

Golden Triangle News

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Vacation Bible Schools and Day Camps

Beaverdam Agape Learning Center: Weekly summer camps available June 6 through July 29; 7:00 am – 6:00 pm; ages 5-12 yrs.: \$100 per week, \$90 for additional children in a family

Bethel "Monumental-Celebrating God's Greatness" June 27-July 1; 6:00 pm-8:30 pm; ages 3 yrs.-adult; Adult class begins at 6:30; classes for ages 3-5 yrs. will be limited to 12 students; registration available online at lovingbethel.com

College Street "Spark Studios" June 12-16; 6:00 pm – 8:40 pm; ages 3 yrs. -completed 6th grade (must be 4 yrs. to ride the bus); online registration only

Earle's Grove "Spark" July 10-13; 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm; meals included

Ebenezer "Discovery on Adventure Island" June 13-17; 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm; pre-K – 6th grade; pre-register at lovingebenezer.com

Hepsibah "Make Waves" June 20-23; 5k – 6th grade; 6:25 pm – 8:05 pm

Mt. Freedom "Jesus is My Superhero: Luke 19:10" June 25; 11:00 am – 3:30 pm; all ages welcomed

Mt. Pleasant "Demolition Days: Build it Better with Jesus" June 9-10 at 6:00 pm and June 11 at 9:00 am; 3yrs. – 8th grade

New Hope "Zoomerang: Answers in Genesis" June 13-17; 9:00 am – Noon

Open Door "Hayday" July 10-13; 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm; free dinner at 5:30 pm; ages 3 yrs.-5 yrs. with an adult, 1st grade and up with a signed permission slip

Pleasant Ridge "Rocky Railway: Jesus Pulls us Through" June 6-9; 6:00 pm – 8:15 pm; K4- 5th grade

Poplar Springs "Zoomerang" June 20-24; 6:00 pm; nursery – adult

Return "Farms: Sowing Seeds of Truth" June 6-9; 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm; family night June 10 at 6:30 pm; infant-adults; registration available online at returnbaptistchurch.org

Rocky Knoll Sports Camp June 20th - June 23rd, 9amnoon, K5-5th grade;

Vacation Bible School June 20th - June 23rd, 5:30pm-8:30pm; 3yrs.-5th grade

Basketball Camp June 25, 10:30am-1:30pm, 2nd grade-8th grade

Pre-Registration for all activities is on the web: Children's Homepage 2022 Activities Registration

Rocky Knoll **INVITES ALL CHURCHES** to come along side us for all or any children's event listed above. If you have any questions concerning the Invite email Pastor John Sorrells at jsorrells418@gmail.com or call at 803-983-6603.

Seneca "Kids Camp" July 11-14; 9:00 am – 12:00 pm; completed K-5th grade, register by July 10

Westminster "Monumental: Celebrating God's Greatness" June 20-23; 4 yrs. – 5th grade; 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Westminster First "Zoomerang: Sanctity of Life" July 17-21; 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm; 4 yrs. – 5th grade

From the DOM,

A few years ago, through MissionInsite, I generated a demographic report focusing upon Oconee County. It was quite interesting to see the statistics and information from that report regarding our Jerusalem. Below I've provided a sampling of the updated data (2021) regarding Oconee County. All data listed below came from the following sources: US Census Bureau, Synergos Technologies Inc., Experian, and MissionInsite.

Demographic Data:

Population 2021 - 80,809
Population Projection 2031 - 89,704
Female - 41,359 (51.18%)
Male - 39,450 (48.82%)
Average Age - 43.61
0-4 Years Old - 3%
5-17 Years Old - 14%
18-24 Years Old - 10%
25-34 Years Old - 12%
35-54 Years Old - 23%
55-64 Years Old - 14%
65 & Over - 25%

School Age Populations:

Early Elem (5 to 9) – 4219 Late Elem-Mid (10 to 14) – 4411 High School (15 to 17) – 2719

Marital Status 15+:

Never Married – 16,530 Married – 35,608 Divorced – 8945 Separated – 2004 Widowed – 4981

Average Household Income - \$74,390

Ethnicity:

Asian – 534 (0.66%) African-American – 5749 (7.11%) White – 69,024 (85.42%) Hispanic – 3848 (4.76%) Pac Is/Am Ind/Other – 1654 (2.05%)

Employment:

Employed 16+ - 34,588 (51.46%) Not In Labor Force - 31,245 (46.49%)

Beliefs About God (%)

I believe that God created a literal heaven and hell:

37.4 Disagree 28.8 Have No Opinion 33.8 Agree

I believe that there are many gods:

53.4 Disagree 30.1 No Opinion 16.6 Agree

I do not believe a god exists:

58.3 Disagree 23.3 No Opinion 18.5 Agree

I have a relationship with one living God:

26.6 Disagree 25% No Opinion 48.4% Agree

I'm unsure/undecided about whether a god exists:

59.5 Disagree 19.7 No Opinion 20.9 Agree

Beliefs About Jesus

Belief in Jesus does not require participation in church:

11.9 Disagree 24.2 No Opinion 64.0 Agree

Jesus actually rose from the dead as the Bible teaches.

25.1 Disagree 30.9 No Opinion 44.0 Agree

I have a personal relationship with Jesus.

33.6 Disagree 26.1 No Opinion 40.2 Agree

Jesus is the only way for salvation.

34.5 Disagree 30.3 No Opinion 35.3 Agree

lesus was the long-awaited lewish Messiah.

18.2 Disagree 47.2 No Opinion 34.6 Agree

Oconee County Religious Preferences

31.6% - None/No Religious Preference

18.1% - Catholic

9.8% - non-Denominational 5.9% - Presbyterian/Reformed

5.0% - Lutheran

4.5% - Methodist

3.4% – Baptist

3.0% - Mormon

1.2% - Pentecostal/Charismatic

0.5% - Jehovah's Witness

0.4% - Wiccan

0.3% - Muslim/Islam

If you would like a copy of the complete 71-page report, please let me know and I would be glad to provide that for you.

Enjoying The Journey, David

Church Contributions

	Apr 22	Jan-Apr 22
Beaverdam	184.25	679.93
Belmont	0.00	0.00
Bethel	216.43	589.04
Bethlehem	0.00	0.00
Calvary	91.84	211.19
Chauga	80.30	245.40
Cheohee	200.00	800.00
Clearmont	250.00	483.00
College Street	0.00	934.24
Coneross	75.00	300.00
Corinth - Seneca	0.00	0.00
Corinth - Westminster	0.00	500.00
Christ Fellowship*	0.00	0.00
Cross Roads - Seneca	228.26	649.34
Cross Roads - Westmins	ter 100.00	400.00
Damascus	50.00	50.00
Davis Creek	0.00	0.00
Earle's Grove	1,035.12	5,359.93
Ebenezer	1,678.31	3,220.25
Faith	201.64	474.32
Fants Grove	0.00	321.50
Golden Corner	1,500.00	3,000.00
Heart Land	3,156.00	3,483.00
Hepsibah	780.34	3,121.36
Holly Springs	343.10	1,426.42
Hopewell	553.20	2,302.75
Iglesia Bautista Bethel	0.00	0.00
Little River	0.00	0.00
Long Creek		
_	167.00	668.00
Lydia	1,320.35	2,361.77
Maranatha	77.13	309.34
Monte Vista	25.00	100.00
Mountain Rest	877.42	3,469.92
Mountain View	100.00	400.00
Mt. Freedom	0.00	500.00
Mt. Pleasant	0.00	624.99
Mt. Tabor	220.94	919.09
New Hope	444.00	1,922.00
Old Liberty	140.82	758.33
Open Door	250.00	750.00
Pleasant Grove	0.00	0.00
Pleasant Hill	100.00	400.00
Pleasant Ridge	0.00	0.00
Poplar Springs	569.70	2,154.60
Puerta Abierta	0.00	0.00
Reedy Fork	264.48	1,127.87
Retreat	0.00	0.00
Return	766.33	3,073.94
Rock Hill	0.00	0.00
Rocky Knoll	377.33	1,873.34
Salem	0.00	2,499.98
Scenic Heights	300.00	1,200.00
Seneca	1,155.00	4,903.00
Shiloh	0.00	0.00
Snow Creek	0.00	1,382.96
Souls Harbor	145.00	580.00
South Union		
Utica	255.06	628.94 6,932.77
Walhalla	1,495.99 150.00	*
		300.00
Welcome	154.22	749.22
West Union	0.00	0.00
Westminster	500.00	2,000.00
Westminster First	200.00	800.00
Wolf Stake	0.00	140.00
Total	21,179.56	72,081.95
Other Contributions		
La Roca	50.00	200.00
The Well		1,000.00
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Total Income	21,229.56	73,281.95
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Church News

Staff Changes:

Dr. Louis Venable, Jr. has been called as pastor of **Cheohee** Baptist Church.

College Street Baptist Church has called Rev. Jeremy Beauford as senior pastor.

Westminster Baptist has called Dave Chambers as family ministry pastor.

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.

Little River Baptist Church in Salem, SC is seeking a bi-vocational pastor who is dedicated to preaching the Word of God without compromise. The Pastor must have a desire to see the Church grow for God's glory. All interested applicants please send your resume to: Little River Baptist Church C/O Eva McGowan, 341 Cherokee Lake Rd., Tamassee, SC 29686.

Scenic Heights Baptist Church, West Union, SC, is seeking a fulltime 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.

Seneca Baptist Church is seeking a part-time (20hr) Ministry Assistant. The role of this person is to be a kind voice and presence to those who call or come into the office, to help with online and material publications, to be the liaison between the needs of our church family, ministries, and staff, and to maintain the calendar of the church. The hours will be 8 am-1 pm, Monday-Thursday. For more information or to send a resume, please email office@senecabaptist.org

Rocky Knoll Baptist Church, Walhalla, SC—in one of South Carolina's fastest growing counties, Oconee County, is seeking a full-time worship leader and children's minister. The main role would be planning and leading worship in a blended service and developing and leading our children's ministry.

Competitive Salary. For inquiries, contact Pastor John Sorrells. Jsorrells418@gmail.com (Office) 864-638-5713 (Cell) 803-983-6603

Happy Father's Day!

June 19, 2022

Fortitude Counseling Ministry Update

Number of Pastor Referrals 1	01
Total Clients Seen	69
Average Sessions Per	
Referral	10
Total Number of Sessions	
(2020-2022)	710
Total Cost To BBA	
(2020-2022)\$65.24	1.59

Thank you to the churches of the Beaverdam Baptist Association for your continued financial support of the association. It is because of your generous giving to the association that we are able to provide this critically important ministry.

Beaverdam Baptist Association

Staff

David Shirley, Director of Missions,

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Emily Anderson, Ministry Assistant,

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Jackie Spearman, Custodian

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Phone: (864) 882-7070

Website: <u>www.beaverdamassoc.com</u>



June

- 6 Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 9 Pastors' Cohort, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 12 WMU Annual Meeting, Anaheim, CA (SBC)
- 13 Pastors Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 14 SBC Annual Meeting, Anaheim, CA (14-15)
- 16 ABCS, BMC, 12:00 pm
- 19 Father's Day
- 20 Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 27 Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 28 Next Steps, BMC, 10:00 AM

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays:

- 5 Crawford Keese, retired
- 11 Tony Brown, Salem First
- 15 Jeff Whaley, Hopewell
- 23 Travis Brian, Utica
- 27 Carlos Hatcher, retired
- 29 Glenn Kelly, retired

Staff Anniversaries:

- 1 Christopher Hulsey, Seneca, 2021
- 1 Tony Qualkinbush, Clearmont, 2021
- 1 Tim Tate, Corinth, Seneca, 2011
- 2 Kevin Morrison, Pleasant Ridge, 2013
- 4 Rolando Garcia, Iglesia Bautista Bethel, 2000
- 7 Von Reynolds, Reedy Fork, 2015
- 16 Alan Adams, Bethlehem, 2019
- 17 Steve Roberts, Pleasant Hill, 1990

Wedding Anniversaries:

- 5 Ray & Vanessa Conway, retired
- 8 Matthew & Tonya Crain, Chauga
- 9 Alvin & Kathy Burdette, Mt. Pleasant
- 9 David & Kathy Shirley, BBA
- 10 Mckensey & Sandra Campbell, Westminster First
- 10 Rick & Billie Henderson, Holly Springs
- 12 Bobby & Allison Holcombe, Return
- 18 Mark & Natalie Nelson, Old Liberty
- 20 John & Anne Compton, retired
- 23 Randy & Faye Keasler, retired
- 24 Dillon & Katie Bolt, Return 29 – Tim & Susan Rackley, Mt. Pleasant
- 30 Glenn & Joyce Kelly, retired

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New Hope Baptist Church has choir music, accompanying CDs, and robes available for churches to have. If interested, please contact Elaine Ward at 864-723-3604

Association Baptist Church Secretaries

Thursday, June 16 at 12:00 pm

Beaverdam Mission Center

Annual Salad Lunch

and a session on Distinctive Discipleship

Bring your favorite salad to share with the group. Dessert and drinks provided.

Sign up by Tuesday, June 14 bbaemily@bellsouth.net / 882-7070