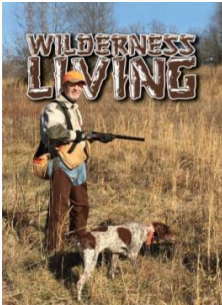


Men's Ministry Quarterly Fellowship

February 5, 6:30 PM
Hopewell Baptist Church
161 Hopewell Church Drive
Seneca, SC



Speaker and Musician: Mike Baker – DOM of Palmetto Baptist Association

Menu: Soup and Cornbread

Please bring canned goods for the food pantry.
\$4.00 donation at the door

Call BBA, 882-7070, to register by January 31.



Executive Boarding Meeting

February 11, 7:00 PM

Beaverdam Mission Center
215 N. Townville Street
Seneca, SC

Pastors, two appointed church members, and associational officers and leaders compose the executive board.

Please make plans to attend.



Children's Ministry Day

“Go Tell”

February 16, 10:00 AM –
12:00 PM
Lunch is provided

Beaverdam Mission Center

Grades 1st-6th

Mission Project: Grace's Closest. Please bring scarves, hats, socks, and gloves (for ages Pre-K – 12th grade) for collection.

For more information, please contact Janice Lewis: 864-710-8839 or janice@drwmlaw.com



Women on Mission Breakfast

“What Matters Most”

March 2, 9:30 AM
Hopewell Baptist Church

\$5 per adult participant (children eat free)
Activities for children K4-5th grade
Nursery provided

Speaker: Kimberly Sowell, founder and president of Kingdom Heart Ministries.
Music: Julia Sowell

Mission Project: Beaverdam shower unit for SC Disaster Relief

Paid reservations are due at the Beaverdam Mission Center (882-7070) by February 26.



DOM Thoughts,

A while back my daughter and I were eating lunch at a popular Oconee County restaurant when four men came in and sat down at the table right beside us. I did not know them or the church that they attended. While eating their lunch they began having a conversation about their Pastor resigning. It was as they began having this conversation that my daughter, knowing what I've done for the past 30 years, looked at me and said "Dad, ignore them" as she gently nudged my leg underneath the table. I tried to ignore them but you couldn't help but overhear them as they began talking negatively about their Pastor. They talked about him being "encouraged" to resign and how that was definitely the best thing for the church. You couldn't help but overhear them as the conversation eventually shifted to the challenge of finding their next Pastor. I overheard one of the men arrogantly say that "Finding Preachers is easy because they come a dime a dozen". My blood pressure was up and my heart was burdened as I sat there listening to their conversation. As we finished our meal and prepared to get up from the table my daughter looked at me and said "Let's go Dad and please don't say anything". She knows her Dad well! I honored her request (I did however give them a God-fearing Preacher LOOK - she said don't say anything, I didn't) and we made our way out of the restaurant.

I love Pastors and I love Pastor's families! I know the challenges that they face each and every day! I understand their discouragement! I've personally shed the same tears! I've probably had some of the same conversations with God. I thought that now might be a good time to remind everyone of a few ministry related statistics concerning pastors and their families.

- 80% believe pastoral ministry has negatively affected their families. Many pastor's children do not attend church now because of what the church has done to their parents.
- 33% state that being in the ministry is an outright hazard to their family.
- 75% report significant stress-related crisis at least once in their ministry.
- 90% of pastors said the ministry was completely different than what they thought it would be like before they entered the ministry.
- 50% feel unable to meet the demands of the job.
- 70% of pastors constantly fight depression.
- 70% say they have a lower self-image now than when they first started.
- 80% do not have someone they consider a close friend.

- 40% report serious conflict with a parishioner at least once a month.
- 50% of men who enter ministry will be gone after 5 years and 80% are gone after 10 years.
- 1 out of every 10 ministers will actually retire as a minister in some form.
- 94% of clergy families feel the pressures of the pastor's ministry.
- 80% spouses feel left out and underappreciated by church members.
- 80% of pastors' spouses wish their spouse would choose a different profession.
- 66% of church members expect a minister and family to live at a higher moral standard than the rest of the church.

(Statistics provided by The Fuller Institute, George Barna, and Pastoral Care Inc.)

In **1 Thessalonians 5:12-13** Paul wrote "We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, ¹³ and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves."

In **Isaiah 52:7** we read "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

David

**Mark Your Calendars For Our Next
Executive Board Meeting
Monday, February 11 at 7:00 PM
Beaverdam Mission Center**

**Pastors' Prayer Time
Mondays at 9:00 AM
Beaverdam Mission
Center**

Beaverdam Mission Dollars at Work

	Dec	Jan-Dec 18
Beaverdam	159.73	2,097.88
Belmont	0.00	0.00
Bethel	351.00	4,669.75
Bethlehem	0.00	0.00
Bounty Land	0.00	500.00
Calvary	84.39	1,333.97
Chauga	59.60	963.01
Cheohee	200.00	2,400.00
Clearmont	800.00	2,927.55
College Street	1,000.00	14,233.37
Coneross	75.00	900.00
Corinth - S	0.00	1,200.00
Corinth - W	166.63	2,095.56
Cross Roads - S	111.67	1,611.89
Cross Roads - W	96.00	1,052.00
Damascus	0.00	200.00
Davis Creek	58.40	1,998.06
Earle's Grove	1,121.76	13,289.22
Ebenezer	0.00	1,600.00
Faith	125.00	1,300.00
Fants Grove	0.00	2,104.29
Golden Corner	0.00	0.00
Heart Land	77.00	1,246.00
Hepsibah	780.34	9,364.08
Holly Springs	588.38	6,009.48
Hopewell	470.00	5,170.00
Iglesia Bautista		
Bethel	0.00	0.00
Little River	1,150.65	1,150.65
Long Creek	163.00	1,749.00
Lydia	1,186.93	4,889.76
Maranatha	85.44	1,092.18
Monte Vista	25.00	300.00
Mountain Rest	810.88	7,847.99
Mountain View	100.00	1,100.00
Mt. Freedom	300.00	1,300.00
Mt. Pleasant	0.00	1,333.28
Mt. Tabor	170.67	2,425.49
New Hope	315.00	4,797.21
Old Liberty	136.93	2,482.75
Open Door	125.00	1,500.00
Parkway	0.00	0.00
Pleasant Grove	0.00	337.77
Pleasant Hill	100.00	1,200.00
Pleasant Ridge	437.50	5,250.00
Poplar Springs	680.67	6,125.85
Puerta Abierta	0.00	0.00
Reedy Fork	320.00	3,870.55
Retreat	0.00	227.72
Return	1,404.25	9,128.15
Rock Hill	0.00	800.00
Rocky Knoll	293.92	5,516.01
Salem	0.00	5,000.00
Scenic Heights	300.00	3,600.00
Seneca	1,622.28	14,927.89
Shiloh	0.00	0.00
Snow Creek	0.00	1,342.42
Souls Harbor	143.00	1,716.00
South Union	0.00	1,829.32
Utica	1,271.70	16,844.20
Walhalla	0.00	500.00
Welcome	176.14	2,885.14
West Union	0.00	0.00
Westminster	500.00	6,000.00
Westminster First	125.00	1,500.00
Wolf Stake	104.00	1,102.00
Total	18,372.86	199,937.44
The Well	200.00	
Total Income	18,572.86	202,437.44



Staff Changes:

Davis Creek has called Jimmy Watt as pastor effective December 30, 2018.

Heart Land has called David Kelley as pastor effective January 13, 2019.



“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:19-20



Sympathy is extended to the family of Rev. Jimmy A. Cox. After retiring as pastor of Faith Fellowship Baptist Church in Pendleton, Rev. Cox served as pastor and was a member of Davis Creek Baptist Church. In addition to his ministerial service, Rev. Cox served in the U.S. Army Reserves.

Sympathy is also extended to the family of Charles King, brother of Rev. Calvin King. Charles served in the National Guard for forty years. He also served as chairman of deacons at Reedy Fork Baptist Church.



Foothills Care Center has a new CEO. Dr. Cheryl Kubacz's passion is teaching women the power of God's healing and equipping them to know how to receive healing, in body, spirit, and soul. She is professionally trained in preventive medicine, and brings this approach to her new mission field of saving and supporting the lives of babies, mothers and families. By utilizing mentorship, education, resources, supplying for basic needs and participating in heart transformation, Foothills Care Center works to prevent crisis from happening. This takes a very proactive model of outreach to our community which is the theme for Foothills Care Center in 2019. We are reaching out to our neighborhoods and college campuses so that we can impact in a more effective and powerful way.



Focus on WMU
February 11-17

“Unshakeable Pursuit”

Focus on WMU is a week designed to emphasize to local churches the mission work done through WMU.

WMU promotes making mission minded disciples locally and throughout the world through their programs.

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February

Date

4 - Ministers' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
5 - Men's Quarterly Fellowship, Hopewell, 6:30 PM
6 - GTN Articles Due
11 - Ministers' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
11 - Executive Board Meeting, BMC, 7:00 PM
16 - Children's Ministry Day, BMC, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
18 - Ministers' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
19 - Pastors' Roundtable, BMC, 10:30 AM
25 - Ministers' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM

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

Special Days in February

Staff Anniversaries:

1 - Ray Conway, College Street, 1992
7 - Ron Potts, Mt. Tabor, 2016
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:

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 - Jimmie Rholetter, Souls Harbor

Wedding Anniversaries:

13 - Carl & Teri Krezdorn, retired
14 - Michael & Janice Adams, retired
14 - John & Lenette McKnight, Hepsibah

2019 Standard Mileage Rates

- 58 cents per mile for business miles (3.5 cent increase from 2018)
- 20 cents per mile for medical and moving purposes
- 14 cents per mile in service of charitable organizations

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2 Corinthians 5:14 NIV