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SPRING SENIOR ADULT CELEBRATION

Tuesday, May 7, at 10:30 AM

First Baptist Church Westminster
426 West Oak Highway, Westminster

Speaker: Rev. Stacey Griffis, Beaverdam
Baptist Church
Special Music: Jill Neave, Earle's Grove
Baptist Church

BBA will provide chicken and drinks for the
meal.

All attendees are asked to bring a covered dish or
dessert.

Please call 882-7070 by Monday, May 6, to
register your church.

MEN'S MINISTRY QUARTERLY FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday, May 7, at 6:00 PM

Beaverdam Baptist Church
328 Beaverdam Church Rd, Fair Play

"Leaving a Legacy"
Speaker: Rev. David Blizzard
Charge: Bring a young man with you

Menu: BBQ, chips, slaw, and baked beans

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

Please call 882-7070 to register by May 2.



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS LEONARD IRWIN OFFERING MAY 19-26, 2019

The Leonard Irwin Offering is the Beaverdam Baptist Association's annual "Associational Missions Offering" to be used for non-budgeted mission activities. This offering was approved by the executive board at its January 13, 2003 meeting. This special offering is named in memory of the late Leonard G. Irwin, a former vice-president of the Home Mission Board (now the North American Mission Board), and member of Westminster First Baptist Church. Rev. Irwin also served Beaverdam Association as interim director of missions in 1992.

This year we have designated our offering towards the purchase of a new Disaster Relief shower unit trailer. State Disaster Relief officials tell us that the two greatest needs in DR in SC are for additional mud-out units and shower units. Last year's damage caused by Hurricanes Florence and Michael devastated the lower state of South Carolina. There was a HUGE need for additional shower units to be deployed as entire counties were flooded for weeks. A Disaster Relief shower unit is also a valuable asset for our churches who house volunteer mission teams in their facilities. This unit would provide on-site shower facilities for the mission team.

We ask every BBA church to prayerfully consider giving to this year's Leonard Irwin Associational Missions Offering and every penny given will go towards the purchase of a much-needed Disaster Relief shower unit.

DOM Thoughts,

Revitalization (Definition) “To give something new life, vitality”. A few synonyms for “Revitalization” are freshen, recharge, recreate, refresh, regenerate, rejuvenate, renew, repair, restore, resuscitate and revive.

Church revitalization (Definition) is a process by which a church is redirected toward a healthy and sustained:

1. **Exaltation** of Christ
2. **Proclamation** of the gospel to the lost
3. **Affirmation** of the Scripture to be the guide for church revitalization
4. **Expression** of God’s love in their communities

My heart is deeply burdened as I consider the state of the church in our nation, state, county and communities. Sadly, what started out in Acts 2 as a MOVEMENT has for many today simply become a MONUMENT. I know it’s hard to hear (You ought to be the one having to share it) but today many of our churches are being forced to make decisions that they never thought they would ever face. Many churches are struggling to keep their doors open and to pay their bills. Many of our churches are struggling to find enough workers/teachers/volunteers to fill the various positions of service necessary within our churches. Today businesses and apartment complexes are being built on properties that once housed places of worship. Twenty South Carolina Baptist Convention churches close every year. In 2010, when I was called to serve as Director of Missions, the Beaverdam Baptist Association was made up of seventy churches. Today, nine years later, the Beaverdam Baptist Association is made up of sixty-four churches with twelve of those considered “At Risk”. A congregation whose current status is vulnerable to imminent decline or closure is an “At Risk” congregation.

Recently I asked all sixty-four Beaverdam Baptist Association pastors/interims to fill out a twelve- question survey. I sincerely appreciate those pastors who took the time to complete the survey and mail it back. After reviewing the responses of that survey, I immediately began praying about how to address many of the challenges identified by our pastors. My heart was burdened as I read the responses on the survey to questions like “What is the single greatest challenge that you face as a pastor?” Many of the responses were heartbreaking!

Every year the SCBC provides grant money to associations provided through our South Carolina WMU and the Janie Chapman Offering for state missions. These funds are a tremendous blessing to associations all across this state. I recently submitted a grant request

seeking approval to designate our 2019 funds towards a **Church Revitalization/Replanting Conference**. I contacted other directors of missions across our state inquiring about the BEST speaker(s) to lead our conference in regards to church revitalization and replanting.

I am THRILLED to announce that on **November 3-4, 2019** we will be hosting the **Upstate Church Revitalization/Replanting Conference**. I am also THRILLED to announce that the two men most highly recommended to lead such a conference have both agreed to be with us!

Jim Breeden is the Executive Director of Missions for the St. Louis Metro Association in St. Louis, MO. Since coming to St. Louis Metro in 2000, Jim has focused on strengthening churches. The passion of his life is to see churches revitalized and replanted. **Bob Bickford** is the Replant Pastor of The Groves Church, founder of churchreplanters.com, the Associate Director of Replant for the North American Mission Board and serves as the Chair of the Church Revitalization Team of the St. Louis Metro Baptist Association. He is the author of “**Am I A Replanter?**” as well as the “**Associational Replanting Guide**” that is used by the North American Mission Board. Bob lives in Webster Groves, MO.

Please, please, please mark your church calendars and make plans to be a part of our upcoming **Church Revitalization & Replanting Conference** (November 3-4, 2019) at Seneca Baptist Church. I would encourage every pastor, church staff minister, deacon as well as all key lay leaders to attend. We are planning to hold the first session of the conference on Sunday afternoon which would allow all of our bi-vocational pastors to participate. We encourage our churches to prayerfully consider moving your Sunday evening worship service to Seneca Baptist on November 3rd as we come together for an associational-wide church revitalization service. The conference will continue on Monday from 9:00 – 4:00 offering breakout sessions focusing on church revitalization and church replanting.

Excited About What God Has In Store,

David

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

Beaverdam Mission Dollars at Work

	March 19	Jan-Mar 19
Beaverdam	157.27	558.79
Belmont	0.00	0.00
Bethel	210.00	593.00
Bethlehem	0.00	0.00
Calvary	114.48	346.70
Chauga	71.27	215.64
Cheohee	200.00	600.00
Clearmont	0.00	795.14
College Street	3,142.26	3,154.39
Coneross	75.00	225.00
Corinth - Seneca	0.00	0.00
Corinth - Westminster	166.63	499.89
Cross Roads - Seneca	112.40	447.48
Cross Roads - Westminster	100.00	300.00
Damascus	0.00	50.00
Davis Creek	91.55	246.39
Earle's Grove	876.33	3,100.95
Ebenezer	1,600.00	1,600.00
Faith	0.00	200.00
Fants Grove	0.00	0.00
Golden Corner	0.00	0.00
Heart Land	98.00	272.00
Hepsibah	780.34	2,341.02
Holly Springs	417.03	1,599.33
Hopewell	490.08	1,450.16
Iglesia Bautista Bethel	0.00	0.00
Little River	0.00	0.00
Long Creek	163.00	489.00
Lydia	810.69	810.69
Maranatha	94.54	321.98
Monte Vista	25.00	75.00
Mountain Rest	608.54	2,179.53
Mountain View	100.00	300.00
Mt. Freedom	300.00	300.00
Mt. Pleasant	166.66	166.66
Mt. Tabor	204.72	550.43
New Hope	360.00	1,148.00
Old Liberty	393.66	393.66
Open Door	125.00	375.00
Parkway	0.00	0.00
Pleasant Grove	0.00	835.32
Pleasant Hill	100.00	400.00
Pleasant Ridge	437.50	1,312.50
Poplar Springs	658.59	1,465.77
Puerta Abierta	0.00	0.00
Reedy Fork	321.17	877.51
Retreat	542.47	542.47
Return	1,036.67	3,443.10
Rock Hill	0.00	0.00
Rocky Knoll	408.88	1,378.69
Salem	0.00	1,249.97
Scenic Heights	300.00	900.00
Seneca	1,315.00	3,183.00
Shiloh	0.00	0.00
Snow Creek	0.00	1,369.27
Souls Harbor	143.00	429.00
South Union	129.04	451.48
Utica	1,362.50	4,087.50
Walhalla	50.00	200.00
Welcome	289.34	744.50
West Union	0.00	0.00
Westminster	500.00	1,500.00
Westminster First	125.00	375.00
Wolf Stake	90.00	272.00
Total	19,863.61	50,722.91
Other Contributions		
Church at the Well	250.00	650.00
Total Income	20,113.61	51,372.91



Staff Changes:

Tony Qualkinbush has resigned as pastor of **Hopewell Baptist Church** effective April 7, 2019.

Staff Needed:

College Street Baptist Church in Walhalla is seeking a part-time youth director/minister. Resumes or recommendations may be sent to csbcpastor@bellsouth.net.

Ebenezer Baptist Church, West Union, SC, is currently seeking a part-time worship leader. We have a choir, praise team, and instrumentalists in place. The worship leader will be responsible for scheduling rehearsals and coordinating with the media specialists. Additional duties would include meeting with the pastor, instrumentalists, and media specialists weekly, either in person or electronically. We are a traditional church with blended music services. We believe in engaging in passionate worship is essential for growing in our walk with Christ. Send resumes to the attention of the Music Search Committee via email: gkburrell@gmail.com or mailing to P.O. Box 130 West Union, SC 29696.

Powdersville First Baptist.

Powdersville FBC is seeking a part-time worship leader to lead a blended style of worship and an adult choir. Details and a job description can be found on the church website, www.powdersvillefirst.com. Please email resumes to office.pfbc@gmail.com with subject "Worship Leader Search Team" by May 31, 2019.

Seneca Baptist's Child

Development Center is seeking two full time employees and one part time employee. A cheery disposition is preferred. Please send resumes to sbpdirector@senecabaptist.org or applicants may bring resumes to the church. For more information please call 882-7110.

Calvary Baptist Church is in need of two pulpit chairs. If your church has some used ones stashed away and not needed or if you know someone who might have some please call Preacher Jerry at 864-888-1216 or 864-723-2366, or send an email to prjm88@yahoo.com.



With Deepest Sympathy

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Rev. Dusty Bradshaw, former pastor of Beaverdam Baptist Church. Rev. Bradshaw passed away on March 23, 2019 at Palmetto Heart Center, Columbia, SC. "Dusty" was a graduate of Bessemer City High School, attended UNC at Chapel Hill, and graduated from Gardner-Webb University and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He served several Baptist churches in both North Carolina and South Carolina, most recently Hillcrest Baptist where he had been senior pastor for the past 13 years.

Christian sympathy is also extended to Rev. Matthew Crain and family on the passing of his father, Gary Crain. Gary was an accomplished musician and song writer. He retired as sales-manager at Toccoa Ford-Lincoln. He was also a member of Chauga Baptist Church and a Veteran of the United States Army Reserves.



National Day of Prayer – May 2

8:30–10:00 AM – National Day of Prayer Breakfast - Seneca Family Restaurant

6:30–8:00 PM – National Day of Prayer Concert, Utica Baptist Church



Pastors' Wives & Female Staff Ministers

Cookie Decorating Party

Tuesday, May 14
6:30 PM at Beaverdam Mission Center

Please call BBA, 882-7070, to register by Thursday, May 9.



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Date

- 1 - GTN Articles Due
- 2 - **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**
- 6 - Ministers' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 7 - Spring Senior Adult Celebration, Westminster First, 10:30 AM
- 7 - Men's Ministry Quarterly Fellowship, Beaverdam Baptist Church, 6:00 PM
- 12 - **MOTHER'S DAY**
- 13 - Ministers' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 14 - Pastors' Wives & Female Staff Ministers Cookie Decorating Party, BMC, 6:30 PM
- 19 - **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS AND THE LEONARD IRWIN OFFERING (19-26)**
- 20 - Ministers' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 27 - **MEMORIAL DAY - BMC CLOSED**

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

Special Days in May

Staff Anniversaries:

- 1 - Don Drawdy, Holly Springs, 2018
- 1 - Ryan Perry, Seneca, 2016
- 4 - Ronnie Wald, Snow Creek, 1997
- 4 - Jeff Whaley, Cheohee, 2014
- 7 - Rod Lyda, Cross Roads - W, 2006
- 7 - Jerry Lyles, Welcome, 1989
- 10 - Palmer Keaton, Bethlehem, 2010
- 26 - Gregory Marcus, Long Creek, 2008

Birthdays:

- 5 - Mark Nelson, Old Liberty
- 5 - Steve Roberts, Pleasant Hill
- 8 - Dale McCoig, Clearmont
- 20 - Mark Tannery, Westminster First
- 23 - Kelley Murphy, Pleasant Ridge
- 26 - Jewell Gaines, retired
- 28 - Beverly Bowen, Corinth - S

Wedding Anniversaries:

- 2 - John & Eva McKnight, retired
- 6 - Barry & Lexanna Jordan, Retreat
- 9 - Paul & Beverly Bowen, Corinth - S
- 10 - Garrett & Beth Pruitt, Return
- 18 - Todd & Deana Grant, Corinth - S
- 21 - Ryan & Elizabeth Perry, Seneca
- 21 - Tim & Michelle Sheriff, Poplar Springs
- 25 - Jimmy & Barbara Boggs, Ebenezer



South Carolina mission camps are now open for registration. For more information visit:

Camp La Vida: <https://www.camplavida.org/>

Camp McCall: <http://www.campmccall.org/home>