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SBA Tri-Annual Meeting October 26, 2026 Copeland Baptist Church 7:00 pm



Highlights:

- Message by Rev. Trent Lyons
- Special Music- "New Hope Praise Team"
- Welcoming Midway Baptist as a new member to the SBA
- Caleb Waller, NC Baptist Great Commission Catalyst
- Baptist Men's Update
- DOM Report
- NC State Convention Staff Speaker



SENIOR ADULT CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

December 08 @ 11:30 am

**Little Richmond
 Baptist Church**

Snack Foods

**Bring Canned food for
 Medical Ministries**



Baptist Men's Group

thank you  **FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

Our Pancake Breakfast was a success.
 All Proceeds go towards the
 Handy Man Ministry and will be used to
 build ramps for those in need.

"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 watching the news a few weeks ago, it was reported of the sad incident where a cargo plane ran off the runway and slammed into an unsuspecting van with several people inside. One minute they were headed to a planned location, talking and laughing, and the next minute they were out in eternity as the impact of the plane instantly killed the van passengers. How tragic. Watching the report of the incident, my eyes became misty. Life can change in the blink of an eye. From such a tragic incident, we learn many truths.

First, we learn life is uncertain. All was going normally with those passengers, then in a split second their lives were over. Such a tragedy reminds us once again that life is uncertain, that our plans can be upended in the snap of a finger; therefore, be ready to meet the Lord whether by death or His Second Coming.

The second truth we learn is that we must be dependent on the Lord every second of every day. Every heartbeat we are granted, every breath we take comes from the Lord. When the rug is pulled out from us we realize we are not the ones in control. When our plans and routine is upended, we are forced to admit we are not the autonomous beings we thought we were. For stability, we must look beyond our circumstances for security, and look to Christ who is the same yesterday, today, and forever. We must be dependent on Him every moment of our lives.

The third truth we learn, God is still in control. Nothing that takes place, even the tragic, escapes the Lord. He doesn't have to read the morning newspaper to see what happened overnight. He is still on the throne. In Revelation 4 John saw a throne in heaven and it wasn't empty, but One sat upon it. God in His wisdom can bring good even of tragedy. It may be a mystery to us what that good will be, but it is not a mystery to Him. In our lack of understanding we are to trust His wisdom and give thanks that His omnipotent Hand is still working in circumstances and events that are for His glory and what in the long run is for our best and in accordance with His divine purposes.

Fourth truth we learn, life is a valuable gift to be treasured. Any accident, sickness and disease that snatches from us friends and loved ones reminds us that we are all mortal who have but limited days on earth. Tragedy reminds us life at its longest is short, and each day is to be treasured as a gift from heaven. We learn through tragedy many things we considered valuable are not as valuable as family, friends, health, and our relationship with the Lord. Those are gifts that money can't buy. Life is a valuable gift to be treasured

and used each day to serve the Lord and enjoy the gift of family, friends, health, and our relationship with Christ.

Fifth, realizing that life is but a vapor, we must spread the Gospel by any means possible. Those to whom we tell the Truth to, it may be the last time they hear it. That person we witness to, our words may be the last they hear. So let us as the epistle of Jude commands, "On some have compassion, making a difference" (v. 22). May we vow to be the kind of person who makes a difference. Seeing that time is short, it behooves us to share the Gospel story with those we encounter. It may their last chance to make a decision for Christ.

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

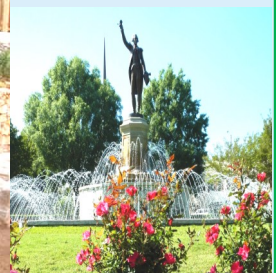
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Dr. Dan

SBA Spring BusTrip

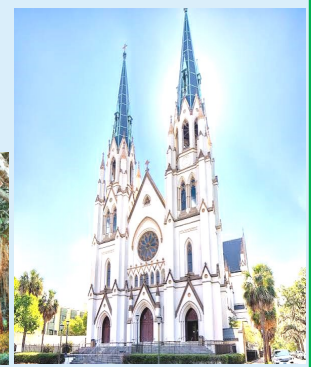
Plans are underway to go to the "Biblical History Center" in LaGrange, Ga. and then spend a day and night in Savannah, Ga touring some old churches and historical sights! Dates, Prices and an Itinerary will be posted at a later date. Should be in April or May, 2027.



LaGrange, Ga



Savannah, Ga





Baptist Men Update

For our September meeting, we met at The Surry Baptist Association. Terry and Jo Hardy provided our meal. We had 11 present. Terry Hardy led our devotion, which was both inspiring and challenging. Gary reported that we have completed 20 ramps so far this year. We discussed our Fall Pancake Breakfast, the firewood ministry, and upcoming projects.

Please consider donating to the Surry Handyman Ministry to help fund our local projects. We have many project requests and limited funding, but with your help, we can continue making 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, October 12th at 6:30 pm at the Surry Baptist Associational office. A meal will be provided. 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 is interested in taking part in any of our activities, you are welcome to call Mike Francis at 336-830-1655 for more information.

2026 BSCNC Annual Meeting

November 16-17, 2022

**Koury Convention Center, West Gate City Boulevard,
Greensboro, NC**

The Annual Meeting allows North Carolina Baptists to gather and learn about the BSCNC mission and vision. The meeting features worship, ministry reports and an exhibit hall featuring resources for churches and business sessions.

Surry Christmas Community Choir

Choir enrollment begins Aug.30th



To enroll, call Susan at the SBA Office 336-789-5701.

*Christmas Program
December 6th 6:00 pm @
Salem Baptist Church, Dobson, NC*

Preview available online at "Christmas Changes Everything" by Mike Speck

Rehearsal #1	Sunday, Oct. 11th	3pm – 4:30 pm
Rehearsal #2	Sunday, Nov. 1st	3pm – 4:30 pm
Fellowship Dinner		4:30 pm – 5:30 pm
Rehearsal #3	Sunday, Nov. 22nd	3pm – 4:30 pm
Rehearsal #4	Sunday, Nov. 29th	3pm – 4:30 pm
Rehearsal #5	Saturday, Dec. 5th	10am – 12:00 pm

All Rehearsals at Salem Baptist Church

430 Rockford Rd. Dobson, NC



Medical Ministries Clinic:

Bring food anytime to be given out for Oct. 2026:
Salem Fork in Oct.; Woodland in Nov.; and Calvary in Dec.

Donations for the NC WMU Red Box Prison Ministry are due to the SBA by Oct. 31. Checks need to be made to the SBA. The annual Baptist Women's Day of Prayer will be held on Nov. 2 at Calvary Baptist Church. More details will be sent to church WMU Leaders/Directors. Many thanks to Highland Park WMU for hosting the annual Fall Gathering at which time the new WMU theme was announced - "Meant for the Mission". This is a great theme that is taken from John 15:1-17 and focuses on Christ as the true vine: believers as branches of the vine; and the importance of ALL believers being on mission with God to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those near and far. Believers are chosen and appointed by God to be involved in missions, pray like Jesus, and to love like Jesus as we reach out to others. Please read and concentrate on John 15 and ask God to open your eyes to what He would have you do. We are "MEANT" to be co-laborers with God who serve with One Vision and One Heartbeat. Praise God for His love and mercy!

Medical Ministry Food Pantry

We send out 50 bags of food per month to the Surry Medical Ministry. Our food pantry is running low. We need to replenish it. Can you please bring food in to help restock our supplies?

(Crackers, peanut butter, cans of soup, corn, beans, fruit, meat, etc.)

Please Pray for Our Churches without Pastors

Haymore Memorial Holly Springs

Jessups Grove Woodville

Fairview Westfield



October Birthdays

Oct. 5: Mrs. Ashley Kilby (Westfield)
Oct. 11: Rev. Caleb Thomas (Hills Grove)
Oct. 17: Rev. Ashley Horton (Ladonia)
Oct. 28: Rev. Kenneth Jessup (Christian Comm.)
Oct. 29: Mrs. Tabatha Collins (Westview)

APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS OUTREACH BACKPACKS

- 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 "The Christmas Story" **



Tie Ribbons to your backpacks: Pink and Blue for boy or girl. Yellow- 4-7, Green - 8-10, Red- 11-14, White - 15-17. Thank you so much for helping out.

We ask that you prepare your backpack as you would for your own child or grandchild, with new items, not used ones. This quality gift may be the only Christmas present this child receives, and will be a witness of Christ's love!

Deliver to Highland Park by November 7th (9am-12pm).

Surry Christian Counseling Center Statistics for August 2026

Total Sessions Conducted = 42

Total Clients Served = 30

Client Assistance Fund Sessions = 20

Client Assistance Fund Clients Served = 13

**To make an appointment with John Shuler,
call 789-7405.**



Missions Engagement Workshop For All Pastors

A practical, collaborative gathering for pastors to help churches grow in their involvement in the Great Commission.

**Place: Surry Baptist Association Office
Time: October 19, 10:00am-11:30am**

Facilitated by Caleb Waller,
NC Baptist Great Commission Catalyst

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Antioch's Sisterhood are involved in the following ministries: Sunshine Baskets, hygiene bags for blessing box, Surry Medical ministries snacks for children. They also support Kiaros Prison Ministry by making cookies. Lunch Davis Project. Upward Flag Football and Cheerleading is underway w/ roughly 100 kids participating. The Well Food Ministry prepared and delivered over 173 meals this past month. The Golden Autumn traveled this past month and went shopping and had lunch. Sunday Services : 8:30 & 11am. Sunday School 9:45am. Youth 4pm. Wed., Adult Bible Study, Awana: 6:30pm. Youth 6:30pm.

Bannertown baptized five new believers in river baptism at River side Park w/celebration afterwards at the picnic shelter. Kicked off Christmas drama preparation w/volunteers. Had catered Senior Adult Banquet w/door prizes and fellowship. Resumed Awanas. Had Sportsman's Dinner w/speaker Sandy Brady.

Calvary's Pastor Alex's sermon series was "Sent. You are not here by accident." The topics were about the ways we are sent into the word as disciples of Christ w/a focus on Acts. Had a successful Red Cross Blood Drive in Sept. Collected its annual offering to support our backpack program at Franklin Elem., supplying 90 food bags every week. The money given will be matched by a church member. Had a listening party for this year's Christmas cantata. Nominated deacons to serve next year. The Surry Baptist Men held a pancake breakfast for donations to support their ministry. Held a craft night for folks to work on any kind of craft and for all to learn or teach others.

Central View is working on backpacks for the Appalachian Christmas outreach. Had a wonderful turn out & weather for our Church in the Park. Had special singing and BBQ. Had Sports Recognition Sunday. Recognized all of our athletes. Had monthly 1st Sunday Breakfast in Aug. Had a Gideon speaker in Sept. Had a cornhole tournament and hog dog supper. Home coming is Oct. 4. w/a covered dish meal after worship service and having special singing by The Country Boys.

Community had a precious family to join the church. Hosted a foreign missionary that serves in France who encouraged us to pray for teams there sharing the Gospel to people immigrating from Africa. We took a love offering for her. We support Jeff Castle w/Rock of Ages Prison Ministries who preached in Sept. Had Games on the Ground after service in Sept. Ladies finished up a Bible Study "It's Time," by Crystal Ratcliff. Had a spirit led Fall Jubilee Singing w/the Gospel Plowboys and Redeemed w/special guest Ben Rochester.

Dobson, First met in combined worship on Sunday, Sept. 27, Fisher River Park at 10:30, for our sermon and a picnic lunch. Beforehand a baptism will occur at the boat landing at FRP. Sunday October 4, 3pm, in the Fellowship Hall, Women's Ministry will present a program, "Behind Every Face is a Story." Attendees will assemble 100 bags of goodies for cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy in Mt. Airy. Youth are now signing up for their winter trip.

Dover had WMU meeting and collected school supplies for local schools. Collecting a monetary donation for NC Missions. Brotherhood met at Golden Corral for breakfast and fellowship. Deacons held monthly meeting. Upcoming events are 72nd annual Homecoming on Oct. 4 @10:30am. Special music by Common Ground and lunch to follow in fellowship hall. Please join us for a wonderful day of worship, music and food. Rev Mark Rotenizer will be preaching Oct. 15 @7pm at Stone Mtn. Baptist in Laurel Fork, Virginia. Come out and enjoy some good preaching.

Flippin Memorial is praying through our prayer list this month for individuals in our congregation. We will never forget 9-11, and those who lost their lives for such an evil cause! We are taking up snacks for the hospital waiting room this month. Had a men's breakfast at the fellowship building. As always we are praying for our sister churches and our country. God Bless!

Haymore continues to search for a new pastor w/scheduled prayer meetings for the process. A blood drive is scheduled for October 20. Youth attended the See You at the Pole. Fall Festival is scheduled for Oct. 28. The youth will lead a fund raiser during Autumn Leaves by donations for parking in the church parking lot.

Highland Park received seven new members this past month and had two baptisms in Sept.; one indoors and one outdoors at Luck Stone Public Access Area on the Ararat River. Held a Deacon Ordination Ceremony for John Nixon. Hosted an American Red Cross Blood Drive. Our Adult Choir is preparing for their Dramatic Christmas Musical, Behold the King. Our Brotherhood is going on their annual fishing trip to the coast Oct. 22. They also served meals to two of our area high school football teams pre-game. Taking photos of our congregational families for our new church directory to be published in Oct. Joy in the Morning Support Group continues to meet on the first Tues. each month. In Sept., they enjoyed a pink party, w/everyone wearing something pink. Our Youth enjoyed the Light up the Night prayer and worship night at the Blackmon Amphitheater, w/live worship by local praise teams, open prayer led by Surry Baptist Youth Pastors, and community fun provided by local vendors. WMU ladies were pleased to host the annual WMU Fall Gathering for the 5th consecutive year in our Family Life Center in Sept. They have also been busy making prayer quilts for those in the hospital, collecting school supplies for local elem. schools, and helping a local family w/recent flooding in their home. Hosting our annual Fall-O-Ween Jesus event here at Highland Park on Oct. 25 from 6 - 7:30pm in our Family Life Center w/indoor trick-or-treating, popcorn and more!

Hill's Grove honored Reagan and Rebecca w/a household shower in Sept. Had Wed. night service w/choir practice, and a Business meeting. WMU will shop for Backpack ministry Oct. 17. Oct. 11 will be Pastor appreciation Sunday w/a meal following. Oct. 31 will be our fall chicken stew and "Trunk or Treat".

Ivy Green enjoyed a cook-out w/hot-dog and hamburgers and all the trimmings. For dessert, a variety of home-made ice-cream was enjoyed. Women On Mission/WMU met the first Wed. in Sept. w/ten members were present. Continue getting items for the Christmas Appalachian Backpacks. Providing snacks for the teachers workday in Sept. for the day. Also providing snacks for the NC Highway Patrol in Surry County. We have members that will be attending the "Fall Gathering" at Highland Park Baptist Church on Sept. 28. Community

Missions: keeping food for the "Blessing Box" well stocked for the folks in the immediate community w/food insecurities and providing week-end food bags to children at Cedar Ridge Elem. Continues to have Wed. night Bible Study on the second and forth Wed. w/a pizza meal at 6:30 before the study.

Jessup Grove's Baptist Men sold Boston butts; proceeds went to help a church member. They also helped w/a couple of ramps that were built for those in need. Baptist Women continue to help those in need. An Ordination service was held for a church member, Eli Atkins, who has been called into the ministry. Collected donations for NC Baptist on Missions. The choir has started Christmas Cantata practice. The Youth and adults are meeting every Wed.

Ladonia thanks all who participated in providing dinner for the North Surry Band in Sept., it was a great success! Our Fall Chicken Stew & Trunk or Treat will be Sunday Oct. 25 w/hayrides starting at 4pm, dinner around 5:30 and treats for the children after dinner. Bring a dessert, crackers or biscuits, and dress up for a fun evening outside! WMU meeting is Tues., Oct 27, all ladies are encouraged to attend.

Mount Carmel's WMU met in Sept. w/7 members present and continues to deliver food to SBA and water to Medical Ministry. We will be packing backpacks on Oct. 31 and deliver on Nov. 7. Donation to Alzheimer in memory of Phill Whitaker was made. Ladies signed up for Fall Gathering at Highland Park for Sept 28. Took a meal to people without shelter in Sept.

Mount Zion was blessed to have guest speaker John Waskadky and his family in Aug. We enjoyed a wonderful time of special singing and preaching. Were also blessed to welcome one new member into our church in Sept. Had a Gideon speaker in Sept. On Oct. 18, will be holding Pastor Appreciation, and on Oct. 24 we will be having Trunk or Treat.

Mountain View had a wonderful Sunday morning service w/Jonathan Bledsoe's beautiful voice & his songs of worship. WMU had a successful blood drive w/21 pints of blood donated. Thanks to all who had a part in making that happen, especially the donors. To help in their establishment, made donation to Outfitter Church in Wyoming.

New Hope's shoe drive was an enormous success w/new shoes of all sizes delivered to Central Middle and Cedar Ridge School systems. We are enjoying a new children's ministry as part of our worship service each Sunday morning sharing the word of God together. Church extends a great appreciation to the Community Baptist Church family for the invitation to worship together on the 5th Sunday night of Aug.; it was a great time in the Lord! We are preparing for our big annual Trunk and Treat Event coming up on Oct. 24 w/lots of fun, fellowship, and food. Church is working hard toward our goal for this year's backpack ministry in Nov. We hosted the Church monthly mission's breakfast in Sept. and completed our monthly meal delivery ministry in Sept.

Pauls Creek had five precious souls baptized. We ate ice cream sundaes after three of our Wed. night services to fellowship w/each other. Had a "Back To School Bash" for our Youth. Had "Each One Reach One" Sunday w/a cookout following the service. Had a few "Drive Thru Prayer" Sat.'s, to pray w/members of our community. Had Youth Sunday in Aug. Celebrated Homecoming in Sept. Special singing was provided by Alice Hobbs that greatly stirred our hearts. Our pastor, Justin McCreary, preached a great message on the prodigal son that emphasized we can always come home to Christ. A covered dish meal was held after the service.

Pinnacle View had Home Coming Service w/Bluegrass gospel group "Strings of Victory" w/a Fellowship Meal following. Continued Sat. Morning Women's Bible Study, Blessing Box and clothes closet. Collected all sizes of socks as monthly item for Operation Christmas child fillers. Baptist Men's group collecting filled backpacks for the SBA Christmas backpack ministry. Held celebration of life for our friend and Deacon, Jeff Jessup.

Rock Hill's members gathered around our kids and youth to pray over and for them before they went back to school this year. WMU collected non-perishables for the Salvation Army during Sept. Our annual chicken stew will be held Oct. 3 @ 5PM & Trunk or Treat on Oct. 25 following worship services. Fall Revival will be held Nov. 1-3 w/Rev. Tim Burton from Flippin Memorial bringing the message.

Surry Baptist Association Financial Contributions August 2026

	2026 Budget Receipts To Date	Designated & Other Receipts
Albion	\$0.00	\$0.00
Antioch	\$4,580.00	\$256.00
Bannertown	\$5,333.36	\$100.00
Blues Grove	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
Calvary	\$1,000.00	\$425.00
Cedar Lane	\$0.00	\$0.00
Central View	\$1,422.94	\$140.00
Christian Community	\$0.00	\$0.00
Community	\$2,200.00	\$1,880.00
Copeland	\$907.60	\$0.00
Cornerstone	\$563.47	\$0.00
Cross Roads	\$1,000.00	\$1,800.00
Dobson, First	\$1,500.00	\$1,400.00
Dover	\$500.00	\$29.00
Fairview	\$6,000.00	\$400.00
Faith	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fancy Gap	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fellowship	\$1,021.00	\$900.00
Flippin Memorial	\$1,600.00	\$632.00
Fuente de Vida	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gum Orchard	\$0.00	\$0.00
Haymore Memorial	\$499.98	\$32.00
Highland Park	\$5,250.00	\$1,025.00
Hills Grove	\$0.00	\$258.00
Holly Springs	\$700.00	\$0.00
Indian Grove	\$600.00	\$48.00
Ivy Green	\$2,100.37	\$0.00
Jessup Grove	\$4,100.00	\$464.00
Ladonia	\$640.00	\$1,304.00
Little Richmond	\$1,101.84	\$40.00
Midway	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mount Carmel	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Mount Zion	\$900.00	\$40.00
Mountain Park	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mountain View	\$955.53	\$12.00
New Bethel	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Hope	\$800.00	\$508.00
New Life	\$441.81	\$120.00
New Venture	\$0.00	\$0.00
Oak Grove	\$500.00	\$24.00
Oak Ridge	\$976.08	\$40.00
Pauls Creek	\$1,000.00	\$64.00
Pinnacle View	\$3,000.00	\$2,900.00
Pleasant View	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rock Hill	\$4,707.00	\$192.00
Rockford	\$100.00	\$0.00
Salem	\$2,166.64	\$84.00
Salem Fork	\$4,875.00	\$2,260.00
Shoals	\$2,785.00	\$346.00
Siloam	\$1,500.00	\$324.00
Simmons Grove	\$4,000.00	\$1,666.00
Slate Mountain	\$1,162.00	\$0.00
Sparta, First	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Sulphur Springs	\$900.00	\$24.00
Turkey Ford	\$1,500.00	\$305.00
Union Cross	\$0.00	\$0.00
Victory	\$600.00	\$0.00
Welcome	\$500.00	\$0.00
Westfield	\$5,018.06	\$0.00
Westview	\$250.00	\$48.00
Woodland	\$0.00	\$0.00
Woodville	\$0.00	\$32.00
Other		\$55,976.89
TOTALS	\$86,257.68	\$20,821.00

Siloam welcomed a new member. A playground project has been completed thanks to the Maintenance committee, led by Ritchie Day. Bob Hemmings was selected as a deacon for this upcoming year rotation. The Sunny Seniors enjoyed a pool party and lunch at Payge Hardy's house. The youth had a summer pool party at Pam and Danny Gravley's house. Seniors and youth enjoyed their time together. Nominating committee, led by Joy Hemmings, did a great job filling our church positions w/dedicated members. Every 5th Sunday night, we visit Dunmore Plantation to worship w/these special people. Our meal mission, which is held the first Wed. night of each month, continues to be a success. Workday held in Sept. Homecoming is Oct. 4 w/a covered dish meal afterward. Our church is blessed with the best! "Praise God from whom all blessings flow"

Simmons Grove kicked off the LIVING SENT NC Mission offering in Sept. Deacons meeting Oct. 9 w/Kids Club and Bible Study. The Brotherhood hosted the East Surry JV and Varsity Teams w/a pregame Fellowship Meal in Sept. All members were involved in fall church-wide cleaning on Sept. 26. Partnered w/the SW Ruritan Club for a fall Bloodmobile on Sept. 27. The Baptist Women attended the Fall Gathering at Highland Park. Pastor Jacob participated in a Fall Revival meeting at North Beaver Church.

Slate Mountain purchased new church van and dedicated it to the Lord; collecting food for Yokefellow Ministry; approved church budget, officers and teachers for upcoming year; held Red Cross Blood Drive; WMU elected officers for next year; church and WMU are participating in Appalachian Christmas Outreach Backpack Ministry.

Sparta First had preschool open house and the beginning of our littles arriving. As well, missions and outreach dominated our month. Starting w/a church-wide picnic, great fellowship; then progressing to a very informative presentation of a mission trip to Malaysia. Our missions include the soup kitchen, senior adult lunch, the Landing ministry, global hunger recognition and offering, w/planning for our medical, dental, vision clinic coming in Oct.

Turkey Ford had a wonderful VBS w/49 enrolled, an offering sent to the Cooperative Program and a collection of snack foods for the Hospice Home and Day Surgery at Northern Hospital delivered. Participated in the Colors of Hope Walk for Mental Health @ Fisher River Park, passing out snack bags w/church info. Two of our men assisted w/building a ramp for an aging member. And three men participated in a golf tournament to raise monies for Yadkin County and surrounding area; all on the same Sat. Celebrated Christmas in Aug. w/snack foods, and a collection of school supplies for Pastor Nathan Wood in Lansing, NC, for the local elem. school. Recognized two graduates w/a gift each. Had a back-to-school taco party w/school supplies for the children. Held Worship Service @ Fisher River Park followed by a covered dish luncheon. Present were David and Kathy Parsons, NCMB missionaries serving in Winston Salem.

Union Cross held VBS, the theme was Illumination Station w/more than 65 in attendance. Had two individuals saved and one rededication. Also celebrated three baptisms and installed a Blessing Box in the parking lot of the church. We are continuing to take up donations to fill the box; This was all in July. In Aug. we had our church picnic @Stone Mountain, had wonderful preaching, fellowship and food, many were in attendance. For Sept. we had our revival, w/Tommy Wendsil of Unity Baptist Church in Kannapolis, NC, as guest speaker. We had special singing each night.

Welcome observed communion. Enjoyed a great time swimming and cooking out at Homeplace. Our men met for Brotherhood and enjoyed a time of food, fellowship and Scripture. The WOW Gals met and enjoyed a spaghetti dinner and Bible study as well. Began our Friday church lunches for the fall and winter seasons w/hotdogs and chips. We share this with dine in and take out for our church shutins.

Our pastor treated us to a "Painting With The Pastor" event and it was enjoyed by all. Everyone was an artist. Praise the Lord for His goodness!

Westview had one soul saved and received 2 new members. Two were baptized in Sept. Collecting items for our school backpack and Blessing Box ministries. God is so good.

Woodland had Dinner and Bingo in Aug. Had Baptist Women's Day in Sept. Will celebrate our 113th Homecoming on Oct. 4. Trunk O Ween is Sat. Oct. 31 from 6 to 8.

Newsletters are due by the 15th of the Month

Salem Fork's members were blessed by having Pastor Sean continue the preaching series from Genesis in addition to welcoming a wonderful Gideon Speaker, Dr. Mark Stevens; Had baptism of a young boy along w/a church cookout; the nominating committee began the process of selecting church leaders and WMU met to plan several events and write encouragement cards to several people; the NC Missions Offering was received and plans are being made for the annual Church homecoming in Oct. To God be the glory!

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