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Week of Prayer for North American Missions and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

March 7-14

The offering was started in 1895 by Woman's Missionary Union® (WMU) to benefit the work of the Home Mission Board (now North American Mission Board). In 1934, it was named in honor of Annie Armstrong, a bold missions advocate and WMU's first national executive leader. Today, more than \$1 billion has been donated by Southern Baptist churches and individuals to support thousands of missionaries in church planting and compassion ministries. Because of this sacrificial giving, millions of lives have been and continue to be transformed by the power of the gospel. – courtesy NAMB



Association Baptist Church Secretaries

March 18 at Noon

Hopewell Baptist Church
161 Hopewell Church Drive, Seneca

Hopewell Baptist Church is hosting the lunch in honor of
Administrative Professional's Day.

Menu: Barbeque and fixings

Please contact Emily at 882-7070 or bbaemily@bellsouth.net to register by Monday,
March 15.



From The DOM,

I want to thank each one who attended our February Executive Board meeting. It is very important that each church be represented at our Executive Board meetings since we only have two (February & September) each year. Just a few of the highlights:

- Expressed sincere appreciation to God for how He has so blessed our association financially even as we have faced budget shortfalls in a pandemic year
 - Shared information regarding the BBA-Fortitude Counseling Center partnership
 - Shared about the formation of an Associational Church Revitalization Team
 - Shared updated statistical information regarding attendance, baptisms & giving
1. Did you know that of the **79,500** residents of Oconee County, on an average Sunday, only **4674** will be in attendance in a BBA church?
 2. Did you know that over the past 20 years **13,285** people have moved to Oconee County but our churches have declined in attendance by **3250** people?
 3. Did you know that **48,574** out of **79,500** Oconee County residents are **NOT INVOLVED** in the faith community at all?
 4. Did you know that almost **600** people move to Oconee County every year?
- Celebrated La Roca Upstate Church and how God is already blessing this new work with salvations
 - We were able to be a financial blessing to both La Roca Upstate as well as Heart Land Baptist Church
 - Shared information for how pastors can enroll in the SCBC/GuideStone Protection Plan (Up to \$100,000 Life Insurance and \$500 a month Disability Protection) paid for entirely by the South Carolina Baptist Convention. (Those interested in this plan should contact me ASAP as the deadline for enrollment is fast approaching)

Please pray for our Associational Revitalization Team as they will be attending the North American Mission Board's Replant Lab March 15-16 in Atlanta. The Replant Lab involves two-days of

intensive training designed especially for Associational Revitalization Teams. Those who attend will focus on how to help guide struggling churches back to health and vitality.

The goals of an Associational Revitalization Team are to:

- Help churches consider various options for the future
- Help churches as they assess their current reality (congregation & community)
- Present the church with a detailed recommendation
- Walk with the church as the church affirms the recommendation as an autonomous body
- Assist the church with the implementation of the recommendation - which is designed to renew hope for the members as well as for the community.

These are truly challenging and exciting days to be about the Lord's work. There is much to do. My hope and prayer are that we, as an association of churches, begin working diligently to push back the darkness in Oconee County. My prayer is that we truly impact the **48,574 (out of 79,500)** residents of our county who are **NOT INVOLVED** at all in the faith community. The fields are white unto harvest BUT the laborers are few..... Come on Beaverdam churches, let's do the work of our Father while we still have an opportunity. May we do everything that we can to leave our churches and our county in better shape for our children and grandchildren than we found them.

Here for You,

David

Congratulations

Congratulations are in order for Emily Anderson who serves as our association's ministry assistant.

Emily recently completed all of the requirements necessary for graduation and will be receiving a BA degree (English), summa cum laude, from Ohio Christian University. Emily has served as our ministry assistant since April 2018.

Church Contributions

	Jan 21	Jan 21
Beaverdam	142.24	142.24
Belmont	0.00	0.00
Bethel	259.00	259.00
Bethlehem	0.00	0.00
Calvary	71.60	71.60
Chauga	60.88	60.88
Cheohee	200.00	200.00
Clearmont	0.00	0.00
College Street	0.00	0.00
Coneross	75.00	75.00
Corinth - Seneca	0.00	0.00
Corinth - Westminster	500.00	500.00
Cross Roads - Seneca	85.42	85.42
Cross Roads - Westminster	100.00	100.00
Damascus	0.00	0.00
Davis Creek	0.00	0.00
Earle's Grove	1,371.57	1,371.57
Ebenezer	2,000.00	2,000.00
Faith	0.00	0.00
Fants Grove	0.00	0.00
Golden Corner	0.00	0.00
Heart Land	74.00	74.00
Hepsibah	780.34	780.34
Holly Springs	807.05	807.05
Hopewell	414.43	414.43
Iglesia Bautista Bethel	0.00	0.00
Little River	0.00	0.00
Long Creek	167.00	167.00
Lydia	1,275.59	1,275.59
Maranatha	63.90	63.90
Monte Vista	25.00	25.00
Mountain Rest	791.49	791.49
Mountain View	100.00	100.00
Mt. Freedom	0.00	0.00
Mt. Pleasant	333.32	333.32
Mt. Tabor	197.57	197.57
New Hope	634.00	634.00
Old Liberty	0.00	0.00
Open Door	0.00	0.00
Pleasant Grove	0.00	0.00
Pleasant Hill	100.00	100.00
Pleasant Ridge	500.00	500.00
Poplar Springs	512.20	512.20
Puerta Abierta	0.00	0.00
Reedy Fork	302.78	302.78
Retreat	0.00	0.00
Return	854.85	854.85
Rock Hill	0.00	0.00
Rocky Knoll	364.58	364.58
Salem	1,249.97	1,249.97
Scenic Heights	300.00	300.00
Seneca	0.00	0.00
Shiloh	0.00	0.00
Snow Creek	0.00	0.00
Souls Harbor	143.00	143.00
South Union	155.14	155.14
Utica	1,201.23	1,201.23
Walhalla	0.00	0.00
Welcome	0.00	0.00
West Union	0.00	0.00
Westminster	500.00	500.00
Westminster First	125.00	125.00
Wolf Stake	72.00	72.00
Total	16,910.15	16,910.15
Other Contributions		0.00
Total Income	16,910.15	16,910.15

Church News

Staff Needs:

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.



Tamassee DAR School

has recently opened their facilities for events. Churches are welcomed to use the campus facilities for meetings, large gatherings, and retreats. For more information, contact Rebecca at 864-944-1390 ext. 110

Ripple of One Church Partnership

Churches are invited to donate gently used household items to the Ripple Resale store in Seneca. Then, every quarter, Ripple of One will send the church Ripple Resale gift cards which can be given to anyone in need. For more information contact 864-343-1923 or donations.ripple@gmail.com

Women on Mission Brunch

Unfortunately, due to health and safety concerns related to Covid-19, there will not be a Women on Mission brunch this year. However, that doesn't mean that the BBA WMU can't still have an impact in our community. The leadership committee has decided to donate what would be the speaker fee for the brunch to Fostering Faithfully. Fostering Faithfully is a local Christian ministry to foster parents and children. They provide needed items and support to foster families in the area. The WMU team is excited to support Fostering Faithfully in their wonderful ministry.



Opportunity to Share about your Church's Ministries

The downstairs lobby area of the mission center is mostly empty. So, we would like to use this area for churches to share about their ministries. If interested in setting up a display about your church, please contact the association office at 882-7070 or bbaemily@bellsouth.net.

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Date

1 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM

3 – GTN Articles Due

7 – Week of Prayer for North American Missions and
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (7-14)

8 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM

15 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM

18 – Association Baptist Church Secretaries, Hopewell,
Noon

22 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM

29 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM

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

Special Days in March

Staff Anniversaries:

8 – Perry Gardner, Hepsibah, 2015

8 – David Shirley, DOM, 2010

8 – David Walker, Westminster, 2020

9 – Joe Steele, Utica, 2009

19 – Mark Tannery, Westminster First, 2014

27 – Kelley Murphy, Pleasant Ridge, 2016

29 – Ken Hood, Walhalla First, 2004

Birthdays:

6 – Ronnie Hodge, Golden Corner

7 – Bobby Bugg, Wolf Stake

16 – Rolando Garcia, Iglesia Bautista Bethel

19 – J. Ray Allen, retired

Wedding Anniversaries:

4 – Ken & Betsy Reid, retired

9 – Sam & Norma Adams, retired

19 – James & Teresa Dyar, Earle's Grove

29 – Fred & Sara Astin, retired

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