



THE SURRY BAPTIST NEWSLETTER

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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
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Quarterly Meeting January 24, 2020 7:00 pm Little Richmond Baptist “ Proclaiming the Supremacy and Sufficiency of Christ ”

- Baptist Men Happenings
- Mark Smith - Baptist Children's Home
- Director of Missions Report
“ Interpretation of Theme ”
- Special Music

All Messengers and interested persons
are encouraged to attend.

Addiction Seminar

Monday, Feb. 28, 2022
@ SBA Office 9am-12pm

Doors Open @ 8:30 w/light breakfast served
No Cost

Anyone is welcome to attend :
(Pastors, Church members, etc.)

*This Seminar is to help provide understanding
to the addiction problem facing our county and
will provide resources that are Christ-centered.
Please call SBA Office to register.*

2022
Happy New Year



Senior Christmas Party @ Salem Fork



“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 — Dan Merritt

It is hard to believe another year has found its way into the vault of history. What has transpired over the last year is like dried ink on the page of a book, it can't be altered. The Bible says we live our lives as a tale that is told. Thankfully, the New Year gives us the opportunity to set new goals, improve in areas we need to work on and write on the new pages of life's book words that will inspire others who by observation read that which we are writing with our lives.

While we all set new goals to begin the New Year, we also may sense some apprehension about the unforeseen that may take place in the coming year. We can be assured the unexpected will happen. Circumstances and events we haven't counted on will crop up in our lives, and we will find ourselves clobbered by a fastball thrown at us we hadn't counted on. We ask ourselves is there anything certain in life? As we face the New Year what is there in which we can have assurance? The Bible promises us several assurances of which we can be assured!

First, we can be assured of the Lord's Presence. He has promised us that He will never leave us or forsake us for one second in the New Year. No matter what comes our way, nothing can separate us from His abiding presence.

Second, we can be assured of the Lord's Pardon. No doubt during 2022, we will all mess-up along the way and find ourselves saying the wrong thing, doing the wrong thing, or just leaving undone something we know we should have done. Oh, how we need the Lord's pardon in those moments. It is good to know that we have His pardon when we fail and that He picks us up, dusts us off and encourages us to continue serving Him.

Third, we can be assured of the Lord's Power. He has promised us through the power of the Holy Spirit, which each believer possesses, He will enable us to make it through those difficult circumstances, to accomplish that hard task, and to do what in our own strength we would have been unable to do. Christ overcame the world and in His strength we can, as well.

Fourth, we can be assured of the Lord's

Providence. Providence is God seeing beforehand and in His Sovereignty He arranges events and circumstances, good and bad, for our good and His glory. We may not always see it but he meshes and connects the good and bad of life by His Unseen Hand to unfold His purpose in us and through us.

Fifth, we can be assured of the Lord's Promises. The Bible is filled with the Lord's promises to His people, and not one Word of all His good promises have failed. Each new day His promises to us are as fresh as a winter frost. While a frost may fade by the sun's rays, the promises of God are unchanging and can be relied upon with certainty.

Sixth, we can be assured of the Lord's Purpose. The Lord's purpose in each of our lives is to conform us to the image of His Son. That is a lifelong pursuit on our part and a lifelong molding of us on our Master's part. For the Christian, our lives are not a series of unconnected events and accidents, but the Lord takes us all down winding and bumpy paths to accomplish heaven's ultimate goal, to make us more like Jesus.

Let us as we face the New Year do so with anticipation and excitement that the unfolding of God's purpose and plan for our lives will continue to unfold. While at times in 2022 we may not always understand or can trace the hand of God, we can always trust His heart.

God's best to all in the New Year. It is an honor to be your Director of Missions. If I can ever be a help to you, give me a call or stop by the office.

Blessings in the New Year,
Dr. Dan





Baptist Men Update

Our Christmas meal was catered by the SBA. We had 19 in attendance, 7 wives and 12 churches were represented. Our devotion was presented by Surry County Sherriff, Steve Hiatt who spoke on the Give a Kid a Gift operation. He also spoke on the food boxes that are given away and prepared at Surry Central High School. Steve finished by reciting the Christmas story out of the Bible.

Gary reported that we have 4 ramps to do. Also, a floor replacement job.

Our next wood splitting will be January 8, at Gary's and Mike's.

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 within the SBA to come Monday, January 3rd, 6:30pm at the SBA 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 churches have men's groups or any individuals interested in taking part in any of our activities, you are welcome to call Mike Francis at 336-830-1655 for more information.

Pastors Monthly Luncheon
January 4th
11:30 @ Libby Hill



Medical Ministries Clinic:

Bring food anytime to be given out for Jan. Salem in Jan.; Antioch in Feb.; Jessup Grove in March; Dobson 1st in April; Flippin Mem. in May; Turkey Ford in June; ___ in July; Cross Roads in Aug.; Dover in Sept.; Salem Fork in Oct.; Woodland in Nov.; and Highland Park in Dec.

January Birthdays

- Jan. 02: Mrs. Marinda Seal (Siloam)
- Jan. 02: Rev. Ken Clark (Cornerstone)
- Jan. 07: Rev. Sammy Lawson (Pleasant View)
- Jan. 13: Rev. Ron Chamblin, Jr. (Sulphur Springs)
- Jan. 14: Mrs. Martha Cogdill (Bannertown)
- Jan. 14: Rev. Justin McCreary (Pauls Creek)
- Jan. 18: Rev. Ed Bowman (Cedar Lane)
- Jan. 18: Rev. Kevin Kilby (Woodville)
- Jan. 25: Mrs. Teresa Martin (Calvary)
- Jan. 28: Mrs. Marilyn McMillian (Slate Mountain)
- Jan. 29: Mrs. Cynthia Burton (Flippin Memorial)
- Jan. 29: Mrs. Imogene McCraw (New Bethel)
- Jan. 30: Rev. Cory Honeycutt (Dobson, First)
- Jan. 31: Mrs. Amy Honeycutt (Dobson, First)

2022 Calendars

Copies of the 2022 Calendar of Associational events are ready to be picked up at the SBA Office. Enough will be published for each church to have 5-6 copies. Have someone from your church come by and pick up your church's copies.



UPCOMING Missions in 2022

As soon as you are aware of mission trip opportunities in your church, let the SBA Office know so that we can begin praying for you and help connect other folks to your mission team if you have openings.

We will be posting these opportunities to our website: surrybaptist.org.

Surry Christian Counseling Center

Statistics for
 November 2021



- Total Sessions Conducted = 71
- Total Clients Served = 47
- Client Assistance Fund Sessions = 22
- Client Assistance Fund Clients Served = 15

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



Seminary Extension Course

“Hebrews”

January 11-March 15

Instructor: Dr. Daniel Merritt

Cost: \$136 without book

A study of the epistle of Hebrews and the superiority and sufficiency of Jesus Christ.



ELIJAH
Bible Study
By: | Priscilla Shirer

February 20 - April 3, 2022
(7 weeks)
Sunday 3 pm - 4:30 pm
@ SBA Office
Study Guide \$ 18.00

In this faith-building study, you'll discover how Elijah's obedience to God kept him anchored, sharpened his faith, broadened his impact, and invited heaven's fire to fall.

Facilitator: Jo White
Sign up at the SBA office before February 7, 2022

Revelation 21:5 KJV

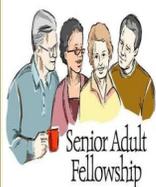
AND HE THAT SAT UPON THE THRONE SAID,
BEHOLD, I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW.
AND HE SAID UNTO ME, WRITE: FOR THESE
WORDS ARE TRUE AND FAITHFUL.

STILLFAITH.COM

Upcoming Bible Museum Trip



Preliminary plans for a spring bus trip to Washington DC is underway, if health conditions prove that it is safe to go. It will be sometime in May. We plan to go to the Bible Museum, Arlington Cemetery and other stops. Every safety and health precaution will be considered before making the final decision. More info coming soon!



February 8
Highland Park

@ 11:30

Covered Dish Luncheon



Bring Canned food items for Medical Ministry Pantry



“Isaiah Part II” Chapters 39-66

Choose one of the following times when registering

- Feb. 8 - April 5 Tues. 10am -12 noon
- Feb. 8 - April 5 Zoom-Tues. 6:30- 8pm
- Feb. 8 - April 7 Thurs. 10am-12 noon
- Feb. 8 - April 7 Thurs. 6:30- 8pm

Due to increase of cost of paper, the price is now \$20.00 (instead of \$15.00)

This is a study that you don't want to miss!



February 21

@ 6:30pm
SBA Office

Make your New Year's Resolution about this years VBS. Resolve to make it the best one yet!

WMU Winter Gathering

Directors/Pastor & Wife Breakfast

**February 19 • 9-11 am @ SBA
SBA Resource Center**

Antioch continues w/Worship Services Sundays @ 8:30 & 11 am. Sunday School is @ 9:45am. Also, Bible Study on Wed. nights @ 6:30. Awana clubs meet @6:30. You can go to our Facebook page to watch the live services and upcoming events. The Well Food Ministry delivered 146 meals for Thanksgiving. Collected for Lottie Moon. Had Poinsettias that people could purchase for \$10 in memory of or in honor of someone. All the proceeds went the Lottie Moon Fund. Had a Hanging of the Greens Service to begin Advent. All the contributors for the Poinsettias and names were recognized at the Hanging of the Greens and also in the Sunday Bulletins.

Golden Autumn traveled to The Central Café and had a gift game for Christmas. The Good Samaritans Sunday School visited the Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theater. The Sisterhood had a Christmas Party and a gift game. They will start a new book study in Jan. The Sisterhood continues w/the Lunch Davis project each month and are having a blood drive Jan. 15 @ Antioch. If you would like to donate blood please contact Terry Marcum at 336-755-1924 for an appointment. The Youth went bowling and had a Christmas Party. Had a Christmas Caroling and Live Nativity Event on Dec. 18 w/hot refreshments served. Christmas Play was on Dec. 19.

Bannertown received and shipped 4,020 shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse. Served 484 Thanksgiving meals to area agencies and households. Had Blood Drive. Children participated in Gingerbread House Contest and presented musical, "Messiah: Celebrating God With Us." Went caroling to shut-ins. Had church-wide Christmas Fellowship w/finger foods and music.

Blues Grove had Christmas Card exchange within Church. Had Hanging of the Greens Service. Held Ordination Service for Caleb Thomas. He has been called as Pastor of Hills Grove Baptist Church SBA. Christmas Play/Nativity Scene was presented by Youth with music by the Youth Choir. Youth went Christmas Caroling.

Calvary's pastor's sermon series for Advent will focus on the theme, "Boundless: Unwrapping the Wonder of Christmas" including the gifts of love, joy and peace. December 1 marked the 9th anniversary of our Minister of Music, Teresa Martin. Has a Christmas Post Office to collect cards that will be delivered to our homebound members. Voted on and approved next year's budget. The Calvary Joybells, our handbell choir, participated in traditional worship. During the Uplift service, the Praise Band presented their Christmas program, "The Wonder of Advent". The Sanctuary Choir presented the cantata, "One Small Child". That evening the children presented their annual Christmas pageant, A Christmas Eve service was held with the message of "Boundless Spirit". Will host a blood drive on Sunday Jan, 2, 2022.

Community welcomed 2 new members. Meets each Sunday in person, online and on the radio broadcast @ 10am. Continues w/Wed night Bible study in the book of Acts. Youth continues to meet on Wed night. Had 1st absolutely beautiful Hanging of the Green service. Delivered fruit baskets to shut ins. Hayride caroling to shut ins on Dec. 19. Planning New Years service.

Cross Roads' members got together on Sat. morning and decorated the church for the Christmas Holiday season. Had communion service first Sunday morning in Dec. With a combined effort of Cross Roads, Community and Siloam Baptist, delivered Christmas backpacks filled w/gifts and a Bible to Copeland Elem. for each student for Christmas. Cross Roads hosted annual Senior Community Christmas meal along w/Salem Fork Christian Church feeding and delivering meals to those unable to attend.

Dobson, First celebrated two new members this month. \$2,625 was collected for "Give a kid a Christmas" while also promoting the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Hired a new administrative assistant, Cameron Cockerham. Honored Tanya Hall who retired after ten years of excellent service. Enjoyed a Family Night supper after 21 months of a Covid hiatus.

Dover had Christmas play w/refreshments afterwards, treats were given out to those attending, Santa visited for the kids, church gave youth and seniors Christmas gifts. Monthly deacons meeting held, WMU presented a Week of Prayer missions program for Church and the Lottie Moon Christmas offering collected. Samaritan Purse Christmas boxes collected. Ladies met @ Chile Rojo for meal and fellowship.

Fairview's Dr. Billy Nale continued w/the sermon series "The Promise." The Baptist Men provided 40 fruit baskets to members. Lord's Supper Service was held. Observed Lottie Moon giving w/its traditional "Walk to the Manger" special offering. "Noel- Born is the King" was presented by the Fairview Choir and children. Participated in the National Wreaths Across America Day. Bible Study continued w/study on the Minor prophets. A fellowship meal was held in the fellowship hall after Worship Service during the month. The prayer shawl presented 14 blankets to be dedicated and sent to the Hospice Center in Dobson. The WMU delivered Medical Ministry Food items. Embrace group provided items for a foster child. A Christmas Eve candlelight service was held.

Flippin Memorial's prayer emphasis for the month of Dec. is for all believers to truly remember why we celebrate Christmas. The youth went to Colonial Care Rest Home to sing Christmas Carols. Had a Christmas Program presented by our Puppets. As always we are praying for each other and our sister churches. Merry Christmas and God Bless!

Gum Orchard had 1 join church by statement. Joining for prayer in the park @ Dobson Square Park every 1st Sat. of the month @ 10am. Everyone welcome! Ladies' Bible Study and New Converts Class every 1st and 3rd Thur. night @ 6pm w/meal served prior in fellowship hall. Choir sang in Revival @ Union Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Nov. Honored Pastor Joe Lambert for Pastor Appreciation Day and his birthday on November 7. We are so thankful to have a God sent leader, Pastor, and friend. Created and delivered blessing bags to the homeless in Surry County. Had a chicken stew and fall festival. Gave Christmas donation to Foothills Food Pantry and collected and delivered monthly items for pantry. Sponsored 2 teenage boys in the community for Christmas. Assisted family in community who experienced house fire. Gathered blankets and delivered to Mountain Valley Hospice Home. Began play area project for youth group, paved area for basketball court and other activities. Had communion service. "Please Search the Book Again" play scheduled for Sunday, January 23, 2021 @ 6pm.

Highland Park welcomed eleven new members this past month. AWANA Clubs meet every Wed. night from 6:30- 8pm. Our Celebrate Recovery program, Led by Associate Pastor Jim Richland, continues to meet in the Fellowship Hall each Wed. evening from 6:30-8pm for those struggling w/addictions, divorce, veterans w/PTSD, etc. Our Brotherhood raised \$10,000 for Christmas Angel Tree kids this year. We praise the Lord for our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering of \$52,400.39. WMU made a donation of \$100 to the Foothills Food Pantry's Christmas campaign and also sent gift cards to our college students for Christmas. Our Ladies Bible Study group meets every Tues. morning from 9-11am. Our children enjoyed a "Gingerbread Bash", where they decorated gingerbread nativities, played games, sang songs and listened to the beautiful story of the birth of our Savior. Our choir, directed by Kelsey Mathis, led us in worship during both of our services w/the glorious news of King Jesus' birth. We will offer Lifeway's Jan. Bible Study on the book of Psalms each Wed. evening @ 7pm, w/various teachers each evening.

Hill's Grove welcomed 6 new members into the church. Several enjoyed Christmas Movie Night in the Fellowship Hall w/ pizza, snacks and popcorn. Our wonderful pastor, Caleb Thomas, was ordained into the ministry. We thank God for him and his sweet wife, Casey.

Holly Springs celebrated Pastor Appreciation Day w/a meal and gifts for our pastor, Observed National Woman's Day of Prayer, Recognized our Veterans, had Hanging of the Green, Handbells and Song service to ring in Christmas. Had skits each Sunday during worship service to celebrate Advent. Had our "Walk to Manager" for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, Keeping food in our Blessing Box.

Indian Grove continues to have Sunday school @10am and Worship service @ 11am, inside or drive-in. Nine senior adults attended the SBA Senior Adult Christmas luncheon @ Salem Fork. A good time was had by all. Received a love offering for a needy family. Men prepared a delicious Sunday morning Christmas breakfast for all. Everyone receive a Christmas treat bag, filled with candy and fruit.

**Surry Baptist Association
Financial Contributions
November 2021**

	2021 Budget Receipts To Date	Designated & Other Receipts
Albion	\$500.00	\$0.00
Antioch	\$5,708.22	\$0.00
Bannertown	\$11,132.45	\$400.00
Blues Grove	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00
Calvary	\$1,375.00	\$375.00
Cedar Lane	\$0.00	\$0.00
Central View	\$1,695.74	\$180.00
Christian Community	\$0.00	\$0.00
Community	\$2,750.00	\$680.00
Copeland	\$1,265.51	\$0.00
Cornerstone	\$184.52	\$0.00
Cross Roads	\$1,500.00	\$100.00
Dobson, First	\$1,500.00	\$1,350.00
Dover	\$500.00	\$10.00
Fairview	\$8,000.00	\$1,445.00
Faith	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fancy Gap	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Fellowship	\$4,763.00	\$1,200.00
Flippin Memorial	\$2,400.00	\$1,016.86
Fuente de Vida	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gum Orchard	\$0.00	\$0.00
Haymore Memorial	\$916.66	\$0.00
Highland Park	\$7,875.00	\$300.00
Hills Grove	\$600.00	\$24.00
Holly Springs	\$1,050.00	\$0.00
Indian Grove	\$600.00	\$0.00
Ivy Green	\$1,483.35	\$1,390.00
Jessup Grove	\$3,000.00	\$120.00
Ladonia	\$880.00	\$714.00
Little Richmond	\$1,539.25	\$48.00
Mount Carmel	\$3,300.00	\$50.00
Mount Zion	\$850.00	\$40.00
Mountain Park	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mountain View	\$1,791.11	\$0.00
New Bethel	\$100.00	\$0.00
New Hope	\$800.00	\$0.00
New Life	\$359.31	\$80.00
New Venture	\$0.00	\$0.00
Oak Grove	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Oak Ridge	\$3,061.00	\$48.00
Pauls Creek	\$900.00	\$80.00
Pinnacle View	\$3,000.00	\$240.00
Pleasant View	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rock Hill	\$4,848.00	\$96.00
Rockford	\$500.00	\$0.00
Salem	\$4,250.00	\$1,100.00
Salem Fork	\$5,400.00	\$40.00
Shoals	\$2,785.00	\$532.00
Siloam	\$1,500.00	\$775.00
Simmons Grove	\$4,000.00	\$48.00
Slate Mountain	\$1,663.00	\$0.00
Sparta, First	\$4,000.00	\$11.00
Sulphur Springs	\$1,650.00	\$0.00
Turkey Ford	\$1,500.00	\$1,030.00
Union Cross	\$1,184.00	\$16.00
Victory	\$900.00	\$795.33
Welcome	\$450.00	\$24.00
Westfield	\$7,512.91	\$116.00
Westview	\$550.00	\$0.00
Woodland	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
Woodville	\$2,400.00	\$340.00
Other		\$31,645.33
TOTALS	\$125,473.03	\$42,750.49

*Designated & Other Receipts are additional monies given for specific SBA ministries (such as Surry Christian Counseling Center, Handyman Ministry, etc.) as well as General Funds.

Church News continued from inside

Jessup Grove baptized four youth. Participated in the Pilot Mountain Christmas parade and held a hanging of the greens service. Donated items to the Mr. Airy Men's Shelter. The ladies helped prepare a meal for a family during a funeral. The ladies held a luncheon for the women of the church. The children presented a Christmas play and the choir held a cantata. The men helped the SBA brotherhood cut wood for people in the community and helped get leaves up for one of our members. Participated in the angel tree project. Voted on and called as youth pastor, Ethan Hooker.

Ladonia had a Christmas Play followed by refreshments. WMU will met in the Fellowship Hall. We will have guest preachers for all services in Jan., Dallas Snow, and in Feb., Brian Thompson.

Mount Carmel's WOM met for Christmas lunch and cookie exchange with 11 in attendance. Food delivery to the SBA office continues. Susan Thomas continues to serve "Latte's" every Sunday and receive donations used for our current mission projects. Preacher Scott delivered 130 shoeboxes to Bannertown. Delivered 34 Thanksgiving Meals to home bound members and received thank you notes. We are doing Lottie Moon Christmas cards w/money going to Lottie Moon and will distribute along w/treats. Collecting snacks in Feb. for the hospital and sheriff's department. Had a sing along w/light snacks after. Our next meeting will be Tues. Jan. 11 @ 7pm on Zoom only. Wishing everyone a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mountain View made donations to Cedar Ridge Weekend Backpack Program & Yokefellow Ministries. Seniors enjoyed movie "Mayberry Man" w/popcorn & light snacks. Had Hanging of the Greens service & started the lighting of the Advent Candles. Our youth prepared 57 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. These were delivered to Samaritan's Purse in Boone by three of our members who also volunteered to work in the processing center that same day.

Oak Grove had one person to accept Jesus as their Savior and 2 people moved their membership to Oak Grove Baptist. Had fall cleanup in Oct. Held Homecoming in Oct. w/food, fellowship and games. Having Wed. night Bible studies each week and snacks. Went on trip to Billy Graham Library and to McAdenville to see the Christmas lights.

Pinnacle View's WMU had a Christmas Ornament Making Meeting w/finger foods. Collected 50 filled shoe boxes and additional filler items for Operation Christmas Child. Celebrated Advent Each Sunday of Dec. Continued large group Sunday School classes. Had Christmas Program and Candle Light service w/gifts of treat bags. Gave poinsettias to the widows and shut-ins. Rev. Ronnie & Kay celebrated their 59th Wedding Anniversary.

Rock Hill had Fall Chicken Stew w/a group from Dunmore Plantation as guests, children did fall crafts. In Nov. we started back our Sunday School services @ 9:30am w/ Morning Worship @ 10:30am. Celebrated Rev. and Mrs. Dale Johnson for Pastor Appreciation Month. In Dec. we started our Advent Season w/readings and candle lighting from Renee Hauser and children from the church w/special music. Mr. & Mrs. Adam Johnson and their 3 sons joined our church. Celebrated Christ's birth w/Special Music from Joy Johnston, Andy Simpson, Dale & Joan Johnson, Billy Smith, musicians-Megan, Andrew, Jacob, Levi Johnson, Camdyn Easter, Frankie and Billy Smith.

**Reminder:
Church news is due by the 15th of each month.**

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Monday-Thursday.....8:30am-4:30pm
Friday.....8:30am-1:00pm

Salem Fork welcomed three new members. Hosted Christmas gathering for families involved in the church Spark of Hope Foster Clothes Program w/crafts for children and speaker and time of fellowship for the parents and a turkey dinner served afterwards for everyone. Hosted the SBA Senior Adult Christmas lunch which was fun for all who attended. Observed Advent w/different families providing the reading and candle lighting. Choir provided wonderful cantata "Hark the Herald Angels Sing". Had the annual Birthday Party for Jesus w/snacks and families remembering those no longer with them by adding a special ornament to the Remembrance Christmas Tree. Held an evening Christmas Celebration, evening candle lighting and Lord's Supper. Had special ingathering service for families to make contributions for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. WMU had annual Christmas gathering w/great food and gift swap. Praying for God's mighty hand to guide Pastor Sean and the entire church in 2022.

Shoals' WMU ladies met after church for current prayer partner reveals and Christmas gift exchange. New prayer partners were drawn for the coming new year. Had annual Christmas play. Thanks to everyone who helped and participated! Church members went Christmas caroling to local residents who were 70 or older. We also collected 50 backpacks for the backpack ministry and 49 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.

Simmons Grove held Hanging of the Greens service. Also had Wed. night Bible Study, Prayer list updates, Youth Meetings, Prayer Rooms, Lottie Moon and Christmas Offering in Dec. Special Missionary speaker, IMB Jack Burns, spoke during Week of Prayer for International Missions. The Seniors of were honored w/a special dinner and movie night and they went caroling to shut-ins. The Children in Action delivered Christmas Cards w/proceeds going to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering instead of spent postage. The Choir and children of the church presented a Christmas musical w/worship and a Covered Dish luncheon followed.

Slate Mountain provided snacks for Surgical Waiting Room @ Northern Regional Hospital. Had Pastor Appreciation Day w/a meal, gifts, and fellowship. Observed Advent w/lighting of candles each week leading up to Christmas. Baptist Women enjoyed a Christmas Party and exchanged gifts from our Secret Sisters. Had Gideon speaker, Bill Wall, and took up special offering. Have begun Wed. night services w/youth meeting @ the Fellowship Hall. A love offering was collected to assist a family in our church. Baptist Women enjoyed a Christmas meal @ Olympia Restaurant.

Union Cross started back having Sunday School 1st Sunday in Dec. Collected money for needy families in the community. Participated in Christmas Card Ministry. Had Christmas Cantata w/a set down meal afterwards. Collected over 300 much needed items for Pruitt Health. Had Communion. Deacons handed out treats. Had Lottie Moon Offering March.

Welcome had members decorate the Church for Christmas. Had Candlelight Night before Christmas Eve service w/singing, scripture and a celebration of the birth of our King. Went caroling to area nursing homes and some shut ins homes. Observed week of Prayer and observed Advent. Took up Lottie Moon offering.

West View welcomed our new pastor James Collins and family (Tabitha and Caleb) in Nov. Had 2 souls saved, 1 rededication. Received 3 new members. We thank God for Blessing our church and are excited for what He has in store for us in the new year.

Westfield has been "Celebrating Christmas Together" w/services on Sunday mornings. The Golden Agers went to Salem Fork Baptist to the Seniors Christmas Luncheon. The church is decorated w/21 beautiful poinsettias In Memory Of or In Honor Of a loved one. Observed Lottie Moon Offering the in Dec. and the Lottie Moon Post Office where the postage goes to the offering also. Our youth bought clothing for children in the foster care system and sponsored several angel tree families. Had several groups that went Christmas Caroling to area nursing homes and assisted living and also to the shut-in member homes. Had our quarterly business meeting. Had a Christmas Day Service. Our Co-Ed II Sunday School class packs backpacks of food for a month, twice a year for approximately 50 students who take this food home for the weekend.

Woodland has a new church sign and a newly paved parking lot. Had a Gideon speaker, Held Trunk-a-ween in Oct. Held Pastor Appreciation Day. Had a Thanksgiving Dinner in Nov. WMU gave out food for the SBA Medical Ministry. Had Christmas Play and a float in the parade. Observed Lottie Moon offering. Held an evening with Santa and Mrs. Claus for special needs individuals w/ gifts, meal and reading of the Christmas Story.

WMU News

SBA WMU plans for 2022 are taking shape with a continuing focus on the RELENTLESS pursuit of, and service to, God. The first event planned will be a breakfast on February 19, highlighting prayer, featuring Jo White from Woodland Baptist Church as the speaker. The annual WMU meeting on May 5 will emphasize sacrificial giving and a breakfast event on June 4 will be on witnessing to others. Please circle these dates on your calendar and check the WMU section on the SBA website for more details about these and other important happenings. REMAIN RELENTLESS!