

No. 3

# **VBS Workshop**

March 27 @ Calvary

Registration is at 6:30 in the sanctuary. Opening is at 6:45 in the sanctuary.

List of available classes will be sent to the directors and pastors the first of April.

SBA Mid- Year Meeting @

Flippin Memorial Baptist Church

April 24, 2023 - 7pm with Rev. Ricky Easter

bringing message.



# Region 7 **Disaster Relief Training Highland Park Baptist** Saturday April 29

**Surry Baptist Association** 364 Welch Road

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789-7405

Dr. Dan Merritt

**Director of Missions** 

Susan H. White,

**Administrative Assistant** 

Men and Women needed:

Get trained for the following disciplines:

Administration, Assessment, Chaplaincy, Childcare, Communication, Feeding, Forklift, Logistics, Maintenance, Medical Reserve Corps, Recovery (also known as Clean-Up), Safety, Shower/Laundry, Recovery Trailer.

(Small fee for registration and background checks)

Contact Dr. John Crane (336-786-5780)



## SBA Support Day

The current economic downturn has resulted in higher costs for everyone, including the SBA. We have experienced a shortfall this past year due to rising expenses. (Ex., cost of the Handy Man Ministry almost tripled.) Not wanting to have to cut our many mission endeavors, the finance committee has prayerfully suggested churches have a SBA Support **Sunday**, to receive a special offering to help with defraying some of the cost increases. Each church is thanked in advance for prayerfully considering this special offering.

The Surry Baptist Association Finance Committee



"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 Haymore Memorial Highland Park Hills Grove Holly Springs

Indian Grove Ivy Green Jessup Grove Ladonia

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

Westview Woodland

Westfield

Woodville

### From Your Director of Missions:

February seemed to slip by without notice, as the chilly winds of March have blown a new month our way. The often harsh North winds remind us we are living in a world where the stiff raw winds of unconcern are increasing with intensity across our societal landscape. We are sure living in a time when there seems to be a short supply of genuine caring and some who is willing to listen to us "unload" all that is upon our hearts. Hebrews teaches us that man needs a High Priest who represents us before a holy God. Since sinful man can't come into God's presence by his own efforts, we need a High Priest who will be our Representative. Our High Priest is Jesus.

In Hebrews 4:16, we find we have a Great High Priest in Jesus Christ to whom we can take our every need. The verse reads, "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need" (KJV). In the uncertain hour of our day, it is a verse that gives great strength and encouragement. The word "boldly" is an interesting word. The Greek word is παρρησία (parrhésia) (par-rhay-see'-ah), which is translated in other places in the Bible as "confidence" (Acts 28:31; Eph 3:12; Heb. 10:35; I John 2:28, 3:21, 4:17; 5:14). The much respected ESV translates parrhésia in Hebrews 4:16 as "confidence" which is most appropriate. It might be added, in the NT parrhésia is found 31 times and is sometimes translated "bold," "boldly," "openly," or "confidence." When we look at the etymology of the word parrhésia it opens up a vein of golden nuggets of truth that adds value to its meaning and encouragement for our souls. Παρρησία (parrhésia) comes from two Greek words, one meaning "all or everything" and the other "utterance or speech." It literally means "to say everything." Originally the word had political connotations in 5th century BC Athens to describe the freedom of speech Greek citizens of Athenian democracy enjoyed. It was one of the highest privileges of a full citizen who was granted the right to speak with frankness without fear. The word was also used to mean the absence of fear when speaking to a friend. It referred to friends having the courage, boldness, and freedom to say with openness and frankness what needed to be said to one another because of the relationship between them.

The verse tells us we have the privilege to not only speak but to speak freely, openly, confidently and boldly to the holy God of the universe because of the personal relationship we have with Him in Christ!! Before Christ died and entered into heaven, there was no such freedom to speak freely, openly and boldly before the throne of grace. Man had no offering which he could bring that would make him acceptable to God or allow him access to the Father. But now the way has been opened. Because of Christ's work on the cross, we now have boldness of speech to do so. Access is now free for all who have trusted Christ, that we might come with the freedom, openness, courage, boldness and confidence before the throne of grace. We are now invited to come and bring our peti-



tions, our heart cries, our every need to the Father. We don't have to come timidly, but we rest in confidence upon Christ's work on the cross which grants us liberty to speak freely, boldly, with courage, with confidence before the throne of grace. It defies comprehension, but we are even invited to "come." Yes, the use of the word parrhesia was used by the writer of Hebrews to give us encouragement to come freely and confidently to God in prayer. What a privilege we have been gifted. Have you and I been to the throne of grace today? We have a standing invitation to do so....and let us do so boldly!

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

Blessings,

Dr. Dan

### **Baptist Men Update**

In February we met at the SBA w/Dennis and Wanda Long providing our meal. We had 12 in attendance and 8 churches were represented. Our devotion was brought by Surry County Young Life leader, Eric Leathers who read Mark

6:8 and shared his testimony and explained how the Young Life Organization touches and changes the lives of young people.

We will be having a Pancake Breakfast @ Calvary Baptist Church on March 18 and our last wood splitting will be held on March 4.

A Disaster Relief training opportunity will be held April 29 @ Highland Park, fee to participate is \$40.

Terry reported that the SBA had the most backpacks donated of any association in NC.

Please consider donating to the Surry Handyman Ministry to help fund our local projects. We have many project requests and limited funding; w/your help we can continue to make a difference in the lives of those who need it most. We invite all Men and Women within the SBA to join us on Monday, March 6 @ 6:30pm @ Fellowship Baptist for a meal. 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.

# **SBA Gift Card Collection**

**NC Baptist Children's Home** 

**April - July** 

Bring gift cards by the SBA office

anytime between April - July





### **Classifieds:**

Westfield Baptist - Part-Time Youth Director:

10 hours per week w/more hours during the summer months.

Qualifications: Christian w/desire to serve God and our children.

Must be available Wed. nights 6:15 pm- 8:45 pm and Sunday mornings 9:30 am-12:30 pm. Prefer college student w/desire to enter the ministry or an established teacher w/a heart for Christ and children.

#### **Part-Time Financial Secretary:**

20 hours per month - Qualifications: Experience in Fund Accounting and Power Church Software.

Please email resumes to wbc1@surry.net CC: Staff Relations



Mar. 10: Mrs. Shirley Merritt (SBA)

Mar. 17: Dr. Dan Merritt (SBA)

Mar. 17: Mrs. Jewel Faw (Indian Grove)
Mar. 20: Mrs. Hope Sechrist (Blues Grove)
Mar. 23: Mrs. Carlene Lyons (New Hope)
Mar. 30: Rev. Jimmy McCraw (New Bethel)

# **WMU®News**

# **Medical Ministries**

Bring food anytime to be given out for March. For 2023: Jessup Grove in March; Dobson 1st in April; Flippin Mem. in May; 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.

# **Surry Christian Counseling Center Statistics** for

January 2023



Total Sessions Conducted = 58

Total Clients Served = 44

Client Assistance Fund Sessions = 26

Client Assistance Fund Clients Served = 20

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



Pastor's Luncheon March 7

11:30 @ Libby Hills

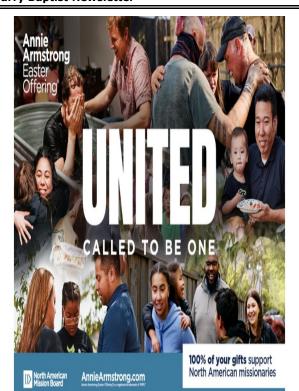


Please let us know of your Spring



**Revivals and Easter** 

Programs and Events so we can list them in our newsletter.



# **Annie Armstrong** Easter Offering 2023

The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering raises funds for missionaries in North America. The offering is named in honor of Annie Walker Armstrong. Annie Armstrong led women to unite in missions endeavors that ultimately led to the formation of Woman's Missionary Union, for which she served as the first corresponding secretary.

**North American Missions** and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering® is March 5-12, 2023.

\*The Week of Prayer (WOP) for

### **Seminary Extension** Course



### **Testament Survey Part II**

Instructor: Dr. Rick Jackson April 4 - June 6 Cost without book = \$169

# Please pray for the following churches

## without pastors:

**New Life** Westfield

Fuente de Vida Little Richmond

Haymore Memorial

**Fellowship** 

Fancy Gap

Salem

Ladonia

**Oak Grove** 

#### The Surry Baptist Newsletter:

Antioch continues w/Worship Services Sunday @ 8:30am & 11am. Wed. night Bible Study, Youth & Awana @ 6:30pm. Services are on Facebook. Sisterhood continues w/a Bible/Book Study. Continued w/the Lunch Davis Project, care packages were sent to college students and those in the military & hygiene bags are made and given to the blessing box for people in need. Golden Autumn met for refreshments in the fellowship hall, watched a movie, then met for refreshments in the fellowship hall, watched a movie, then traveled for lunch @13 bones. Had Baptist Ladies Day Service. Tara Dollyhigh spoke @ the 8:30am Worship Service and Meredith Tucker spoke @ the 11am Worship Service. Mark your calendar and join us for an Outdoor Easter Program titled, "Last Words of Christ", April 2, @ 4pm., at the Upward Football Field unless inclement weather.; Which will then be brought inside.

Bannertown began All In study on Sunday nights. Hosted Bloodmobile. WMU filled Valentine treat bags and delivered to nursing home. Provided two drive-thru community meals. Youth enjoyed Super Bowl Party, Sunday School classes enjoyed covered dish

Super Bowl Party. Sunday School classes enjoyed covered dish meal and bingo.

Blues Grove had group of 55 go on trip to The Ark Encounter in Williamstown, KY. WMU ladies enjoyed a Prayer Breakfast @ Roosters Restaurant. Had guest speaker, Rev Jeff Cassell, for a Sun morning service. Seniors held a Dinner @ the Church and enjoyed a time of food, fun and fellowship. Easter Egg Hunt being planned for Sat, April 11. Order completed for new Church shirts and caps.

Calvary's Pastor is going through the Book of Matthew during sermons, most recently w/the Sermon on the Mount. Collected more than 1000 pairs of socks through Sock Drive, which were distributed to area ministries. Women in Mission made soup for our homebound members. Held its 2nd Annual "Make Mount Airy Our Vication". Valentine" mission project by delivering boxes of cookies to local

businesses as a way of blessing and thanking them for serving our community. Held a "One Calvary" Sunday because we have "One Lord, One Faith" and "One Calvary". Celebrated church family breakfast, Sunday School, and a shared time of worship. Held an Ash Wed. worship service that included interactive prayer stations and the imposition of ashes. Updating to an online service for our new church directory. online service for our new church directory.

Cedar Lane celebrated Valentine's Day w/a soup supper and bingo in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone had a wonderful time. Also, a business meeting was held on the first Wed. evening in Feb. Plans are underway for the upcoming Annie Armstrong offering and Easter events.

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Community Had one precious soul saved and 3 new members to join our church family. Ladies fellowship group is meeting on Monday nights for an eight week Bible study entitled "Living A Chocolate Life ". Couples had Valentines's dinner, devotions and games @ the Barn at Blueberry Hill. Group went caroling to our shut-Ins. Making plans for bus trip to the Creation museum and The Ark in June.

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Dobson, First celebrated six new members, three joining by baptism this month. The Chosen season 2 Bible study has begun and will run through April 15. Our women's ministry kicked off the year w/a "Chilled but Filled" afternoon of fellowship, devotion and chocolate on Feb. 19. The Youth had a Super Bowl party and fed Seniors in Feb. Angel's Attic of DFBC will hold

their children's spring consignment sale in March.

Dover had Youth Sunday w/youth assisting choir, offering and teaching. Women met @ Cracker Barrel for a meal and fellowship. Had bingo w/meal served. WMU made monetary donation to SBA for Surry Medical Min. and a donation to the ...

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SBA Men's Brotherhood for building materials. Deacons and WMU held monthly meetings. Continues to pray for an up-

rising of bold servants for the Lord.

Fairview's Pastor Billy continues the Revelation series. Children attended Uplands Reach Junior Camp in Feb. Baptist Men to host Sportsman's Banquet Sat. March 18 @ 5pm. Guest speaker is Mark Freeman. All are invited. Embrace is sponsoring car seats for Spark of Hope Foster Care Ministry of Salem Fork Baptist. Prayer Quilt is making dresses and shorts for children in Romania. Prayer Shawl is making scarves for Romanian Mission trip, which is scheduled for June 29-July 8. Youth are going through a series from Right Now Media titled "Darkroom Faith." Youth also went snow tubing @ Hawksnest. Preparations are underway for the Baptist on Mission Dental Clinic, scheduled for April 22.

Fancy Gap had annual candle light service, Christmas Day service w/communion, gifted our homebound members and seniors w/treat bags, all Sunday school attendees received old timey treat bags w/apples, oranges, peppermints, gum and chocolate bar. Started both our youth and adult chirs back up We are excited about a new outreach ministry called

the Allen Boys Food Pantry.

Fellowship's Sénior Singles group met for lunch, fun and games. Enjoyed a Valentine Treats Social. Announced 2023 VBDS

dates, June 11–15.

Flippin Memorial's WMU met w/a special guest speaker, Doana Humphreys. She was a missionary in Ghana, it was a blessing to have her. Had a Valentines Game Night @ the Fellowship Building for all ages. Also we would like to let everyone know we are now having Sunday night services again. They will be the 2nd and 4th Sunday night of each month. This year we are praying each week for our missionaries. God Bless!

Haymore Memorial was blessed w/three baptisms. WMU had the worship service w/Lynn Wilkes as speaker. Baptist Men is planning for an overnight fellowship retreat. The BSF-Women's Bible Study continues to meet each Thurs. morning. A blood drive was held. Monthly contributions for Appalachian Backpacks and Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes continue. Baptist Men meet for breakfast on the first Set of each mostly MMI had a cooking support and the state of the cooking support of the state of the s first Sat. of each month. WMU had a cookie swap fellowship.

Highland Park welcomed fourteen new members this past month. Celebrated both Baptist Women's Day and Baptist Men's Day during Feb., w/the ladies singing in the choir @ an 11am worship service, and the men singing in the choir @ another 11am service. WMU will have annual Bake Sale March 5. All 11am service. WMU will have annual Bake Sale March 5. All money collected will go to support future WMU mission projects. In Feb., the WMU ladies prepared 77 snack bags w/ Valentines candy for the 6th grade children in our AWANA Club program. Will host a Glow in the Dark Easter Egg Hunt in our Family Life Center on Sat., April 2 from 6-8pm, w/fun station, a telling of the Easter story, bounce houses, snacks, games, photo booth, crafts and face painting. On April 22 from 10am–12pm we are hosting a Ladies Tea in our Fellowship Hall, w/ refreshments and guest speaker Jackie Pegram coming to share a dramatic story of Mrs. Noah. Our VBS will be held June 11–15 from 6pm–8:20pm nightly, w/ classes for all ages. Our theme this year is 'Keepers of the Kingdom." You may register for any of these events by going on our website @ www.highlandparkfamily.com. Hosting the on our website @ www.highlandparkfamily.com. Hosting the NC Baptist Region 7 Disaster Relief Training on Sat., April 29 from 8am–1pm. This training will certify participants to be deployed to assist w/ disaster relief for three years. Training will be in the following areas: Administration, Assessment, Chaplaincy, Childcare, Communications, Feeding, Forklift, Logistics, Maintenance, Medical Reserve Corps, Recovery (also known as Clean-up, Safety, Shower/Laundry, and Recovery Trailer.

Hills Grove collected small change (money) and baby items for the Legacy Center in Mt. Airy as an outreach for Prolife. The couples enjoyed a Valentine's meal catered by 13 Bones, preacher Caleb Thomas gave a sweet devotion and his precious wife Casey followed with some lovely games. WMU

held meeting.

Holly Springs had pizza and movie night. Youth had an outing to Safari Nation. WMU attended the Winter Gathering Breakfast. Thank you to all WMU Council members for the delicious breakfast and program. Presented Basket w/lots of glifts for baby. Had two small children dedicated to the Lord during Worship service. Praying for several in our church that have had surgery and will be having surgery in the coming weeks.

Indian Grove had Baptist Women's Day w/guest singers The Journey's. After the service everyone enjoyed a Hot Dog lunch provided by the Brotherhood. A joyous time was had by

all. Ten members went to the SBA Senior Adult Luncheon @ Welcome Baptist

Ivy Green's new Bible Study began in late Jan. in the book of Peter. Had a fellowship lunch of homemade soup and sandwiches. Several ladies made different soups to enjoy. The WMU is collecting toiletry items to give to the men @ "Your Father's House" for our Feb. mission project. Had a deacon ordination in Feb. The "Blessing Box" continues to be filled to assist w/the community people that are in need of food.

Jessup Grove's seniors met for a time of fellowship and fun. The Baptist men helped w/the SBA Brotherhood wood cutting and building of handicap ramps. The youth went ice skating and continue meeting on Wed. evenings and the third Sunday of each month. The Baptist Women, w/the help of a few of our men, made chicken pies to sell as a fundraiser. They gave a gift card to a new mom and delivered a meal to our homebound. They also took a meal to a family experiencing the death of a family member. The women also began collecting items for the Shepherd's House. The choir began practicing a centar for Easter

Ladonia holds services Sunday morning @ 10am Sunday School & 11am Worship Service; Wed. night 7pm; and special evening service is held on 4th Sunday of the month @7pm w/ guest pastor and singers. We are still seeking a full-time

pastor. WMU met in Feb.

Mountain View gave donations to Cedar Ridge Weekend Backpack Program & Yokefellow Ministries. Had fifth Sunday singing w/local talent sharing songs of praise & worship. We were blessed to have Dr. Dexter Street as our speaker for Baptist Men's Day. Our men's choir did an awesome job and also treated the ladies to a wonderful Valentine Sweetheart Meal, which included yummy lasagna, spaghetti, salad, bread, desserts & beautiful decorations. Fellowship meetings are held the third Fri. of each month; all are invited to attend.

New Life's oldest living member of New Life, Mary Faye Jarvis, celebrated her100th birthday, on Feb. 8. We wish her a happy birthday. Rev. Tanner Wood will be preaching the month of March at New Life.

Paul's Creek had 4 professions of faith. Youth had a great time @ Hearts on Fire Youth Conference in Pigeon Forge, TN. Held Christmas supper and a Program in Dec. Also children read Christmas supper and a Program in Dec. Also children read Christmas poems and had special singing. Held watchnight service w/special speakers and singing, w/ refreshments following. Men's Day was held in Jan. w/special singing, scriptures, and testimonies. Youth helped w/ the Food Truck @ St. Paul School in Jan. and Feb. Sanctity of Life Sunday was observed. Youth Sunday was observed w/special singing from the youth shair and w/Prother Ashley Hotels bringing the from the youth choir and w/Brother Ashley Horton bringing the morning message. The youth went to a Youth Drama in Feb. @ Fairview Church in Galax, VA., and went to Winter Jam @ Greensboro Coliseum. Revival will be held every Wed. night in March at 7pm. Youth group will pick up trash on March 25. The rain date will be April 1. Easter Egg hunt is March 26 after church. The rain date is April 2. Communion will be held on Sunday April 2. Sunrise service is April 9 @ 6:30am wlight breakfast to follow from the Ol' Farmer Restaurant. Youth Sunday is April 30. Senior Adult Day will be observed on Sunday May 7th. Church picnic will be held July 16 @ Foster Falls.

Pinnacle View celebrated Pastor Ronnie Chamblin's Birthday and the 25th Anniversary of his being Pastor @ Pinnacle View w/a Covered Dish meal following our morning worship service. Joined w/WBFJ radio and some of our kids and Adults make and collect Valentines for Senior Services for Stokes and Surry Co. thru Meals on Wheels. Had 2 attend Lifeway's VBS training @ Ridgecrest. VBS, begins, Sunday June 4 and will go thru the week.

Shoals exceeded Lottie Moon Goal. Youth enjoyed Toby Mac concert. WMU presented a Bible to a recently baptized young

Siloam lost a dear member, Ralph Hardy. Ralph was a very active long time member and Deacon. Had a visiting preacher, Rev. Zack Young in Feb. Zack has recently been ordained. Brotherhood held a Bingo and raised \$800.00 to go toward community projects. Rodney Hedrick spoke on Baptist Men's Day. Senior citizens continue their Chair Yoga sessions on Mon. led by Lisa Snow. Visited and worshiped w/the Dunmore Plantation residents on the 5th Sunday night. Choir director, Teresa Hodges and pianist, Margaret Carter had a surprise dinner and games for the choir

members. (continued) Continued on back

#### Surry Baptist Association Financial Contributions January 2023

	2023 Budget Receipts To Date	Designated & Other Receipts
	\$0.00	\$0.00
Albion	\$572.50	\$0.00
Antioch	\$666.67	\$0.00
Bannertown	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Blues Grove	\$125.00	\$0.00
Calvary	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cedar Lane Central View	\$156.54	\$0.00
Christian Community	\$0.00	\$0.00
Community	\$250.00	\$1,100.00
Copeland	\$135.60	\$0.00
Cornerstone	\$104.80	\$0.00
Cross Roads	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dobson, First	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dover	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00
Fairview	\$0.00	\$0.00
Faith	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Fancy Gap	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00
Flippin Memorial	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fuente de Vida	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gum Orchard Haymore Memorial	\$83.34	\$0.00
Highland Park	\$0.00	\$250.00
Hills Grove	\$0.00	\$0.00
Holly Springs	\$0.00	\$0.00
Indian Grove	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ivy Green	\$0.00	\$0.00 \$300.00
Jessup Grove	\$3,000.00 \$80.00	\$0.00
Ladonia	\$0.00	\$0.00
Little Richmond	\$300.00	\$0.00
Mount Carmel	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mount Zion	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mountain Park	\$205.20	\$0.00
Mountain View	\$100.00	\$0.00
New Bethel	\$800.00	\$0.00
New Hope New Life	\$29.25	\$0.00
New Life New Venture	\$0.00	\$0.00
Oak Grove	\$0.00	\$0.00
Oak Ridge	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pauls Creek	\$0.00 \$1,500.00	\$0.00 \$0.00
Pinnacle View	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pleasant View	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rock Hill	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rockford	\$1,062.50	\$250.00
Salem	\$1,350.00	\$0.00
Salem Fork	\$0.00	\$250.00
Shoals	\$500.00	\$0.00
Siloam	\$4,000.00	\$1,200.00
Simmons Grove	\$166.00	\$0.00
Slate Mountain Sparta, First	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Sulphur Springs	\$150.00	\$0.00
Turkey Ford	\$0.00	\$0.00
Union Cross	\$0.00 \$300.00	\$0.00 \$0.00
Victory	\$0.00	\$0.00
Welcome	\$725.68	\$0.00
Westfield	\$50.00	\$0.00
Westview	\$100.00	\$50.00
Woodland	\$0.00	\$0.00
Woodville	1	\$1,298.00
Other	\$20,513.08	\$5,698.00
TOTALS		

\*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

Women beat the men in Family Feud and choir trivia. Brotherhood held a workday cutting and splitting wood for the SBA wood pile. They also built a handicap ramp for a need in the community. Women's Day was held in Feb. w/guest speaker, Holly Money. Soup and Sandwich meal followed in the fellowship hall. Youth fun night, w/pizza party and games was held. Thanks to Sharee and Lee Fenstermaker for hosting the event.

Slate Mountain had quarterly business meeting. Continuing Wed. night Bible study in the book of Jeremiah. Baptist Women met for lunch @ Libby Hill. Baptist Women are having a Bingo fund raiser May 19, @the Fellowship Hall. Had communion service. Carried a week of meals to a church member who had knee surgery. Pastor, Chris McMillian, will be in revival March 7, @ Union Cross Baptist Church w/choir singing. Will have Red Cross blood drive March 26.

Sparta First added 14 new members over the last few months. Also, we're welcoming Kolby and Kasey Queen, for taking on responsibilities w/ our all-important youth program. Delivered needed clothing to the Mills Home in Thomasville. Interest is being sought as to a mission trip to NYC to assist missionaries already there. Other celebrations cover the gamut of Baptist Men's Day, Soup Kitchen Ministry, Baptist Women's Embrace, and Senior Adult Lunch program.

**Sulphur Springs** Ordained Zach Young for ministry in Feb. and also had Birthday party for Pastor Ron.

**Union Cross** will have Spring Revival, March 5-8. Had Gideon Speaker Terry Hardy to speak @ Worship Service. Two members attended the Valentine Luncheon @ Welcome Baptist Church.

**Welcome** enjoyed testimonial from missionary from France. Started our newborn baby backpack ministry w/great success. Celebrated Valentines w/dinner and trip and games. Hosted associational Senior Fellowship Lunch.

Westfield helped support a young lady w/Messenger of the Missions on a trip to Nicaragua and collected toiletries and supplies for them. Continued each Sunday night w/an episode of The Chosen. Kids will be going to Centri-kid on July 17–21 and the youth to Caswell on July 31–Aug. 5. Had several seniors go to Welcome Baptist Church to the Seniors Luncheon hosted by the SBA. Baptist Men hosted a Ladies Appreciation Luncheon in Feb. Prayers and Squares dedicated one prayer quilt. We are excited and pleased to have Rev. Jimmy Lancaster as our transitional interim pastor while we are searching for a new senior pastor.

**Westview** hosted Valentine's parents night out. The children had a valentines party while parents had the opportunity for a night out. Held a marriage conference @ Blue Ridge Baptist Church w/Chris Park and James Collins preaching. Homecoming was in Feb. w/food and fellowship.

Woodville Collected snacks for surgical waiting area at Northern Regional.
Gospel singing w/Jonathan Bledsoe is April 2 @6 pm. Easter Sunday:
Sunrise Service @ 7am followed by breakfast in Fellowship Hall, Worship Service @ 9am.

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