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DO NOT FEAR,
for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name,
YOU ARE MINE.

Isaiah 43:1

From the DOM,

Happy New Year! What an exciting time for us as we bid farewell to 2020 and enter into 2021 with great excitement and anticipation. I'm sure that this new year will be filled with many incredible ministry opportunities. I personally pray that 2021 will be a red-letter kind of year where we witness God do great and mighty things in us, through us, and through the churches of the Beaverdam Baptist Association! In fact, my prayer is that when 2021 comes to an end twelve months from now, we will realize that 2021 has been one of the most memorable years ever experienced by our churches and our association.

I am very excited that in early January our Associational Revitalization Team will be blessed with two intensive days of training on how to assist churches as they consider revitalization options. Following that training, our Associational Revitalization Team will be available to meet with church leadership groups to celebrate the past and also discuss how to face the future with hope and excitement.

Congregations in decline usually have multiple options that hopefully will lead to a healthy, productive, and impactful future; however, discerning the right option for your church can be a daunting challenge. Leading a church to consider all of these options is one of the conversations that our Revitalization Team will focus on. There seems to be three common pathways that churches need to consider.

Three Options For "At Risk Churches"

1. Revitalization: an existing congregation experiences new life through a change of strategy and/or leadership but does not require a change of identity.
2. ReSTART: an existing congregation experiences new life through a change of identity, leadership, and strategy.
3. ReInvest: an existing congregation experiences new life through closing with dignity and investing its remaining resources in a life-giving congregation or mission.

What are the first steps down a path of restoration for any at-risk church?

1. Re-engage your community with the gospel. Begin by serving the needs of others in your community that build relationships and create opportunities to share the gospel.
2. Pray as a church. Prayer is essential to any restoration effort, so make it a priority and a means to unite the congregation for the sake of advancing God's Kingdom in your community.
3. Ask for help. Begin a conversation.

As we enter a brand-new year, I, along with our Associational Church Revitalization Team, would love to have a conversation with you about your church. After several meetings with your church's leadership, our Revitalization Team will prepare and present you with a detailed report outlining multiple options for your congregation to consider regarding their future. Please give me a call at 882-7070 to begin this process. Let's talk.

Happy New Year,

David

A Few Of the Services Offered By BBA

- Pulpit Supply (DOM is available for Sunday AM, PM, and Wednesday services)
- Interim Pastor/Transitional Pastor
- Church Consultations - (Revitalization, Restarting, Replanting, Reinvesting)
- Onesiphorus Ministry – (Encouragement Ministry to Pastors and Staff Ministers)
- Licensed, Professional Christian Counseling Service – Offered through Fortitude Counseling Services and funded by the association. Pastor referral required
- Pastor Search Committee Training
- Deacon Ministry Training
- Marriage Retreats
- Background Checks
- Ministry Ordination Councils
- Community Demographic Data
- Church Profiles
- Missions Partnerships

Church Contributions

	Nov 20	Jan-Nov 20
Beaverdam	183.34	2,280.47
Belmont	0.00	0.00
Bethel	239.00	2,347.00
Bethlehem	0.00	0.00
Calvary	53.63	990.37
Chauga	71.83	775.51
Cheohee	200.00	2,620.00
Clearmont	0.00	2,820.89
College Street	0.00	5,408.47
Coneross	75.00	825.00
Corinth - Seneca	0.00	1,350.00
Corinth - Westminster	500.22	2,000.00
Cross Roads - Seneca	100.28	1,412.85
Cross Roads - Westminster	100.00	1,100.00
Damascus	0.00	150.00
Davis Creek	0.00	847.09
Earle's Grove	1,078.89	13,309.65
Ebenezer	0.00	1,600.00
Faith	65.00	169.00
Fants Grove	921.72	3,210.61
Golden Corner	0.00	0.00
Heart Land	72.00	1,137.50
Hepsibah	780.34	8,583.74
Holly Springs	472.25	4,579.32
Hopewell	0.00	3,266.63
Iglesia Bautista Bethel	0.00	0.00
Little River	0.00	0.00
Long Creek	167.00	1,837.00
Lydia	0.00	3,182.21
Maranatha	91.10	866.87
Monte Vista	25.00	275.00
Mountain Rest	620.55	7,621.48
Mountain View	100.00	1,100.00
Mt. Freedom	0.00	900.00
Mt. Pleasant	0.00	1,666.60
Mt. Tabor	248.59	2,003.87
New Hope	265.00	4,313.17
Old Liberty	232.52	2,967.46
Open Door	125.00	1,375.00
Pleasant Grove	0.00	245.85
Pleasant Hill	100.00	1,000.00
Pleasant Ridge	500.00	5,500.00
Poplar Springs	415.42	5,109.64
Puerta Abierta	0.00	0.00
Reedy Fork	296.82	3,059.60
Retreat	0.00	0.00
Return	853.62	10,432.06
Rock Hill	0.00	400.00
Rocky Knoll	401.77	5,052.03
Salem	0.00	5,000.00
Scenic Heights	300.00	3,300.00
Seneca	1,285.00	13,103.30
Shiloh	0.00	0.00
Snow Creek	0.00	1,382.96
Souls Harbor	143.00	1,573.00
South Union	155.48	1,840.97
Utica	1,506.32	15,665.12
Walhalla	300.00	700.00
Welcome	179.18	2,528.21
West Union	0.00	0.00
Westminster	500.00	6,000.00
Westminster First	125.00	1,375.00
Wolf Stake	94.00	1,235.00
Total	13,943.87	173,395.50
Other Contributions		316.00
Church at the Well		700.00
Total Income	13,943.87	174,411.50

Church News

Staff Changes:

Rev. Robert Whiten resigned from **Pleasant Grove Baptist Church**.

Staff Needed:

New Hope Baptist Church, Seneca, SC is currently seeking a part time (20 hr. per week) secretary to operations of the church office and assist the pastors and staff with a variety of administrative duties. Please submit your resume to joeyhawkins1973@gmail.com.

Thank You!

Thank you to all the churches and individuals who made ministries through the association possible this year.

“Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”
– Philippians 3:13-14



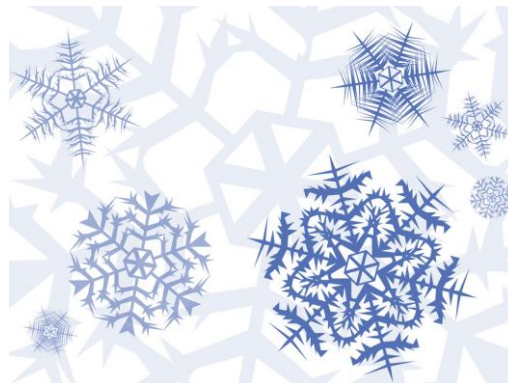
Thank you to Sharon and Randy McManamay, Roy Dodd, and Janet Davis for checking BBA's prisoner packets.

A special thanks to Mildred Dodd for preparing lunch for everyone and to David Shirley for delivering the packets to Columbia.

Thanks to all the churches who contributed to the collection. BBA collected a total of 670 packets, 150 were sent to Oconee Detention Center.



Christian sympathy is extended to Gerald Towe, worship leader of Ebenezer Baptist Church, in the passing of his mother, Dorothy "Dot" Mae Nichols Towe.



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Dates

- 4 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 6 – GTN Articles Due
- 11 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 17 – Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
- 18 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 24 – Baptist Men's Day
- 25 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM

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

Special Days in January

Staff Anniversaries:

- 1 – Jimmie Rholetter, Souls Harbor, 2002
- 3 – Shaun Watkins, Maranatha, 2016
- 5 – Marty McKee, Coneross, 2003
- 6 – Brian Hopkins, Mt. Freedom, 2019
- 13 – David Kelley, Heart Land, 2019
- 22 – David Jones, Shiloh, 2017
- 22 – Shannon Owens, Rock Hill, 2014
- 29 – Haskell Dill, Mountain View, 2017

Birthdays:

- 2 – David Shirley, DOM
- 3 – Ray Conway, College Street
- 7 – Bart Starr, Utica
- 9 – Kenny Owen, Westminster First
- 10 – David Wald, West Union
- 18 – Kenneth Hood, Walhalla First
- 18 – Brian Hopkins, Mt. Freedom
- 31 – Shannon Owens, Rock Hill

Wedding Anniversaries:

- 11 – Greg & Debbie Marcus, Long Creek
- 16 – Rolando & Elizabeth Garcia, Iglesia Bautista Bethel
- 30 – David & Jackie Kelley, Heart Land

A decorative graphic for the New Year. It features a background of various blue and white snowflakes. In the center, the words "Happy New Year!" are written in a large, elegant cursive font. The text is contained within a light blue rectangular box.