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SBA 120th Annual Session October 24, 2022 Salem Baptist Church **Evening Session: 7:00 pm**

(No Meal)





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From Your Director of Missions — Dr. Dan Merritt

Can you believe 2022 is slipping away quicker than a youngin' scooting down a sliding board. Can it really be October? October is the time of year many churches schedule revivals. When we think of revival time, there seems to an extra emphasis on prayer that God's Spirit move to revive His people and see souls saved. While during revival time there is an added focus on prayer, it should be a constant focus for the believer and the church. In the crazy, confusing and chaotic day in which we live there needs to be renewed attention to prayer. There are several reasons churches must return to an emphasis on prayer.

First, prayer is air for Christians just as oxygen is for each individual. Without oxygen we cannot survive, and without prayer our Christian life will not survive. Without the "air" of prayer we will dry up like a branch cut off from the vine. Prayer invigorates our spiritual lungs and nourishes the soul.

Second, prayer keeps our communion with God fresh. If we cease to talk with a friend that relationship begins to grow distant. The same is true with the Lord. If there is no prayer, we lose intimate communion with Him. Prayer keeps the lines of communication open and our relationship fresh. We should desire that it be said of us what was said of Moses, "He talked with God face to face, as a man speaks to his friend" (Ex. 33:11).

Third, prayer recognizes our dependence upon the Lord. Just as a child is dependent upon his earthly father for his needs, we must recognize that we are dependent upon our Heavenly Father for every heartbeat and every blessing we have. All we possess, the very person we are is given to us by the grace of our Lord. By praying we are aware of the truth that what we have is from His hand of grace and it evokes thanksgiving from our hearts.

Fourth, prayer is more about God changing us than we twisting God's arm for Him to do something. In prayer we come to align ourselves with God's will. We have the mistaken notion that if we twist God's arm enough we can cause Him to go against His own will to grant our request. In prayer God seeks to mold our will to His will and when we do we can ask anything in His name and He will do it.

Fifth, prayer is an endeavor where by we see the power of God demonstrated. Now, that seems to contradict what was just said, but here is one of the divine mysteries....God's sovereignty and man's responsibility. James says we have not because we ask not (James 4:3). We lift our petitions and requests unto God because He asks us to do so. God may know what



He is going to do, but we don't; therefore, we pray. There will always be that divine mystery between sovereignty and our requests, but we pray and lift our voices to the Lord because He asks us to come boldly to the throne of grace (Hebrews 4:16).

Sixth, prayer has always been the method by which the seeds of revival have sprung up. There has never been a great revival without Christians first praying. This is true of the First and Second Great Awakening, (the 18th and 19th century, respectively) that set the course of this nation in early years. O, how the church needs today to cry out to the Lord to send revival, to pour our His Holy Spirit. Let us pray that it will begin at the House of the Lord. If we desire to see revival, we must fall on our face before a holy God and ask Him to graciously awaken the hearts of first church members, and then pour out His spirit upon the Will you SBA member, commit to unconverted. praying that God will do a great work among us. Such a work will not happen unless God's people sincerely commit themselves to calling upon the name of the Lord. Let it begin with you....with me.

It is an honor 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 Him Together, Dr. Dan

Upcoming SBA Events

Pastor Prayer Lunch - Oct. 4 @ 11:45
Baptist Men - Oct. 3 @ 6:30 pm
WMU Council - Oct. 10 @ 6:00
SBA Annual Meeting - Oct. 24 @ 4 & 7 pm
Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer - Nov. 7



Baptist Men Update

October 2022

In September, we had 12 in attendance and 8 churches were represented. Gary and Angela Cox provided our meal. Ronald Jones brought our devotion "How God created it all, and Jesus is always with us."

Gary reported about the ramps and minor repairs that we have to do.

Fall Pancake Breakfast was Sept. 17 at Calvary.

We have four local schools that we will be supporting w/Backpacks, and we need help from all churches that can help in this ministry. Please bring these to the associational office anytime during October until October 30. Shelby backpacks will be collected on November 5. Delivery is scheduled for November 12.

Our first wood splitting will be held on October 1.

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 SBA to join us on Monday, October 3 @ 6:30pm at Surry Baptist 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 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.



Medical Ministries Clinic:

Bring food anytime to be given out for October; Salem Fork in Oct.; Woodland in Nov.; and Highland Park in December.

We accept donations anytime at the SBA and are desperately in need of groceries to help stock our pantry.

2022 BSCNC Annual Meeting

November 07-08, 2022

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 Christian Counseling Center Statistics for

August 2022



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Total Sessions Conducted = 68

Total Clients Served = 46

Client Assistance Fund Sessions = 34

Client Assistance Fund Clients Served = 22

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

Volunteer receptionists needed. Call the SBA Office (789-5701) if interested.

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.)



Church Clerks Reminder!

Congregation Profiles are due in the SBA Office by 1:00 pm on

Monday October 10. Profiles were mailed out on Sept. 15 to the ones that had not picked them up.



Oct. 5: Mrs. Ashley Kilby (Woodville)

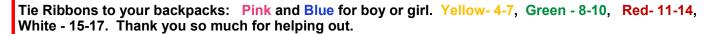
Oct. 11: Rev. Caleb Thomas (Hills Grove)

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" **



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 Deliver to SBA by November 5th (9am-12pm). Christ's love!



"Hope in Christ" is the new theme for WMU. Programs and resources are available to WMU groups for involving women in this emphasis. Our programs and activities throughout 2023 will focus on Romans 12:12 as our guiding Scripture. Churches can purchase from National WMU a poster pack to use in church events spotlighting this theme, and can also purchase the programming guide "Missions Leader." This is a great resource for children and youth involved in WMU age level programs. This guide, along with the "WMU Missions for Life" programming guide, are perfect for planning WMU meetings and helping to focus on monthly Compassion Ministry projects suggested.

As we end 2022, please pray about your WMU group supporting the NC WMU Red Box Prison Ministry. This is a great way to witness to women who are incarcerated. The WMU Council's goal is to send at least \$600 to NC WMU for mission projects. Monies will provide a Christmas box for each woman to include hygiene items and an evangelistic track. Some funds will be used to purchase Christian themed books for reading. If your WMU group would like make a donation, please send a check to the SBA by October 24 (noting for WMU Red Box Prison Ministry).

Plans are being made for the Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer on November 7. WMU leaders will receive information on this annual event via postcard. If you want to learn more about the day of prayer, you can refer to the Baptist World Alliance Women's Department online.

October is when we express thanks to pastors for the support and encouragement they give WMU throughout the year. Please take time to show your pastor how much he is appreciated and pray for him, his ministry, and family during this time.

The Surry Baptist Newsletter

Antioch had 5 people to join by letter and 1 to join by statement of faith. The Baptist Children's Home visited w/beautiful songs and a wonderful message. Awana Clubs resumed in Sept. Sisterhood continues w/the Lunch Davis Project each month and assisted a member w/a blood drive and collected 29 pints of blood in Aug. They are also collecting for a blanket drive. Hygiene items are collected and put in bags for the Blessing box to be distributed for people in need. The Golden Autumn traveled to Pilot Mtn. and went to Winston Salem for lunch and shopping. The Upward Min istry is underway. Games are on Saturday. Homecoming is Oct. 2 w/guest speaker Rev. Quentin Madden. The schedule will be as follows: 8:30am Worship Service, 9:45am Fellowship Breakfast and 11am Worship Service.

Bannertown's Men's Ministry is still ministering to flood victims in War, WV. Collecting teacher supplies for local elemen. school during Sept. Had Quarterly Business Meeting. Resumed Awanas. Group enjoyed trip to Hamrick's, lunch, and Sam's. Ordained new Deacon Rixie Gordon.

Blues Grove held Church Election of Officers & Teachers for 2022-2023. Had work-day to demolish building @picnic shelter. Had Outdoor baptizing @ Bruce Amburn Farm. Youth Choir sang @ Westview Baptist in Cana, VA on Sun night in Sept. Plans being made for annual Christmas Program. Honored grandparents on Grandparents Day w/Youth giving each one a Mum for planting. Preparation of backpacks still in progress.



Calvary's pastor returned from his sabbatical at the end of Aug. and is now back full time. Wed. night activities resumed for the fall sessions w/adult and children's activities. Held a blood drive in Sept. Hosted the Surry Baptist Men's pancake breakfast. Will be nominating deacons for the next term. Held it's annual backpack challenge by collecting funds to support the backpack program @ Franklin Elem. The choir has begun practice on Christmas and Advent music. Calvary will be joining w/other area churches for its Christmas cantata. We're updating our College Ministry mailing list to keep in touch w/our college students.

Cedar Lane will celebrate Homecoming on Sept. 25 w/a special service and meal in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to attend. That night will kick off our Fall Revival w/Brother Bobby Beck. Sunday night, services begin @ 6pm w/Monday-Friday services beginning @ 7pm. There will be special singing nightly: Sunday night-Chris Mabry, Mon. night, Common Ground, Tues. night, Elizabeth Duggins, Wed. night, Cory and Tavie Simmons, Thur. night, Paul Williams, and Fri. night, Orange Family. The youth had an outing @ Safari Nation and Chuckee Cheese. WMU and Baptist Men held their

meetings w/a meal.

Central View had a baptism with 3 being baptized. Holds in-person services and online through the media outlets. Pastor Michael is continuing his sermon series "A Journey Through the Bible - 66 Books - 66 Messages" on Sundays. Wed. evenings he is continuing the Bible Study in 1 Corinthians for all adults, and the children's ministry (Awana) and Students meet @ 6:30pm. The number of kids registered for Awana increased for this church year. Held a Commission WMI is a commission of the children's ministry (Awana) and Students meet @ 6:30pm. The number of kids registered for Awana increased for this church year. Held a Commission with the children in th union service. WMU is planning for new missions opportunities for the new year. They are currently receiving donations of can goods and also attended the Fall Gathering @ HPBC. Work day was held to improve the grounds. Held "Fill the Pew" Sunday, it was a phenomenal service. God has blessed CV w/great services, events, and

many new faces visiting w/us. Come get connected and plugged-in!

Community continues to have Sunday School @ 9am and Worship service @ 10am. Wed. night Bible study is on Acts. Youth group meets each Wed. night also. A group enjoyed pizza and WS Dash game followed by fireworks. Fall revival planned for Oct. 9-12. Having Trunk or Treat on Oct. 29 to tell as many kids and

families about Jesus. The Lord continues to blessed our services. **Dobson, First** welcomed five new members this month. A new Sunday School class for young adults is being formed. Women's Ministry Group enjoyed a "Lemonade, Laughter plus Missions fellowship @ a member's home w/30 ladies in attendance. L252, ministry for children, began a new season in Sept. w/49 attending first session. Fall Extravaganza will be held Nov. 5. Supporting Appalachian backpack program by filling 178 backpacks for a local elem. school.

Dover's members assisted in church grounds pruning and stained the new deck and steps recently completed. WMU distributed food for Surry Medical Ministry for Sept., Ladies of church had meal @ Olympia second week of month and will have lunch and bingo for everyone second week of month and will have lunch and bingo for everyone third week. Brotherhood had meal @ Golden Corral. Deacons and WMU had monthly meetings directly after church. WMU monthly projects will support Hospice House in Dobson w/delivery of snacks and participated in school supply collection for White Plains and Dobson Elem. schools. The Kinders presented worship thru music in Sept. during morning service. Had Gideon speaker Bill Wall w/love offering given. Homecoming will be Oct. 2 w/everyone invited, special singing. Trunk or Treat will be held Sat., Oct. 29, from 5-8pm, Fall Revival to be held Nov. 13 thru 16 w/Rev Sammy Lawson Fall Revival to be held Nov. 13 thru 16 w/Rev Sammy Lawson speaking, special singing each night.

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Fellowship hosted ladies conference and brunch, had baptismal service during morning worship, ordained one new deacon. Homecoming celebration will be Oct. 2 w/guests Bill and Jewell Faw.

Flippin Memorial gathered items for Teacher Appreciation Gift Bags. WMU is planning to go to the WMU Fall Gathering and will give cards to the missionary speakers from Winston Salem. Also they received thank you cards from cancer patients they had sent gift bags too. On Sept. 25 we will have a Gideon Speaker during the morning worship service. As always we are praying for our sister churches in worship service. As always we are praying for our sister churches in the SBA each week.

Highland Park welcomed three new members. Hosted a new member reception in our Family Life Center in honor of our newest members in Sept. Will host the SBA Annual Fall Gathering on Mon, Sept. 26. Every Wed. evening from 6:30 – 8:00pm we offer AWANA Clubs for kids ages 2 through 6th grade. We also have a Celebrate Recovery group that meets each Wed. from 6:30 – 8:00pm in our Fellowship Hall. Our Ladies meet each Tues. Morning from 9–11am for Bible study. Will enjoy a special Celebration Service on Sunday, Oct. 9 @ study. Will enjoy a special Celebration Service on Sunday, Oct. 9 @ 11am, w/one joint worship service meeting in the Family Life Center. As part of this service, we will officially "burn" the mortgage note for the Family Life Center, for which we broke ground only three years ago. Our church family will attend a night at The Farm in Dobson on Oct. 5, weather permitting. Our children's ministry is selling 2023 God's Creation wall calendars (\$8 ea.) as a fund-raiser.

Hill's Grove's had Homecoming on Aug. 21. Dr. Dan Merritt started his sermon w/some of the history of the church. His message was Continuing the Race of Faith. Just like the ones who founded our little

church, we need to keep our eyes on Jesus. The meal following the service as wonderful, and the fellowship was even better! The WMU will be having a Fall "Handmade" Fundraiser on Sat., 10/2 from 8-5. Our tent will be in the parking lot in front of Cousin Gary's Restaurant in Pilot Mountain.

Holly Springs' Primetimers enjoyed their monthly fellowship meal @ Golden Corral. WMU went to the WMU Fall Gathering @ Highland Park. Youth went to Dan Nichols Park in Salisbury. Having movie night "Facing the Giants". Men planning a work day @ the church now that the weather is cooler. Praise the Lord for an increase in

church attendance!

Indian Grove received one new member by transfer of letter. Had Pastor Appreciation Day. Brotherhood and Ladies Circle prepared a delicious breakfast for the entire church. Held annual election of teachers and officers. Had church work day in preparation for Homecoming. Has Homecoming w/guest speaker Rev. Eddie Homecoming. Has Homecoming w/guest Honeycutt followed w/dinner on the grounds.

Jessup Grove welcomed two new members to our congregation. Youth held a car wash in Aug. as a fundraiser to support some of their activities. They also went bowling. Helped hand out school supplies @ Westfield School. Celebrated homecoming in Aug. w/ a guest speaker and a covered dish lunch following the service. Held a BBO take out meal as a church fundraiser. We are working on filling backpacks for the Christmas backpack program. Baptist women delivered sunshine baskets and fed the shut-ins. Began two new Bible studies, "Forgotten God" for the women and "Letters to the Church" for the men. One man went to Lumberton to help w/the rebuilds there

Ladonia had Gideon speaker deliver a service in Sept. w/special donation for them. Church elections were held, Rev Tony Holder continues to serve as our Interim Pastor as we search for a full time pastor. WMU will meet Sept. 20 @ 7pm. Oct. brings festive social events. We will celebrate Pastor appreciation w/a covered dish lunch on Oct 2. We appreciate you very much Rev. Tony Holder! Friday Oct. 14 we will gather outside for our Fall Chicken Stew dinner.

Mount Carmel's WMU meet in Sept. by zoom w/6 members in attendance. Continue to deliver food to SBA office. Completed deliveries of water to Medical Min. Susan Thomas reported feedback about the snacks we deliver in March of each year to the surgical waiting room and how much people appreciate these snacks. Working on the backpack ministry and shoebox ministry. Members were encouraged to join Jessica in Angel tree ministry that pairs us w/a family that has a parent in jail or prison to provide help @ Christmas. Preparing for Trunk or Treat, Blessing Bags for frontline group, Thanksgiving meals for shut ins in Nov. and Lottie Moon. Church wide chicken stew on Oct. 2 @ 5pm

Mount Zion's Youth enjoyed a day @ the Faith Fest at Wilkesboro. The Youth will be participating in the Donald W. Norman Memorial Fall Classic 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament @ Mountain Park Elem.

School Gym on Oct. 22

Mountain View made donations to Cedar Ridge Weekend Backpack Program & Yokefellow Ministries. We were blessed w/great southern gospel music from the Craft Brothers out of Lewisville, NC in Aug. Had successful blood drive w/20 pints of blood donated. Thanks to Dorothy Weeks & Kay Martin for organizing this event & thanks to all the donors. A couple of events during our community outreach was a watermelon social & Bible Study under the trees on Wed, then a BBQ dinner & outdoor movie on Fri. Great food & fellowship was enjoyed by all. Fellowship meetings are held the third Fri. of each month; all are invited to attend.

Pauls Creek held a baptizing in July. Youth group helped w/the Southwest VA food truck at St. Paul School in July. Communion service was held. In Aug. some members enjoyed a night at the Winston-Salem Dash Ballgame. The youth group went to Faith Fest in North Wilkesboro in Aug. 82nd Homecoming Celebration was held on Sunday Sept. 11w/special singing by Sheriff Kevin Kemp and Deputy Chris Mabry of the Carroll Cty. Sheriff's Dept. Bro. Jerry King brought the Wed. message. Pastor & Family Appreciation Day will be held on Sunday Oct. 9 following the morning message w/a covered dish luncheon. Having a Revival every Wed. night in Oct. @ 7pm. Trunk or Treat will be held at the church on Sat. Oct. 29 5:30 to 6:30pm.

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Salem Fork rejoiced @ the baptism of 3 people. Had a cookout and time of fellowship and special prayer for school students and teachers. Provided spaghetti meal for residents of the Shepherds House in Mount Airy. Fed the Surry Central High School football team. Pastor Sean Joplin delivered series of sermons entitled "Table Talk with Jesus" from the Book of Luke. Pastor Sean began series of classes for new believers. WMU projects focused on providing pocketbooks of hygiene and other items for homeless women and cards of encouragement for women of the church.

Shoals held a baptismal service. Celebrated Pastor Joey's birthday w/a
"Card the Pastor's Car" event. Celebrated Pastor's Wife (Debbie)
birthday w/a bouquet of cards. Held a "Back to School Splash" event
w/ hotdogs, homemade ice cream and a slip 'n slide. Voted on church budget, officers, and two new deacons to serve during the upcoming church year. Youth went on trip to Tweetsie.

Surry Baptist Association Financial Contributions August 2022

	2022 Budget Receipts To Date	Designated & Other Receipts
Albion	\$500.00	\$0.00
Antioch	\$4,235.44	\$0.00
Bannertown	\$5,333.36	\$0.00
Blues Grove	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Calvary	\$1,000.00	\$350.00
Cedar Lane	\$0.00	\$0.00
Central View	\$1,120.80 \$0.00	\$0.00
Christian Community Community	\$2,000.00	\$0.00 \$1,800.00
Copeland	\$1,005.90	\$0.00
Cornerstone	\$650.38	\$0.00
Cross Roads	\$0.00	\$200.00
Dobson, First	\$1,500.00	\$650.00
Dover	\$500.00	\$0.00
Fairview	\$8,000.00	\$1,445.00
Faith	\$83.34	\$0.00
Fancy Gap Fellowship	\$2,000.00 \$4,599.00	\$0.00 \$800.00
Flippin Memorial	\$1,600.00	\$500.00
Fuente de Vida	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gum Orchard	\$0.00	\$0.00
Haymore Memorial	\$583.38	\$0.00
Highland Park	\$5,250.00	\$250.00
Hills Grove	\$0.00	\$50.00
Holly Springs	\$700.00 \$600.00	\$700.00
Indian Grove Ivy Green	\$1,197.06	\$0.00 \$0.00
Jessup Grove	\$3,000.00	\$300.00
Ladonia	\$640.00	\$700.00
Little Richmond	\$1,259.48	\$0.00
Mount Carmel	\$2,400.00	\$500.00
Mount Zion	\$850.00	\$0.00
Mountain Park	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Mountain View New Bethel	\$1,285.98 \$100.00	\$0.00 \$0.00
New Hope	\$800.00	\$0.00
New Life	\$429.83	\$0.00
New Venture	\$0.00	\$0.00
Oak Grove	\$500.00	\$0.00
Oak Ridge	\$3,024.59	\$0.00
Pauls Creek Pinnacle View	\$600.00 \$3,000.00	\$0.00
Pleasant View	\$0.00	\$300.00 \$0.00
Rock Hill	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rockford	\$500.00	\$0.00
Salem	\$2,125.00	\$500.00
Salem Fork	\$4,050.00	\$0.00
Shoals	\$0.00	\$250.00
Siloam	\$1,000.00	\$250.00
Simmons Grove Slate Mountain	\$4,086.40 \$1,330.00	\$1,220.00 \$0.00
Sparta, First	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
Sulphur Springs	\$1,200.00	\$0.00
Turkey Ford	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Union Cross	\$600.00	\$0.00
Victory	\$900.00	\$0.00
Welcome Westfield	\$300.00 \$5,606.92	\$0.00 \$30.00
Westview	\$400.00	\$0.00
Woodland	\$900.00	\$300.00
Woodville	\$2,400.00	\$300.00
Other	400 710	\$33,096.03
TOTALS	\$92,746.86	\$12,395.00

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

SBA Office Hours

Monday-Thursday.....8:30am-4:30pm Friday.....Closed

Church News continued from inside

Siloam continues to have the monthly community meals on the first Wed. night of each month. Our youth held a contest, led by Gabe Fresch, on who could collect the most pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald house. The youth girls won the contest. Elieso Banito, missionary from the Philippines, spoke to our congregation regarding his mission work. Collected a generous love offering to assist w/the completion of their Philippine above the back of the properties held for Hustra and Votic Switch who will be however. church. A baby shower was held for Hunter and Katie Smith who will be having a baby girl in Oct. Michael and Karen Hardy celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary w/a celebration given by their children. Ralph Hardy celebrated his 90th Birthday w/a celebration given by his children. The Sunny Seniors had lunch @ Carol Flippin's house in Sept. Coming soon for the Sunny Seniors is Sunny Senior chair yoga taught by Lisa and Kenneth Snow. Held a church workday in Sept. beginning w/breakfast prepared by the Carters and Hodges. Lots of fellowship and hard work in preparation for our Homecoming on Oct. 2. Special singing by the Country Boys w/a meal to follow in the fellowship hall. Participating in the backpack program for Copeland Elemen. Two new deacons were elected for the 2022-2023 year, Lee Fensternaker and Gary Hodges. Officers and Teachers were voted on for the upcoming 2022-2023 year. Several members recently enjoyed a trip w/the SBA to see the play, David. Wed. night Bible study has been in the book of Psalms. Psalms 90:17, For thou Lord, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as a shield. God has truly blessed us with his presence.

Simmons Grove's Music Team met to discuss praise and worship music for the 2022-2023 church year. Invited members to join the adult choir and meet each month for practice on the first Wed. of each month 66pm. Bible Study and Youth Groups meet each Wed. night @ 7pm. The North Carolina Missions Offering started in Sept. and will be taken throughout the month. Continue to pray for local churches and also praying each Sunday during worship for all missions. Collecting supplies monthly for the Pilot Mountain Outreach Ministry. Baptist Women (WMU) met in Sept. to finalize plans to pack and disperse food bags to Pilot Mountain Schools. Many attended the WMU Fall Gathering @ Highland Park. The program, "HOPE IN CHRIST" and the metal was enjoyed by all. The Brotherhood met in Sept. for their monthly breakfast meeting and discussed the fall

mission projects.

Slate Mountain had successful blood drive. Baptist Women had monthly meeting and planned fund raisers to purchase an electronic sign. Finance Committee met and approved budget for upcoming year. Continuing to collect food for Yokefellow Food Ministry. Vendor Show scheduled for Nov. 4 and 5 @ the Fellowship Hall. Interested persons should contact Sheila Imman @ 336-325-7160.

Sparta First offered numerous activities for outreach and fellowship. Those included outreach w/Global Hunger Awareness, Soup Kitchen Ministry, resuming Lambs and Sheep Bible study, and Senior Ministry Meals. Traveled to the Baptist Children's Home and conducted a cookout for the children. Also, the meet and greet for the Singing Christmas

Tree is being planned.

Turkey Ford celebrated Christmas in Aug. w/a party and collection of school supplies, towels and cloths, etc., and a gift card for NAMB missionaries David and Kathy Parsons to use in their ministry in Winston Salem, NC. Women on Mission traveled to a number of schools and prayed for the Administration, Teachers, all other Employees, and Students and Families. Women on Mission sent a contribution to be used in meeting the needs of people affected by the flooding in Ky. Had Gideon speaker on 9-11-22 and took offering to buy scriptures for distribution around the world.

Union Cross had Homecoming combined w/Old Fashion Day w/dinner prepared by deacons.

Pastor preacher @ Independent Missionary Church in Hillsville, Va. Union Cross Choir were invited to sing that night. Had a special prayer for the victim's families in the 911

tragedy 21 years ago this Sept. 11.

Welcome members enjoyed a wonderful trip to the Gathers Concert. Thanks to Alton Bledsoe for special visiting sermon. Homecoming scheduled for Oct. 9. Special invitation to

for special visiting sermon. Homecoming scheduled for Oct. 9. Special invitation to everyone for singing w/The Journeys Oct.16.

Westfield baptized 3 in Sept. Collecting for the NC Missions Offering. Had VBS on Sept. 11-14. The Senior Adults attended "God and Country" at the Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theatre. A BBQ Fundraiser was held to finance the backpack outreach project. A community Fall revival will be held on Oct. 9-12 @ 7pm each night. Several area churches will participate in this revival. Have a game day planned for Sept. 18.

Westview had 2 souls saved, praise The Lord. Had a big yard/bake sale in Sept. Money to be used for building fund. Our monthly special preaching/sing to be held on Sept. 25 @ 6 pm w/Barry O'Neal preaching and Blues Grove youth choir singing. Everyone welcome! God is so Good!

God is so Good!

Woodland's Homecoming is Oct. 9. Will have a Gideon speaker on Oct. 23. Trunk-a-ween is Oct. 29. w/a Biblical Theme. Had Communion. WMU collected stuffed animals fo missionary and attended the Fall Gathering.

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