Slate Mountain	\$498.00	\$0.00	1
Sparta, First Sulphur Springs	\$2,000.00 \$450.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	1
Turkey Ford	\$500.00	\$0.00	1
Union Cross	\$0.00	\$0.00	1
Victory Welcome	\$0.00 \$250.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	1
Westfield	\$1,472.92	\$0.00	1
Westview	\$150.00	\$0.00 \$200.00	1
Woodland Woodville	\$600.00 \$0.00	\$300.00 \$0.00	1
Other		\$43,145.49	1
TOTALS	\$36,135.08	\$11,025.00	1

\*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 Salem Fork had Easter Egg hunt for children. Observed Good Friday and Easter Sunday w/a sunrise service, breakfast, Sunday School, and an encouraging message from Pastor Sean Joplin. Several WMU members attended the SBA WMU Annual Meeting; collected items for the Food Roundup for Baptist Children's Homes and had an ingathering for donations to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Held quarterly business meeting and youth making plans to go to Camp Duncan for a workday. Planning VBS June 1-5. Praise God for sending His Son Jesus!

- Simmons Grove's Baptist Women met for Bible Study and to discuss mission projects for the month. Had annual Easter Egg Hunt w/ Easter Story followed by a Pizza Supper. Easter Sunday Services were celebrated w/a Resurrection Sunrise Service followed by a Breakfast sponsored by the Brotherhood. Sunday School and Worship followed. The choir provided music during the service. The children provided music during a worship service in April. Had a Baptism during a worship service. The ladies attended the annual WMU banquet at Calvary. Pilot Mtn. Outreach was supported by our church donating paper products this month.
- Sparta First had several new events. The Prayer Walk, where we asked God's blessings on our community and for him to move mightily. Also had a great time at the Operation Christmas Child talent show, a fundraiser that was very successful for our OCC program. Cookies for Kairos, a prison ministry; Kingdom Kids, a ministry for all kids K-5th grade; soup kitchen; senior adults meal and meeting; women's ministry fellowship. Exciting times at our church with tremendous leadership and fellowship.
- Turkey Ford's WOM are collecting church-wide for monies for a Food Card to add to the SBA Gift Card Collection for Baptist Children's Homes for their Food Roundup. Has been represented @ both the VBS Workshops and 2 WOM/VBS Leaders have assisted in the presentations. Please keep praying for Pastor
- Steven Corn who is responding to dialysis, but still has a ways to go.
   Union Cross had Easter Sunrise Service w/breakfast at the Fellowship Building.
   Worship Service @ 9am. Missionary, Joshua spoke @ Worship service. Bible School June 6-7 @ 9am.
- Welcome had one salvation and baptism. PTL! The ladies had a bridal shower for one of the bride's of the church. We had Communion. We observed Passover. Received the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Our children enjoyed an Easter Egg hunt.
- Westfield added 6 new members and 3 Baptism's are scheduled. Long time member Barbara Lowe passed in April. Darrin Haywood and Dickie Braddock brought Sunday am messages. Deacon Haywood addressed "What Will Direct the Sunday am messages. Deacon Haywood addressed what will Direct die Church?" (2Peter 1:16-21). Deacon Braddock shared one of the messages in Pastor Blake's series on "Christ's Seven Dying Words from the Cross", "Thief on the Cross, (Matt. 27: 38-44, Luke 23: 39-43). A community outreach event, the Spring Fling" was held in April. @ Westfield VFD in cooperation w/several area churches. A Youth Summer Camp and Kids and Student Ministry fund raiser, the Easter Bake Sale was held in April. A Yard Sale will be held in Fellowship Hall later this Spring. Golden Agers outings included a Bingo afternoon and a Flower Arranging event to create gifts for visits to members in
- homebound, assisted living and nursing homes. Westview had 3 souls saved. Our pastors wife appreciation day was held in March. Lunch was provided. Thank You Tabatha Collins for all you do. A Mother's Day celebration will be held on May 3 @ Rooster's Restaurant. Our pastor will be preaching at a revival service on Tues. May 6 @ 7pm @ Holly Springs Baptist Church. Everyone welcome. VBS will be held June 16-20, w/supper provided each night and classes for all ages. Everyone welcome.

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