

## Historic Decision Made for Beaverdam Baptist Association



On Tuesday, November 3 in a “Special Called Meeting” of the Beaverdam Baptist Association Executive Board a historic decision was made as Messengers **voted unanimously** to proceed with the sale of our present facility (\$600,000) and the purchase of a new facility (\$415,000) in downtown Seneca. (215 North Townville Street)

See details in “DOM Thoughts” article.



*2015 Pastors/Wives Christmas Dinner  
Monday, December 7, 2015 @ 7:00 pm  
Thrift Building, 1655 Sandifer Blvd*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

*All Senior Pastors, current Interim Pastors and Retired Senior Pastors and wives are invited. This is always a wonderful time of fellowship together.*

*Since the meal will be catered, reservations are required. Please call BBA at 882-7070 to register by Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.*



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- ◆ 444,263 nationals met in on-going Bible studies

These numbers and more are reported in the 2014 Annual Statistical Report at [public.org/globalresearch](http://public.org/globalresearch).

## DOM Thoughts,

Let me begin by saying Merry Christmas to each of you from your Associational Staff! It is our prayer that each of you truly experience a blessed time this Christmas as you celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

I want to take this opportunity to update everyone on where we are at the present time in regards to the sale of our present building and the purchase of a new building. On November 3rd there was a Special Called meeting of our Associational Executive Board to consider a recommendation from our Executive Committee that we accept an offer to purchase our present property for \$600,000 and in turn purchase a building in downtown Seneca (215 North Townville Street across the street from Oconee Savings & Loan and just down the street from Brown-Oglesby Funeral Home) for \$415,000. The recommendation passed unanimously! The building that our Executive Board voted to purchase was originally constructed as a bank and was converted into an event facility (The Vault) in 2009. The facility underwent extensive renovations in 2009 that included all new electrical, new plumbing, new interior finishes and numerous cosmetic improvements. The building is 100% handicap accessible and 100% wet sprinkled. An elevator was added in 2009. The building is a two-story, 7,998 square foot mixed-use building. In addition to the finished area, the building is also improved with various porches and patios.

After signing the contract to purchase the new building, we have spent the past few weeks having extensive inspections done on the building (Roof, plumbing, electrical, HVAC, Sprinkler System, etc). If no serious problems are discovered through the inspection process we should close on the new building sometime mid-December. In early January renovations will begin on the second floor where our new Beaverdam Baptist Association Offices will be located. Plans are to use the Event Center (First Floor) for meetings, conferences, seminars and a Church Planting Center. The Event Center will also be available to BBA churches to utilize as well. I believe with all of my heart that with the unanimous decision to move forward with the sale/purchase, the Beaverdam Baptist Association said to the world that "The Beaverdam Baptist Association desires to be impactful and relevant for many years to come!" I am truly honored to serve as your Director of Missions and I look toward the future with great excitement and anticipation!

Finally, registration is now underway for the **2016 Associational Pastors/Wives Weekend of Encouragement Retreat**. The retreat will take place on March 11-12 at the

Hyatt Regency Downtown Greenville. We are thrilled that **Dr. Richard Blackaby** will be our guest speaker. Those interested are encouraged to call the Beaverdam Mission Center (882-7070) ASAP to reserve your spot.

Merry Christmas,

*David*

### **2016 Beaverdam Baptist Association Pastors/Wives Retreat**

**"A Weekend of Encouragement"  
March 11-12, 2016**

**Hyatt Regency, Downtown Greenville**

**Speaker: Dr. Richard Blackaby**

**Cost: \$250.00 per couple**

Please call the Beaverdam Mission Center at 882-7070 to reserve your spot.

### **Highlights from the 2015 Annual Meeting**

Brian Goss, Pastor, Lydia, was elected to a second term as Moderator and Randy Koon, Pastor, Mountain Rest was elected to a second term as Vice-Moderator. (Picture on right.)

A plaque of appreciation was given to David Shirley for five years of faithful ministry to BBA. Others recognized included James Gibson, Maranatha, who retired with 37 years in the ministry and Mike Adams, Mt. Tabor, who retired with 31 years in the ministry.

Due to a positive financial situation, the 2016 budget of \$194,907, an increase of 3.4% from 2015, was approved.

Reports were given by David Shirley (DOM Report), Jeremy Garrett (Children's Camp) and Luis Carreon (Hispanic Church Plant).

The messengers heard a presentation and unanimous recommendation from the Executive Committee to sell the current BBA office building and purchase a building in downtown Seneca. A called meeting of the Executive Board was scheduled to discuss and vote on the matter.

The message was given by Brian Goss, Pastor, Lydia.

The 2016 meeting will be held Monday, October 24, 2016 at Westminster Baptist Church. The preacher will be James Gibson, Retired Pastor, Maranatha, and alternate Jimmy Boggs, Pastor, Ebenezer.

## Beaverdam Mission Dollars at Work



	Sept 15	Jan-Sept 15
Beaverdam	235.00	2,631.00
Belmont	0.00	0.00
Bethel	200.00	1,756.00
Bethlehem	0.00	0.00
Bounty Land	431.08	4,344.53
Calvary	122.23	819.34
Chauga	76.57	574.60
Cheohee	200.00	1,800.00
Church at the Well *	0.00	550.00
Clearmont	0.00	2,730.10
College Street	996.18	7,539.31
Coneross	75.00	675.00
Corinth Seneca	0.00	900.00
Corinth Westminster	166.63	1,666.30
Cross Roads Seneca	230.00	1,017.00
Cross Roads Westminster	80.00	841.00
Damascus	0.00	269.17
Davis Creek	80.34	781.70
Earle's Grove	1,200.00	10,800.00
Ebenezer	0.00	1,000.00
Faith	152.97	1,215.91
Fants Grove	0.00	1,551.46
Golden Corner	0.00	0.00
Heart Land	127.00	1,229.00
Hepsibah	780.34	7,023.06
Holly Springs	388.31	4,411.66
Hopewell	234.00	2,091.51
Iglesia Bautista Bethel	0.00	0.00
Little River	0.00	0.00
Long Creek	144.00	1,296.00
Lydia	789.42	3,341.37
Maranatha	308.18	2,960.12
Monte Vista	25.00	225.00
Mountain Rest	723.45	6,183.90
Mountain View	0.00	875.00
Mt Freedom	100.00	900.00
Mt Pleasant	0.00	933.31
Mt Tabor	406.29	2,180.05
New Hope	445.00	3,382.24
Old Liberty	336.30	1,629.46
Open Door	0.00	1,666.64
Parkway	129.56	583.08
Pleasant Grove	199.51	1,242.37
Pleasant Hill	100.00	900.00
Pleasant Ridge	400.00	3,600.00
Poplar Springs	424.80	4,557.44
Puerta Abierta	0.00	0.00
Reedy Fork	221.86	1,828.21
Retreat	0.00	0.00
Return	718.60	5,257.28
Rock Hill	0.00	100.00
Rocky Knoll	571.55	6,012.51
Salem	0.00	5,000.00
Scenic Heights	1,706.91	2,755.91
Seneca	923.16	10,846.74
Shiloh	0.00	0.00
Snow Creek	0.00	1,092.42
Souls Harbor	125.00	1,125.00
South Union	246.86	1,564.34
Trinity	0.00	0.00
Utica	1,125.00	10,125.00
Walhalla	250.00	450.00
Welcome	276.19	1,616.52
West Union	0.00	279.83
Westminster	0.00	4,000.00
Westminster First	125.00	1,125.00
Wolf Stake	89.00	605.00
Total	16,686.29	148,457.39
* Church Plant		
General Fund		
Brought Forward		62,038.35
Receipts		16,686.29
Expense		13,435.75
Balance 8-31-15		65,288.89

### Staff Changes:

**Corinth-Westminster** has called Chris Moss as Pastor effective November 18, 2015.

### Staff Needed:

**Lydia** is seeking a part-time Youth Pastor. Please send resumes to Lydia Baptist Church, Attn: Youth Pastor Search Committee, PO Box 59, Newry, SC 29665.

**Maranatha** is seeking a Worship Leader who is passionate about Contemporary Music but also has a respect for Traditional Music to lead in a blended musical worship service on Sunday mornings. Please send resumes to Maranatha Baptist Church, 240 Keowee School Rd, Seneca, SC 29672, Attention: Pastor or email to [gs.watkins@yahoo.com](mailto:gs.watkins@yahoo.com).



**Bounty Land Baptist  
Indoor/Outdoor Nativities  
December 18, 19, 20, 2015  
6:00 - 8:00 pm**

*Everyone is invited to a unique celebration of the birth of Jesus at **Bounty Land Baptist Church, Hwy 28, Seneca.***

*Both indoor and outdoor nativity scenes will be on display at the **Family Life Center** from 6:00 – 8:00 PM on December 18, 19 & 20. There is no charge to attend and refreshments will be served. Come and celebrate the joy of the season with us!*



### **Association of Baptist Church Secretaries Christmas Luncheon**

**Tuesday, December 1 @ 12 noon  
International Deli, Seneca  
Cost per person: Approx. \$11.00**

**Guest Speaker: Stephanie Enders**

**Mission Project: Monetary donation for Ripple of One**

**All ministry assistants are encouraged to attend. Please register by calling BBA at 882-7070 by Wednesday, November 25, 2015.**



### **2015-16 Beaverdam Baptist Association Moderator and Vice-Moderator**

**Brian Goss, Pastor, Lydia (left)  
Randy Koon, Pastor, Mountain Rest (right)**



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### Date

29 - Week of Prayer for International Missions and the  
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (29-Dec 6)

1 - Association of Baptist Church Secretaries,  
International Deli, 12:00 NOON

2 - *Golden Triangle News* articles due

7 - Ministers Prayer Time, BMC - 8:30 AM

7 - Pastors/Wives Christmas Dinner - 7:00 PM

14 - Ministers Prayer Time, BMC - 8:30 AM

21 - **BMC Closed for Christmas Holidays (21-25)**

28 - Ministers Prayer Time, BMC - 8:30 AM

BMC = Beaverdam Mission Center,  
1659 Sandifer Blvd

### Special Days in December

#### Staff Anniversaries:

4 - Alvin Burdette, Mt Pleasant, 2005

6 - Phil Kelley, Utica, 1978

7 - Mike Bowling, Hopewell, 2014

#### Birthdays:

4 - Arvil Stephens, retired

5 - Perry Gardner, Hepsibah

9 - Don Bickers, retired

9 - Jerry Mize, Monte Vista, Interim

11 - Kevin Morrison, Pleasant Ridge

23 - James Dyar, Earle's Grove

23 - Stacey Griffis, Beaverdam

27 - Joe Steele, Utica

28 - Rodney Sutherland, Hopewell

#### Wedding Anniversaries:

11 - Scott & Tina Bedenbaugh, Mt Tabor

12 - Joe & Jennifer Steele, Utica

15 - Alan & Kelly Adams, Parkway

15 - Don & Patricia Corley, retired

15 - Von & Gloria Reynolds, Reedy Fork

18 - Ray & Marilyn Allen, retired

18 - Phil & Molly Kelley, Utica

21 - Reginald & Claudia Pressley, retired

23 - Rod & Andrea Lyda, Cross Roads - W

24 - Steve & Pam Black, Scenic Heights

28 - Joe & Hazel Saunders, Little River

28 - Mark & Mitzi Tannery, Westminster First

30 - Stacey & Kelley Griffis, Beaverdam



*From the BBA Staff:*

*David Shirley*

*Brenda Barnes*

*Vickie Lee*

*Betty Lewis*