



## HAPPY NEW YEAR!



### Scripture for the new year:

I Peter 1:3 “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,”

II Corinthians 5:17 “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”

Philippians 3:13-14 “Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”

Isaiah 43:18-19 “Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.”



## DOM Thoughts,

Happy new year! What an exciting time to enter into a brand-new year filled with many opportunities and possibilities. Have you given much thought to what you'd like to see God do in your life/church in 2020? My prayer is that God does some incredible things in 2020 that people will be talking about many years down the road!

On an associational level my prayer is that in 2020 we see:

- The establishment of an Associational Church Revitalization Team that would come alongside and advise/assist/encourage any church interested in church revitalization
- Churches willing to honestly evaluate their present reality
- Churches willing to have open, honest discussions regarding their future
- Churches coming to the understanding that it's our responsibility to hand the church off to the next generation in better shape than we found it
- Churches revitalized and intentionally moving towards more effective Kingdom impact
- Churches develop an interest in having serious conversations about improving their health
- Churches with limited resources entering into partnerships with vibrant, healthy churches
- Territorial and competitive walls broken down between churches

From our recent Church Revitalization & Replanting Conference Jim Breeden said that **“Revitalization is deconstruction of the old/bad/unhealthy and construction of the new/good/healthy at the same time by same people over a long period. Replanting is deconstruction first, and then construction by different people.”** He says that BOTH revitalization and replanting are needed, difficult, and require radical change.

Why is it so important and critically necessary that we here in the Beaverdam Baptist Association begin having some of these conversations?

- Because 900 churches close or disappear each year

- Because 17 churches close each Sunday
- Because only 15-20% of our churches are healthy & multiplying
- Because 60-80% of our churches have plateaued
- Because 15-20% of our churches are at risk of closure
- Because we're to be about matters of eternal significance

A reporter once accused Dr. Billy Graham of trying to set the church back a thousand years through his preaching. He asked Dr. Graham if that was his intent. Dr. Graham responded by saying “If my preaching has set the church back a thousand years then I've failed; my goal was to set the church back 2000 years to what it was in its early years.” My prayer is that in 2020 we commit to doing whatever is necessary so that the church can be the church that God designed and intended for it to be.

*David*

Messages and PowerPoint presentations from the Church Revitalization and Replanting Conference are now available on Seneca Baptist's website.

<https://www.senecabaptist.org/>



Pastors' Prayer Time

Mondays at 9:00 am

Beaverdam Mission Center

## Beaverdam Mission Dollars at Work

	Nov 19	Jan-Nov 19
Beaverdam	174.16	2,084.88
Belmont	0.00	0.00
Bethel	285.00	2,103.00
Bethlehem	0.00	0.00
Calvary	99.52	1,346.04
Chauga	83.93	886.72
Cheohee	200.00	2,200.00
Clearmont	0.00	3,000.99
College Street	0.00	12,581.13
Coneross	75.00	825.00
Corinth - Seneca	0.00	1,800.00
Corinth - Westminster	0.00	2,000.00
Cross Roads - Seneca	174.00	1,435.40
Cross Roads - Westminster	100.00	1,100.00
Damascus	0.00	200.00
Davis Creek	62.92	954.16
Earle's Grove	922.62	11,990.39
Ebenezer	0.00	1,600.00
Faith	0.00	425.00
Fants Grove	0.00	993.93
Golden Corner	0.00	0.00
Heart Land	152.00	1,386.00
Hepsibah	780.34	8,583.74
Holly Springs	485.67	5,007.04
Hopewell	452.42	5,182.50
Iglesia Bautista Bethel	0.00	0.00
Little River	0.00	0.00
Long Creek	167.00	1,801.00
Lydia	0.00	3,094.23
Maranatha	77.03	1,005.64
Monte Vista	25.00	275.00
Mountain Rest	683.87	7,909.41
Mountain View	0.00	1,000.00
Mt. Freedom	0.00	900.00
Mt. Pleasant	0.00	833.30
Mt. Tabor	186.05	2,137.03
New Hope	363.00	4,242.22
Old Liberty	207.34	1,965.26
Open Door	125.00	1,375.00
Pleasant Grove	0.00	835.32
Pleasant Hill	100.00	1,200.00
Pleasant Ridge	500.00	4,937.50
Poplar Springs	460.89	5,458.02
Puerta Abierta	0.00	0.00
Reedy Fork	254.69	3,229.70
Retreat	0.00	542.47
Return	804.93	12,504.55
Rock Hill	0.00	600.00
Rocky Knoll	344.68	4,723.59
Salem	0.00	5,068.25
Scenic Heights	300.00	3,300.00
Seneca	1,091.50	11,859.21
Shiloh	0.00	0.00
Snow Creek	0.00	1,369.27
Souls Harbor	143.00	1,573.00
South Union	158.26	1,783.10
Utica	2,542.47	16,002.65
Walhalla	100.00	600.00
Welcome	252.50	2,695.21
West Union	0.00	0.00
Westminster	500.00	5,500.00
Westminster First	125.00	1,375.00
Wolf Stake	103.00	1,197.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,662.79</b>	<b>180,577.85</b>
Church at the Well	200.00	2,200.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>13,862.79</b>	<b>182,777.85</b>

## CHURCH NEWS

### Staff Changes:

Karl Pittard began serving as interim pastor of **Monte Vista Baptist Church** on November 3, 2019.

### Staff Needed:

**Open Door Baptist Church** is looking for a part-time Worship Leader gifted in leading a praise team/band. Anyone interested is asked to contact Pastor Jeremy Garrett at [garrett\\_jeremy95@yahoo.com](mailto:garrett_jeremy95@yahoo.com).

**Rocky Knoll Baptist Church**, near Walhalla SC, is seeking our next Lead Pastor whom God has appointed to shepherd our congregation. Rocky Knoll Baptist Church is a 115 year old ministry, located at 970 Highlands Highway serving the upstate area of SC and we are a member of the Beaverdam Baptist Association and the SC Baptist Convention.

The congregation continues to be active in local, state, national, and international missions. Worship is a variety of traditional and contemporary. The membership and facilities God has provided to our campus provides abundant resources to reach our world for Jesus and grow disciples to carry on the Great Commission. Additional information is available at [www.rockyknoll.org](http://www.rockyknoll.org) and <https://www.facebook.com/rockyknollwalhalla>

If God leads you to send a resume, please forward to the Pastor Search Committee at: [RKBCPastorSearch@charter.net](mailto:RKBCPastorSearch@charter.net) or Rocky Knoll Baptist Church Attn Pastor Search Committee, PO Box 1100, Walhalla, SC 29691

Thank You!



Thank you to Randy and Sharon McManamay, Terry and Diane England, and Roy and Mildred Dodd for verifying BBA's prisoner packets.

Thank you also to David Shirley for delivering the packets to Columbia.

A total of 825 packets were collected, with 199 designated for Oconee Detention Center.



Looking ahead: VBS Expos

February 29, 2020 – Charleston

March 7, 2020 – Greenville

March 28, 2020 – Columbia



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Closed

January 1-2, 2020



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## DATE

- 1 - New Year's Day - BMC Closed
- 2 - BMC Closed
- 6 - Ministers' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 8 - GTN Articles Due
- 13 - Ministers' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 19 - Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
- 20 - Ministers' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 26 - Baptist Men's Day
- 27 - Ministers' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM

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

## SPECIAL DAYS IN JANUARY

### Staff Anniversaries:

- 1 - Jimmie Rholetter, Souls Harbor, 2002
- 3 - Shaun Watkins, Maranatha, 2016
- 5 - Marty McKee, Coneross, 2003
- 6 - Brian Hopkins, Mt. Freedom, 2019
- 6 - Jimmy Watt, Davis Creek, 2019
- 10 - Garrett Pruitt, Return, 2016
- 13 - David Kelley, Heart Land, 2019
- 20 - Brian Buckner, New Hope, 2013
- 22 - David Jones, Shiloh, 2017
- 22 - Shannon Owens, Rock Hill, 2014
- 29 - Haskell Dill, Mountain View, 2017

### Birthdays:

- 2 - David Shirley, BBA
- 3 - Ray Conway, College Street
- 9 - Kenny Owen, Westminster First
- 10 - Pat Ashworth, retired
- 18 - Kenneth Hood, Walhalla First
- 18 - Brian Hopkins, Mt. Freedom
- 31 - Shannon Owens, Rock Hill

### Wedding Anniversaries:

- 11 - Greg & Debbie Marcus, Long Creek
- 16 - Rolando & Elizabeth Garcia, Iglesia Bautista Bethel
- 30 - David & Jackie Kelley, Heart Land

