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Happy Independence Day!

There. Is. Hope.

Chances are, fewer people will pass through the doors of the church than last year. Many churches are declining and closing when their communities still need the hope of the Gospel. There is hope for at-risk churches in South Carolina. Will you take the next step toward continuing the mission of proclaiming eternal hope in your community?

From the South Carolina Baptist Convention

DOM Thoughts,

Can we talk about your church? That's a simple question, right? Can we have a conversation about your church? As we talk, I'd love to hear about the history of your church. I'd love to hear the story of what led a group of people to start a church in your community. I'd love to hear the stories of the great things that God has done in your church over the years. I'd like to just sit and listen to you as you reflect back upon the days when God was blessing the church, when the pews and the children's classrooms were full. I'd love to hear your personal story of what led you to become a part of your church. I'd love for YOU to share with me about your church today. Is it healthy, vibrant, and growing? Is your church reaching people with the Good News of Jesus Christ? Is your church making disciples and carrying the gospel into your Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the world? You see, the reason for having that conversation is NOT to discourage anyone about the current state of your church. It's simply to have a conversation where we celebrate your church's history while we also look towards the future with HOPE and EXCITEMENT! Now isn't that a conversation worth having?

I want to share with you that there is HOPE for any church anywhere. Did you get that? There is HOPE for any church anywhere! Recently, Pastor Randy Keasler and I participated in the South Carolina Baptist Convention's "Revitalization Practitioner Lab". The focus of the training was to equip associational leaders/pastors to engage at-risk churches ultimately leading to a focused, individualized recommendation regarding RE-vitalization, RE-starting, or RE-investing. There were fifteen directors of missions, three interim pastors, and three South Carolina Baptist Convention staff members who participated in the month-long training. Upon completion of the training, I realized that THERE IS HOPE for a brighter, more impactful future for EVERY church in South Carolina.

My goal as your director of missions is to put together an Associational Revitalization Team. Our Associational Revitalization Team would be

made up of people who are trained in assisting "at risk" churches with future options that ultimately result in the gospel continuing to be proclaimed and lives continuing to be impacted in our communities. An "at risk" church is a congregation whose current status is vulnerable to imminent decline or closure. The purpose of the conversation is that now there is HOPE!

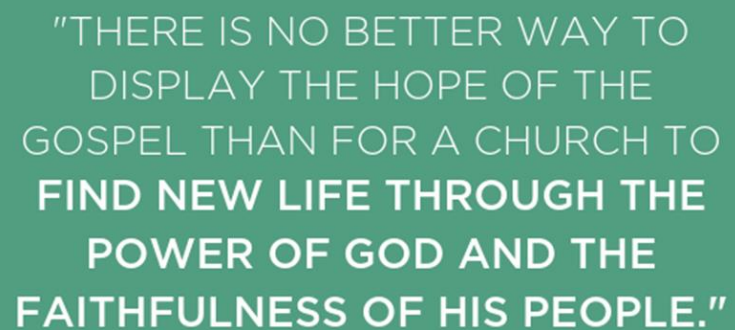
The process would involve several steps:

1. EXPLORATION - Building a relationship with the church
2. EXAMINATION - An objective assessment of internal and external data
3. RECOMMENDATION - Present at least two options to the church regarding their future
4. AFFIRMATION - Church leadership and congregation affirm one of the options
5. IMPLEMENTATION - The church takes initial steps towards a brighter more hopeful future

Is this a conversation that you'd like to have regarding your church? I'd love to hear the story of your church, celebrate your past, and talk about what the future looks like. After all, there really is HOPE for any church anywhere! Can we talk?

Here for You,

David



"THERE IS NO BETTER WAY TO DISPLAY THE HOPE OF THE GOSPEL THAN FOR A CHURCH TO FIND NEW LIFE THROUGH THE POWER OF GOD AND THE FAITHFULNESS OF HIS PEOPLE."

Church Contributions

	May 20	Jan-May 20
Beaverdam	153.79	1,061.68
Belmont	0.00	0.00
Bethel	203.00	1,001.00
Bethlehem	0.00	0.00
Calvary	97.62	531.45
Chauga	69.65	374.32
Cheohee	340.00	1,140.00
Clearmont	0.00	1,835.17
College Street	1,896.24	1,896.24
Coneross	75.00	375.00
Corinth - Seneca	450.00	450.00
Corinth - Westminster	499.89	999.78
Cross Roads - Seneca	218.30	687.12
Cross Roads - Westminster	100.00	500.00
Damascus	50.00	100.00
Davis Creek	207.74	458.55
Earle's Grove	1,075.27	5,899.58
Ebenezer	0.00	1,600.00
Faith	0.00	0.00
Fants Grove	405.69	2,288.89
Golden Corner	0.00	0.00
Heart Land	88.00	578.00
Hepsibah	780.34	3,901.70
Holly Springs	321.30	2,225.32
Hopewell	312.10	1,276.30
Iglesia Bautista Bethel	0.00	0.00
Little River	0.00	0.00
Long Creek	167.00	835.00
Lydia	0.00	1,135.36
Maranatha	49.63	370.82
Monte Vista	25.00	125.00
Mountain Rest	692.46	3,410.75
Mountain View	100.00	500.00
Mt. Freedom	0.00	300.00
Mt. Pleasant	333.32	833.30
Mt. Tabor	251.75	889.84
New Hope	0.00	1,483.17
Old Liberty	439.09	1,674.63
Open Door	125.00	625.00
Pleasant Grove	245.85	245.85
Pleasant Hill	100.00	400.00
Pleasant Ridge	500.00	2,500.00
Poplar Springs	471.60	2,011.07
Puerta Abierta	0.00	0.00
Reedy Fork	0.00	1,048.63
Retreat	0.00	0.00
Return	1,205.07	4,775.95
Rock Hill	0.00	400.00
Rocky Knoll	576.09	2,809.99
Salem	0.00	2,499.98
Scenic Heights	300.00	1,500.00
Seneca	1,115.00	6,331.48
Shiloh	0.00	0.00
Snow Creek	0.00	1,382.96
Souls Harbor	143.00	715.00
South Union	149.62	830.50
Utica	1,767.51	6,939.28
Walhalla	100.00	200.00
Welcome	172.00	1,109.25
West Union	0.00	0.00
Westminster	0.00	2,500.00
Westminster First	125.00	625.00
Wolf Stake	0.00	326.00
Total	16,497.92	80,513.91
Other Contributions		
Church at the Well		550.00
Personal Donations		316.00
Total Income	16,497.92	81,379.91



Church News

Staff Changes:

Scott Lee began his ministry as Director of Discipleship and Outreach at **Return Baptist Church** on May 24.



“Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.”

II Corinthians 3:17

Salvation Army Volunteers needed

Current or retired builders /contractors or tradesmen in plumbing, wiring, framing, home inspection, electrical, sheetrock, flooring, etc.

Individuals are needed to assist with evaluations/ assessments on homes that have been impacted by the EF-3 tornado in Oconee County.

**If interested, please call
864-882-1160.**

South Carolina Baptist Convention COVID-19 SERVE Community Aid

The South Carolina Baptist Convention has set aside \$1000 in aid to every South Carolina Baptist convention church. Thus far, only 60 churches out of 2100 have responded. These funds are to be utilized by churches to better equip them to minister during the ongoing pandemic. (ex. the purchase of audio-visual equipment or an FM transmitter that would better equip you to minister outside of your sanctuary, some community ministry outreach effort, etc). Visit: <https://www.scbaptist.org/serve-community-aid> for more information about applying.

Mission Myrtle Beach July and August 2020

This summer, there will be opportunities to serve in Myrtle Beach, SC with the Waccamaw Baptist Association and Mission City Travel. Potential ministry projects include:

- Backyard Bible Clubs
- Prayer Walking
- Community Surveys
- Servant Evangelism
- Reverse Car Wash
- Beach Outreach

Contact the Waccamaw Baptist Association, 843-248-9358, for more information.

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Date

- 4 – Independence Day
- 6 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 8 – GTN Articles Due
- 13 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 20 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 27 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM

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

Special Days in July

Staff Anniversaries:

- 1 – Tony Brown, Salem First, 2019
- 4 – Mark Nelson, Old Liberty, 2010
- 7 – Gerald Towe, Ebenezer, 2019
- 14 – Ronnie Hodge, Golden Corner, 1997
- 17 – Heather Bryant, Westminster First, 2017
- 21 – Mckensey Campbell, Westminster First, 2013

Birthdays:

- 1 – Mckensey Campbell, Westminster First
- 6 – Barry Jordan, Retreat
- 8 – Fred Astin, retired
- 15 – Jimmy Boggs, Ebenezer
- 29 – Ryan Perry, Seneca
- 31 – Bob Castro, Fants Grove

Wedding Anniversaries:

- 8 – Haskell & Mary Dill, Mountain View
- 8 – David & Kim Wald, West Union
- 15 – Jimmie & Martha Rholetter, Souls Harbor
- 16 – Jerry & Barbara Mize, retired
- 17 – Randy & Suzanne Koon, retired
- 19 – Brian & Shannon Hopkins, Mt. Freedom
- 20 – James & Vera Gibson, retired
- 21 – Ryan & Andrea Goodroe, Utica
- 22 – Jeromy & Amanda Dean, Bethel
- 25 – Buddy & Mildred Byars, retired
- 26 – Shaun & Amanda Watkins, Maranatha
- 26 – Jeff & Tracy Whaley, Cheohee
- 27 – Jimmy & Martha Thomas, retired

