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Women's Missionary Union Spring Meeting

April 25 at 6:00 PM

College Street Baptist Church
401 South College St, Walhalla

Missionary Speaker: Jon Varner

Refreshments will be provided following
the meeting.

Heart4Schools Training

April 21 at 11:00 am - 12:00 /noon
Followed by lunch

Beaverdam Mission Center
215 N Townville St, Seneca

- Understanding student and teacher needs
- Serving with intentionality and purpose
- Getting started (or starting over)
- Serving creatively during the pandemic

Contact BBA to register: 882-7070 /
bbaemily@bellsouth.net

From the DOM,

In early March, while finishing up preparation for a deacon training that I was providing for one of our association churches, I sat back in my chair and thanked God for the opportunities that I have to walk alongside the churches of the Beaverdam Baptist Association. I truly love what God allows me to do each day! I am so thankful that for the past twelve years God has allowed me the privilege and honor of serving as your Director of Missions/Associational Missions Strategist. Twelve years ago, I remember sitting in the DOM's office in the old association building wondering: "Have I made a mistake leaving the pastoral ministry to become a director of missions?" Twelve years later, I can honestly say that I love what I get to do each day and I thank God for leading me to this place of ministry.

This past month I was blessed to speak at Lydia Baptist Church in Newry. That particular morning, I witnessed a precious group of people approve with a 100% vote to accept the recommendation before them regarding their church's revitalization process. With joy, excitement, and unity, they voted unanimously to enter into the next phase of their revitalization journey.

That same Sunday afternoon I met with a search committee from another church as they begin the process of seeking God's man for the church. These folks have such a desire to make sure that they find the man that **God** has to lead their church. I'm praying for them as they are "on their way to Jesse's house."

The following evening a pastor search committee from another BBA church met in our conference center with a prospective pastor. It has been a joy watching these precious folks over the past few months pray and seek God's direction and guidance as they look for their next pastor. They are already at "Jesse's house."

The next day, I was invited to another of our churches to share a meal and discuss with their deacons the role of a Biblical deacon. I love those conversations. I love that they have a desire to know what God's Word says about the ministry of a deacon. As I left that meeting,

I quickly realized that I was the one that received the blessing from attending that particular meeting. Those men had such sweet spirits and a burning desire to faithfully and scripturally fill their role as they serve their church. I love this because far too often - while we claim to be people of the book - we are really far more **traditional** than we are **scriptural** when it comes to how we operate. Just saying!

Later, I was honored and appreciated the opportunity to meet with the pastor search committee from the church where I was licensed and ordained to encourage and assist them as they begin the journey of finding their next pastor.

My purpose in sharing these opportunities with you is not to say "Look at what I've done" but to say "thank you" to the pastors and churches of this association for the opportunities to serve alongside you! I love assisting pastor search committees, meeting with deacons to talk about Biblical deaconship, and meeting with pastors to offer words of encouragement as they so faithfully serve the churches of our association.

I love where God is leading us as an association. I realize that associational work has changed over the years from being a primary resource to being relevant, beneficial, and missional. I love that the Beaverdam Baptist Association has been blessed with opportunities to walk alongside our churches and pastors as we try to impact Oconee County together! Again, thank you for the privilege and honor of serving the churches of this great association!

Enjoying the Journey,

David

Mark your calendars:

- ❖ Fall Senior Adult Celebration with Dr. Dennis Swanberg - October 11
- ❖ Evening of Encouragement for pastors, ministerial staff, and spouses featuring Dr. Dennis Swanberg - October 11
- ❖ Holy Land Tour - October 18-27

Church Contributions

	Feb 22	Jan-Feb 22
Beaverdam	194.11	328.36
Belmont	0.00	0.00
Bethel	221.61	372.61
Bethlehem	0.00	0.00
Calvary	0.00	55.01
Chauga	64.68	110.91
Cheohee	200.00	400.00
Clearmont	233.00	233.00
College Street	0.00	934.24
Coneross	75.00	150.00
Corinth - Seneca	0.00	0.00
Corinth - Westminster	0.00	0.00
Christ Fellowship*	0.00	0.00
Cross Roads - Seneca	162.00	295.74
Cross Roads - Westminster	100.00	200.00
Damascus	0.00	0.00
Davis Creek	0.00	0.00
Earle's Grove	1,301.20	3,461.33
Ebenezer	810.18	810.18
Faith	0.00	272.68
Fants Grove	321.50	321.50
Golden Corner	0.00	0.00
Heart Land	83.00	202.00
Hepsibah	780.34	1,560.68
Holly Springs	293.95	522.85
Hopewell	594.28	1,072.22
Iglesia Bautista Bethel	0.00	0.00
Little River	0.00	0.00
Long Creek	167.00	334.00
Lydia	0.00	1,041.42
Maranatha	79.49	146.53
Monte Vista	25.00	50.00
Mountain Rest	812.11	1,629.49
Mountain View	100.00	200.00
Mt. Freedom	0.00	0.00
Mt. Pleasant	0.00	0.00
Mt. Tabor	235.73	469.98
New Hope	400.00	1,084.00
Old Liberty	0.00	0.00
Open Door	250.00	500.00
Pleasant Grove	0.00	0.00
Pleasant Hill	100.00	200.00
Pleasant Ridge	0.00	0.00
Poplar Springs	546.38	1,092.76
Puerta Abierta	0.00	0.00
Reedy Fork	265.91	574.97
Retreat	0.00	0.00
Return	802.45	1,463.80
Rock Hill	0.00	0.00
Rocky Knoll	441.37	1,063.13
Salem	0.00	1,249.97
Scenic Heights	300.00	600.00
Seneca	927.00	2,195.00
Shiloh	0.00	0.00
Snow Creek	0.00	1,382.96
Souls Harbor	145.00	290.00
South Union	130.74	256.52
Utica	1,046.25	4,233.31
Walhalla	150.00	150.00
Welcome	116.00	402.00
West Union	0.00	0.00
Westminster	500.00	1,000.00
Westminster First	200.00	400.00
Wolf Stake	140.00	140.00
Total	13,315.28	33,453.15
Other Contributions		
La Roca	50.00	150.00
Total Income	13,365.28	33,603.15
*Watch care		

Church News

Staff Changes:

Rev. Ken Reid has been elected pastor of **Lydia** Baptist Church. He has served as interim since 2020.

Staff Needs:

East Side Baptist Church, Liberty, is looking for a part-time worship leader. We are a church trying to create a convergent worship service, incorporating music of all types and times. If interested, email charlondennis@gmail.com.

Maranatha Baptist Church is looking for a part time Worship Leader. We are interested in a blend of music with a mix between traditional and contemporary. As a church body we would love to pour into your ministry as you bless us through worship. For more information contact maranathabaptistsc@gmail.com.

Breakfast and Prayer Meeting Group

Return Baptist Church has started a men's Wednesday prayer breakfast group.

- ❖ 7:00 am, breakfast at Powell's Farm Café
- ❖ 8:00 am, prayer time at Return

If only interested in the church prayer time, please come. Consider joining us to offer up our prayers with a fellowship of believers.

For more information, please contact Blease Harper 864-784 5555 / bhharper58@gmail.com

Administrative Professionals' Day

April 27



Springs for Jesus

April 2

11:00 am - 2:30 pm

Bring a lawn chair and come enjoy fun for the whole family at **Sandy Springs Free Community Event** at Sandy Springs Park located at 1116 Watkins Rd, Anderson.

Free for everyone: *Bouncy houses, crafts, games, face painting, fire trucks, car show, egg hunt, music, and food.*

In the event of rain, Springs for Jesus will be moved to April 9.

For more information contact Michael Bratcher 864-617-9528 / michaelbratcher59@gmail.com

Disaster Relief Training

April 2

Training will be hosted at Lakeview Baptist Church - 202 Lakeview Blvd, Hartsville, SC

3 Crosses

April 15

6:30 pm

Hosted by Crossroads Baptist Church - Westminster

Come and join us on the corner of East Main St. and Retreat St. in Westminster. Bring your lawn chairs for a theatrical presentation and sermon of each cross and the person on each.

Free hot dog dinner starting at 5:15 until we run out.

Tents will be set up and restrooms available.

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- 2 – Disaster Relief Training, Lakeview Baptist Church, Hartsville
- 4 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 11 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 17 – Easter
- 18 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 25 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 25 – WMU Spring Meeting, College Street, 6:00 PM
- 27 – Administrative Professionals' Day

BMC = Beaverdam Mission Center

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays:

- 7 – Steve Black, retired
- 7 – Tony Grant, retired
- 9 – Calvin King, retired
- 14 – John McKnight, Hepsibah
- 15 – Matthew Crain, Chauga
- 18 – John Sorrells, Rocky Knoll
- 18 – Gerald Towe, Ebenezer
- 25 – Randy Koon, retired
- 26 – Chris Moss, Corinth-Westminster
- 30 – John Compton, retired

Staff Anniversaries:

- 7 – Jeremy Garrett, Open Door, 2013
- 13 – Stacey Griffis, Beaverdam, 2014
- 16 – Lauren Beddingfield, College Street, 2014
- 29 – Scott Bedenbaugh, Mt. Tabor, 2007

Wedding Anniversaries:

- 2 – Perry and Michelle Gardner, Hepsibah
- 5 – Steve and Beth Roberts, Pleasant Hill
- 24 – Tim and Staci Tate, Corinth-Seneca
- 25 – Kenneth and Nancy Hood, Walhalla First

Help for Ukraine through Send Relief

Send Relief, a partnership with the IMB and NAMB, has set up aid for the crisis in Ukraine. Visit www.sendrelief.org to give online or send checks to:

Send Relief,
PO Box 117246
Atlanta, GA 30368
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