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# Happy Independence Day



## 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>

From The DOM,

The following is an excerpt from an article written by James Nugent, Director of Church Strategies Team at the SCBC.

“I was recently invited to worship and consult with a congregation that has dwindled down to about a dozen members in spite of meeting in a prime location with thousands of people passing by their worship center every day. They sang the hymns of old with a remnant ensemble, their interim delivered a stirring call to action for all remaining saints and even begged people to come to Jesus. Except for a couple grandchildren brought to church by loving senior saints longing to see their descendants respond in faith to the gospel, this congregation had no young families and no children... This, like many other congregations just like it, was at-risk of closing its doors and hoping that I would bring a solution that would restore their congregation to its former years of vitality when every pew was filled, and lives were frequently being transformed by the grace of God.

What would I tell the remnant of senior saints seated around me? Their weary eyes told the story of a carbon copy history being recorded in many of our Southern Baptist Churches all across our land. Congregations who experienced a dramatic rise in their worship attendance during the baby boom or when the church growth movement swept across our land, now face uncertain futures. These churches were the center of community life with 3 out of 4 families attending worship, revivals and other events. But somewhere along the way the focus of the church shifted from the Great Commission of “As you go, make disciples” to a great campaign to generate numbers, “As they come, make them members.” It wasn’t long before the mission was lost amidst a crowded calendar of activities within the church buildings, staff were hired to care for the membership and maintain the programs, budgets were allocated toward internal priorities, and evangelism and discipleship were sorely neglected -- all slowly choking out the life of the congregation. Then came a series of divisive business meetings, short pastoral tenures, unrepentant sin among members and any number of other things

resulting a prolonged death rattle that no expert could cure. This is the history of far too many of our Southern Baptist Churches.

What options would I share with these faithful few struggling to keep the doors of their church open? How can at-risk congregations be transformed from a remnant membership looking inward and backward to multiplication of disciples focusing outward and upward? What is the first step down a path of restoration for any at-risk church? Ask for help. Begin a conversation about the future of your church with your local Director of Missions.”

Here for you,

*David*

### **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 me at the Beaverdam Baptist Association, 864-882-7070.



## Church Contributions

	May 21	Jan-May 21
Beaverdam	172.02	1,015.73
Belmont	0.00	0.00
Bethel	227.00	1,174.20
Bethlehem	0.00	0.00
Calvary	77.44	394.29
Chauga	57.11	300.88
Cheohee	200.00	1,000.00
Clearmont	0.00	1,603.94
College Street	0.00	0.00
Coneross	75.00	375.00
Corinth - Seneca	0.00	0.00
Corinth - Westminster	0.00	1,000.00
Cross Roads - Seneca	144.50	675.18
Cross Roads - Westminster	100.00	500.00
Damascus	0.00	50.00
Davis Creek	0.00	0.00
Earle's Grove	897.00	5,824.57
Ebenezer	0.00	2,000.00
Faith	0.00	293.89
Fants Grove	462.36	803.85
Golden Corner	0.00	1,500.00
Heart Land	117.00	618.00
Hepsibah	780.34	3,901.70
Holly Springs	488.25	2,487.00
Hopewell	415.67	2,131.87
Iglesia Bautista Bethel	0.00	0.00
Little River	0.00	0.00
Long Creek	167.00	835.00
Lydia	0.00	1,275.59
Maranatha	110.82	522.09
Monte Vista	25.00	125.00
Mountain Rest	631.51	3,434.69
Mountain View	100.00	500.00
Mt. Freedom	0.00	300.00
Mt. Pleasant	0.00	666.64
Mt. Tabor	0.00	761.73
New Hope	347.00	1,905.00
Old Liberty	321.76	1,245.91
Open Door	0.00	500.00
Pleasant Grove	281.55	281.55
Pleasant Hill	100.00	500.00
Pleasant Ridge	500.00	2,500.00
Poplar Springs	657.30	2,876.23
Puerta Abierta	0.00	0.00
Reedy Fork	312.70	1,495.92
Retreat	0.00	0.00
Return	885.35	4,135.45
Rock Hill	0.00	0.00
Rocky Knoll	388.95	2,124.91
Salem	0.00	2,499.98
Scenic Heights	300.00	1,500.00
Seneca	1,503.00	6,584.13
Shiloh	0.00	0.00
Snow Creek	0.00	1,382.96
Souls Harbor	145.00	725.00
South Union	153.36	891.91
Utica	1,867.71	7,463.93
Walhalla	0.00	300.00
Welcome	268.53	735.78
West Union	0.00	0.00
Westminster	1,000.00	2,500.00
Westminster First	125.00	625.00
Wolf Stake	272.00	482.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,677.23</b>	<b>79,326.50</b>
Other Contributions		
The Well	1,000.00	
La Roca Oconee	125.00	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>15,802.23</b>	<b>80,451.50</b>

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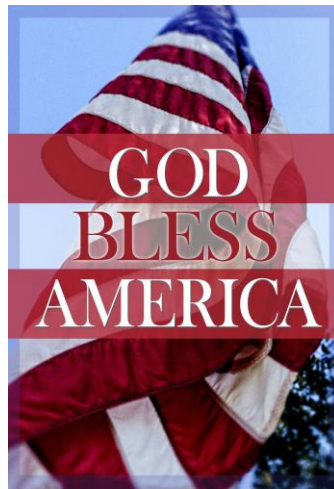
### Staff Changes:

**Seneca Baptist Church** has called Rev. Christopher Hulseay as associate pastor of worship and senior adults.

### 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.

**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.



### Friends of Internationals

Jon Varner, called to be a missionary of Christ Jesus, along with Alana my wife, to the Nations by the will of God, and the SBC.

To the churches of Beaverdam Baptist Association, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be His holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ – their Lord and ours:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in Him you have been enriched in every way.... Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed.

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ that you be perfectly united in mind and thought, and that you hear my requests:

1. I beg you to send out laborers into the harvest field of International Student Ministry. We expect an unusually large number of new International Students to arrive in Clemson this Summer and Fall. Friends of Internationals, LLC is asking the Lord to send out an army of loving host families from among you. Our goal is to provide one family that loves and follows Jesus Christ for each newly arriving International Student. You can learn more about what will be expected from each host family, as well as find the Arrival Support Volunteer signup Form here: <https://foiclemson.org/for-local-citizens>

2. I also ask that each church consider participating together in the Independence Day Offering for International Student Ministry – this is the Summer offering that directly supports the nonprofit ministry called Friends of Internationals, LLC. You can learn more and even make your donations here: <https://foiclemson.org/donate/ministry-support>

3. Finally, a few of your members will be called by God to be more involved in the direct support of our family (your missionaries to the Nations at Clemson). You can learn more about how to partner more personally with the Varner Family here: <https://foiclemson.org/donate/missionary-support>

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love to all of you in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Adapted from I Corinthians 1:1-10 and I Corinthians 16:23-24

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## Date

- 4 – Independence Day
- 5 – Office Closed
- 12 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 19 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 26 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM

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

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Birthdays:

- 1 – Mckensey Campbell, Westminster First
- 6 – Rick Henderson, Holly Springs
- 6 – Barry Jordan, Retreat
- 8 – Fred Astin, retired
- 15 – Jimmy Boggs, Ebenezer
- 29 – Ryan Perry, Seneca
- 31 – Bob Castro, Fants Grove

### Staff Anniversaries:

- 1 – Tony Brown, Salem First, 2019
- 4 – Mark Nelson, Old Liberty, 2010
- 7 – Gerald Towe, Ebenezer, 2019
- 14 – Ronnie Hodge, Golden Corner, 1997
- 17 – Heather Bryant, Westminster First, 2017
- 21 – Mckensey Campbell, Westminster First, 2013

### Wedding Anniversaries:

- 8 – Haskell & Mary Dill, Mountain View
- 8 – David & Kim Wald, West Union
- 15 – Jimmie & Marty Rholetter, Souls Harbor
- 16 – Jerry & Barbara Mize, retired
- 17 – Randy & Suzanne Koon, retired
- 18 – John & Tina Sorrells, Rocky Knoll
- 19 – Brian & Shannon Hopkins, Mt. Freedom
- 20 – James & Vera Gibson, retired
- 21 – Ryan & Andrea Goodroe, Utica
- 22 – Jeromy & Amanda Dean, Bethel
- 25 – Buddy & Mildred Byars, retired
- 26 – Shaun & Amanda Watkins, Maranatha
- 26 – Jeff & Tracy Whaley, Hopewell
- 27 – Jimmy & Martha Thomas, retired

