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Woman's Missionary Union Fall Training

*Training Sessions
Available For:*

- Directors
- WOM and WMU Leaders
- Children in Action, RAs, and GAs

August 16, 2021

Meal 6:00 PM (\$5.00)
Training 6:30 PM

Mission Project:

School Supplies for
DSS

Book Study:

*Relentless: The Path
to Holding On* by
Taylor Field

Westminster Baptist Church
212 E Windsor St, Westminster

Registration and payment for meal are due by
Thursday, August 12 to Beaverdam Baptist Association.



From The DOM,

According to the Southern Baptist Convention, on any given Sunday, 5,320,488 people will gather in one of the 47,544 Southern Baptist Convention churches. If you average that number out it comes to 112 people per church. Mark Clifton, Director of Replant for the North American Mission Board, says that if you took all of the pastors who serve churches that average less than 250 people in attendance on any given Sunday, you could fill up a Major League Baseball stadium with them. Around 45,000 of the 47,000-plus churches in the SBC fall into that category. On the other end of the spectrum, he says that you can fit all the pastors who serve churches that average more than 1000 in attendance on any given Sunday in a single jumbo jet: 250 people.

You see friends, quite often it's easy for us to look at the large mega-churches scattered across the country and think that's the way it is everywhere except where I serve or where I attend. However, truth be told, the average weekly attendance in the majority of SBC churches is around 100 people each Sunday. Oh, it's easy to look at the large "community" churches and feel like "our little church isn't making the impact that those much larger churches are." That happens every day all across our convention. However, what I want you to see is that Satan is very good at what he does - discouraging and deceiving the saints.

Recently our Associational Revitalization Team took a close look at the 63 Beaverdam Baptist Association churches. Based upon the Annual Church Profiles that are completed by our churches, notice below our findings regarding our association.

0-20 People	12 Churches
21-40 People	11 Churches
41-60 People	13 Churches
61-80 People	9 Churches
81-100 People	5 Churches
101-120 People	3 Churches
121-140 People	2 Churches
141-160 People	1 Church
161-180 People	2 Churches
181 + People	5 Churches

From the data above notice that 50 of our 63 BBA churches average 100 or less each Sunday. What's the purpose of sharing this information? My desire is to encourage as well as challenge our pastors and churches regardless of where your church is located and regardless of your average Sunday attendance – to bring God much glory!

I want to encourage you to do four things:

1. Preach – Stay faithful, stay patient and preach the Word!
2. Pray - If you want to serve your church well, pray continually!
3. Passion – Remember pastor, you get to preach the Word of God to the people of God in the house of God indwelt by the Spirit of God!
4. Persevere – Keep on keeping on! Don't quit and don't give up!

Matt Henslee and Kyle Bueermann, in their book *Replanting Rural Churches*, write that "God cares deeply for churches in communities that the rest of the world couldn't even locate on a map. He knows exactly where you are, and He loves the people in your community more than we could ever imagine." Dear friends, may we, as an association of churches, unite together to make much of Jesus as we strive each day to make His name known!

Here for you,

David

Coming This Fall - Beaverdam Pastors Cohort

Pastors, would you be interested in learning more about how to lead your church towards better overall health? The SCBC has a new pilot RE Cohort training available for pastors interested in revitalization as well as those interested in replanting.

RE is designed to provide easy access to revitalization training with 13 lessons that move from truth, to wisdom, to context. It is not a "let us tell you how to revitalize your church" resource, but a "God has called you to make disciples, so how will you accomplish His mission through the church you have been called to serve?" Written by practitioners for pastors, each lesson starts online in preparation to gather monthly in a cohort of 4-8 pastors. The Beaverdam Baptist Association will be launching our Associational Pastors RE Cohort this fall. We would love for you to consider being a part of this wonderful learning opportunity. If interested, please contact David Shirley or Randy Keasler.

For additional information please go to:
<https://hopeforchurches.squarespace.com/pastorcohort>

Church Contributions

	Jun 21	Jan-Jun 21
Beaverdam	205.56	1,221.29
Belmont	0.00	0.00
Bethel	258.00	1,432.20
Bethlehem	0.00	0.00
Calvary	90.37	484.66
Chauga	91.87	392.75
Cheohee	200.00	1,200.00
Clearmont	0.00	1,603.94
College Street	0.00	0.00
Coneross	75.00	450.00
Corinth - Seneca	900.00	900.00
Corinth - Westminster	0.00	1,000.00
Cross Roads - Seneca	0.00	675.18
Cross Roads - Westminster	100.00	600.00
Damascus	0.00	50.00
Davis Creek	0.00	0.00
Earle's Grove	1,249.89	7,074.46
Ebenezer	0.00	2,000.00
Faith	0.00	293.89
Fants Grove	0.00	803.85
Golden Corner	0.00	1,500.00
Heart Land	80.00	698.00
Hepsibah	780.34	4,682.04
Holly Springs	388.70	2,875.70
Hopewell	742.60	2,874.47
Iglesia Bautista Bethel	0.00	0.00
Little River	0.00	0.00
Long Creek	167.00	1,002.00
Lydia	1,528.58	2,804.17
Maranatha	69.13	591.22
Monte Vista	25.00	150.00
Mountain Rest	705.81	4,140.50
Mountain View	100.00	600.00
Mt. Freedom	300.00	600.00
Mt. Pleasant	333.32	999.96
Mt. Tabor	362.22	1,123.95
New Hope	403.00	2,308.00
Old Liberty	199.01	1,444.92
Open Door	250.00	750.00
Pleasant Grove	0.00	281.55
Pleasant Hill	100.00	600.00
Pleasant Ridge	500.00	3,000.00
Poplar Springs	539.46	3,415.69
Puerta Abierta	0.00	0.00
Reedy Fork	277.12	1,773.04
Retreat	0.00	0.00
Return	1,172.72	5,308.17
Rock Hill	0.00	0.00
Rocky Knoll	491.76	2,616.67
Salem	0.00	2,499.98
Scenic Heights	300.00	1,800.00
Seneca	1,233.00	7,817.13
Shiloh	0.00	0.00
Snow Creek	0.00	1,382.96
Souls Harbor	145.00	870.00
South Union	256.34	1,148.25
Utica	1,261.33	8,725.26
Walhalla	0.00	300.00
Welcome	197.30	933.08
West Union	0.00	0.00
Westminster	500.00	3,000.00
Westminster First	125.00	750.00
Wolf Stake	0.00	482.00
Total	16,704.43	96,030.93
Other Contributions		
The Well		1,000.00
La Roca		125.00
Total Income	16,704.43	97,155.93

Church News

Staff Changes:

Rev. Tony Qualkinbush has been called as pastor of **Clearmont Baptist Church**.

Rev. Bob Castro resigned from **Fants Grove Baptist Church**. He has accepted the pastorate at **Faith Baptist Church, Westminster**.

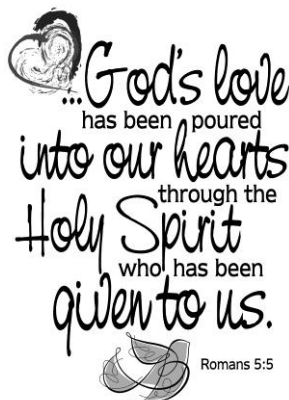
Bart Starr resigned as worship pastor of **Utica Baptist Church**.

Staff Needs:

Bethel Church in Westminster, SC is seeking a part-time Worship Leader to help our team grow in skill, and effectively lead and help in the development of all generations in meaningful worship. Our worship is led by a full band, through a blend of contemporary praise and worship music. (We are not seeking a traditional choir director.) For inquiries, please contact Pastor Jeromy Dean at 864-972-3473.

Return Baptist Church, Seneca, is seeking to fill two part-time positions, Student Minister and Children's Minister. Anyone interested should contact Pastor Bobby Holcombe at (864) 246-8462.

First Baptist Church in Westminster, SC, is seeking a permanent part-time music minister. Anyone interested should contact the church office at 864-647-2688.



Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Dr. Rev. Jerry Mize and Mrs. Barbara Mize, who passed away on July 14 and June 18.

The association also extends Christian sympathy to Rev. Mark Bagwell for his mother, Joyce Bagwell, who passed away on June 18.

Attention Church Clerks and Secretaries

Annual Church Profile

The South Carolina Baptist Convention will release the 2021 annual church profiles in August.

The profile will be available online at www.sbcworkspace.com

In addition to the SCBC profile, all churches must complete the association survey available at www.beaverdamassoc.com.

Paper copies of both surveys will be available from the association office beginning August 23.

For more information visit www.beaverdamassoc.com or contact Emily at 882-7070 or bbaemily@bellsouth.net

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Date

- 2 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 9 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 16 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 16 – WMU Fall Training, Westminster Baptist, 6:00 PM
Meal, 6:30 PM Training
- 23 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 30 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM

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

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays:

- 9 – Tony Qualkinbush, Clearmont
- 11 – Ray Campbell, retired
- 11 – Jeremy Garrett, Open Door
- 15 – Tim Sheriff, Poplar Springs
- 19 – Laura Owens, Seneca
- 31 – Scott Lee, Return

Staff Anniversaries:

- 11 – Ryan Goodroe, Utica, 2013
- 12 – Kevin Phillips, Mountain Rest, 2018
- 19 – Jeromy Dean, Bethel, 2019
- 29 – Dillon Bolt, Return, 2018
- 30 – John McKnight, Hepsibah, 1987

Wedding Anniversaries:

- 2 – Tony & Pam Grant, retired
- 4 – Buck & Pat Hyde, retired
- 10 – Tony & Lee Ann Qualkinbush, Clearmont
- 24 – Ronnie & Sheila Wald, Snow Creek
- 26 – Ray & Delores Campbell, retired
- 26 – Don & Linda Drawdy, retired
- 30 – Matthew & Laura Owens, Seneca

Holy Land Tour – October 2022

Sponsored by Beaverdam Baptist Association

The Beaverdam Baptist Association will be sponsoring a 10-day tour of the Holy Land in the fall of 2022. Plans are to visit such sites as Mt. Carmel, Caesarea Maritima, the Sea of Galilee (boat ride), Capernaum, Jordan River (Baptism for those interested), Megiddo, Nazareth, Jericho, Jerusalem, the Dead Sea, Masada, and Qumran. We will spend time walking through the old city of Jerusalem, Caiaphas's house, Golgotha, and the Garden Tomb. We would love for you to consider joining us and experience the Bible come alive. This would also be a wonderful opportunity for churches to provide their pastor and wife with a Pastor's Appreciation gift that they will never forget. If you would be interested in going or in getting additional information, please contact David at Beaverdam Baptist Association 864-882-7070.