

Prisoner Packet Collection at Beaverdam Mission Center November 23-25

"Every single Prisoner Packet gets delivered. And every single packet contains a Message of Hope -the story of Christ's love and forgiveness. You put it together. We'll put it in the right hands. God will do the rest."

SC Department of Corrections Packing List

- One black non-retractable pen (no wire clips, no other color ink)
- One writing tablet no larger than 5 1/2" x 8" (no wire bound books, composition books, or post-it notes)
- One adult toothbrush (individually factory-sealed, no multi-packs)
- One 4 oz. to 6 oz. toothpaste (no travel size)
- One 3.2 to 6 oz. bar of soap (no travel size, no unwrapped/unboxed bars)
- Two rolls of hard candy like LifeSavers, Mentos, Breath Savers (no Smarties, Sweetarts, Necco Wafers, Rolos, Starburst, TicTacs)
- Three first-class #10 stamp-embossed envelopes (from the US Post Office, no regular stamps, no other size envelope)
- One gallon size zipper bag (no other size bags accepted)



Operation Christmas Child Collection at New Hope Baptist Church

4010 Keowee School Rd, Seneca

November 16-23

Curbside drop-off

Volunteers from New Hope will unload the shoeboxes while you stay in your car.

Drop-off times

Monday-Friday 5-8 PM, Saturday 9-Noon, Sunday 1-5 PM, Monday 9-Noon

DOM Thoughts,

Recently, myself and a few of our pastors have taken part in a Revitalization Practitioners Lab offered through the Church Strategies Team of the South Carolina Baptist Convention. Our goal is to form an Associational Revitalization Team that is trained and equipped to assist our churches to make ministry decisions regarding their future. The goal of this endeavor is simply to GIVE HOPE TO CHURCHES! While the process is detailed there are six primary steps involved:

1. Exploration – Conversation - learning as much as possible about the church and its history
2. Examination – Getting an accurate picture of the church – present day reality
3. Recommendation – Recommending a step of faith towards a hopeful future involving one of the following: revitalization, restarting, reinvesting, merging or partnership with another church.
4. Presentation – Communicating with the congregation
5. Affirmation – The decision belongs to the church
6. Implementation – Taking the next steps

Mark Clifton, in his book *Reclaiming Glory: Revitalizing Dying Churches*, says “Churches in North America are dying from a lack of disciple-making. Discipleship is sharing life and seeking to reproduce ourselves in others (1 Thess. 2:8).” Clifton goes on to say, “spiritually dead institutions of faith die for one reason and one reason only: they stop loving what they once loved and stop doing what they once did. (Rev. 2:2-5) The pathway to new life for a dying church is repentance and remembering.”

Characteristics of Dying Churches (From *Reclaiming Glory* by Mark Clifton)

1. They value the process of decision more than the outcome of decision (They live in business meetings and love to discuss, debate, define, and describe)
2. They value their own preferences over the needs of the unreached (Dying churches tend to make their preferences paramount. Most members of the congregation focus on their own desires in these decisions instead of what would meet the needs of people who don't know Jesus.)

3. They have an inability to pass leadership to the next generation (If you don't provide young leaders the opportunity to lead in your church, they will eventually go somewhere else where they can lead.)

4. They cease, often gradually, to be part of the fabric of their community (The church pays little attention to the needs of the community and the community pays little attention to the ebbs and flows of the church.)

5. They grow dependent upon programs or personalities for growth and stability (Declining churches reach for programs and personalities that they believe will turn the church around without embracing the changes needed to become healthy again.)

6. They tend to blame the community for a lack of response and, in time, grow resentful of the community for not responding as it once did. (The community is NOT there for the church; the church is there for the community. We don't have block parties to get people from the community into our building; we have block parties to get the people in our building INTO the lives of the people in the community.)

7. They anesthetize the pain of death with an overabundance of activity (It is common for a church that is near death, with only a handful of remaining members, to continue to have a full slate of church activities.)

8. They confuse caring for the building with caring for the church and the community. (The primary motivation of the remaining members may be to keep the church doors open or to make sure they don't lose possession of the place that has meant so much to them throughout the years.)

God can only restore a declining, dying church IF the people are willing to seek Him, His glory, and His plan above all else. Please know that the Beaverdam Baptist Association Revitalization Team stands ready and is eager to assist your church talk through these steps with a goal of providing your church with hope and ultimately bring God the glory that He so richly deserves. Looking forward to our conversation with your church.....

David

Church Contributions

	Sept 20	Jan-Sept 20
Beaverdam	230.18	1,900.87
Belmont	0.00	0.00
Bethel	206.00	1,900.00
Bethlehem	0.00	0.00
Calvary	94.62	852.71
Chauga	58.15	651.52
Cheohee	200.00	2,220.00
Clearmont	0.00	2,568.31
College Street	3,512.23	5,408.47
Coneross	75.00	675.00
Corinth - Seneca	0.00	900.00
Corinth - Westminster	500.00	1,499.78
Cross Roads - Seneca	0.00	1,086.25
Cross Roads - Westminster	100.00	900.00
Damascus	50.00	150.00
Davis Creek	227.48	730.75
Earle's Grove	1,411.90	11,196.57
Ebenezer	0.00	1,600.00
Faith	52.00	52.00
Fants Grove	0.00	2,288.89
Golden Corner	0.00	0.00
Heart Land	85.00	981.50
Hepsibah	780.34	7,023.06
Holly Springs	585.75	3,929.27
Hopewell	417.50	2,909.31
Iglesia Bautista Bethel	0.00	0.00
Little River	0.00	0.00
Long Creek	167.00	1,503.00
Lydia	1,050.12	3,182.21
Maranatha	97.74	731.61
Monte Vista	25.00	225.00
Mountain Rest	700.83	6,390.50
Mountain View	100.00	900.00
Mt. Freedom	300.00	900.00
Mt. Pleasant	0.00	1,333.28
Mt. Tabor	161.62	1,580.96
New Hope	441.00	3,746.17
Old Liberty	177.36	2,506.98
Open Door	125.00	1,125.00
Pleasant Grove	0.00	245.85
Pleasant Hill	100.00	800.00
Pleasant Ridge	500.00	4,500.00
Poplar Springs	586.32	4,242.24
Puerta Abierta	0.00	0.00
Reedy Fork	216.84	2,519.62
Retreat	0.00	0.00
Return	1,035.99	8,700.64
Rock Hill	0.00	400.00
Rocky Knoll	405.04	4,247.76
Salem	0.00	3,749.99
Scenic Heights	300.00	2,700.00
Seneca	1,125.98	10,829.30
Shiloh	0.00	0.00
Snow Creek	0.00	1,382.96
Souls Harbor	143.00	1,287.00
South Union	166.00	1,543.53
Utica	1,485.10	12,820.00
Walhalla	0.00	400.00
Welcome	115.00	1,943.25
West Union	0.00	0.00
Westminster	500.00	5,000.00
Westminster First	125.00	1,125.00
Wolf Stake	96.00	1,011.00
Total	18,832.09	144,997.11
Other Contributions		316.00
Church at the Well		700.00
Total Income		146,013.11

Church News

Staff Changes:

Rev. Dale McCoig resigned from Clearmont Baptist Church.

Andrew Parish, associate pastor of families at Open Door Baptist Church, resigned.

Rocky Knoll called Rev. Christopher Hulseley as interim music leader.

Rocky Knoll Baptist Church welcomes Pastor John Sorrells and his wife Tina to the church family. Pastor John Sorrells was called as Lead Pastor October 1, 2020.



Staff Needed:

First Baptist Church, **Walhalla, SC** is hiring a part time (20 hr. per week) Financial/Clerical position. Please send resume to First Baptist Church at PO Box 589, Walhalla, SC or bring it by the office on Monday-Thursday between the hours of 10:00-2:00 pm. The church is located at 403 East Main Street, Walhalla, SC

Return Baptist Church is accepting resumes for two new part-time positions – Student Minister and Children's Minister.

Those interested are asked to contact Pastor Bobby Holcombe at (864) 246-8462. No singing involved. Come be part of what God is doing at Return.

Secona Baptist Church, in Pickens, is seeking a Part Time Worship Leader.

Please mail resumes to Secona Baptist Church 234 Secona Rd. Pickens, SC 29671



Dear BBA Churches,

West-Oak Middle School is asking for your help. Our FCA students would like to start a praise band, which is awesome! We are in need of the following items to make this happen:

1) Microphones and sound equipment (used is fine)
2) Monetary Donations to purchase and have built clear plastic curtain stands for our singers and performers to stand behind allowing us to follow PPE guidelines.

3) Prayers...Please pray for our schools in general but especially for us as we grow our FCA with the addition of our very own praise team. We had 130 students, grades 6-8, at our SYATP on Wednesday, September 23rd, Praise the Lord!

Please contact Melinda Rohletter at West-Oak Middle School at 864-718-4454 or email her at mrohletter@sdoc.org

Thank you for your consideration of supporting our West-Oak Middle School FCA program and our new praise team as we strive to spread God's word in our school.



Reminder

Annual Church Profiles submitted on Workspace are due by November 2.

Beaverdam Baptist Association

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Date

- 2 - Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 2 - **ACP Due (WorkSpace)**
- 3 - Election Day
- 4 - GTN Articles Due
- 9 - Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 9 - SCBC Annual Meeting, First Baptist Church Columbia, (9-10)
- 16 - Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 16 - Operation Christmas Child, New Hope (16-23)
- 23 - Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 23 - Prisoner Packet Collection, BMC, (23-25)
- 26 - **Thanksgiving - Office Closed**
- 30 - Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM

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

Mountain View Baptist Church is planning to turn their church parsonage into a missionary house. The house would be made available to IMB missionaries coming home on furlough for an extended stay. The church will provide FREE housing including all of the utilities and furnishings for the house. This will be a tremendous blessing to our missionaries seeking a time of rest and refreshment. Mountain View Baptist Church is in the process (with the assistance of Beaverdam Baptist Association) of finalizing the guidelines for reserving the house as well as furnishing each room of the house beautifully.

If your church or missions organization would be interested in sponsoring a room with the necessary furnishings please contact either Sarah King at 638-2019 (phone/voice mail) or Mary Dill at 710-9586 (cell/text).

Sponsor opportunities:

- Bedrooms (3)
- Den (need a couch and chair)
- Breakfast nook (one small table and chairs)
- Laundry room (washer and dryer)
- Kitchen (basic kitchen supplies)
- Misc. (sheets and towels)
- one desk and chair

Special Days in November

Staff Anniversaries:

- 1 - Bobby Holcombe, Return, 2010
- 9 - Jimmy Boggs, Ebenezer, 2014
- 14 - Bobby Bugg, Wolf Stake, 1993
- 22 - Chris Moss, Corinth-W, 2015

Birthdays:

- 11 - Jeromy Dean, Bethel
- 16 - Von Reynolds, Reedy Fork
- 19 - Deana Grant, Corinth-S
- 20 - David Kelley, Heart Land
- 21 - Don Drawdy, retired
- 28 - Carl Krezdorn, retired

Wedding Anniversaries:

- 8 - Bob & Nancy Castro, Fants Grove
- 16 - Shannon & Paula Owens, Rock Hill
- 19 - Bobby & Debra Bugg, Wolf Stake
- 19 - Doran & Cindy Womack, retired
- 25 - David & Kaye Jones, Shiloh
- 27 - Pat & Glenora Ashworth, retired

