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Baptist Children's Homes
 of NORTH CAROLINA



WEEK OF PRAYER:
NOVEMBER 9 - 16, 2025

Thank You

...to all who helped make the SBA Meeting a Christ honoring service. A special Thanks to Fellowship Baptist for being such a gracious host and all who attended. We want to welcome Midway Baptist Church into the SBA as our newest member church.

SENIOR ADULT
CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

December 09 @ 11:30 am

Jessup Grove
Baptist Church

Covered Dish

Bring Canned food for
Medical Ministries



2025 SBA Christmas Choir

"HE SHALL REIGN FOREVERMORE"

by, JAY ROUSE



Rehearsals:

Sunday, November 23rd 4pm

Sunday, November 30th 4pm

Saturday, December 6th 10am

Christmas Concert:

Sunday, December 7th - 6:00 pm

Salem Baptist Church
of Dobson.



"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

The year has flown by quicker than a jet zooming across the evening sky. November brings on its colorful wings Thanksgiving, a time to pause and give thanks even amidst the ups and downs of life. While we can all find reasons to complain, yet in the midst of the uncertainties of life there is an abundance for which we can give thanks to the Lord.

First, let us give thanks for the Lord's Control. Life about us is always changing, sometimes for good, sometimes for bad. John said he saw a throne in heaven, and One sat upon it. Nothing takes him by surprise. He works all things after the counsel of His will. He raises monarchs to the throne and He sinks them as He pleases. Our hope is found in the assurance that He is in control and is working all things toward a desired end that will bring about His destined plan for us and glorify His holy name.

Second, let us give thanks that our Lord Changes Not. Hebrews 13:8 tells us that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. The same Christ who saved Paul is the same Christ who saves us. The same Jesus who quenched the thirsty soul of the Woman at the Well is the same Jesus who invites us to come drink from the Water of Life. The same Lord, who was accessible to the little children, is accessible today to all who will come unto Him. Thankfully, the same compassion we see He extended to those broken by sin in the Bible, He today extends that same compassion.

Third, let us give thanks for the Lord's Companionship. Because Jesus arose from the lifeless tomb, His omnipresence is perpetual in the life of every Christian. There is never a second of any day that we don't have access to His companionship. He has promised to never leave us or forsake us. Whether the sun is shining brightly upon us with favor or the dark clouds of providence have settled around us, He is there and we can have an unbroken relationship with Him. O, the sweetness of His companionship.

Fourth, let us give thanks for the Lord's Church. The Church belongs to the Lord and we belong to Him. How refreshing it is to gather with God's people to worship, and how we are encouraged as we fellowship with one another. What a blessing it is to experience the joy and fellowship of being a part of the family of God.

Fifth, let us give thanks for the Lord's promise of His Coming again. We are not to be date setters, but we can look upon the horizon and see storm clouds gathering. The gathering clouds warn us His Coming is nearing. We know not the day or hour, so each day we must live in anticipation of the wondrous promise of

His coming. O, what a wondrous promise of hope.

Sixth, above all let us give thanks for the Cross of Christ. It is at the Cross sinful humanity finds reconciliation with God, redemption from the slavery of sin, grace that is greater than all our sin, forgiveness and justification from being guilty before a holy God. At the cross we find God in Christ doing for us what we could never do for ourselves. At the cross we find God in His holy-love not only offering the sacrifice for our sins, but in Christ our God was the sacrifice. Such grace extended on our behalf is enough to find us lifting our voices in praise from this day forth for ever more.

Yes, this Thanksgiving we have much for which to give thanks. May our hearts be filled with thanksgiving all through the year.

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

Serving Christ Together,
Dr. Dan



**Please pray for the following
churches without pastors:**

Mount Carmel

Rockford

Haymore Memorial

Fairview

Woodville

**SBA Office Closed
November 27-28, 2025
for Thanksgiving**



Medical Ministries Clinic

Bring food anytime to be given out for Nov; Woodland in Nov.; and Calvary in Dec.

If your Ladies Group would like to take a month next year please give Mary Jane Shelton a call at 336-789-5821.

Many thanks to all the church WMU groups and individuals who donated clothes and other items for the Spark of Hope Foster Care Clothes Closet during the WMU Fall Gathering. It was a wonderful outpouring of love and support for families who are involved in the foster care system. This love is evidence of the love Jesus said we are to show so that people will know we are His disciples. It also demonstrates that we believe we are to "bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ" - Galatians 6:2. When we place others needs ahead of our own, it honors God and encourages each other and builds each other up, which God's word tells us to do in 1 Thesalonians 5:11. This also should remind us to pray for others, both here and around the world, that God would meet their needs and care for them.

Remember, we are all to be on Mission with God and that should be the passion of every WMU member and church.

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 Youth 5th Qtr. Event in partnership with the Fellowship of Christian Students



Announcements and Upcoming Events

- Pastor Prayer Lunch-11/4 @ 11:45 Libby Hill
- Order Printed Minutes books by Jan. 15, 2026
- Pick up 2026 Calendars after Dec. 1, 2025.
- Christmas Cantata 12/4@ Calvary - 6:30pm
- Please send in all Dec. Activities w/your Dec. Newsletter's information by Nov. 15th. (Christmas Plays, Cantatas, Caroling etc.)
- Clerk's packets will not be sent out until Dec. and are not due until end of January, 2026.

Surry Christian Counseling Center Statistics for September 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.



Baptist Men's Report

For our October meeting, we met at Surry Baptist Association and Dennis Long provided our meal. We had 10 present. Our devotion was brought by Josh East who spoke on, "God's timing".

Gary reported that we have 4 ramps in line to do. One will be completed tomorrow then the others will be completed on a later date.

There is a trip planned to Lumberton leaving on October 15 and working the rest of the week.

Mike asked for prayers for the mission team from Calvary leaving tomorrow to work in Western NC.

Several loads of firewood were delivered to the Associational Office in October. Our Next wood splitting will be on November 1st.

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.

Our Pancake Breakfast brought in over \$1,600.

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, November 10th 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, you are welcome to call Mike Francis at 336-830-1655 for more information.



Drop Off Site for Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes

Bannertown Baptist Church

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX

COLLECTION DATES & TIMES

Mon. thru Thurs., Nov. 17-20: 1:00-3:00pm

Friday, Nov. 21: 1:00-5:00pm

Saturday, Nov. 22: 9:00am-5:00pm

Sunday, Nov. 23: 1:00-5:00pm

Mon., Nov. 24: 8:00-10:00am



Senior's Ft. Caswell Trip



Church News:

Antioch celebrated Rev. Grant Atkins and his family for Pastor Appreciation Sunday at Riverside Park w/food, fun and wonderful fellowship. We are so thankful for our Pastor & his family. Have Bible Study on Thurs. mornings that has been a blessing to all. The Sisterhood continues w/a Book/Bible Study and helps w/the Davis Lunch projects, sunshine baskets, and selected schools w/unique needs. They also give Surry Medical Ministries book and snacks for patients. They made 112 dozen cookies for Kairos Prison Ministry. Will have a Blood Drive on Nov. 18. The Golden Autumn played a fun game of chair volleyball and toured the Edward Franklin House followed by lunch. The Children's Church hosted a movie night for the children w/snacks. The Upward Ministry has had a great season w/wonderful fellowship.

Bannertown baptized one new believer; received three new members. Began Men's & Ladies' Bible studies. Participated in "Rise In The Valley" Worship Rally at Blackmon Theater. Celebrated Pastor Appreciation Day w/covered dish luncheon. Had Wild Game Dinner outreach event. Sponsored Bloodmobile. Had OCC shoebox packing party.

Blues Grove baptized 7 at the Amburn Farm. Had 1 profession of faith at the baptismal service. Blues Angels (Seniors) enjoyed a time of good food, fun and fellowship in Oct. in the Fellowship Hall. Had several to move up to new Sunday School and Youth classes in Oct. Collecting donations for NC Baptist Children's Homes during Nov. Youth had a very successful Pancake Supper and Live Auction w/proceeds to provide Christmas for fortunate children. WMU had monthly meeting w/a light meal and worked on completing Backpacks and items for the upcoming Bazaar. Had Trunk or Treat. Old Fashioned Day is Nov 2 w/covered dish lunch following morning service.

Calvary's Sept.'s fund drive supported our backpack program @ Franklin Elem., w/members contributing almost \$15,000 to help combat hunger. New Midweek Ministries started in Oct. including two new studies for adults. Voted on deacons for next year. Participated in a Servant Sunday. Multiple teams led around 20 projects to serve in and for our community. Held a Trunk or Treat.

Central View had several WMU ladies attend the Fall Gathering at Highland Park Baptist church. Youth had Craft Class on Wed. night. Had 115 Year Homecoming w/singing by Only Gods Choir followed by covered dish lunch. Had communion.

Community had four people join our church family. Senior Saints traveled to Daniel Boone Inn for breakfast and great fellowship. Had fall revival w/Rev. Isaiah Greene, Rev. Austin Everett and Rev. Joe Alford preaching each night. Singing each night by The Lawson family, The Lovett Family, The Dollywhite Singers and Amanda Ann Smith. We had great services each night. Ladies fellowship will be starting new Bible study "Pullin' Weeds Plantin' Seeds" on Thurs. nights.

Cross Roads had one precious soul saved and we're planning another Baptism! Had service @ Fisher River Park w/a covered dish lunch afterwards and a baptism. Welcomed Gideon speaker, Gary Scott, and received \$6,465 offering for the Gideon Ministry. Pastor Jeff preached @ a revival at the neighboring church and we had our regular Wed. night service w/our fellow believers. Youth class continued studying Abraham and his lineage and the covenant. Youth class made bags packed w/hygiene items and delivered to Central Middle School, they are planning more service projects. The Women's class sent to the "Give a Kid a Christmas" as well as the 508 Foundation in memory of Barry Wilmoth. Celebrated Homecoming w/a huge meal and singing by The Journeys.

Dobson, First had Halloween Trunk or Treat. Men's Shoulder to Shoulder gathering is Sat., Nov. 1 @ 5pm in the Fellowship Center. The theme will be "Strength Through Service." Fall Extravaganza is Sat., Nov. 8 @ 6pm. 15 Hostesses will decorate themed tables for a catered meal and an auction will occur afterwards. All monies will fund local missions. The next Women's Ministry event is Thurs., Dec. 4 @ Blueberry Hill Barn.

Dover collected school supplies for White Plains and Dobson Elem., and had monetary donation made as well to both schools. Had Youth Sunday w/Rev. Zack Creissman. Next Youth Sunday will be Nov. 30 w/speaker Rev. Hunter Terrell and music by Jansen Huff. Had 71st annual homecoming w/guest singers Common Ground, had great worship service. Fall Revival is Nov. 9-12 w/speaker Max Combs and special singing Sunday @ 6pm. Old Pine Hill Baptist choir, Mon. @ 7pm. Harrison Ridge, Tues. 7pm. Betty Tilley and Wed. @ 7pm. Cedar Lane Baptist Choir. Everyone welcome. WMU donated money to the Salem Fork Baptist foster children's program. WMU continues to support the food ministry @ SBA and community needs. Come out and join us for numerous worship opportunities.

Fellowship's WOM met w/9 members and 1 visitor present. Discussed having a BINGO party in Dec. @ Central Adult Care Home. Hosting International Women's Day of Prayer on Nov. 3. Had church-wide Soup and Sandwich Supper before our business meeting to elect officers and deacons for the coming year. Also approved budget. We welcomed a new baby into our church family. Homecoming is set for Nov. 9. Seniors were honored with a breakfast before Sunday School. We are continuing to collect items for Surry Backpack Program. Hosted the SBA annual meeting in Oct. Had Trunk or Treat.

Haymore Memorial welcomed a new member to its congregation. The Baptist Men continue to work on projects for the church. The goal for Operation Christmas Child has been changed to 400 w/the packing day of Nov. 22 w/a Thanksgiving Dinner following that evening. The Awana program continues to grow in attendance. Fundraising continues for the upcoming foreign mission trip to Panama next summer. The Equip program is enjoying great attendance. Prayers continue for the hopeful return of Pastor Ron.

Highland Park received eight new members this past month. Our Brotherhood prepared meals for the Mount Airy football team and the Surry Central football team on two separate Fri. afternoons before their games. Hosted a Fall-O-Ween Jesus Fall Festival for the community children. Had a Baby Dedication Ceremony at both morning worship services, w/a total of 13 children dedicated. Had Backpack Dedication Day for the Appalachian Backpack Ministry. Our children (and adults, too) had a great time at The Farm in Dobson. Our Children's Ministry is raising money for camp by selling t-shirts, sweatshirts and hats. We continue to fill shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child and will have a Shoebox Dedication Day on Nov. 16. Our Joy in the Morning Support Group met for a Muffin Bake-off Contest, w/a prize awarded to the winner. Our Youth Ministry is holding a Friendsgiving event for 6th-12th grade students on Nov. 2 from 5-7pm in our Family Life Center. Oct. was Pastor Appreciation month, and our church body presented all three Pastors w/gifts and cards as a way of letting them know we love and appreciate them. We will have a Thanksgiving Meal and Service on Sunday, Nov. 23 beginning @ 5pm. We will enjoy a special evening of worship called "Love Came Down" on Nov. 30 @ 6pm, w/an emphasis on preparing our hearts and minds to think about and celebrate Jesus during the Christmas Season.

Hills Grove had Cantata practice after Wed. night services. WMU had meeting at King Walmart to shop for the Appalachian Outreach Backpack program. We're doing 10 girls and 10 boys again this year. Had Pastor Appreciation Sunday w/a meal following the service. Had a business meeting w/choir practice afterwards. The WMU are collecting winter coats for the shelters through the month

of Nov. Poinsettia orders are being placed now through Nov. 1, priced at \$25; we're using Pilot Mountain Flower Shop this year. God is so good!

Holly Springs had 7 ladies from our WMU go to the Fall Gathering. Celebrated one of our deacons 90th birthday w/a meal after the worship service. Had Pastor Appreciation Meal and gifts for our pastor and his wife. Had Fall Fest w/chicken stew and games. WMU packing backpacks. Hand bell practice has begun. Tell someone about Jesus.

Ivy Green had Bible study on the Gospel of Mark and continues to be on second and fourth Wed., w/a pizza meal before the study @ 6:30. WMU is the first Wed. of each month @ 6pm. The old steps and sidewalk were removed to the front of the church and new steps and sidewalk were installed. New hand rails are being installed. Continues to provide items for the Christmas backpacks. The weekend food bags for Cedar Ridge Elem. continue to be made for the students w/food insecurities. The "Blessing Box" continues to be used by community people. The church is also a drop off place for food boxes for senior through a Food Program that is being piloting in Surry Co. and surrounding counties. The congregation honored the pastor, Robert McCrary, w/a covered dish lunch in Oct.

Jessup Grove welcomed one new member. Continuing to work on backpacks for the Christmas backpack program. Planning a chicken stew/hot dog supper for the church. Had Trunk or Treat in Pilot Mtn. Men have been helping w/handicap ramps, associational wood cutting and also built handrails for a member. The choir is working on our Christmas cantata. Voted on and called Eli Atkins as Youth Director. The seniors met for a time of food, fellowship and fun. The ladies continue serving in our community to help others in various ways. The children continue to meet weekly. Our church is partnering w/a church in the Philippines to sponsor families by donating money for food.

Ladonia will celebrate Old Fashioned Day; Veterans Day on 11/9; and Thanksgiving w/a special breakfast instead of Sunday School on 11/23. Hanging of the Greens service is 11/30 @ 6pm. Christmas play will be 12/20 @ 6pm. All youth are encouraged to attend Wed. night services for special youth meetings in the Fellowship Hall while regular service is held inside the church @ 7pm.

Mount Carmel's WMU met by Zoom in Oct. w/7 members present. Food will be delivered to SBA office and water will be delivered to Medical Ministry this month. Seven ladies attended the WMU meeting at Highland Park and enjoyed it very much. We have packed 173 shoeboxes and 48 backpacks. Will host a missionary on Nov. 15 @ 10am. We will be delivering Thanksgiving meals to homebound members on Nov. 26. Our program was "Nursing and Gospel Proclamation".

Mount Zion has been blessed w/a new pastor, Dr. Ricky Atkins. Since his arrival, Wed. night services have been held weekly @ 7 pm. We are currently studying the Book of Revelation. Has been blessed w/a new roof installation. Held Pastor appreciation and birthday recognition, w/plenty of good food and fellowship. Had Trunk or Treat w/theme, Biblical.

Mountain View enjoyed a covered dish meal & Bible study on Cumberland Knob w/lots of good food, fellowship & softball being played by youth & adults. Had another fun evening w/pizza & popcorn while watching a great movie "The King of Kings" in the Fellowship Hall.

New Hope celebrated Old Fashion Day w/a covered dish meal following the service in Oct. Hosted annual trunk & treat event. Provided a meal for North Surry Band and JV football team. The 2025 Christmas Play preparation and practices underway. Voted to expand space in Sanctuary for Praise Worship Team and add a handicap ramp access in Fellowship Hall. Church monthly mission's breakfast is Sunday, Nov. 16 @ 8:30am. Our monthly meal delivery ministry will be on Wed., Nov. 19.

Oak Grove started Sunday School back in Oct. Went to Spruce Pine, western NC. for mission work. Baptized 2 people. Made donation to Food Pantry. Picked up Christmas Shoe Boxes at meeting and planned dates to pack boxes. Partnered w/Ivy Green Baptist Church to do backpacks. Ladies attended WMU Fall Gathering at Highland Park Baptist Church. Collecting for Food Pantry. Had a meal for Pastor appreciation in Oct.

Pauls Creek celebrated its 85th Church Anniversary in Oct. Past church pastors and former members, who are now pastors, preached wonderful messages. There was special singing by Paul's Creek members. A delicious meal and fellowship were enjoyed by everyone!

Pinnacle View had 10 ladies attend the SBA WMU fall gathering. Continued Sat. Morning Ladies Bible Study. Collected girls hair accessories for Operation Christmas child shoeboxes for the month of Oct. Had "trunk or treat" community event w/free meal and gave out upcycled Sunday School Books. Celebrated pastor appreciation month w/cards & gifts for our pastor & wife. Baptist Men's Collecting Christmas Back Packs for the SBA Appalachian backpack project.

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Surry Baptist Association Financial Contributions September 2025

	2025 Budget Receipts To Date	Designated & Other Receipts
Albion	\$0.00	\$0.00
Antioch	\$4,579.50	\$0.00
Bannertown	\$6,000.03	\$100.00
Blues Grove	\$1,000.00	\$2,500.00
Calvary	\$1,125.00	\$375.00
Cedar Lane	\$0.00	\$0.00
Central View	\$1,170.96	\$0.00
Christian Community	\$0.00	\$0.00
Community	\$2,475.00	\$1,900.00
Copeland	\$2,031.90	\$1,000.00
Cornerstone	\$782.79	\$1,625.00
Cross Roads	\$1,200.00	\$2,400.00
Dobson, First	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00
Dover	\$500.00	\$40.00
Fairview	\$6,000.00	\$900.00
Faith	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fancy Gap	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Fellowship	\$1,297.00	\$2,050.00
Flippin Memorial	\$1,600.00	\$400.00
Fuente de Vida	\$398.54	\$0.00
Gum Orchard	\$0.00	\$0.00
Haymore Memorial	\$653.67	\$0.00
Highland Park	\$7,875.00	\$4,375.00
Hills Grove	\$0.00	\$0.00
Holly Springs	\$1,050.00	\$0.00
Indian Grove	\$600.00	\$0.00
Ivy Green	\$1,378.56	\$437.00
Jessup Grove	\$4,100.00	\$1,180.00
Ladonia	\$720.00	\$1,150.00
Little Richmond	\$1,281.07	\$0.00
Mount Carmel	\$2,000.00	\$600.00
Mount Zion	\$900.00	\$0.00
Mountain Park	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mountain View	\$1,274.17	\$100.00
New Bethel	\$100.00	\$0.00
New Hope	\$800.00	\$500.00
New Life	\$443.17	\$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	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Pleasant View	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rock Hill	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rockford	\$0.00	\$0.00
Salem	\$2,437.47	\$225.00
Salem Fork	\$3,250.00	\$1,927.35
Shoals	\$2,785.00	\$250.00
Siloam	\$1,500.00	\$100.00
Simmons Grove	\$4,000.00	\$1,200.00
Slate Mountain	\$1,494.00	\$0.00
Sparta, First	\$4,000.00	\$0.00
Sulphur Springs	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
Turkey Ford	\$2,000.00	\$300.00
Union Cross	\$0.00	\$0.00
Victory	\$0.00	\$0.00
Welcome	\$500.00	\$0.00
Westfield	\$5,679.08	\$0.00
Westview	\$425.00	\$0.00
Woodland	\$1,550.00	\$850.00
Woodville	\$2,400.00	\$300.00
Other		\$74,737.30
TOTALS	\$97,005.61	\$32,709.35

Church News continued from inside

Rock Hill's recent baptisms, was blessed to have another candidate come forward at the river. Since then, we had another precious soul saved and a rededication. Held our annual chicken stew, fall festival and hayride & Trunk or Treat in Oct. Provided support to the Foothills Food Pantry and canned goods to the Salvation Army. Join us for our upcoming services: Nov. 2, Communion Services Nov. 23. Thanksgiving Lunch following services Nov. 30. Hanging of the Greens are during 10:30am services.

Salem Fork had 3 people to be baptized and join the church. Celebrated 118 years of mission and ministry w/annual Homecoming. Making plans for Fall Festival for kids and the annual Harvest Sale.

Siloam celebrated 125 years in Oct. Special singing by Caleb's Crossing was enjoyed by all. Deacon ordination service was held for Trent Day w/communion following. Fall revival services was in Oct. w/Bro. Nathan Sheets @ Siloam, Rev. Jarred Seal @ Central View and w/ Bro. Andrew Willard @ Siloam Baptist. Sign up for Backpack ministry is taking place and all backpacks will go to Copeland Elem. Community meals are being served the first Wed. of each month. Pastor appreciation day was held. We thank God for our pastor, Rev. Jarred Seal and his wife, Marinda. "And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding."

Simmons Grove's Mission Team is traveling to Boston to work w/Church Planters. Continued to support Pilot Mountain Outreach ministry. Baptist Women prepared food bags for Backpack School Food program. Homecoming was in Oct. w/Dale Wallace and Stewart Mauck speaking. Shared the gospel and Christ's love through Trunk or Treat.

Slate Mountain baptized one young man. Celebrated Pastor Appreciation Day and 111th Anniversary w/delicious shrimp boil prepared by Dean and Melissa Martin and Glenn and Amanda Belcher. Women provided desserts. WMU members attended the Fall Gathering @ Highland Park. Our WMU president Marlene Gray was one of the guest speakers. Donated clothing to the Spark of Hope Foster Care Clothes Closet and will host a baby shower for Carlyn Brown Nov. 9. Collecting food for Yokefellow Ministries. Had Trunk or Treat.

Sparta First's Wed. night meals resume, followed by Bible study and prayer concerns. Well-attended Women's Discipleship Conference in Greensboro was a blessing. Having Singing Christmas Tree practice and Christmas play practice. Youth tailgate for the football team was a great youth event. Our church, has unlimited access to RightNow Media, the world's largest streaming library of video Bible study resources. Unlimited blessings in the offerings.

Sulphur Springs celebrated Homecoming w/special singing from all our church singers. Held Revival in Oct. Had Pastor appreciation day w/meal. Had Trunk or Treat.

Turkey Ford had Gideon Speaker Bill Wall and took a good offering for the purchase of Scriptures to share. Helped WoM purchase 50 hams for The Medical Ministries' Christmas Food Bags. Had 9 WoM to attend the SBA WMU Fall Gathering and participate in the project for foster children. CiA and families enjoyed a Fall Sunday afternoon at The Farm. Had Trunk or Treat w/biblical themes. Will have Old-Fashioned Friends and Family Day on Sunday, Nov. 23, w/a covered-dish meal after Services.

Union Cross had 2 souls baptized at the church picnic @ Kibler Valley in Claudeville, VA. Pastor's wife was recognized on her birthday @ Homecoming and Old Fashioned Day w/cake, flowers and a gift. Rev. Tim Burton spoke at Worship service w/ Cranberry Creek Band bringing the music. Youth enjoyed a fishing trip. Had church-wide picnic w/hot dogs and hamburgers.

Welcome received over \$1100 for the Gideon ministry. PTL! Birthday cards were collected and sent to one of our shut-ins. Had a Pastor Appreciation lunch for Pastor Rick and Lisa. Had a record number in worship for our Homecoming. PTL! Chase Wright and Vikki Simmons sang and JD Simmons brought the morning message followed w/ lunch. The Women of Welcome met and planned many upcoming events for Fall. The Lord blessed us to have new carpeting installed in our sanctuary.

Westview had a celebration for our pastor James for Pastor Appreciation month was held w/a special luncheon on Oct. 19. We also celebrated our pastors wife, Tabatha for her birthday. We love and appreciate you both. Business meeting was held in Oct. Had a "Trunk or Treat" w/Godly theme w/lots of treats on hand. Continuing to collect food items for our Blessing Box and school backpack program.

Woodville celebrated our 112th Homecoming w/special music by Kelly Ratcliff and dinner following service in Oct. Had Trunk O Ween. Repaved parking lot. Had dinner following service for Thanksgiving on Sunday Nov. 23.



Church Clerks Reminder!

**Congregation Profiles do not have
to be completed until
the End of January, 2026.
More Info. coming soon!**

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