



mother's DAY

Sunday, May 10

“Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: ‘Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.’” ...
Proverbs 31:25-30

Community Prayer Service Norton-Thompson Park Downtown Seneca

Ezekiel 22:30 – *“So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one.”*

Thank you to each one who attended Sunday's Community Prayer Service, listened live on WGOG, or watched the Beaverdam Baptist Association Facebook Live feed. Thank you also for adhering to the request to remain in your vehicles. If you missed the service you can still watch it on Beaverdam Baptist Association's Facebook page.



DOM Thoughts,

As I write this month's newsletter article, I do so under circumstances that none of us have ever experienced. None of us have ever faced anything close to what we are dealing with like the COVID-19/Coronavirus. The COVID-19 virus has certainly changed our daily routines. I, like many of you, have spent considerable time contemplating what we're having to face and trying to make sense of what's going on.

My initial thought was that God just might be FORCING HIS church out of our comfort zones. The normal weekly schedules are no more. The things that characterized each of our churches on a weekly basis are no longer attainable. The daily routines of the pastor, church staff minister, and church member have all been altered. Could God possibly be FORCING us to change a few things? It has been interesting and encouraging to see those who were so set in their ways be FORCED to adjust and consider new avenues to minister and share God's Word! One pastor who is now doing a Facebook Live message each week told me recently that he recently had over 300 views of his message. He was astonished. Now, instead of a weekly sermon, he's sharing daily messages on Facebook and he's seeing a great response from people who are viewing his messages. Several of our churches are filling their parking lots up as they hold "Drive-In Worship Services." While these are extremely challenging days my heart rejoices to see God's servants adjust and do whatever they need to do to continue sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ!

As we think about how God just might be FORCING us to do things a bit differently, my mind went back to Acts chapters 7-8 where we read about the stoning of Stephen. It was immediately after Stephen's death that in Acts 8:1-8 we read:

"Saul agreed with putting him to death. On that day a severe persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout the land of Judea and Samaria. Devout men buried Stephen and mourned deeply over him. Saul, however, was ravaging the church. He would enter house

after house, drag off men and women, and put them in prison. So those who were scattered went on their way preaching the message of good news. Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah to them. The crowds paid attention with one mind to what Philip said, as they heard and saw the signs he was performing. For unclean spirits, crying out with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed, and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed. So there was great joy in that city."

While the stoning of Stephen and the persecution of the church was a terrible thing, the result of his death was that the believers were FORCED to scatter into nearby regions but as they went, they shared the Good News of Jesus Christ! The Gospel spread even in the midst of the severe persecution!

My heart rejoices, even as we all are FORCED to deal with these present circumstances, that the Good News of the Lord Jesus Christ continues to be proclaimed! Not only does it continue to be proclaimed but probably on a wider scale than ever before because of our ability to share messages through various social media outlets. Please know that we love you and we are praying for each of you daily as you continue worshipping and serving the Lord in these circumstances. Don't hesitate to contact us at the association office if we can be of any assistance during this time.

Here For You,

David

Stewardship/Tithing

Please don't forget during the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic to continue supporting your church financially! That is CRITICALLY important! I encourage each of you to drop your tithe off, mail it in, or give on-line if your church has that set up. Tithing is a vital part of worship and is desperately needed during the Coronavirus shutdown.

Church Contributions

	Mar 20	Jan-Mar 20
Beaverdam	142.88	595.31
Belmont	0.00	0.00
Bethel	193.00	589.00
Bethlehem	0.00	0.00
Calvary	69.52	302.49
Chauga	47.88	242.52
Cheohee	200.00	600.00
Clearmont	0.00	300.00
College Street	0.00	0.00
Coneross	75.00	225.00
Corinth - Seneca	0.00	0.00
Corinth - Westminster	0.00	499.89
Cross Roads - Seneca	127.58	397.88
Cross Roads - Westminster	100.00	300.00
Damascus	0.00	50.00
Davis Creek	71.61	250.81
Earle's Grove	1,297.80	3,707.20
Ebenezer	1,600.00	1,600.00
Faith	0.00	0.00
Fants Grove	0.00	0.00
Golden Corner	0.00	0.00
Heart Land	118.00	365.00
Hepsibah	780.34	2,341.02
Holly Springs	188.67	996.28
Hopewell	0.00	651.00
Iglesia Bautista Bethel	0.00	0.00
Little River	0.00	0.00
Long Creek	167.00	501.00
Lydia	1,135.36	1,135.36
Maranatha	85.99	232.46
Monte Vista	25.00	75.00
Mountain Rest	580.78	2,003.13
Mountain View	100.00	300.00
Mt. Freedom	300.00	300.00
Mt. Pleasant	166.66	499.98
Mt. Tabor	180.28	485.57
New Hope	306.00	1,073.17
Old Liberty	193.80	1,150.14
Open Door	125.00	375.00
Pleasant Grove	0.00	0.00
Pleasant Hill	100.00	300.00
Pleasant Ridge	500.00	1,500.00
Poplar Springs	654.10	1,539.47
Puerta Abierta	0.00	0.00
Reedy Fork	193.76	752.88
Retreat	0.00	0.00
Return	712.11	2,448.61
Rock Hill	0.00	0.00
Rocky Knoll	604.05	1,586.29
Salem	0.00	1,249.97
Scenic Heights	300.00	900.00
Seneca	1,281.48	3,580.48
Shiloh	0.00	0.00
Snow Creek	0.00	1,382.96
Souls Harbor	143.00	429.00
South Union	168.26	502.00
Utica	1,562.23	3,402.88
Walhalla	100.00	100.00
Welcome	209.11	753.11
West Union	0.00	0.00
Westminster	500.00	2,000.00
Westminster First	125.00	375.00
Wolf Stake	70.00	252.00
Total	15,601.25	45,198.86
Other Contributions		
Church at the Well	150.00	550.00
Total Income	15,751.25	45,748.86

Church News

Staff Needed:

Seneca Baptist Church is prayerfully seeking a full-time Worship leader. We are looking for someone to lead our choir and congregation in Christ centered worship. Although we are a more traditional congregation, the content of the songs we sing is more important than the type of songs we sing. This individual must be led by the Holy Spirit and must be passionate about helping our people worship Jesus, our Savior. This individual is responsible for working closely with the Senior Pastor in planning, coordinating, and orchestrating the weekly worship services (as well as occasional special events). They will lead the church in worshiping the Lord through music and by overseeing and investing in a team of volunteers (musicians, vocalists, A/V techs). With a prayerful posture and humble dependence on the Holy Spirit, this person will actively foster an environment of Christ-exalting, congregationally-edifying worship. If God is leading you, please send resumes to office@senecabaptist.org or call 864-882-2731 for more information.



"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."
Romans 15:13

Hands of Mercy Hospice

Hands of Mercy Hospice, based in Seneca, provides home hospice care for terminally ill individuals in Oconee, Pickens, Anderson, and Greenville counties. We are in need of volunteers in the following areas: patient and caregiver companionship, caregiver relief, household chores, outside maintenance, errands, bereavement support, and office assistance. We provide adequate training and would love the opportunity to present this as an outreach opportunity for your church in an evening service or to one of your ministry groups. For more information or to volunteer your time, please call Matthew Winters at 864-482-7110.



Camp La Vida and Camp McCall

As of the publication of this newsletter, registration for Camp La Vida and Camp McCall is still open. Please visit their websites or Facebook pages for more information.

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

Camp McCall
<http://www.campmccall.org/>
<https://www.facebook.com/campmccall1960/>

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Date

4 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
6 – GTN Articles Due
7 – National Day of Prayer
10 – Mother's Day
11 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
18 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
25 – Memorial Day – Office Closed

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

Special Days in May

Staff Anniversaries:

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
26 – Gregory Marcus, Long Creek, 2008

Birthdays:

2 – Bryson Whaley, Cheohee
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 Mae McKnight, retired
6 – Barry & Lexanna Jordan, Retreat
9 – Paul & Beverly Bowen, Corinth-S
10 – Garrett & Beth Pruitt, Return
10 – Gerald & Karen Towe, Ebenezer
18 – Todd & Deana Grant, Corinth-S
18 – Joshua & Cynthia Roberts, Damascus
21 – Ryan & Elizabeth Perry, Seneca
21 – Tim & Michelle Sheriff, Poplar Springs
24 – Karl & Suzan Pittard, Monte Vista
25 – Jimmy & Barbara Boggs, Ebenezer

*"The Lord is my strength and my
shield; in him my heart trusts, and I
am helped; my heart exults, and
with my song I give thanks to him."*

Psalm 28:7



Reminder: The WMU Spring Meeting and the Men's
Ministry Quarterly Fellowship have been cancelled.