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Merry Christmas

From the BBA Staff ~ David, Emily, and Jackie



Pastors' & Wives' Christmas Dinner

Tuesday, December 7th at 6:30 PM

Location TBA

For all Senior, Interim, and Retired
Pastors and Wives

Come enjoy a catered meal and fellowship.

Association Baptist Church Secretaries

Thursday, December 9th at Noon

Beaverdam Mission Center

Lunch will be catered.

Mission Project: Donations for
Our Daily Rest

Contact Emily, 882-7070 or bbaemily@bellsouth.net, to register for these events.
Please register by **December 1st**.

From the DOM,

Merry Christmas from the Shirley household. Kathy and I hope that each of you are blessed with the most memorable Christmas ever! Without a doubt, one of my favorite times of the entire year is the Christmas season. What a joy it is to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I pray that the churches of the Beaverdam Baptist Association are all blessed with a wonderful time of worship and celebration this Christmas.

As we conclude 2021 and turn our attention to 2022, I wanted to update you on a change that will be taking place regarding our agreement with Fortitude Counseling Center. Without a doubt, one of the most effective ministries offered by our association is the counseling ministry offered through the Fortitude Counseling Center. This ministry provides our churches with a licensed, professional, Christian counseling ministry. From the numbers above it's clear to see that the need is great.

While the Beaverdam Baptist Association has been able to provide this ministry for the past two years solely from our yearly budget, it has put a tremendous strain on our association's budget. In 2021, we budgeted \$16,000 for the counseling ministry and, as seen above, thus far we have already spent over \$36,000 in 2021 alone.

In an effort to be better stewards of God's money, as well as continue our agreement with Fortitude, Fortitude has recommended that starting in January 2022, we begin filing insurance claims on those receiving counseling services. In addition to providing Fortitude with a credit card to cover the \$25 cost of the counseling session, those referred will also need to provide their insurance information just like you do at your physician's office. Fortitude will then file each visit with the client's health insurance provider. Once payment has been received from the insurance provider, Fortitude will then bill the association for the remaining balance. Once insurance deductibles are met this should save the association thousands of dollars each year. As far as those receiving the

counseling, their cost will remain at \$25 per session.

We appreciate your understanding of this change in our agreement with Fortitude. Again, this change was recommended by Fortitude due to the increasing number of pastoral referrals as well as the financial strain that it was putting on the association's budget each week. Our association's Executive Committee feels like this change, along with our churches continued financial support of the association, will allow us to continue this wonderful ministry for many years to come.

Fortitude Counseling Center

Number of Pastor Referrals	78
Total Clients Seen	51
Average Sessions Per Referral	9
Total Number of Sessions (2020-2021)	458
Total Cost to BBA (2020-2021)	\$45,800
Counseling Sessions (2021)	362
Total Cost 2021	\$36,200

David

Holy Land Tour

October 18-27, 2022

Sponsored by Beaverdam Baptist Association
This trip is open to anyone interested in going.
Brochures are available at the Beaverdam Mission Center. We will be having an information meeting about the trip following the holidays. Call David at 864-882-7070 for additional information.

Pastors' & Wives' Christmas Dinner

Tuesday, December 7th at 6:30 PM

(Location To Be Announced)

All Senior Pastors, Retired Pastors & Interim Pastors and their spouses are invited to our Annual Pastors/Wives Christmas Dinner. We will enjoy a wonderful catered meal and an evening of great fellowship. Those planning to attend are asked to register by Wednesday, December 1st. To register call Emily at 864-882-7070.

Church Contributions

	Oct 21	Jan-Oct 21
Beaverdam	186.07	1,937.44
Belmont	0.00	0.00
Bethel	360.00	2,492.20
Bethlehem	0.00	0.00
Calvary	65.27	755.69
Chauga	49.32	617.73
Cheohee	200.00	2,000.00
Clearmont	287.38	3,057.76
College Street	2,538.04	8,919.54
Coneross	100.00	775.00
Corinth - Seneca	0.00	1,350.00
Corinth - Westminster	0.00	1,500.00
Cross Roads - Seneca	146.00	1,144.20.20
Cross Roads - Westminster	100.00	1,000.00
Damascus	0.00	100.00
Davis Creek	0.00	0.00
Earle's Grove	1,154.14	11,551.82
Ebenezer	0.00	3,000.00
Faith	269.00	790.19
Fants Grove	0.00	1,192.20
Golden Corner	0.00	4,500.00
Heart Land	64.00	1,042.00
Hepsibah	780.34	7,803.40
Holly Springs	461.02	4,826.52
Hopewell	464.07	4,826.52
Iglesia Bautista Bethel	0.00	0.00
Little River	0.00	0.00
Long Creek	167.00	1,670.00
Lydia	0.00	4,098.66
Maranatha	82.51	963.27
Monte Vista	25.00	250.00
Mountain Rest	686.13	7,078.42
Mountain View	100.00	1,000.00
Mt. Freedom	0.00	2,225.00
Mt. Pleasant	333.32	1,666.60
Mt. Tabor	228.13	1,964.16
New Hope	771.00	3,869.00
Old Liberty	442.09	2,737.31
Open Door	125.00	1,250.00
Pleasant Grove	0.00	614.61
Pleasant Hill	100.00	1,000.00
Pleasant Ridge	500.00	5,000.00
Poplar Springs	609.22	5,767.38
Puerta Abierta	0.00	0.00
Reedy Fork	305.52	2,974.96
Retreat	0.00	0.00
Return	860.91	8,712.05
Rock Hill	0.00	0.00
Rocky Knoll	400.49	4,226.32
Salem	0.00	5,000.00
Scenic Heights	300.00	3,000.00
Seneca	1,270.00	12,722.13
Shiloh	0.00	0.00
Snow Creek	0.00	1,382.96
Souls Harbor	145.00	1,450.00
South Union	115.90	1,719.11
Utica	1,359.40	14,258.51
Walhalla	150.00	600.00
Welcome	120.00	1,577.14
West Union	0.00	0.00
Westminster	500.00	5,000.00
Westminster First	125.00	1,250.00
Wolf Stake	0.00	696.00
Total	17,046.27	170,500.28
Other Contributions		
Lifepoint		3,000.00
La Roca		250.00
The Well	500.00	1,500.00
Total Income	17,546.27	175,250.28

Church News

Staff Changes:

Rev. Randy Perry resigned as pastor of **Cross Roads** Baptist Church, Seneca, effective December 2021.

Rev. Shaun Watkins resigned as pastor of **Maranatha** Baptist Church.

Staff Needs:

Bethel Church in Westminster, SC is searching for a part-time administrative assistant. This position requires skills with technology, record keeping, and receptionist duties. Assistant is expected to work 20 hours a week. If you are interested, please contact the church office at 864-972-3473.

Faith Baptist Church is seeking a pianist. Please contact Bob Castro for more information: 864-723-4911.

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

Seneca Baptist Church is accepting resumes for the position of full time Associate Pastor to Youth and Discipleship. The Associate Pastor to Youth and Discipleship will help our church family declare the gospel, disciple the believer, and deploy our youth and young adults. He will build relationships with middle school, high school, youth parents, and youth leaders so that each group hears the gospel and can build a strong Scriptural foundation to stand upon. This position will have an emphasis on equipping parents as the main disciplers of their children. He will work closely with Senior Pastor to develop a discipleship process that helps our church family grow consistently as disciples and leaders, across different life stages, while building partnerships between church, home, and the community.

Email resumes to
office@senecabaptist.org

<https://www.senecabaptist.org/associate-pastor-to-youth-and-discipleship/>

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.



The association sends Christian sympathy to the family of Rev. John Carlyle McKnight, who passed away on October 27, 2021.

Tribble Center

Currently 2nd & 3rd shift available. Experience helpful but not required. You will be trained to give support to people with developmental disabilities. Pay is \$12 or \$13 per hour. Excellent state fringe benefits package. 13 paid holidays. Liberal PTO. Great work environment.

Must have valid driver's license, social security card, high school diploma/GED and bring these with you to apply. Will be required to have a background check, physical, drug test and TB test. Tribble will pay for tests.

Apply in person at 116 South Cove Rd, Seneca. Contact Tommy Chewing at 885-6052 or tchewing@tribblecenter.com. Please let us know if you heard about us through the BBA newsletter.

Lottie Moon Week of Prayer and Christmas Offering

November 28- December 5

Beaverdam Baptist Association

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Date

- 1 – Lottie Moon Offering and International Missions
Week of Prayer (Nov 28 – Dec 5)
- 6 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 7 – Pastors' & Wives' Christmas Dinner, 6:30 PM
- 9 – Association Baptist Church Secretaries, BMC, Noon
- 13 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 20 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 22 – BMC Closed for Christmas (22-30)

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

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays:

- 5 – Perry Gardner, Hepsibah
- 9 – Don Bickers, retired
- 11 – Kevin Morrison, Pleasant Ridge
- 11 – Jimmy Thomas, retired
- 23 – James Dyar, Earle's Grove
- 23 – Stacey Griffis, Beaverdam
- 26 – Doran Womack, retired
- 27 – Joe Steele, Utica
- 30 – Josh Consalvo, Bethel

Staff Anniversaries:

- 4 – Alvin Burdette, Mt. Pleasant, 2005
- 20 – Rick Henderson, Holly Springs, 2020

Wedding Anniversaries:

- 11 – Scott & Tina Bedenbaugh, Mt. Tabor
- 12 – Joe & Jenn Steele, Utica
- 15 – Alan & Kelly Adams, Bethlehem
- 15 – Von & Gloria Reynolds, Reedy Fork
- 16 – Chris & Jennifer Moss, Corinth-W
- 23 – Rod & Andrea Lyda, Cross Roads – W
- 24 – Steve & Pam Black, retired
- 28 – Joe & Hazel Saunders, Little River
- 28 – Mark & Mitzi Tannery, Hopewell
- 30 – Stacey & Kelley Griffis, Beaverdam



For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall
be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor,
MIGHTY GOD,
Everlasting Father,
PRINCE OF PEACE.

- Isaiah 9:6