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Calvary Baptist Church  
Florence, SC

To register visit:  
<https://www.scbmaa.org/2021-annual-meeting>



Register for camp!



Camps available June-July  
<https://www.camplavida.org/>



Camps available June-August  
<http://www.campmccall.org/>

From The DOM,

My heart is overflowing with joy as I hear and witness firsthand all that God is doing in the Beaverdam Baptist Association! All of the praise, honor, and glory belongs to HIM! What a blessing to hear testimonies from pastors and church members praising God for His blessings!

**La Roca Oconee**, our new Hispanic church start, held their first service in the Beaverdam Baptist Association building on Sunday, April 11. What a blessing to see 60 people present for La Roca's very first worship service! We are so excited to see what God has in store for Pastor Edson Garcia and the precious people who attend La Roca Oconee! I would encourage the churches of the Beaverdam Baptist Association to contact Pastor Edson and see how your church or missions organization could partner with La Roca as they endeavor to reach people with the Good News of Jesus Christ! Words cannot describe what a blessing it is for a new church start to have sister churches come alongside them and offer prayer and financial support.

Several members of our Associational Church Revitalization Team recently attended a two-day training event (Replant Lab) in Atlanta, Georgia, sponsored by the North American Mission Board. Our team members spent two days being trained on how best to offer hope and encouragement to struggling, declining congregations. Congregations in decline do have several options in regards to their future; however, discerning the right option can be a challenge. As practitioners, our desire is to come alongside pastors and church leaders and have open and honest conversations. Those conversations will include talking about the past, the historical markers/highlights in the church's history, as well as about what the future looks like. When considering the best recommendation for churches, there seems to be three common pathways and each of these pathways also includes a myriad of other options such as partnerships, merging, and adoption that can be considered.

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.

Our Associational Church Revitalization Team would love to share further information with pastors and church leadership regarding these "Pathways for Restoring Hope" to the churches of this association. If you would like additional information or if your church would like to have a conversation with our team, we encourage you to please contact us. We stand ready and would love to begin the conversation with you and your church.

These are exciting days in the life of the Beaverdam Baptist Association. God is doing some amazing things all around Oconee County! God is equipping us as an association to better serve the needs of our churches and all of this allows us to bring HIM honor and glory!

David



## Church Contributions

	Mar 21	Jan-Mar 21
Beaverdam	195.61	606.69
Belmont	0.00	0.00
Bethel	206.00	720.00
Bethlehem	0.00	0.00
Calvary	75.80	236.20
Chauga	57.60	174.41
Cheohee	200.00	600.00
Clearmont	754.62	1,239.62
College Street	0.00	0.00
Coneross	75.00	225.00
Corinth - Seneca	0.00	0.00
Corinth - Westminster	0.00	500.00
Cross Roads - Seneca	108.38	330.68
Cross Roads - Westminster	100.00	300.00
Damascus	50.00	50.00
Davis Creek	0.00	0.00
Earle's Grove	1,019.00	3,553.57
Ebenezer	0.00	2,000.00
Faith	0.00	0.00
Fants Grove	0.00	341.49
Golden Corner	0.00	0.00
Heart Land	179.00	362.00
Hepsibah	780.34	2,341.02
Holly Springs	0.00	1,689.79
Hopewell	353.14	1,216.27
Iglesia Bautista Bethel	0.00	0.00
Little River	0.00	0.00
Long Creek	167.00	501.00
Lydia	0.00	1,275.59
Maranatha	130.90	290.79
Monte Vista	25.00	75.00
Mountain Rest	624.25	2,136.14
Mountain View	100.00	300.00
Mt. Freedom	300.00	300.00
Mt. Pleasant	0.00	333.32
Mt. Tabor	186.65	542.55
New Hope	311.00	1,190.00
Old Liberty	216.94	722.25
Open Door	125.00	375.00
Pleasant Grove	0.00	0.00
Pleasant Hill	100.00	300.00
Pleasant Ridge	500.00	1,500.00
Poplar Springs	524.11	1,567.63
Puerta Abierta	0.00	0.00
Reedy Fork	270.90	865.64
Retreat	0.00	0.00
Return	692.26	2,470.12
Rock Hill	0.00	0.00
Rocky Knoll	586.80	1,365.82
Salem	0.00	1,249.97
Scenic Heights	300.00	900.00
Seneca	1,535.00	3,806.00
Shiloh	0.00	0.00
Snow Creek	0.00	1,382.96
Souls Harbor	145.00	435.00
South Union	136.18	596.81
Utica	1,423.02	3,732.03
Walhalla	150.00	150.00
Welcome	151.25	293.25
West Union	0.00	0.00
Westminster	500.00	1,500.00
Westminster First	125.00	375.00
Wolf Stake	0.00	72.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,480.75</b>	<b>47,090.61</b>
Other Contributions		0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>13,480.75</b>	<b>47,090.61</b>

## Church News

### Staff Changes:

**Westminster First Baptist Church** has called Susan Buckley Cumbie as interim music director.

### Staff Needs:

**Earle's Grove Baptist Church**, is seeking a Music Director to lead choir and congregation in a Christ-centered blended style of traditional and contemporary music. Will oversee Children's and Youth Choir, as well as, Orchestra and incorporate them in worship service. Those feeling the leading of the Holy Spirit, please send resumes' to: Attention: Personnel Committee Earle's Grove Baptist Church, 398 Cedar Lane Road Westminster, SC 29693

**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.



**Heart Land Baptist Church** will be holding revival June 13 - 16.

Sunday 10:30 AM and 6:00 PM  
Monday-Wednesday 7:00 PM

Reverend Dr. Danny Parton will be preaching. Come and be blessed by a godly man who preaches the Word of God.

## Ministry Opportunities

### Partnership with Seneca Gardens

Church groups are welcomed to establish partnerships/ministries with residents of Seneca Gardens.

Ministry ideas include:

- Block parties
- Holiday events
- After-school programs
- Programs for the elderly

Ministries focusing on parents, particularly single mothers, and the elderly are especially encouraged.

For more information, please contact Marissa Ivester, Ambling community resource coordinator, for Seneca Gardens: 864-844-1444 / mivester@ambling.com

### Ride To Work Ministry

Ride To Work is a local ministry that provides Oconee residents with transportation to work.

BBA churches have been invited to partner with Ride To Work riders to provide a supportive Christian network to them.

"Many riders say they believe in God but do not currently go to church. Some have a past religious background; others do not have a relationship with God at all. Would your church be willing to adopt a rider who was interested in establishing a relationship with God and make them part of your church family?"

If you are interested in exploring ways of partnering with Ride To Work, please contact Steve Finger at sfinger@rtwministry.org.



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## Date

- 3 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 5 – GTN Articles Due
- 6 – National Day of Prayer
- 9 – Mother's Day
- 10 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 14 – SCBMAA Annual Meeting, Florence
- 17 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 24 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 31 – Memorial Day – Office Closed

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

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Birthdays:

- 2 – Bryson Whaley, Hopewell
- 5 – Mark Nelson, Old Liberty
- 5 – Steve Roberts, Pleasant Hill
- 20 – Mark Tannery, Hopewell
- 23 – Kelley Murphy, Pleasant Ridge
- 27 – Troy Nicholson, Pleasant Ridge
- 28 – Beverly Bowen, Corinth, Seneca
- 30 – Dillon Bolt, Return

### Staff Anniversaries:

- 1 – Ryan Perry, Seneca, 2016
- 4 – Ronnie Wald, Snow Creek, 1997
- 7 – Rod Lyda, Cross Roads, Westminster, 2006
- 7 – Jerry Lyles, Welcome, 1989
- 24 – Scott Lee, Return, 2020
- 26 – Greg Marcus, Long Creek, 2008

### Wedding Anniversaries:

- 2 – John & Eva Mae McKnight, retired
- 6 – Barry & Lexanna Jordan, Retreat
- 9 – Paul & Beverly Bowen, Corinth, Seneca
- 10 – Gerald & Karen Towe, Ebenezer
- 18 – Todd & Deana Grant, Corinth, Seneca
- 21 – Ryan & Elizabeth Perry, Seneca
- 21 – Tim & Michelle Sheriff, Poplar Springs
- 25 – Jimmy & Barbara Boggs, Ebenezer

## Church Bus for Sale

2004 Chevy Mid Bus. 24 passenger, 33,000 miles, good condition. Asking \$5,000, but willing to negotiate. For additional information, please contact Bethel Baptist Church at 864-972-3473.

## Would you like to learn Biblical Greek?

Classes will be offered at Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church in Walhalla.

Teacher: Troy Nicholson

Classes will be held weekly for 6 weeks with a 2-3 week break between sessions to keep it from being too overwhelming.

Your only cost will be for your textbook and workbook.

If you are interested, send an e-mail to [troy@mypleasantridge.com](mailto:troy@mypleasantridge.com)

We would like to start the first or second week of May, so please respond ASAP.