



## *Pastors and Wives Christmas Dinner*

Tuesday, December 8

6:30 PM at The Well  
10111 Clemson Blvd, Seneca

All senior pastors, interim pastors, retired pastors, and their wives are invited to our Annual Associational Pastors and Wives Christmas Dinner. This year's dinner will be held at The Well (formerly Parkway Baptist Church).

Please call Emily at 882-7070 by Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> to register.

This year's meal will be catered by Sherry Lay Catering.

## *Association Baptist Church Secretaries*

Thursday, December 10 at 12:00 PM

Beaverdam Mission Center  
215 N Townville St, Seneca

This year's mission project is for Fostering Faithfully. Lindsay Alexander, resource center coordinator for Fostering Faithfully, will join us to speak about their ministries for foster parents and children.

Donation suggestions: monetary gift, size 3-6 diapers, wipes, winter pajamas, toddler-adult sized socks, toothbrushes and paste, and deodorant

Catered lunch will be provided. Please contact Emily to register by December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

This lunch is for any secretary (volunteer, paid, or retired) in the association. Please join us as we fellowship and learn more about Fostering Faithfully.

## DOM Thoughts,

Merry Christmas from the Shirley household to yours! My prayer is that each of you are blessed with the most wonderful and Jesus-filled Christmas ever! I pray that the peace provided by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will fill your homes, as well as your hearts and lives this Christmas!

As we all look forward to celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, many will read (and preach) Luke's account of Jesus' birth found in Luke 2. What a beautiful passage detailing the Messiah's birth! Isn't it amazing that the greatest announcement ever made was made to the lowly shepherds! The shepherds immediately made their way to Bethlehem to see for themselves what had taken place. I love Luke 2:10 where we read "And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." Fear not .... for all people! That verse is filled with comfort and hope for all people. Yes, every Christmas for the past 31 years I too have preached the message of Christ's birth from Luke 2.

Another passage that I love to share at Christmas each year comes from 2 Corinthians 8:9 - Paul's Christmas story. In fact, in one verse of scripture the Apostle Paul summarized the gift of Christmas for us all. Second Corinthians 8:9 says "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, **though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.**" What a tremendous passage of scripture! Have you ever thought about what Christmas costs Jesus?

**"Though he was rich"** – While He was rich in His person, possessions and power, Jesus made Himself of no reputation and took upon Himself the form of a servant and was made in the likeness of man (Phil. 2:7).

**"...yet for your sakes he became poor"** – For our sakes, for our benefit, on our behalf. Here's what "for your sakes" means....

He left heaven so that you and I can go to heaven.

He was rejected so that we will never be rejected.

He was born in a stable so that we could be born of the Spirit.

He became a servant so that we could become saints.

He died so that we can have eternal life.

He did all of this for our sakes!

**"that ye through his poverty might be rich."**  
Might be rich? How?  
Proverbs 10:22 tells us that "The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich,..."

The blessings of the Lord that makes one rich are:

1. The Gift of Salvation (Ephesians 2:8)
2. The Gift of Eternal Life (Romans 6:23)
3. The Gift of the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5)
4. The Gift of Peace (John 14:27)
5. Victory Over Death (1 Corinthians 15:57)

"For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich." (2 Corinthians 8:9)

Merry Christmas,

*David*



## Church Contributions

	Oct 20	Jan-Oct 20
Beaverdam	196.26	2,097.13
Belmont	0.00	0.00
Bethel	208.00	2,108.00
Bethlehem	0.00	0.00
Calvary	84.03	936.74
Chauga	52.16	703.68
Cheohee	200.00	2,420.00
Clearmont	252.58	2,820.89
College Street	0.00	5,408.47
Coneross	75.00	750.00
Corinth - Seneca	450.00	1,350.00
Corinth - Westminster	0.00	1,499.78
Cross Roads - Seneca	226.32	1,312.57
Cross Roads - Westminster	100.00	1,000.00
Damascus	0.00	150.00
Davis Creek	116.34	847.09
Earle's Grove	1,034.19	12,230.76
Ebenezer	0.00	1,600.00
Faith	52.00	104.00
Fants Grove	0.00	2,288.89
Golden Corner	0.00	0.00
Heart Land	84.00	1,065.50
Hepsibah	780.34	7,803.40
Holly Springs	177.80	4,107.07
Hopewell	357.32	3,266.63
Iglesia Bautista Bethel	0.00	0.00
Little River	0.00	0.00
Long Creek	167.00	1,670.00
Lydia	0.00	3,182.21
Maranatha	44.16	775.77
Monte Vista	25.00	250.00
Mountain Rest	610.43	7,000.93
Mountain View	100.00	1,000.00
Mt. Freedom	0.00	900.00
Mt. Pleasant	333.32	1,666.60
Mt. Tabor	174.32	1,755.28
New Hope	302.00	4,048.17
Old Liberty	227.96	2,734.94
Open Door	125.00	1,250.00
Pleasant Grove	0.00	245.85
Pleasant Hill	100.00	900.00
Pleasant Ridge	500.00	5,000.00
Poplar Springs	451.98	4,694.22
Puerta Abierta	0.00	0.00
Reedy Fork	243.16	2,762.78
Retreat	0.00	0.00
Return	877.80	9,578.44
Rock Hill	0.00	400.00
Rocky Knoll	402.50	4,650.26
Salem	1,250.01	5,000.00
Scenic Heights	300.00	3,000.00
Seneca	989.00	11,818.30
Shiloh	0.00	0.00
Snow Creek	0.00	1,382.96
Souls Harbor	143.00	1,430.00
South Union	141.96	1,685.49
Utica	1,338.80	14,158.80
Walhalla	0.00	400.00
Welcome	405.78	2,349.03
West Union	0.00	0.00
Westminster	500.00	5,500.00
Westminster First	125.00	1,250.00
Wolf Stake	130.00	1,141.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,454.52</b>	<b>159,451.63</b>
Other Contributions		316.00
Church at the Well		700.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>14,454.52</b>	<b>160,467.63</b>

## Church News

### Staff Changes:

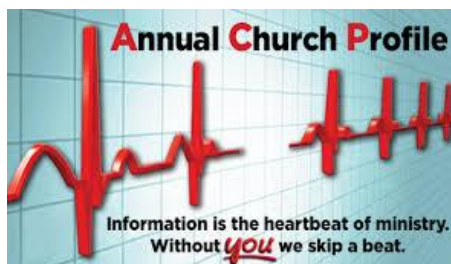
**Open Door Baptist Church** called Mike Worsham as part-time children's pastor.

*"For unto us a child is born,  
unto us a son is given;  
and the government shall be  
upon his shoulder; and his  
name shall be called Wonderful,  
Counselor, The mighty God,  
The everlasting Father, The  
Prince of Peace." —  
Isaiah 9:6*

### Christmas Concert The Zion Quartet



Sunday, December 13  
6pm  
Beaverdam Baptist Church  
Fair Play, SC



Thanks to all the churches who completed their ACP for 2020!

Dear Beaverdam Baptist churches,

My heart is full of joy and gratitude to our almighty and marvelous God who gave me a new opportunity when I was almost at death with Covid-19. He granted a great miracle in my body to bring me to life again when everything looked terrible, he had mercy on me and restored my body.

I want to thank all the pastors who prayed for me in every meeting and the members of all the churches of the Beaverdam Baptist Association for the generous love offering that was collected to be given to me and my family. I give thanks to the Lord for opening the doors of your hearts to contribute spiritually and/or monetarily.

My prayer to our God is to ask for blessings to all the churches and pastors in this difficult time. May his life given for us shine in every heart who recognizes him as the Lord and Savior. May God bless all of you in Christ.

Rev. Rolando Garcia

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**LOTTIE MOON  
CHRISTMAS  
OFFERING®**

November 29-December 6

*From the Annual Meeting...*

Rev. Mark Nelson, Old Liberty, was elected moderator. Rev. Ryan Perry, Seneca, was elected vice-moderator.

Rev. Chris Moss, Corinth, preached the annual sermon.

To get a copy of the *Book of Reports* come by the association office or call 882-7070.

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### *Date*

- 1 – IMB Season of Prayer and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, (Nov 29 – Dec 6)
- 2 – GTN Articles Due
- 7 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 8 – Pastors and Wives Christmas Dinner, The Well, 6:30 PM
- 10 – ABCS, BMC, 12:00 PM
- 14 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 21 – Office closed for Christmas week (21-24)
- 28 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 31 – Office closed for New Years

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

### *Special Days in December*

#### Staff Anniversaries:

- 4 – Alvin Burdette, Mt. Pleasant, 2005
- 18 – Robert Whiten, Pleasant Grove, 2016

#### Birthdays:

- 5 – Perry Gardner, Hepsibah
- 9 – Don Bickers, retired
- 9 – Jerry Mize, retired
- 11 – Kevin Morrison, Pleasant Ridge
- 11 – Jimmy Thomas, retired
- 23 – James Dyar, Earle's Grove
- 23 – Stacey Griffis, Beaverdam
- 26 – Doran Womack, retired
- 27 – Joe Steele, Utica
- 30 – Josh Consalvo, Bethel

#### Wedding Anniversaries:

- 11 – Scott & Tina Bedenbaugh, Mt. Tabor
- 12 – Joe & Jennifer Steele, Utica
- 15 – Alan & Kelly Adams, Bethlehem
- 15 – Von & Gloria Reynolds, Reedy Fork
- 16 – Chris & Jennifer Moss, Corinth-W
- 18 – Ray & Marilyn Allen, 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

