



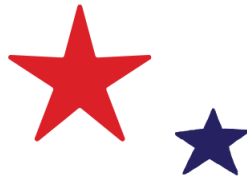
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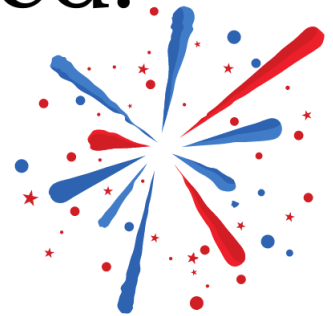
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"So if the Son sets you free,
you will be free indeed."



John 8:36



From the DOM,

Let me begin by asking you a tough question. What's more important to your church, making disciples or making good church members? We all know that the Lord Jesus Christ told His followers in Matthew 28 that we are to make disciples, but sadly, it seems that many churches today have gotten away from making disciples and are more concerned with making good church members. In fact, Robby Gallaty in his book *Rediscovering Discipleship* says that: "Many church leaders today easily fall into the trap of gauging success in the church by the ABCs of growth: Attendance, Buildings and Cash. There is a serious problem with this scorecard, namely, that Jesus never gauged effectiveness by these criteria." Jesus focused on developing mature, faithful disciples who understood the call to go reproduce themselves.

How do we make disciples? Jesus disciplined twelve men who would later change the world through a four-step process.

1. **Jesus ministered and the disciples watched.**

Jesus taught and the disciples observed, listened and learned. Jesus healed the sick and cleansed the leper, the disciples were there to watch Him.

2. **Jesus ministered and the disciples assisted.**

When Jesus fed the multitude, He broke the bread and performed the miracle, but the disciples distributed the meal and collected the leftovers (John 6:1-13).

3. **The disciples ministered and Jesus assisted.**

After His transfiguration Jesus came down the mountain and found His disciples trying to cast a demon out of a man's son. They were failing miserably. The boy's father turned to Jesus and asked Him to intervene. Jesus stepped in and cast the demon out making the boy well.

4. **The disciples ministered and Jesus watched.**

Jesus sent them out with instructions to go into the world and preach the gospel. When they came back, they said, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" (Luke 10:17).

As Gallaty says,

Over the years our understanding of discipleship has changed - and not always in a good direction. Discipleship has shifted - from an ongoing process over the course of one's life to a class that you sign up for and complete.

As God has deeply burdened my heart in recent days over the topic of discipleship, our lack of making disciples, and our use of the wrong scorecard, I challenge each person who reads this article to ask themselves two questions:

1. **Who am I discipling?**
2. **Who is discipling me?**

Gallaty writes, "Until disciple making becomes THE ministry of the church and not A ministry in the church, we will never impact the world the way that Jesus envisioned."

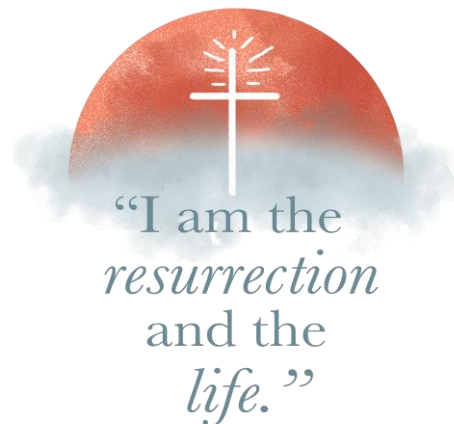
Enjoying The Journey,

David

Fortitude Counseling Ministry Update (6/7/22)

Number of pastor referrals	104
Total clients seen.....	74
Average sessions per referral.....	10
Total number of sessions (2020-2022).....	767
Total cost to BBA (2020-2022).....	\$68,743.54

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.



John 11:25

Church Contributions

	May 22	Jan-May 22
Beaverdam	204.06	883.99
Belmont	0.00	0.00
Bethel	202.31	791.35
Bethlehem	0.00	0.00
Calvary	72.44	283.63
Chauga	65.25	310.65
Cheohee	200.00	1,000.00
Clearmont	300.00	783.00
College Street	1,862.68	2,796.92
Coneross	75.00	375.00
Corinth - Seneca	0.00	0.00
Corinth - Westminster	500.00	1,000.00
Christ Fellowship*	0.00	0.00
Cross Roads - Seneca	120.38	769.72
Cross Roads - Westminster	100.00	500.00
Damascus	0.00	50.00
Davis Creek	0.00	0.00
Earle's Grove	809.31	6,169.24
Ebenezer	1,000.00	4,220.25
Faith	0.00	474.32
Fants Grove	288.94	610.44
Golden Corner	0.00	3,000.00
Heart Land	116.00	3,599.00
Hepsibah	780.34	3,901.70
Holly Springs	284.32	1,710.74
Hopewell	694.37	2,997.12
Iglesia Bautista Bethel	0.00	0.00
Little River	0.00	0.00
Long Creek	167.00	835.00
Lydia	0.00	2,361.77
Maranatha	169.00	478.34
Monte Vista	25.00	125.00
Mountain Rest	1,050.14	4,520.06
Mountain View	100.00	500.00
Mt. Freedom	0.00	500.00
Mt. Pleasant	0.00	624.99
Mt. Tabor	214.93	1,134.02
New Hope	403.00	2,325.00
Old Liberty	661.68	1,420.01
Open Door	250.00	1,000.00
Pleasant Grove	0.00	0.00
Pleasant Hill	100.00	500.00
Pleasant Ridge	0.00	0.00
Poplar Springs	543.46	2,698.06
Puerta Abierta	0.00	0.00
Reedy Fork	320.84	1,448.71
Retreat	0.00	0.00
Return	821.22	3,895.16
Rock Hill	0.00	0.00
Rocky Knoll	482.80	2,356.14
Salem	0.00	2,499.98
Scenic Heights	300.00	1,500.00
Seneca	1,506.00	6,409.00
Shiloh	0.00	0.00
Snow Creek	0.00	1,382.96
Souls Harbor	145.00	725.00
South Union	105.12	734.06
Utica	1,138.58	8,071.35
Walhalla	0.00	300.00
Welcome	248.15	997.59
West Union	0.00	0.00
Westminster	500.00	2,500.00
Westminster First	200.00	1,000.00
Wolf Stake	193.00	333.00
Total	17,320.32	89,402.27
Other Contributions		
La Roca	50.00	250.00
The Well		1,000.00
Total Income	17,370.32	90,652.27

*Watch care

Church News

Staff Changes:

Josh Consalvo resigned as student director from **Bethel Baptist Church**. He will begin working as a music teacher at New Covenant Christian School in August.

Bryson Whaley resigned as minister of students from **Hopewell Baptist Church**. He will serve as youth and college pastor at Pleasant Dale Baptist Church, Lancaster.

Rev. Jimmie Rholetter retired as pastor of **Souls Harbor Baptist Church**. He served Souls Harbor since 2002.

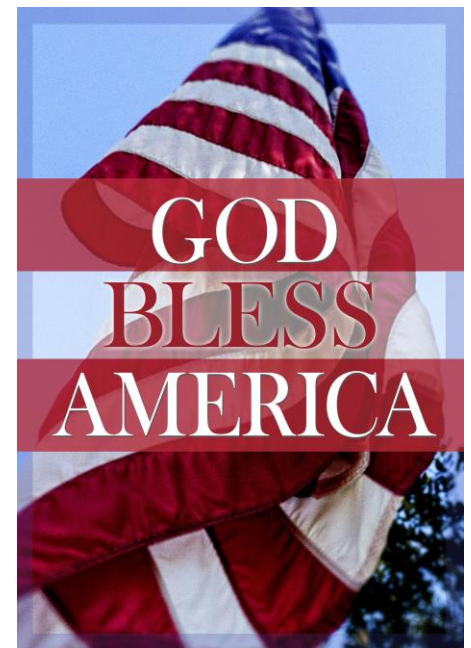
Staff Needs:

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.

New Hope Baptist Church (NHBC) is seeking a part-time Minister of Students who professes Jesus Christ as Savior, Lord, and Master and has been called by God into the ministry of the Gospel. NHBC was established in 1795 and is one of the oldest churches in Oconee County. Nestled in the foothills of Upstate, SC, our motto is to "Gather, Grow, Give, and Go 'in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him" (Colossians 1:10). We have a loving, fully committed congregation anxious to support and expand our youth ministry. This man of God must have a passion to see younger generations grow and develop to carry forward the great commission of God's word. Please send your resume to: NHBC, Attention: Pastor Search Committee, P.O. Box 1014, Seneca, SC 29679 OR mdlee@nhbcseneca.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

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



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- 4 – Independence Day – Office Closed
- 11 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 14 – Pastors' Cohort, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 18 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 25 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 26 – Next Steps, BMC, 10:00 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, Faith

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
- 25 – Bob Castro, Faith, 2021

Wedding Anniversaries:

- 8 – Haskell & Mary Dill, Mountain View
- 8 – David & Kim Wald, West Union
- 15 – Jimmie & Marty Rholetter, 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
- 21 – Troy & Jeana Nicholson, Pleasant Ridge
- 22 – Jeromy & Amanda Dean, Bethel
- 25 – Buddy & Mildred Byars, retired
- 26 – Jeff & Tracy Whaley, Hopewell
- 27 – Jimmy & Martha Thomas, retired

Save the Date
October 11

11:00 AM *Fall Senior Adult Celebration*
with Dr. Dennis Swanberg at Utica
Baptist Church

6:30 PM *An Evening of Encouragement*
with Dr. Dennis Swanberg at the Madren
Conference Center – contact the
association office to register