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One Hundred Thirty-Fourth Annual Association Meeting “The New Normal”



Monday, October 26, 2020

Utica Baptist Church
4056 Wells Highway, Seneca

Pre-session music – **6:45 PM**
Call to order – **7:00 PM**

Speaker – Rev. Chris Moss, pastor of
Corinth Baptist Church, Westminster

Everyone is invited to attend, but only elected church messengers may vote. **This year, pre-registration is required for the Annual Meeting.** A registration link is available on BBA’s website. You may also register by calling the association office (882-7070). This will allow us to have social-distanced assigned seating.

Resolutions to be considered at the Annual Meeting must be submitted to the association office by Monday, September 28 so they can be added to the Book of Reports.

Please join the Beaverdam Baptist Association on Thursday, October 15, 2020 at Seneca Baptist with the Blood Connection.

Here is a link to make your appointment online today (appointments from 2:00-7:00 PM):
https://donate.thebloodconnection.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/152489

As a gift of appreciation, you will receive a \$20 gift card!

If you have any questions, contact Teresa Holbrooks at Seneca Baptist Church at 864-882-2731.

**Faith and Blue Weekend
October 9-11**

On Sunday, October 11, from 4:00-5:00 PM, law enforcement officers will be lined up around Seneca High School’s parking lot as part of Faith and Blue weekend.

BBA churches are invited to come show your support by driving through the parking lot and thanking law enforcement officers there. You can make posters or simply say “thank you”.

BBA is also collecting restaurant gift cards to distribute to officers and their families. Please bring gift cards to BBA no later than October 8.

DOM Thoughts,

I want to take this opportunity to remind everyone that October is Pastor/Clergy Appreciation Month. In 1 Timothy 5:17, Paul wrote "Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine." In 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 he wrote, "And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake..." The idea to honor and recognize those who labor so diligently among us became known as Clergy Appreciation Month in 1992. Quite often, many of our churches forget to express their appreciation to their ministerial staff. During October, please bless your pastor(s) and express your love for all that do for your church by presenting them with some form of appreciation.

As we think about expressing our appreciation to those who minister so faithfully among us, many churches feel clueless when they contemplate ways to express gratitude to their ministerial staff. The following are just a few of the suggestions given by LifeWay:

1. Write Lots of Letters

On Sunday before Pastor Appreciation Day, distribute stamped envelopes addressed to the pastor. An instruction note invites each church member to write and mail a personal note of encouragement and appreciation to the pastor during the week.

2. Purchase Helpful Commentaries or Provide Funds For The Pastor To Purchase A Subscription To The Bible Software Of His Choice

3. Supply Favorite Things

Think of one small thing your pastor enjoys, such as M&Ms, fishing lures, coffee, etc. Ask each member to bring that item on Sunday, i.e. one bag, any size, of M&Ms. Supply extras for guests or forgetful members.

4. Celebrate 30 Days of Pastor Appreciation Use an October calendar to schedule volunteers for a month-long schedule of surprise treats.

Each day of the month, the pastor will receive a surprise token of appreciation from a church member, committee or group within the church. The tributes can vary widely. Some ideas include: a balloon delivery, a shoe shine, an apple pie or a gift certificate. After a whole month of pleasant surprises, won't your pastor feel appreciated?

And won't God be honored by your acts of love for His servant? Don't forget to include a sincere note with specific reasons you appreciate the minister's spiritual leadership, dedication, time and commitment. This October please consider honoring God by honoring His servants.

David

Mark Your Calendars

134th Annual Meeting of the Beaverdam Baptist Association

Monday, October 26th at 6:45 PM
Utica Baptist Church 4056 Wells Highway,
Seneca, SC

Annual Church Profile

Who?	Your Church
What?	Your report of vital information
When?	October 20 (paper copies) November 2 (Workspace)
Where?	Online or hard copy
Why?	Because it is important to individual churches in collecting historical data; To pastoral candidates requesting information; to BBA when analyzing church health data/statistics; to the SCBC when allocating resources.

Questions? Call Emily at (864) 882-7070

Church Contributions

	Aug 20	Jan-Aug 20
Beaverdam	189.98	1,670.69
Belmont	0.00	0.00
Bethel	234.00	1,694.00
Bethlehem	0.00	0.00
Calvary	48.10	758.09
Chauga	71.85	593.37
Cheohee	200.00	2,020.00
Clearmont	350.33	2,568.31
College Street	0.00	1,896.24
Coneross	75.00	600.00
Corinth - Seneca	0.00	900.00
Corinth - Westminster	0.00	999.78
Cross Roads - Seneca	88.26	1,086.25
Cross Roads - Westminster	100.00	800.00
Damascus	0.00	100.00
Davis Creek	0.00	503.27
Earle's Grove	1,516.30	9,784.67
Ebenezer	0.00	1,600.00
Faith	0.00	0.00
Fants Grove	0.00	2,288.89
Golden Corner	0.00	0.00
Heart Land	114.00	896.50
Hepsibah	780.34	6,242.72
Holly Springs	216.00	3,343.52
Hopewell	316.86	2,491.81
Iglesia Bautista Bethel	0.00	0.00
Little River	0.00	0.00
Long Creek	167.00	1,336.00
Lydia	0.00	2,132.09
Maranatha	60.58	633.87
Monte Vista	25.00	200.00
Mountain Rest	602.95	5,689.67
Mountain View	100.00	800.00
Mt. Freedom	0.00	600.00
Mt. Pleasant	166.66	1,333.28
Mt. Tabor	219.62	1,419.34
New Hope	470.00	3,305.17
Old Liberty	322.81	2,329.62
Open Door	125.00	1,000.00
Pleasant Grove	0.00	245.85
Pleasant Hill	100.00	700.00
Pleasant Ridge	500.00	4,000.00
Poplar Springs	421.65	3,655.92
Puerta Abierta	0.00	0.00
Reedy Fork	288.00	2,302.78
Retreat	0.00	0.00
Return	976.68	7,664.65
Rock Hill	0.00	400.00
Rocky Knoll	322.44	3,842.72
Salem	0.00	3,749.99
Scenic Heights	300.00	2,400.00
Seneca	1,406.00	9,703.32
Shiloh	0.00	0.00
Snow Creek	0.00	1,382.96
Souls Harbor	143.00	1,144.00
South Union	123.71	1,377.53
Utica	1,470.63	11,334.90
Walhalla	100.00	400.00
Welcome	0.00	1,828.25
West Union	0.00	0.00
Westminster	500.00	4,500.00
Westminster First	125.00	1,000.00
Wolf Stake	253.00	915.00
Total	13,590.75	126,165.02
Other Contributions		
Church at the Well		700.00
Personal Donations		316.00
Total Income	13,590.75	127,181.02

Church News

Staff Changes:

College Street Baptist has called Rev. Ken Forrester of Traveler's Rest as transitional pastor effective September 27, 2020.

Pleasant Ridge has called Rev. Troy Nicholson as pastor.

Rev. Garrett Pruitt, minister of youth and children, resigned from **Return Baptist Church**.

Staff Needed:

First Baptist Church, **Walhalla, SC** is seeking a part time (20 hr. per week) secretary. 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

Westminster Baptist Church is seeking a part time Music Director responsible to lead congregation and worship choir. We currently have a blend of traditional and contemporary music.

Please mail resume to Personnel Committee, P.O. Box 375, Westminster, S.C. 29693 or call 864-647-2391 for more information.

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



The October Men's Ministry Quarterly Fellowship is cancelled.



Friends of Internationals, LLC

(FOI) is a local partner ministry led by Jon & Alana Varner. The ministry was formed for the purpose of helping your church to take the Gospel to the nations through ministries with International Students. To learn more visit: FOIclemson.org

Here is your opportunity to support FOI in one or both of the following ways:

Churches can collect an Annual Offering and generously provide Ministry Support

(<https://foiclemson.org/donate/ministry-support>) - The Independence Day offering for ISM (International Student Ministry). More information can be found at <https://foiclemson.org/get-connected/for-local-citizens>.

Families and individuals can partner even more closely with FOI and the Varner's through what is called Missionary Support (<https://foiclemson.org/donate/missionary-support>)

The Independence Day offering is usually collected in June or July. But this year, we were all a bit distracted trying to learn how to do ministry in new ways. So, please pray and allow the Lord to move your heart to give, even now.

Thank you for your continued partnership in sharing the Gospel.

Beaverdam Baptist Association

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Date

- 5 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 7 – GTN Articles Due
- 10 – Disaster Relief Training, College Street, 8:15 AM
- 11 – World Hunger Sunday
- 11 – Faith and Blue Weekend – officer appreciation event, Seneca High School, 4:00-5:00
- 12 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 15 – Blood Drive, Seneca Baptist, 2:00-7:00 PM
- 19 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 20 – **Annual Church Profile due (paper copies)**
- 26 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 26 – **Annual Meeting**, Utica, 6:45 PM

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

Special Days in October

Staff Anniversaries:

- 1 – James Dyar, Earle's Grove, 2008
- 25 – Joe Saunders, Little River, 2010
- 26 – Tim Sheriff, Poplar Springs, 1997

Birthdays:

- 2 – Alvin Burdette, Mt. Pleasant
- 4 – Ryan Goodroe, Utica
- 13 – James Gibson, retired
- 16 – Haskell Dill, Mountain View
- 18 – Ken Reid, retired
- 24 – Jerry Lyles, Welcome
- 31 – Rod Lyda, Cross Roads – Westminster

Wedding Anniversaries:

- 2 – Jerry & Debbie Lyles, Welcome
- 17 – Carlos & Ovice Hatcher, retired
- 23 – Don & Pat Bickers, retired
- 25 – Marty & Robin McKee, Coneross
- 26 – Kevin & Tina Morrison, Pleasant Ridge
- 30 – Travis & Heather Bryant, Westminster First
- 30 – Ronnie & Lynn Hodge, Golden Corner

“Worship Under the Stars”

at

Corinth Baptist Church
530 Old Clemson Hwy, Seneca

Sunday, October 4
6:00-8:00 PM

Bring lawn chairs for an outside night of praise and worship at Corinth Baptist Church led by Corinth Worship Band, Bethel Baptist, and others.
Bring money for food trucks.