

Golden Triangle News

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2016 Women on Mission Brunch Saturday, March 5, 2016 @ 9:30 AM College Street Baptist Church 407 South College St, Walhalla

Speaker: Kristy Byers, Christian Comedian

Kristy has a warm, energetic and humorous look at life. Her comedy is one of laughter, stand-up, storytelling and music. Kristy shares her experiences as a single adult, a teacher of hyperactive preschoolers, a theatrical performer, and a missionary in a hilarious fashion. She "finds the funny" in everyday life.

THIS EVENT IS FOR ALL WOMEN AND TEEN GIRLS!

NURSERY PROVIDED FOR CHILDREN BIRTH TO AGE 4.

CHILDREN IN ACTION ACTIVITIES FOR AGES 5-10.

COST IS \$4.00 PER PERSON (NO COST FOR CHILDREN)

THE MENU WILL BE:

PANCAKES, BACON, EGGS, ORANGE JUICE & COFFEE

THE MISSION PROJECT FOR THIS EVENT WILL BE A MONETARY DONATION TO THE RIPPLE OF ONE ORGANIZATION.

Please register the number of women, children up to age 4, children ages 5-10 by Monday, February 29, 2016 by calling 882-7070. Prepayment of \$4.00 for adults is also needed by Monday, February 29, 2016.

Men's Ministry Quarterly Fellowship Tuesday, February 2, 2016 – 6:30 PM

HOPEWELL BAPTIST CHURCH 161 HOPEWELL CHURCH DR, SENECA

Speaker: John Aiken, Jr., of Cornerstone Insurance Agency, Easley, will be sharing his personal testimony.

Music: Tony Edwards Trio

Menu: BBQ and fixings from Heavenly Hog, Dessert,

Tea*

(\$4.00 at the door)

Mission Project: Canned Goods for Golden Corner

Food Pantry

Register: Call 882-7070 by Thursday, January 28, 2016

*Please register the number coming from your church to help with food preparation.

Johnny Hunt Men's Conference Friday & Saturday, February 5 & 6, 2016

UTICA BAPTIST CHURCH 4056 WELLS HIGHWAY, SENECA

Theme: TAKE AIM

"LIVE" Simulcast in the UBC Worship Center

- *Admission is just \$15 per person which includes dinner Friday night & a light breakfast Saturday morning.
- *Please register the number coming from your church by calling Utica Baptist at 882-9402 ASAP.

DOM Thoughts,

A couple years ago I shared some statistics relating to Pastors. It was interesting to hear the responses from people after they read those statistics. They were shocked. Many said that they had no idea. Sadly some of our local Pastors said they could identify with many of the statistics that I shared. As I have stated on numerous occasions serving in ministry today is extremely challenging. Consider the following:

- 80% of Pastors believe that pastoral ministry has negatively affected their families
- 33% of Pastors believe that pastoral ministry is an outright hazard to their families
- 80% of Pastors and 84% of Pastors wives are discouraged
- 70% of Pastors constantly fight depression
- 70% of Pastors do not have someone that they consider a close friend
- 50% of Ministers starting out will not last five years
- 94% of Pastors families feel the pressure of the Pastor's ministry
- 80% of Pastors wives wish their husband would choose a different profession
- 94% feel under pressure to have a perfect family

Shortly after becoming the Director of Missions of this Association in 2010 I quickly learned that many of those serving in our churches were discouraged. It was for that reason that in 2011 we hosted our first **Beaverdam Baptist Association "Weekend of Encouragement"** Retreat for Pastors/Staff Ministers and their spouses. Over the years we have been blessed with some of the best speakers. (Dr. Don Wilton, Dr. Mel Blackaby, Dr. Gary Chapman and Dr. Dennis Swanberg) This year we are thrilled to have **Dr. Richard Blackaby** as our speaker. Richard is president of Blackaby Ministries International and lives in Atlanta, Georgia. He travels internationally speaking on spiritual leadership in the home, church, and marketplace as well as on spiritual awakening, Experiencing God, and the Christian life. Richard regularly ministers to Pastors, church and family leaders. Our 2016 "Weekend of Encouragement" retreat is scheduled for March 11th – 12th at the Hyatt regency in Downtown Greenville. Those interested are asked to call the Beaverdam Mission Center (882-7070) ASAP to reserve your spot. The Hyatt has only given us a limited number of rooms. February 17th is the deadline to register. Again this retreat is for all Pastors, Church Staff Ministers and their spouses.

Impacting Oconee & Beyond,

David

Beaverdam Baptist Association

Serving (Churches)
Starting (Something New)
Strengthening (Revitalization)
Sending (Missions Partnerships)
Scattering (Making Disciples)

2016 Ministers/Wives Retreat "Weekend of Encouragement" March 11-12, 2016 Hyatt Regency, Downtown Greenville

Speaker: Dr. Richard Blackaby



Richard is the president of Blackaby Ministries International and lives in Atlanta, GA. Richard earned a B.A. in history from the University of Saskatchewan. He has an M.Div and Ph.D. in church history from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and an honorary doctorate from Dallas Baptist University. He has also written or co-authored over thirty books.

THIS RETREAT IS OPEN TO ALL PASTORS AND CHURCH STAFF MINISTERS AND THEIR SPOUSES.

Cost: \$250.00 per couple

If you have yet to register, please call 882-7070.

Deadline to Register is: February 17, 2016

Ministers' Prayer Time

All ministers are invited and encouraged to join prayer time at the Beaverdam Baptist Association at 8:30 AM every

Beaverdam Mission Dollars at Work

	15	Jan-Dec 15
Beaverdam	178.00	3,798.86
Belmont	0.00	0.00
Bethel	270.00	2,401.00
Bethlehem Bounty Land	0.00 497.75	0.00 5,684.85
Bounty Land Calvary	102.92	1,103.78
Chauga	70.82	770.49
Cheohee	200.00	2,400.00
Church at the Well *	0.00	550.00
Clearmont	320.70	3,738.28
College Street	924.25	9,977.63
Coneross	75.00	900.00
Corinth Seneca	0.00	1,200.00
Corinth Westminster	0.00	1,999.56
Cross Roads Seneca	0.00	1,243.00
Cross Roads Westminst		1,096.00
Damascus	0.00	391.51
Davis Creek	108.70	1,024.92
Earle's Grove	1,200.00	14,400.00
Ebenezer Faith	0.00 165.00	1,000.00 1,642.91
Fants Grove	0.00	1,551.46
Golden Corner	0.00	0.00
Heart Land	165.00	1,688.00
Hepsibah	780.34	9,364.08
Holly Springs	403.97	5,634.76
Hopewell	209.46	2,719.89
Iglesia Bautista Bethel	0.00	0.00
Little River	1,024.27	1,024.27
Long Creek	139.00	1,713.00
Lydia	777.37	4,503.06
Maranatha	416.91	3,971.60
Monte Vista	0.00	275.00
Mountain Rest Mountain View	757.81 0.00	8,097.06 875.00
Mt Freedom	200.00	1,200.00
Mt Pleasant	400.03	1,600.00
Mt Tabor	214.47	2,821.96
New Hope	550.00	4,532.24
Old Liberty	185.10	2,274.87
Open Door	0.00	1,874.97
Parkway	58.84	750.60
Pleasant Grove	165.49	1,512.34
Pleasant Hill	100.00	1,200.00
Pleasant Ridge	417.00	4,851.00
Poplar Springs	275.70	5,770.29
Puerta Abierta	0.00	0.00 2,425.62
Reedy Fork Retreat	222.81 0.00	0.00
Return	649.64	6,533.57
Rock Hill	0.00	100.00
Rocky Knoll	710.13	8,058.93
Salem	0.00	5,000.00
Scenic Heights	341.22	3,648.71
Seneca	1,541.89	14,670.56
Shiloh	0.00	0.00
Snow Creek	0.00	1,092.42
Souls Harbor	125.00	1,500.00
South Union	229.30	2,057.50
Trinity	0.00	0.00
Utica Walkalla	1,125.00	13,500.00
Walhalla Welcome	0.00 204.36	550.00 2,145.64
West Union	0.00	352.00
Westminster	1,000.00	6,000.00
Westminster First	125.00	1,500.00
Wolf Stake	91.00	836.00
Total	17,794.25	195,099.19

* Church Plant

General Fund

Brought Forward	67,878.05
Receipts	17,794.25
Expense	16,567.62
Balance 12-31-15	69,104.68



Staff Changes:

Maranatha has called Shaun Watkins as Pastor effective January 3, 2016.

Return has called Garrett Pruitt as Youth and Children Director effective January 10, 2016.

Josh Farmer has resigned as Minister of Families of **Bounty Land** effective December 6, 2015.

Staff Needed:

Mountain View is seeking a pianist for Sunday morning and evening traditional services. Please send resumes to Sarah King, 374 Fairfield Road, Walhalla, SC 29691.

Mountain View is seeking a pastor who would consider beginning as bivocational. Please send resumes to Sarah King, 374 Fairfield Road, Walhalla, SC 29691.

Pleasant Ridge is seeking a parttime Music Minister to lead two (2) traditional services on Sunday mornings and a Choir session on Sunday afternoon. Please send resumes to Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, 253 Oconee Station Road, Walhalla, SC 29691. Attention: Pastor Michael Welch or email to: welchamm@gmail.com.

Pickens First Baptist Church is seeking a Financial Secretary. This is a full-time, salaried position with benefits. Qualifications include conservative Christian values; minimum 3 yrs experience in finance/accounting or relevant degree; basic secretarial skills; proficient with Microsoft Office. Send resume by email (preferred to: fred@fbcpickens.org, or mail to: Fred Stone, First Baptist Church, 406 East Main St., Pickens, SC 29671, by February 8, 2016.

Christian Sympathy is extended to:

Rev. Tim Sheriff (Poplar Springs) and family in the death of his mother, Dorothy "Dot" Singleton Sheriff on December 20, 2015.

Rev. Randy Koon (Mountain Rest) and family in the death of his mother, Violet June Koon Davis, on January 5, 2016

Ruby Roach, BBAWMU Missions Involvement Consultant, and family in the death of her brother, Frank Russell Moore on January 12, 2016.

Men's Bible Study

The men of South Union Baptist will be beginning a six-week study of Tony Evans' "Kingdom Man" on February 18 at 6:30. They would love to have you join them. Please call Lee Keese by Wednesday, February 10, if you would like to join them.



Women's Bible Study

South Union Baptist ladies will be completing the second half of the Beth Moore study "Daniel" beginning Tuesday, February 16, for six Tuesdays. We will meet at 8:30 AM or 6:30 PM. Attendance at the Fall session for the first half of Daniel is not a requirement for the last sessions. Most of this second half deals with the book of Revelation which focuses on events at the end of the age. Revelation also focuses on practical choices that both believers and unbelievers must make in the course of our lives that will have far-reaching consequences at the end. Please feel free to join us. The cost of the study book is \$16, but scholarships are available. Call Laura Keese at 972-9424 by Wednesday, February 10, if you would like to join them. Hope to see you then!

FOCUS ON WMU

February 8-14, 2016 is the suggested date to plan your Focus on WMU. If it will not fit into your church calendar, you may plan it for another time. The important element is to focus on God's mission and how all of us should be involved in reaching everyone in the world for Christ.

If your church is interested in learning more about WMU or perhaps starting a new group, please contact us at 882-7070 and we will gladly assist you.

Beaverdam Baptist Association

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Date

- 1 Ministers Prayer Time, BMC 8:30 AM
- 2 Men's Ministry Quarterly Fellowship, Hopewell – 6:30 PM
- 3 Golden Triangle News articles due
- 8 Ministers Prayer Time, BMC 8:30 AM
- Focus on WMU (8-14)
- 13 Children's Ministry Day
- 15 Ministers Prayer Time, BMC 8:30 AM
- 22 Ministers Prayer Time, BMC 8:30 AM
- 29 Ministers Prayer Time, BMC 8:30 AM

BMC = Beaverdam Mission Center, 1659 Sandifer Blvd

Special Days in February

Staff Anniversaries:

- 1 Ray Conway, College Street, 1992
- 9 Joey Hawkins, New Hope, 2014
- 20 Kenny Owen, Westminster First, 2011
- 25 Steve Black, Scenic Heights, 2001
- 26 Bob Castro, Fants Grove, 2012

Birthdays:

- 2 Sandra Campbell, Westminster First
- 6 Bobby Holcombe, Return
- 8 Don Kidd, retired
- 9 Marty McKee, Coneross
- 15 Tim Rackley, Mt Pleasant
- 16 Greg Marcus, Long Creek
- 21 Christopher Hulsey, Westminster
- 22 Jose Pedrotti, Puerta Abierta
- 23 Grady Long, retired
- 25 Luis Carreon, Nueva Vida en Cristo
- 25 Jimmie Rholetter, Souls Harbor

Wedding Anniversaries:

- 2 Arvil & Wilma Stephens, retired
- 12 Luis & Maribel Carreon, Nueva Vida en Cristo
- 13 Carl & Teri Krezdorn, Salem
- 14 Michael & Janice Adams, retired
- 14 John & Lenette McKnight, Hepsibah

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2016 Standard Mileage Rates

Beginning on Jan. 1, 2016, the standard mileage rates for the use of a car (also vans, pickups or panel trucks) will be:

- 54 cents per mile for business miles driven, down from 57.5 cents for 2015
- 19 cents per mile driven for medical or moving purposes, down from 23 cents for 2015
- 14 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organizations

2016 Disaster Relief Training Events

One Day Training Events: Feb. 20 – First Baptist Church, Mt. Pleasant; Mar. 19 – White Oak Conference Center, Winnsboro; Apr. 16 – New Prospect Baptist Church, Anderson

<u>Two Day DR Training Event:</u> March 18-19, White Oak Conference Center, Winnsboro (Check with DR for cost.)

<u>Cost for One Day Training</u> – Returning Volunteers \$35; New Volunteers \$40; Background Screenings required for all DR.

Register online at www.scbaptist.org/dr. For more information, call 1-800-723-7242 and ask for the Disaster Relief office.