

ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL ASSOCIATION MEETING

“Impacting Oconee & Beyond”

The Annual Meeting of Beaverdam Baptist Association will be held on **Monday, October 29, 2018** at Rocky Knoll Baptist Church, 970 Highlands Highway, Walhalla, SC.

Pre-session music will begin at 6:45 PM, and the moderator will call the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Rev. Ryan Perry, pastor of Seneca Baptist, will be the speaker.

Everyone is invited to attend, but only messengers, elected by their church and properly identified, can vote. Messenger cards will be mailed to churches the first week of October. These cards should be presented to the registration table on the night of the annual meeting.



Resolutions to be considered at the annual meeting should be submitted, in writing, to the association office by **Monday, October 1** so they can be printed in the Book of Reports.

The **Book of Reports** will be available from the association office beginning **Tuesday, October 23** and at the registration table on **Monday, October 29**.



2018 Beaverdam Baptist Association Pastors, Staff Ministers & Spouses “Evening of Encouragement”



Tuesday, November 6, 2018 – 6:30 PM

MADREN CONFERENCE CENTER,
ON CAMPUS OF CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

GUEST SPEAKER: DR. DON WILTON



This event is open to all Senior Pastors (Presently serving in BBA) and their wives, Interim Pastors (Presently serving in BBA) and the wives, Retired BBA Pastors and their wives & other Recognized Church Staff Ministers and their spouses.

Please call BBA to register at 882-7070 no later than October 30, 2018.

DOM Thoughts,

I recently attended a seminar in Columbia geared towards training Directors of Mission in how better to assist “At Risk Churches”. Sadly, all across the state of South Carolina are churches who fall into this “At Risk” category. In fact, twenty South Carolina Baptist Convention churches close each year! Many of them are demolished and become gas stations, retail stores and apartment complexes. Pendleton Street Baptist Church in Greenville, one of the most beautiful churches in our state, was recently demolished and a huge apartment/condo development is now being constructed on that site. (See photos below)



A church is considered “At Risk” when it begins experiencing a decline in attendance, a decline in tithes/offerings and a decline in the number of laborers available to carry on the necessary ministries of the church. Quite often “At Risk” churches have no idea where to turn. The “At Risk” seminar was designed to better equip those who serve as Directors of Missions in assisting and guiding these churches through this challenging time. Quite often churches that decline significantly in attendance and begin to wonder what the future holds for them as a church have no idea where to turn to for answers and guidance. Even though this scenario plays out quite often, I want churches to know that they do still have a few options to consider.

- (1) **Revitalization** – An option if the church has a good name and enough members left who possess a desire and willingness to do whatever is necessary to make disciples. This option does require a change of strategy but it does not require a change of identity or leadership.
- (2) **ReStart** – An option that requires a change of identity, (new name), a change of leadership (Pastor & Deacons), a change of church polity (New By-Laws) and a new strategy. This option could include merging with a new church plant that has people but no facility or an adoption/partnership with a sister church.

- (3) **ReInvest** – An option where an “At Risk” church experiences new life through **closing its doors with dignity** and **investing its remaining resources** in a life-giving congregation or mission.

While none of the above-mentioned options are easy, they do provide “At Risk” churches with options to consider. It is also important to note also that before any decision can be made by a church concerning any of the above-mentioned options considerable time must be spent doing a through health assessment of the “At Risk” church. It was encouraging to hear testimonies from all across the state of “at risk” churches who whether through revitalization, restarting or reinvesting are now experiencing new life.

*Here For You,
David*

Pastors, Church Staff Members Please Mark Your Calendars

Utica Baptist Church is hosting a conference to help church staff better understand how to help those who suffer in abusive relationships. Unfortunately, 1 in 4 women in the United States will experience abuse from a husband or intimate partner at some point in her lifetime. Please consider attending this conference on **Tuesday, October 23, 2018 from 9:00 – 12:00 with breakfast at 8:00 AM**. For more information, contact Utica Baptist at 882-9402.

OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO HONOR YOUR PASTOR(S) AND FAMILY DURING THIS MONTH FOR ALL THEY DO IN MINISTRY THROUGH YOUR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY.



Beaverdam Mission Dollars at Work

	Aug 18	Jan-Aug 18
Beaverdam	194.80	1,463.38
Belmont	0.00	0.00
Bethel	450.00	3,111.75
Bethlehem	0.00	0.00
Bounty Land	100.00	400.00
Calvary	137.00	920.76
Chauga	84.24	637.72
Cheohee	200.00	1,600.00
Clearmont	298.33	1,527.55
College Street	1,012.17	9,184.69
Coneross	75.00	600.00
Corinth - Seneca	300.00	900.00
Corinth - Westminster	166.63	1,333.04
Cross Roads - Seneca	158.52	1,108.68
Cross Roads - Westminster	96.00	668.00
Damascus	0.00	200.00
Davis Creek	187.54	1,717.72
Earle's Grove	1,325.64	8,935.53
Ebenezer	0.00	1,600.00
Faith	100.00	850.00
Fants Grove	1,526.58	2,104.29
Golden Corner	0.00	0.00
Heart Land	83.00	833.00
Hepsibah	780.34	6,242.72
Holly Springs	496.43	4,032.66
Hopewell	470.00	3,290.00
Iglesia Bautista Bethel	0.00	0.00
Little River	0.00	0.00
Long Creek	140.00	1,120.00
Lydia	0.00	2,827.25
Maranatha	72.85	714.03
Monte Vista	25.00	200.00
Mountain Rest	669.02	5,120.54
Mountain View	100.00	700.00
Mt. Freedom	0.00	700.00
Mt. Pleasant	499.98	1,333.28
Mt. Tabor	204.18	1,684.94
New Hope	398.21	3,284.21
Old Liberty	159.82	1,713.97
Open Door	125.00	1,000.00
Parkway	0.00	0.00
Pleasant Grove	0.00	337.77
Pleasant Hill	100.00	800.00
Pleasant Ridge	437.50	3,500.00
Poplar Springs	459.16	3,895.07
Puerta Abierta	0.00	0.00
Reedy Fork	289.24	2,639.11
Retreat	0.00	227.72
Return	791.58	5,159.39
Rock Hill	0.00	400.00
Rocky Knoll	483.88	3,963.61
Salem	1,250.01	5,000.00
Scenic Heights	300.00	2,400.00
Seneca	929.67	10,272.03
Shiloh	0.00	0.00
Snow Creek	0.00	1,342.42
Souls Harbor	143.00	1,144.00
South Union	185.88	1,237.16
Utica	1,362.50	11,485.00
Walhalla	100.00	400.00
Welcome	252.00	1,939.00
West Union	0.00	0.00
Westminster	500.00	4,000.00
Westminster First	125.00	1,000.00
Wolf Stake	112.00	734.00
Total	18,457.70	135,535.99
Other Contributions		
Church at the Well	200.00	1,650.00
Total Income	18,657.70	137,185.99



Staff Changes:

Mt Freedom recently called Brian Hopkins to be their pastor beginning in January. The church wants to publicly thank their Transitional/Interim Pastor Karl Pittard and wife Susan for their wonderful service during their time at Mt Freedom.

Westminster has called Dave West as Interim Pastor effective September 16, 2018.

Barry Vaughn has resigned as Pastor of **Parkway** effective August 29, 2018.

Staff Needed:

Clearmont is seeking a part-time Student Minister. For additional information please contact Pastor Dale McCoig at admccoig@gmail.com or at 864-647-4931.



Christian sympathy is extended to:

- Rev. & Mrs. James Dyar (Earle's Grove) in the passing of Teresa's farther, Harold Carnes, on August 15, 2018.

- the family of Rev. David Sluder (Heart Land) who passed away August 31, 2018.

ANNUAL CHURCH PROFILES

The ACPs are due to Beaverdam Baptist Association by **MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2018**. If your church needs specific help in the ACP process please call 882-7070 to schedule an appointment.

In Remembrance

Rev. John David Sluder, Jr., 71, husband of Elaine Sluder, of 212 Mauldin Mill Road, Seneca, passed away Friday, August 31, 2018, at his home.

A native of Seneca, SC, Rev. Sluder was the son of the late John David Sluder, Sr. and Nellie Louise Dyar Sluder. He was the owner and operator of Sluder Builders. Rev. Sluder was the current Reverend of Heart Land Baptist Church in Seneca. He began serving in an Interim capacity in 2003 and later transitioned as Pastor to the church.

Men's Ministry Quarterly Fellowship

Tuesday, October 2, 2018
Beginning at 6:00 PM

Earle's Grove Baptist Church
398 Cedar Lane Rd, Westminster

Speaker: Mr. David Thompson,
Principal of Fair-Oak Elementary

Menu: Fish Fry & Fixings **(\$4.00 at the door)**

Mission Project: Canned goods for Golden Corner Pantry

Register: Call 882-7070 by Thursday, September 27

2018 Global Hunger Sunday October 14, 2018

To find materials to help promote Global Hunger Sunday, go to globalhungerrelief.com/resources.



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Date

- 1 - Ministers Prayer Time, BMC - 9:00 AM
- 2 - Men's Ministry Quarterly Fellowship,
Earle's Grove - 6:30 PM
- 3 - GTN article due
- 8 - Ministers Prayer Time, BMC - 9:00 AM
- ANNUAL CHURCH PROFILES DUE, BMC
- 14 - WORLD HUNGER SUNDAY
- 15 - Ministers Prayer Time, BMC - 9:00 AM
- 22 - Ministers Prayer Time, BMC - 9:00 AM
- 23 - Pastors Roundtable, BMC - 10:30 AM
- 23 - Pastor's Wives Painting Party, BMC - 6:30 PM
- 29 - Ministers Prayer Time, BMC - 9:00 AM
- ANNUAL MEETING, ROCKY KNOLL - 6:45

BMC = Beaverdam Mission Center
215 N Townville St, Seneca SC

Special Days in October

Staff Anniversaries:

- 1 - James Dyar, Earle's Grove, 2008
- 1 - Harvey Hughes, Faith, 2013
- 4 - Brian Goss, Lydia, 2009
- 6 - Elizabeth Hart, Bethel, 2013
- 25 - Joseph Saunders, Little River, 2010
- 26 - Tim Sheriff, Poplar Springs, 1997

Birthdays:

- 2 - Alvin Burdette, Mt Pleasant
- 4 - Ryan Goodroe, Utica
- 13 - James Gibson, retired
- 16 - Haskell Dill, Mountain View
- 18 - Ken Reid, College Street
- 24 - Jerry Lyles, Welcome
- 31 - Rod Lyda, Cross Roads W

Wedding Anniversaries:

- 2 - Jerry & Debbie Lyles, Welcome
- 17 - Carlos & Ovice Hatcher, retired
- 19 - Donnie & Wendy Nix, Ebenezer
- 23 - Don & Pat Bickers, retired
- 25 - Marty & Robin McKee, Coneross
- 26 - Kevin & Tina Morrison, Pleasant Ridge
- 30 - Travis & Ashley Bryant, Westminster First
- 30 - Ronnie & Lynn Hodge, Golden Corner



Calling all Men!
CATALYST 2018
Impacting men to move from rows to circles
Fall Men's Conference
October 13/7:30 AM
Maranatha Church
240 Keowee School Road, Seneca

Featuring...

- David Katz, COO
Coca Cola Corp
Charlotte, NC
- Kevin Harris,
Executive Director
Radical Mentoring
Atlanta, GA
- Larry Lether
Richard Beal Men
Wartona, SC
- Tim Moss
Beal Men
Fair Play, SC

Breakfast at 7:30!

**\$10 Pre-registration by 10/12
includes breakfast and door prizes**
For information and registration
Email: 2018catalyst@gmail.com
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