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From The DOM,

Happy New Year! As we celebrate the blessings of 2022, we look forward to 2023 with great excitement and anticipation. In 2023 the Beaverdam Baptist Association will once again place a great emphasis upon encouraging and providing equipping opportunities to those serving our churches as pastors and church staff ministers. Our second area of emphasis in 2023 will continue to be assisting churches with whatever needs/assistance they may have. In 2023 we will also be offering our churches, free of charge and with no strings attached, the services of our Associational Revitalization Team. If your church would be interested in a free church consultation, please contact us at 882-7070.

The Beaverdam Baptist Association will once again be offering two pastoral leadership training opportunities. These two leadership tracks are absolutely free of charge and are open to all pastors and church staff ministers serving in our association. Both of these leadership tracks meet one day a month and conclude by noon.

- **Re Cohort** - RE Cohort is a 13-month pastoral leadership training designed to strengthen both the pastor and the church he leads. Participants will experience 13 lessons designed to equip them to lead God's people to refocus on God's mission as we trust Christ to build His Church. The **Re Cohort** groups meets one day a month from 9:00 – 12:00. Monthly session topics include: Prayer, Biblical Leadership, Gospel Centrality & Marks of a Healthy Church, Vision & Values, Evangelism/Missional Engagement in Community, Preaching & Teaching, Discipleship & Member Care, Congregational Worship, Developing Leaders, Polity & Processes, Adversity, Perseverance & Partnerships, and Multiplication & Sending
- **NextStep** – The pastors' **NextStep** group meets once a month (10:00-12:00) for two hours and is designed to assist pastors: Commit to Lead, Lead Self, Lead Others, Lead Organization, Lead Church, Lead Kingdom Impact and Lead Ministry Leaders

Below are testimonials from a few of our 2022 participants:

"In a time when churches are struggling from the internal struggles of declining membership, lack of influence within their respective communities and when pastors are overwhelmed by an ever-changing culture, we need each other! We need

guidance. We need an outlet. We need to share in intercession for one another. We need wisdom from those who have been there. We need to LAUGH together, and maybe even cry together. We need to see one another as brothers and soldiers fighting the same fight that the Kingdom of God ever increases in our spheres of influence. This cohort has all of that if you're willing to commit. It's a fruitful work I commend to any pastor looking to grow in the pastorate." (Chris Moss, Corinth Baptist Church)

"Just a note to those who are considering being part of the next Beaverdam Baptist Association Re Cohort group. It was my joy and privilege to participate in the 2022 Re-Cohort. The fellowship with other pastors, the discussions regarding our new world order and how it effects the church, plus the host of resources are just a few of the reasons that I would recommend that others consider being a part of the 2023 Re Cohort group." (Ken Reid, Lydia Baptist Church)

"It would be an understatement to say, "I wish I knew then, what I know now!" I have been blessed with over twenty years of ministry service to the LORD. Re Cohort has been a true blessing. I have learned so much this past year that would have been so beneficial to myself and the church during the early years of ministry. I highly recommend and encourage all pastors and ministry leaders to attend this training. I guarantee that you will be enlightened, blessed and encouraged. Thanks to our Beaverdam Baptist Association for providing this useful tool for ministry." (Robert Castro, Faith Baptist Church)

"Nothing is more refreshing than being part of an intimate, small group with the same: aim, beliefs, calling, desire, and goals. This was the highlight of the NextStep group for me. NextStep group is far more valuable than the effort & time involved in the process. Great group! (James Dyar, Earle's Grove Baptist Church)

If you would be interested in being a part of either the 2023 **RE Cohort** or the **NextStep** leadership track please make plans to attend an informational luncheon on Monday, **January 9** from **12:00-1:00**. Those planning to attend are asked to register by contacting Emily at 882-7070.

David

Church Contributions

	Nov 22	Jan-Nov 22
Beaverdam	192.07	2,072.68
Belmont	0.00	0.00
Bethel	701.19	2,401.06
Bethlehem	0.00	0.00
Calvary	79.68	702.67
Chauga	85.99	746.02
Cheohee	200.00	2,200.00
Clearmont	732.00	2,531.00
College Street	785.92	7,922.32
Coneross	75.00	825.00
Corinth - Seneca	900.00	1,800.00
Corinth - Westminster	0.00	4,000.00
Christ Fellowship*	0.00	0.00
Cross Roads - Seneca	171.02	1,623.56
Cross Roads - Westminster	100.00	1,100.00
Damascus	0.00	50.00
Davis Creek	0.00	0.00
Earle's Grove	1,157.25	12,633.76
Ebenezer	935.86	10,041.29
Faith	0.00	944.24
Fants Grove	0.00	912.43
Golden Corner	0.00	6,000.00
Heart Land	98.00	4,180.00
Hepsibah	780.34	8,583.74
Holly Springs	550.35	4,327.25
Hopewell	610.88	6,530.32
Iglesia Bautista Bethel	0.00	0.00
Little River	0.00	500.00
Long Creek	174.00	1,851.00
Lydia	0.00	4,942.10
Maranatha	104.12	1,149.53
Monte Vista	25.00	275.00
Mountain Rest	876.67	9,912.57
Mountain View	100.00	1,100.00
Mt. Freedom	0.00	1,000.00
Mt. Pleasant	0.00	1,874.97
Mt. Tabor	209.72	2,381.94
New Hope	385.42	4,577.42
Old Liberty	247.48	2,804.11
Open Door	250.00	2,500.00
Pleasant Grove	127.60	1,122.72
Pleasant Hill	100.00	1,100.00
Pleasant Ridge	666.67	1,333.34
Poplar Springs	595.83	5,900.67
Puerta Abierta	0.00	0.00
Reedy Fork	637.86	3,649.36
Retreat	525.80	525.80
Return	817.53	8,834.95
Rock Hill	0.00	400.00
Rocky Knoll	471.24	5,056.57
Salem	0.00	5,000.00
Scenic Heights	0.00	2,700.00
Seneca	1,097.00	15,035.00
Shiloh	0.00	0.00
Snow Creek	0.00	1,382.96
Souls Harbor	145.00	1,595.00
South Union	114.66	1,500.13
Utica	1,226.52	16,740.02
Walhalla	0.00	600.00
Welcome	318.00	2,197.47
West Union	0.00	0.00
Westminster	500.00	5,500.00
Westminster First	200.00	2,200.00
Wolf Stake	75.00	1,079.00
Total	18,146.37	200,448.97
Other Contributions		
La Roca		250.00
The Well		1,000.00
Total Income	18,146.37	201,698.97
*Watch care		

Church News

Staff Changes:

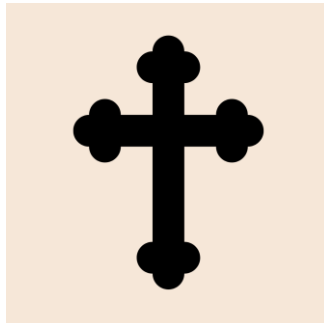
Bethel Church called Lizzie Anderson as worship director.

Pastor Ken Reid retired as pastor of **Lydia Baptist Church**.

Staff Needs Outside BBA:

Dykes Creek Baptist Church (Rome, GA) is currently receiving resumes for a full-time senior pastor. Applicants are asked to send cover letter, resume, statement of faith, picture, and link to sermons to dcbcpastorsearch22@gmail.com or Dykes Creek Baptist Church, Attn: Pastor Search Team, 46 Dykes Creek Church Rd, Rome, GA 30161.

Holly Springs Baptist Church in Pickens, SC is prayerfully seeking a pastor to lead our loving congregation. We are seeking a leader for our church that is dedicated to preaching and teaching the Bible as the inerrant, infallible, inspired Word of God and adheres to the Baptist Faith & Message 2000. This man should have a heart for missions and an aptitude to minister to all ages in our church and community. He must have effective communication skills and work in cooperation with our church to enhance evangelism, discipleship, and the ministries of our church. Pastoral experience of five years and an education from an accredited Southern Baptist university or seminary is preferred. Please email resumes for consideration to hollyspringpickens@yahoo.com.



Ministry Updates

Prisoner Packets

Beaverdam Association collected a total of **1,130 prisoner packets** in 2022. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this record turnout. Of these, 225 were sent to Oconee Detention Center.

Special thanks to the volunteers from Westminster First, Mountain View, and Holly Springs who checked the packets and to David Shirley for delivering them to Columbia.

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child

New Hope Baptist Church, collection center for Oconee County, received **4,530** shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Thank you to New Hope and everyone who sent boxes.

Looking Ahead:

- ❖ **NextStep and Pastor Cohort information meeting**
January 9 at BBA.
- ❖ **Impact Conference**
February 23 at Church at the Mill, Moore
- ❖ **Disaster Relief Training**
April 1 at Northwood Baptist Church, North Charleston
- ❖ **Disaster Relief Training**
October 14 at Catawba Baptist Church, Rock Hill

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- 2 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 9 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 9 – Information Lunch for Pastors Cohort and NextStep,
BMC, 12:00 PM
- 16 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 23 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 30 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM

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

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays:

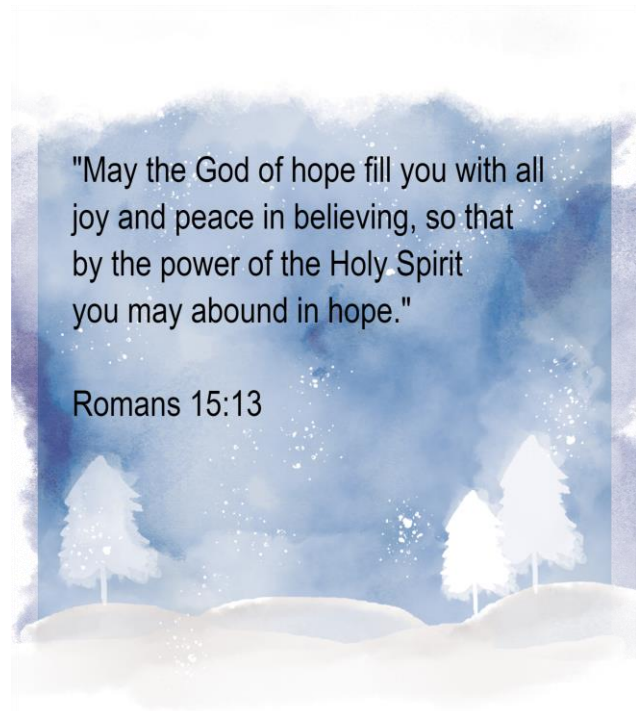
- 2 – David Shirley, BBA
- 3 – Ray Conway, retired
- 9 – Kenny Owen, Westminster First
- 10 – David Wald, West Union
- 12 – Jeff Lunsford, Maranatha
- 18 – Kenneth Hood, Walhalla First
- 18 – Brian Hopkins, Mt. Freedom
- 31 – Shannon Owens, Rock Hill

Staff Anniversaries:

- 1 – Jeff Lunsford, Maranatha, 2022
- 2 – Travis Brian, Utica, 2022
- 5 – Marty McKee, Coneross, 2003
- 6 – Brian Hopkins, Mt. Freedom, 2019
- 13 – David Kelley, Heart Land, 2019
- 22 – David Jones, Shiloh, 2017
- 22 – Shannon Owens, Rock Hill, 2014
- 29 – Haskell Dill, Mountain View, 2017

Wedding Anniversaries:

- 11 – Greg & Debbie Marcus, Long Creek
- 16 – Rolando & Maria Garcia, Iglesia Bautista Bethel
- 30 – David & Jackie Kelley, Heart Land



"May the God of hope fill you with all
joy and peace in believing, so that
by the power of the Holy Spirit
you may abound in hope."

Romans 15:13