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Men's Ministry Fellowship

May 3 at Return Baptist Church

733 Return Church Rd, Seneca

Speaker: Scott Lee

Meal served at 6:00 PM; service will begin following the meal.

Menu: Tacos

Bring canned goods for food pantry | \$5.00 donation at the door



**Happy
Mother's Day!**

May 8, 2022

**South Carolina Baptist Ministry
Assistants Association**

Annual Meeting

May 13

at

Lexington Baptist Church

\$50 / person

For more information, visit scbmaa.org.

From the DOM,

I want to thank each of you for the honor and privilege of serving as the Director of Missions/Associational Missions Strategist for the Beaverdam Baptist Association. I honestly love what God allows me to do each day! I love being an Onesiphorus (A man who greatly encouraged the Apostle Paul) to pastors and I love being available to consult and assist churches with whatever it is that they're dealing with.

I am so excited about our association now offering pastors in depth leadership training through our monthly Pastors Cohort sessions. I am equally excited that in May we'll be starting NextSteps, a step-by-step plan to assist ministers to fulfill God's call in the role and location He has placed you as a pastor. Randy Keasler will be leading our NextSteps program.

I am thrilled that the Beaverdam Baptist Association can now come alongside churches and walk with them through the church revitalization process. Thus far, we have two churches that are in the process and we hope that others will follow suit in the days ahead. If your church would like to learn more about the revitalization process, I'd love to come and share details with you about it.

As we have shared on a regular basis over the past couple of years, the Beaverdam Baptist Association is blessed to be able to offer licensed, certified Christian counseling through Fortitude Counseling Services in Seneca. While we have been overwhelmed at the number of Pastoral referrals (98 as of this writing) it only validates to us the tremendous need for this critically important ministry. Our association's partnership with Fortitude Counseling Services provides Christian counseling to those being referred at a greatly reduced rate. This ministry does however present a tremendous challenge to the association financially and for us to continue our partnership with Fortitude will be dependent upon the generous financial support of our churches.

I share all of this to let you know that your association is alive and well and striving daily to walk alongside our churches as we together make a difference in Oconee County. I also share this information with you asking for your continued support and participation in the association. With that thought in mind, I recently ran across something written by Pastor Mark Dance titled "Five Ways Local Associations Help Pastors".

"For almost three decades, I've had the benefit of having an associational leader whose primary job was to help me succeed in pastoring. In Southern Baptist Convention circles, this role has traditionally been called director of missions (DOM).

I want to suggest five primary ways associations help pastors and churches.

1. Succession Planning

Associational Missions Strategists are in a unique position to help churches transition well between pastors. Key lay leaders often know and trust the AMS/DOM because they live in the same community.

When a smaller church loses its pastor, the AMS and local associations provide stability and wisdom to key lay leaders. Pastor search committees and deacons in particular often see their AMS as a go-to person for coaching.

2. Church Revitalization and Replanting

It's no secret most churches are dead or dying. Associational leaders are constantly called on to arbitrate conflicts. They also influence historic directional decisions by being present at key church meetings.

Long before I heard the term "replant," I replanted a church in 1991. My DOM/AMS Dr. John Parrott played a key role in helping that church—which had only eight people left—move out of survival mode. In January, we'll stand together with that church to celebrate their 25th anniversary!

3. Leadership Development and Training

Since the Baptist association is the denominational entity closest to the local church, they often get to help plan and promote training opportunities for teachers, deacons, pastors, and age-appropriate leaders. Most training of this caliber would be out of reach for the normal sized church or bi-vocational pastor.

4. Evangelism and Missions Initiatives

Eighty percent of church leaders perceive their association to be a strategic partner in helping local churches fulfill the Great Commission. These leaders have high expectations that associations will be strategic partners for helping churches engage lostness within local mission fields.

I've personally partnered with my associations to start a disaster relief unit, saturate neighborhoods with the gospel, and host block parties. I know from firsthand experience that new church plants get a much better start if their associations are behind them.

5. Pastoral Care

Ministry to pastors is perhaps the most important component of associational work. Expectations will differ between urban and rural associations, but the one constant is that every pastor needs to be pastored."

Enjoying The Journey,

David

Church Contributions

	Mar 22	Jan-Mar 22
Beaverdam	167.32	495.68
Belmont	0.00	0.00
Bethel	0.00	372.61
Bethlehem	0.00	0.00
Calvary	64.34	119.35
Chauga	54.19	165.10
Cheohee	200.00	600.00
Clearmont	0.00	233.00
College Street	0.00	934.24
Coneross	75.00	225.00
Corinth - Seneca	0.00	0.00
Corinth - Westminster	500.00	500.00
Christ Fellowship*	0.00	0.00
Cross Roads - Seneca	125.34	421.08
Cross Roads - Westminster	100.00	300.00
Damascus	0.00	0.00
Davis Creek	0.00	0.00
Earle's Grove	863.48	4,324.81
Ebenezer	731.76	1,541.94
Faith	0.00	272.68
Fants Grove	0.00	321.50
Golden Corner	1,500.00	1,500.00
Heart Land	125.00	327.00
Hepsibah	780.34	2,341.02
Holly Springs	560.47	1,083.32
Hopewell	677.33	1,749.55
Iglesia Bautista Bethel	0.00	0.00
Little River	0.00	0.00
Long Creek	167.00	501.00
Lydia	0.00	1,041.42
Maranatha	85.68	232.21
Monte Vista	25.00	75.00
Mountain Rest	963.01	2,592.50
Mountain View	100.00	300.00
Mt. Freedom	500.00	500.00
Mt. Pleasant	624.99	624.99
Mt. Tabor	228.17	698.15
New Hope	394.00	1,478.00
Old Liberty	617.51	617.51
Open Door	0.00	500.00
Pleasant Grove	0.00	0.00
Pleasant Hill	100.00	300.00
Pleasant Ridge	0.00	0.00
Poplar Springs	492.14	1,584.90
Puerta Abierta	0.00	0.00
Reedy Fork	288.42	863.39
Retreat	0.00	0.00
Return	843.81	2,307.61
Rock Hill	0.00	0.00
Rocky Knoll	432.88	1,496.01
Salem	1,250.01	2,499.98
Scenic Heights	300.00	900.00
Seneca	1,153.00	3,348.00
Shiloh	0.00	0.00
Snow Creek	0.00	1,382.96
Souls Harbor	145.00	435.00
South Union	117.36	373.88
Utica	1,203.47	5,436.78
Walhalla	0.00	150.00
Welcome	193.22	595.22
West Union	0.00	0.00
Westminster	500.00	1,500.00
Westminster First	200.00	600.00
Wolf Stake	0.00	140.00
Total	17,449.24	50,902.39
Other Contributions		
La Roca		150.00
The Well	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total Income	18,449.24	52,052.39
*Watch care		

Church News

Staff Changes:

College Street Baptist Church of Walhalla is pleased to announce the calling of Tim Moon as the new Minister of Music & Worship as of April 27th. Tim is coming to us from Cedar Grove Baptist in Belton, SC after 18 years of service there. He and his wife Marie have been married for 31 years and have 3 sons; Evan (26), Isaiah (21), and Eli (16). Tim and Marie completed their undergrad from Charleston Southern and Lander Universities. Marie completed a Masters of Ed. Tech from Boise State and Tim completed a Masters of Ministry from Anderson University. They are South Carolina natives and proud Clemson fans

Staff Needs:

Crossroads Baptist Church is seeking a pastor led by the Holy Spirit who teaches/preaches God's word. Crossroads church was founded in 1889 and is located in a growing community of beautiful Oconee County in upstate South Carolina. We are a loving, unified congregation hungry for both spiritual growth and revitalization. Both full time and bi-vocational applications will be considered. This man of God must have a passion for lost souls and serving the needs of the congregation and surrounding community. All interested applicants please send your resume to: Attention: Pastor Search Committee Crossroads Baptist Church 215 Cross Roads Drive Seneca, SC 29678.

Scenic Heights Baptist Church, West Union, SC, is seeking a full-time Pastor who is dedicated to preaching the Word of God without compromise. The Pastor must be able to minister to all members and have a desire to see souls saved and the Church grow for God's glory. For additional information, you may email: billytheham66@gmail.com (Billy Hamilton) or call 843.749.5682.

WMU Giving Back to the Community



This year the association WMU designated their annual brunch's offering to Starlight Program at Tamassee DAR School. A total of \$531.00 was presented to B.J. Upchurch and Martha Dyar (pictured above) for the program.

Starlight Recovery is a program for women, along with their children, to live at the Tamassee DAR campus. The program involves counseling, recovery services, and job and life skills training. Visit starlight.tdarschool.org to learn more.



The association sends Christian sympathy to the family of Dr. James Ray Allen. Dr. Allen served in ministry for 65 years, including pastorates at Scenic Heights and Reedy Fork.

Save the Date

- **October 11** – Senior Adult Celebration
- **October 11** – Evening of Encouragement
- **October 18-27** – Holy Land Tour

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- 2 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 5 – National Day of Prayer
- 8 – Mother's Day
- 9 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 12 – Pastors Cohort, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 13 – SCBMAA Annual Meeting, Lexington Baptist Church
- 16 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 23 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 30 – Memorial Day – Office Closed
- 31 – Next Steps, BMC, 10:00 AM

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

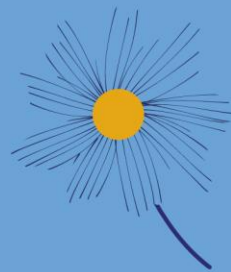
Staff Anniversaries:

- 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:

- 6 – Barry and Lexanna Jordan, Retreat
- 9 – Paul and Beverly Bowan, Corinth, Seneca
- 10 – Gerald and Karen Towe, Ebenezer
- 18 – Todd and Deana Grant, Corinth, Seneca
- 21 – Ryan and Liz Perry, Seneca
- 21 – Tim and Michelle Sheriff, Poplar Springs
- 25 – Jimmy and Barbara Boggs, Ebenezer

Registration for Camp La
Vida and Camp McCall is
now available.



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campmccall.org