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June 10, 2025 11:30am Westfield Baptist

Westfield is providing the meal and desserts. All you need to bring is a can of food for the Surry Medical Ministry.

(Special Singing)

SBA Mid Year Meeting July 28, 2025 *a* Westfield Baptist Church 6713 Westfield Rd

Westfield, NC 27053

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	Flippin Memorial: July 20-25						
Simmons Grove: June 22-26							
Rock Hill: June 22-27		Paul's Creek: June 2-7					
Highland Park: June 22-26 Dover: June 7							
Salem Fork: June 1-5		Westview:	June 16-20				
Turkey Ford: July 14-18 Calvary: June 1-5			ine 1-5				
Central View: June 1-4 New Hope:			June 9-13				
Community: July 7-11 Fellowship: June 16-2							
Mount Zion	July 6-10	Woodland:	June 8-13				
Antioch: Jun	ie 1-5	Jessup Grove:	July 13- 17				
Oak Grove:	July 7-11	Holly Springs:	June 16-18				
Dobson First	: June 8-12	Ladonia: J	une 9-13				

Union Cross: June 6-7 Blues Grove: June 23-27

Westfield: August 4-5





Bring Gift Cards to SBA by July 31, 2025

"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."

Albion Antioch Bannertown **Blues** Grove Calvary Cedar Lane **Central View Christian Community** Community Copeland Cornerstone **Cross Roads** Dobson, First Dover Fairview Faith Fancy Gap Fellowship **Flippin Memorial** Fuente de Vida Gum Orchard Havmore Memorial **Highland Park** Hills Grove **Holly Springs** Indian Grove lvv Green Jessup Grove I adonia Little Richmond Mount Carmel Mount Zion Mountain Park Mountain View New Bethel New Hope New Life New Venture Oak Grove Oak Ridge **Pauls Creek Pinnacle View Pleasant View Rock Hill** Rockford Salem Salem Fork Shoals Siloam **Simmons Grove Slate Mountain** Sparta, First Sulphur Springs Turkey Ford **Union Cross** Victory Welcome Westfield Westview Woodland Woodville

From Your Director of Missions — Dan Merritt

Where has the year gone? We are at the halfway point already! Time passes so fast that we sometimes wonder if we are accomplishing anything or if our lives are impacting those in our lives. It should be the desire of every Christian to make an impact in the circle where the Lord has placed us. Paul wrote that the Lord "has chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise" (I Cor. 1:27).

While one person can have a tremendous impact in their circle, when working collectively, one can have an even greater impact.

As Surry Baptists, our individual efforts can have a great collective impact when we yield those efforts to the Lord. As June has dawned, we think of Vacation Bible School and the many individuals it takes to conduct a successful VBS. I am thankful for all the VBS workers who serve throughout the association. Every individual is making an impact on young lives that only eternity will be able to reveal the impact that was made on so many young lives. It is my prayer that many seeds will be planted and there will be a great harvest of souls.

There is a collective impactfulness when each month churches give goods to the associational medical ministry. Through the cooperative giving of the churches many people are reached and helped each month.

There is a collective impactfulness through the Baptist Men and the Handyman Ministry. It continues to flourish. The many projects they have undertaken to reach the physical and spiritual needs of others keeps growing and has truly been a ministry that has touched numerous lives.

There is a collective impactfulness through the WMU as it continues to emphasize missions and keeps the importance of mission outreach before the churches. Without their worthy efforts mission emphasis would surely suffer.

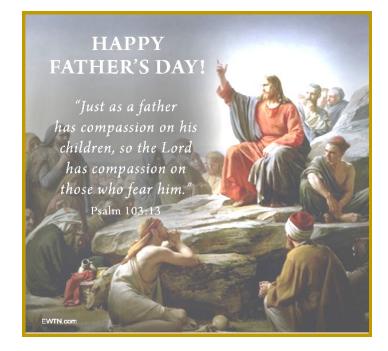
There is collective impactfulness through the Precept classes and other classes taught through the association. This past year the Gospel of John was studied in depth with nearly 200 people studying God's Word. And we have just finished a study on "How We Got the Bible," which proved to be a most informative study.

There is impactfulness when the churches unite as one each year as churches to collect the Appalachian BackPack ministry. Last year, we collected nearly 1800 backpacks. Now that is making an impact on young lives.

When we realize, like the little boy in John six, who gave his lunch to Jesus, who then multiplied it to feed over five thousand people, the Lord has and can accomplish much through His people if we are willing to yield out lives to Himl The Lord has planned for us tremendous opportunities that await us if we keep our eyes on Him. Let us never forget that as individuals we can have a tremendous impact on others, but we can have even more of an impact when we unite together. Let us never forget, we can accomplish much when we work together.

It is a privilege to be your Director of Missions. I count it an honor to be involved in such an impactful association. If I can ever be of help to you , give me a call or stop by the office.

> Serving Christ Together, Dr. Dan



<u>Baptist Men Update</u>

For our May meeting, we met at Surry Baptist Association and Dennis and Wanda Long provided our meal. Our devotion was brought by Dennis Long, who spoke on, "The Doxology that starts with praising God for all things that's used to begin worship services"

Gary reported that we have 3-4 ramps in line to do and we are waiting on permits for some.

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.

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, June 9th 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.



Bring food anytime to be given out for June; 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.

SBA WMU: "Serve the Lord with gladness" could be the theme song for SBA WMU. Our commitment to serving the Lord sacrificially opens doors to provide for the needs of others. One example is the generous donations of arts and crafts supplies given to Lifespan Services at our recent annual WMU meeting. Lifespan staff where overjoyed at all the items they received. When we SEE with the eyes of Jesus, we can't help but respond: to the hungry food bags for Surry Medical Ministeries and donations to Global Hunger Relief); to those who have unsafe drinking water (Pure Water, Pure Love); to incarcerated women (NC WMU Red Box Prison Ministry); to missionaries (daily prayer and support through Christmas in August); to the grieving (GriefShare program and mental health awareness); and to those who lost everything because of a disaster (such as Hurricane Helene). Please ask Jesus to OPEN YOUR EYES today to SEE who else needs the touch of His love and compassion and take action to supply needs they have.



Appalachian

Christmas Outreach



Backpack Ministry

Now is the time to start planning ahead and purchasing your items for this worthwhile ministry. We will be sponsoring 4 local elementary schools this year.

One of the greatest ministry needs in this area occurs around Christmastime. NCBM is calling on churches statewide to respond to this need through Appalachian Christmas Outreach 2025.

1) Small items of NEW clothing such as winter hats, gloves, socks, underwear, rolled t-shirts

2) Small pop-top canned food such as ravioli, tuna, beef stew, vegetables, fruit (3-4 cans)

3) At least one NEW, age appropriate non-breakable toy (no toy weapons, please!)

4) Hygiene items including toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, washcloth, brush or comb, shampoo, deodorant

(try to fit these items into a one gallon Ziploc bag). 5) A children's Bible or youth Bible (no one version is required)

6) Fresh, wrapped candy (no chocolate please, as it may melt) 7) A copy of <u>"The Christmas Story"</u> **

Deliver to SBA by November 1st (9am-12pm).

Use Ribbon instead of name tags. Any questions, contact Terry or Jo Hardy @ 336-366-4729 or email Terryphady@gmail.com

WMU Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, June 7, 2025 9am (a) SBA Office **Program is on Grief Share Ministry Reservations are due May 27.**

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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.

Surry Christian Counseling Center Statistics for April 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.

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B} June 3: Rev. David Sechrist (Oak Ridge) June 11: Dr. Rick Jackson (Welcome) June 17: Mrs. Lora Chamblin (Sulphur Springs) June 21: Mrs. Carolyn Jones (Dover) June 23: Rev. Joey Lane (Shoals) June 30: Mrs. Kay Chamblin (Pinnacle View)

Antioch's VBS will be Themed True North. For Adults it will be Flywheel. Date: June 1-5. Supper provided nightly. Had a baby dedication service for Mother's Day w/several babies dedicated. What a blessing. The Sisterhood will have a blood drive June 14. If anyone would like to donate blood please contact the church office @ 336-789-2057 for more info. The Sisterhood participates in the following ministries each month; Sunshine Baskets, Davis Apartment meals, Hygiene Bags for the blessing box. school shoes and also have a Book/Bible study each month. Had a graduation service to recognize all graduates. Kindergarten - College. Will have Upward Evaluation/Signups on June 7, 10am-12pm. June 23, 6-7pm., July 13, 3-4:30 pm. Please join us for a fun season. Had an Awana Awards Night and Ice Cream social following awards. Big thank you to everyone that dedicated their time to making Awana a great year! The Well food prepared and delivered 233 meals this past month.

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Bannertown received one new member. Group enjoyed trip to Wohlfahrt Theatre in Wytheville to view production of "Peace In the Valley." Children's Ministry sponsored Easter Eggs-travaganza w/games and true Easter story. Sponsored Bloodmobile. Youth enjoyed Dinner & Games at Youth directors' home. Had Sonrise Service and Easter breakfast. Served two drive-thru Community Meals Youth went to Dash game. Had Family Worship Choir on Mother's Day. Recognized graduates on Graduation Sunday. Had meal to raise funds for our Children's Ministry. Had bi-monthly business meeting. Senior Adults enjoyed trip to Walkertown Seafood.
Blues Grove had a Wed night special speaker, Noah Brown. Honored Mothers on Mother's Day w/each one given a flower. A hanging basket was given to the Mother w/most children and to the Mother w/youngest child. Had Graduation Sunday honoring 7 High School and 2 College graduates. Each was presented a gift. WMU gave a donation to the Handyman Ministry. VBS will be week of June 23 - 27. Meal will be served at 5:15 pm w/classes for all ages from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Received special love offering for Annie Armstrong Missions. HOMECOMING will be on Sun June 22 w/lunch following service. Everyone welcome.

- Calvary celebrated its 111th Anniversary. The emphasis for the day was a focus on the 40th anniversary of our sanctuary. A bookmark on the history of the sanctuary was given to everyone. We worshiped together and then had lunch. During worship on Mother's Day, a children's dedication was held. In memory and in honor of our mother's, we made a special contribution to The Legacy Center, Mount Airy's crisis pregnancy ministry. Hosted a Red Cross Blood Drive. During the month of May, held a "Bulletin Board Fundraiser" to support our young people on their upcoming mission trip to Chicago in June. Finished plans for VBS to be held June 1-5. w/theme "True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World."
- Central View had communion. Easter egg hunt was a great success. Sunrise Service w/breakfast. Collected gift cards for BCH. Collected food items for backpacks for Central Middle School. Youth met Wed. for Art & Craft Class. Had special Mothers Day program w/a slide presentation of all Mothers passed and present. Recognized youngest and oldest Mother w/flowers and all Mothers w/a rose.VBS June 1-4 "Magnified" w/Meal each night at 6pm.
- **Community** Had wonderful service @ Fisher River Park w/ lunch following. Celebrated graduates w/special service_in_May. Ladies had fellowship meal and devotion w/the Dollyhigh Sisters bringing special music and Jennifer Thoppil bringing a wonderful message. Will celebrate homecoming w/Rev. Joe Alford preaching morning worship service and special singers. Lunch followed in fellowship hall. VBS is July 7-11.
- Dobson, First welcomed one new member by baptism. Celebrated Mother's Day w/five baby dedications. Five high school graduates were honored and five college graduates in May on graduates were honored and five college graduates in May on graduate Sunday. A luncheon was held for school nurses by our Women's Ministry. Held a Salsa and scripture luncheon. Mission Action Group of WMU fed Hospice Home in Dobson w/pizza lunch in May. VBS "Wonder Junction" is June 8-12 @5:30 to 7:45pm each night. Dover had guest speaker Lucy Bennett on Youth Sunday w/ music
- by Travis Watts and Mountain Blessings. Held baptism of three new members w/meal afterward. Had two special Wed. three new members w/meal atterward. Had two special Wed. night services w/Bro Mark Rotenizer preaching, Held Easter sunrise service w/breakfast followed by regular worship service, Children had Easter egg party. Collected Annie Armstrong Easter offering, Baptist Children's home offering and Mothers Day offering. Sadly our church lost three precious souls to death recently. Celebrated pastor's birthday w/a monetary gift. WMU, Men's Brotherhood and Deacons meetings held monthly. Assisted in Surry Co backpack program and gift card to Dobson hospice home for snacks.VBS is June 7 at 10am and ending around 3-4 pm, followed by hotdog meal.
- followed by hotdog meal. Fellowship had one person Baptized. Had Gideon speaker and received offering for the Gideons. Collected over \$3000 received offering for the Oldeons. Collected over \$5000 toward Annie Armstrong offering. Mother's Day gift was sent to Legacy Center. WOM met and discussed upcoming projects. Blessing Bags will be distributed through Social Services. VBS "High Speed Adventure", is June 16-20 @ 6:30 -8:30pm. New Believers class began in May. Church is open 1st Monday for prayer @ 6:30-8am 12-1pm and 6:30-8pm. bland Park is blessed to receive ten new members this past
- Highland Park is blessed to receive ten new members this past month. Our VBS for ages 2 years - middle school is June 22 - 26, w/dinner for the kids each night. The Willing Hands crochet class met in May. This class meets together to make crochet items for different projects, and would like to invite anyone interested to join them on the first Tues. of each month at 6pm in our Educational Building in room EB 100. Held Baby Dedication Ceremonies in May at both the 8:30 and 11am worship services for eight of our precious little ones. The Joy in the Morning Support Group met. They meet each month on the second Tues. in our Fellowship Hall from 12 -1pm and invite anyone interested to come join them. Our AWANA Clubs have ended for this school year and an awards ceremony was held for all the children participating. Also held a Graduate Recognition Ceremony in May at our 11am worship service for 15 of our students who are graduating this Spring. We also held an AMR Blood Drive in our Family Life Center. Our WMU recognized all the mothers in our congregation w/a gift on Mother's Day, and our Brotherhood will recognize all fathers w/a gift on Father's Day.
- Hills Grove honored Mother's on Mother's Day w/a sweet gift after service. Plan on having outside Wed. night services @ Teri and David's weather permitting. Had end of school year

celebration @ the Dobson Splash Pad w/ a service and lunch. WMU met and discussed upcoming events and had a

- successful Spring Fundraiser.
 Holly Springs' VBS is June 16-18, our theme will be Wonder Junction. 6-8pm w/a meal @ 6pm. WMU along w/ Bannertown Baptist and Cornerstone Baptist will be serving an environment of the Department of the depar appreciation dinner to the Bannertown Volunteer Fire Dept. Our youth stick ministry performed May 25 to God Bless The USA. Youth Sunday w/Aaron Mauck as our speaker. We will have Communion on the 5th Sunday.
- Ivy Green's Bible study began in May w/a study of the Gospel of Mark and will continue on second and fourth Wed., w/a pizza meal@6:30.WMU is the first Wed. of each month at 6pm. Preparing "weekend food bags" for students at Cedar Ridge Elemn. for this year. The school recognized Ivy Green as their volunteers of the year. This was such a nice surprise. The youth had a skating party for the youth members, and they invited friends. Other youth activities are being plan-ned. Mother's Day was celebrated w/"Muffins for Moms" for breakfast. Recognized each lady w/a small gift. A prayer of gratitude was given by the pastor. Each lady received a number on arrival to the worship service and one lady received a special gift when her number was called. The WMU will be collecting monies for gift cards to be sent to the Baptist Children's Home. Will have the annual church picnic in June.
- Jessup Grove participated in the Annie Armstrong Easter offering. Graduates will be recognized this month. The church is planning a mission trip to western NC 5/22 - 5/24. The Baptist men continue meeting and planning projects for the group. They also help the SBA brotherhood building ramps and assist the handyman ministry. Voted to send a monthly donation to support the handyman ministry. The ladies continue meeting and planning ways to help people in the community. The children meet on Wed. nights during the adult Bible study. VBS is July 13 - 17. Ladonia had 6 graduates honored in May. Homecoming is June 8.
- VBS is June 9-13 at 6:30p. Youth meetings every Wed. night 7pm. 4th Sunday evening service at 7pm.
 Mount Carmel's WMU met by zoom w/5 members in attendance. Delivered food to SBA office and water to Medical Ministries. Sent a box of cards ready to go to St. Judes. Donations collected so far for Annie Armstrong \$1705. Working on collections for Hospice. Had a program on "You've Reached Retirement!".
- Mount Zion Easter festivities were held and included telling of the Easter story, Easter egg hunt, games, and lunch. The youth presented a stick drama to "Arise My Love" during Easter worship service. Homecoming is June 8. w/Special music by the Nunn Brothers and lunch will follow in the fellowship hall. Scott Norman retired as Mt. Zion's pastor in April. Mt. Zion is Scott Norman fettred as Mr. Zion's pastor in April. Mr. Zion's now actively searching and praying for a pastor. We have been blessed to have Rev. Dale Wallace filling the role as Interim Pastor. VBS is July 6-10 from 6:45pm - 8:45pm. Youth will participate in the Ararat Fourth of July parade.
 Mountain View celebrated our Risen Savior through sunrise searching for a pastor of the participate for the participate of the par
- service, breakfast, Easter music & an Easter egg hunt. Con-tributed \$920 to Annie Armstrong Easter offering. Enjoyed Baptist Women's Day w/members of our congregation speaking. All Mothers were given a rose on Mother's Day. The youngest, oldest & the one w/the most children were
- New Hope completed the Bible Study "Praying to our Unchanging God" w/Pastor Trent Lyons. Hosted annual Memorial Day Service. Celebrated a special Mother's Day service including Child dedication prayer & Bible presentation. Celebrated the graduation of all High School and College graduates in May. Approved donation to our local food pantry. Our monthly mission's breakfast will be June 15 @ 8:30am. Our monthly meal delivery ministry will be on June 18.
- **Oak Grove** had 4 baptisms. Had 4 people join the church. Sunday, June 1 @6pm. Phillip Adams is preaching and singing. Senior meals ended for summer. Having a Ladies Tea Party June 7 @ 11am. at the church. Continuing Bible Study 'Never Alone' Wed. @1pm and Bible Study Wed. evenings @ 7pm. VBS is July 7-1. Collecting food for the Food Pantry for kids this summer. It should be things they can fix themselves like macaroni & cheese, fruit cups, breakfast foods, etc.

Surry Baptist Association Financial Contributions April 2025				
	2025 Budget Receipts To Date	Designated & Other Receipts		
Albion	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Antioch Bannertown	\$2,289.50 \$2,666.68	\$0.00 \$100.00		
Blues Grove	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00		
Calvary	\$500.00	\$125.00		
Cedar Lane	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Central View Christian Community	\$571.86 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00		
Community	\$1,100.00	\$1,300.00		
Copeland	\$1,519.60	\$0.00		
Cornerstone	\$266.87	\$1,525.00		
Cross Roads Dobson, First	\$200.00 \$0.00	\$600.00 \$0.00		
Dover	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Fairview	\$2,000.00	\$270.00		
Faith Eancy Gan	\$0.00 \$2,000.00	\$0.00 \$0.00		
Fancy Gap Fellowship	\$2,000.00 \$467.00	\$0.00 \$300.00		
Flippin Memorial	\$0.00	\$400.00		
Fuente de Vida	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Gum Orchard Haymore Memorial	\$0.00 \$346.34	\$0.00 \$0.00		
Highland Park	\$2,625.00	\$3,250.00		
Hills Grove	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Holly Springs	\$350.00	\$0.00		
Indian Grove Ivy Green	\$600.00 \$699.79	\$0.00 \$0.00		
Jessup Grove	\$4,100.00	\$400.00		
Ladonia	\$320.00	\$350.00		
Little Richmond Mount Carmel	\$494.76 \$750.00	\$0.00 \$500.00		
Mount Zion	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Mountain Park	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Mountain View New Bethel	\$560.25 \$100.00	\$0.00 \$0.00		
New Hope	\$800.00	\$0.00 \$500.00		
New Life	\$127.99	\$0.00		
New Venture	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Oak Grove Oak Ridge	\$250.00 \$873.00	\$2,000.00 \$2,000.00		
Pauls Creek	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00		
Pinnacle View	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00		
Pleasant View Rock Hill	\$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00		
Rockford	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00		
Salem	\$1,083.32	\$0.00		
Salem Fork	\$1,625.00	\$0.00		
Shoals Siloam	\$0.00 \$1,000.00	\$250.00 \$0.00		
Simmons Grove	\$1,000.00	\$1,200.00		
Slate Mountain	\$664.00	\$0.00		
Sparta, First	\$2,000.00	\$0.00		
Sulphur Springs Turkey Ford	\$600.00 \$1,000.00	\$0.00 \$0.00		
Union Cross	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Victory	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Welcome Westfield	\$250.00 \$2 103 24	\$0.00 \$0.00		
Westview	\$2,193.24 \$200.00	\$0.00 \$0.00		
Woodland	\$750.00	\$450.00		
Woodville	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Other		\$45,880.49		

Pauls Creek's VBS is Monday, June 2 -Saturday, June 7 @6:30pm. We will be "Rocket Racers for Jesus" and learning about Elijah following God's plan for his life, so we can too! Youth hiked Devil's Den. Celebrated Senior Adult Day w/ seniors sharing songs, scriptures, and testimonies. Lunch was provided to seniors by our youth. We also honored our mothers on Mother's Day.

Pinnacle View is collecting food store gift cards for NC Children's home. Had a Baptism Sunday. Honored Mother's on Mother's Day. Had VBS week "Magnifying God in the smallest of things" w/a Family night on Friday. Finished renovations in the downstairs classroom area. Continuing Ladies Bible Study on Sat. mornings. Continuing Blessing Food Box ministry.

Rock Hill Collected and exceeded our goal for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Held Egg Hunt allowing kids to turn in their eggs to the Bunny Store for prizes. Sunrise services and breakfast following were held Easter. Hosted first night of our Community Revival w/ Siloam, Shoals and Westside in attendance. Honored mothers w/sweet treats from Nothing Bundt cakes. Recognized and held special

time of prayer for the VBS Day of Prayer.
Salem Fork had 52 youth and adults enjoyed attending aWS Dash baseball game. Had baby dedication as part of Mother's Day observance. WMU collected donations for the Pure Water, Pure Love project. Recognized those graduating form high school and college. Children's team had an end of school party at the Dobson splash pad. Had very successful VBS. Had meal and game night at Fisher River Park. 6 youth, along w/Pastor Sean and his wife Michelle, spent a week in Hendersonville participating in the Deep Impact mission program. VBS at Salem Fork is June 1-5.
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- Slate Mountain had one profession of faith. Received five new members by statement. Participated in Annie Armstrong Easter offering. Had a well-attended Easter Sunrise Service and breakfast and also Easter egg hunt. Continuing Wed. night Bible study in book of Exodus. Recognized mothers on Mothers Day and presented each w/gift bag. Baptist Women enjoyed monthly meal at East Coast Wings. Please pray for Deacon Bobby Lambert who is in the hospital due to a broken hip and Deacon Thomas Gallant who is having health issues.
- **Sparta First** was blessed w/Palm Sunday observance, supported the Annie Armstrong Easter offering, Good Friday observance w/the Cross Walk through the town of Sparta and Remembering the Cross Service that evening. Easter Sunday was a blessing w/the Sunrise Service, Easter breakfast, followed by a blessing of our Easter Service. Had a month w/tremendous opportunity to worship and reflect.
- Easter Service. Had a month w/tremendous opportunity to worship and reflect. **Turkey Ford** had Eight WoM attend the SBA WMU Annual Meeting, decorated a table, and donated art supplies, gift cards, etc. to Lifespan. WMU provided snacks and drinks to South Surry Vol. Fire Dept. Children in Action and Others will be going to Chick-fil-A and Hardy's Custom Golf Center. VBS is July 14 -18, from 6 -8:30pm, w/a light meal. Theme is "Magnified" and there will be classes for all ages. All enjoyed "Muffins with Mom" and all mothers were remembered w/a gift and a carnation on Mother's Day. Thank you for your continuing prayers for our Dear Pastor Steven Corn. On dialysis he is feeling much better and missed bringing the message only one Sunday.
- **Union Cross** had Missionary Joshua Tamayo to speak at worship service. His wife Zara attended also. Had special Mother's Day service. All mothers were presented gifts. The youth sang with their hand bells.
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 Welcome enjoyed an Easter Sunrise Service w/breakfast. At the morning worship on Easter we had The Flowering Of The Cross. The Lord blessed us to exceed our Annie Armstrong givings goal. Collected for the Mother's Day offering. Recognized all the mothers in our church w/a gift. We reached out with cards of encouragement to one of our own. Recognized our nurses and educators. Had a Brotherhood Breakfast and enjoyed great fellowship.
- Westfield welcomed Five new members in recent weeks, 3 by public testimony and bap -tism. Youth ministry events included a guys game night and kids ministry fun night in April and May. A May 31 car wash is planned to raise funds for youth camp, which will send 7 elementary campers to Centri-kid and 9 Middle and HS campers to M-Fuge in June. Had Annual Camp Dinner to introduce campers and provide an opportunity to show their appreciation for those who have supported the camp program. Planning is underway for an August 4-5 VBS for Preschool-5th grade. Golden Agers sponsored an excursion to Greensboro Farmer's Market. Had a benefit concert and dinner for the church pianist. Several thousand dollars were raised to assist w/medical and financial needs.
- Westview had a Mother's Day celebration @ Rooster's restaurant w/great food and fellowship, and also flowers were given to all mothers after service. VBS "Rocket Racers" June 16-20. Meals will be served each night @ 5:30-6:30. There will be classes for all ages. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- **Woodville** had dinner after service for Pastor and family in April. Choir sang at First Church of the Brethren in May. Honored Mother's with a gift on Mother's Day.

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