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*Happy
Independence
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“The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.”

Numbers 6:24-26

From the DOM:

I recently preached a message that asked the question: “Am I sensitive to God’s presence?” Have you ever asked yourself that question? That question is quite thought provoking. According to Barna Research, two out of every three adults who profess to be Christian say that at some time in their lives they felt as if they were in the presence of God. More than half of all non-Christians (58%) also indicated that they felt they have been in God’s presence. Of those who professed to be Christians, one out of eight people said that they had felt God’s presence one or two times in their lives, and 32% said that they have never sensed God’s presence in their lives. Forty-five percent of those professing to be born-again Christians indicated that they have either never felt God’s presence or have sensed it only once or twice in their lives. Dr. Donald Whitney said, “If we take the teaching of the Bible seriously, perception of the presence of God should not be an occasional experience.”

In Genesis 28 we read that Jacob had an encounter with God: “Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He reached a certain place and spent the night there because the sun had set. He took one of the stones from the place, put it there at his head, and lay down in that place. And he dreamed: A stairway was set on the ground with its top reaching heaven, and God’s angels were going up and down on it. Yahweh was standing there beside him, saying, ‘I am Yahweh, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your offspring the land that you are now sleeping on. Your offspring will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out toward the west, the east, the north, and the south. All the peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. Look, I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go. I will bring you back to this land, for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.’ When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he said, ‘Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it.’”

I wonder if some folks miss out on recognizing God’s presence because they are not tuned in or listening for His voice. I heard the story about a farmer from the Midwest. One summer he decided to visit his college roommate who lived in New York City. As he and his former roommate were walking through Times Square the farmer remarked, “I hear a cricket.” His friend could not believe it. He said, “How could you

possibly hear a cricket in all of this noise?” The farmer remained convinced that he had heard a cricket. He listened closely, went to the street corner, crossed the street, and began looking around. Eventually the farmer spotted a shrub growing in a concrete planter.

The farmer began to dig into the dirt under shrub, and there he found the cricket. His friend could not believe it. The farmer explained to his city friend: “My ears are different than yours. It depends on what you have learned to listen for. Let me show you what I mean.” The farmer reached into his pocket and pulled out some coins. He threw them on the sidewalk. As soon as people heard the coins hit the sidewalk, every head turned to look. “Now do you understand what I mean?” asked the farmer. He continued, “It all depends on what a person is listening for.” Many voices in our world call out for our attention. The voices that we hear are more than likely the voices that we are listening for.

David

Back to School?



The Beaverdam Baptist Association has a few backpacks available for any church planning a community “Back to School” event for August. Those interested are asked to contact David at 882-7070 for additional information.

Church Contributions

	Jan-May 23	Jan-May 23
Beaverdam	189.14	832.02
Belmont	0.00	0.00
Bethel	246.00	885.00
Bethlehem	0.00	0.00
Calvary	109.75	398.71
Chauga	101.01	353.03
Cheohee	200.00	1,000.00
Clearmont	250.00	750.00
College Street	0.00	0.00
Coneross	75.00	375.00
Corinth - Seneca	0.00	0.00
Corinth - Westminster	0.00	1,000.00
Christ Fellowship*	0.00	0.00
Cross Roads - Seneca	165.88	1,037.10
Cross Roads - Westminster	100.00	500.00
Damascus	0.00	0.00
Earle's Grove	1,221.94	5,758.24
Ebenezer	857.69	7,466.24
Faith	0.00	410.40
Fants Grove	341.72	607.25
Golden Corner	0.00	1,500.00
Heart Land	109.00	617.00
Hepsibah	780.34	3,901.70
Holly Springs	401.27	2,310.66
Hopewell	714.55	3,651.59
Iglesia Bautista Bethel	0.00	0.00
La Roca*	0.00	0.00
Little River	500.00	500.00
Long Creek	174.00	870.00
Lydia	1,155.68	2,588.75
Maranatha	96.52	520.75
Monte Vista	25.00	125.00
Mountain Rest	906.86	4,575.75
Mountain View	100.00	500.00
Mt. Freedom	0.00	0.00
Mt. Pleasant	624.99	1,249.98
Mt. Tabor	202.40	1,016.29
New Hope	416.00	2,892.00
Old Liberty	114.22	1,054.80
Open Door	250.00	1,500.00
Pleasant Grove	129.60	681.82
Pleasant Hill	100.00	500.00
Pleasant Ridge	666.67	3,333.35
Poplar Springs	487.07	1,292.69
Puerta Abierta	0.00	0.00
Reedy Fork	293.82	1,582.81
Retreat	399.90	399.90
Return	947.92	4,654.04
Rock Hill	0.00	0.00
Rocky Knoll	315.71	2,199.83
Salem	2,083.35	3,333.32
Scenic Heights	0.00	3,600.00
Seneca	1,359.00	6,180.29
Shiloh	0.00	0.00
Snow Creek	0.00	1,382.96
Souls Harbor	145.00	725.00
South Union	102.30	719.97
Utica	1,437.96	8,257.47
Walhalla	0.00	150.00
Welcome	137.00	954.48
West Union	0.00	0.00
Westminster	0.00	2,500.00
Westminster First	200.00	1,000.00
Wolf Stake	0.00	506.00
Total	19,234.26	94,701.19
Other Contributions		
The Well	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total Income	20,234.26	95,701.19

*Watch care

Church News

Staff Changes:

New Hope Baptist Church welcomes Carson LeCroy as minister of students. He and his wife, Sarah, have two small children, Isaac and Abigail. Carson and Sarah have a strong focus on disciple-making. A couple of key verses Carson and Sarah lean on include II Timothy 3:16-17 and Matthew 28:18-20. New Hope can't wait to see how the Lord will use them to grow our young people in Him!

Staff Needs:

Cross Roads Baptist Church (Seneca) 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, Cross Roads Baptist Church, 215 Cross Roads Drive, Seneca, SC 29678.



"Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long. This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long." - Fanny Crosby

Church History

Does your church have a history booklet or anthology?

The association office keeps extra copies of church historical records. If you would like to donate church history material or provide scans, contact Emily at 882-7070 or bbaemily@bellsouth.net.

Hymnals Available

Interested in free hymnals? Contact Emily at the association office for more information.

Looking Ahead

August

Annual Church Profiles begin
Men's Ministry Fellowship

September

Executive Board Meeting

October

Men's Ministry Fellowship
BBA Annual Meeting

November

Prisoner Packets



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- 4 – Independence Day, Office Closed
- 10 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 17 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 24 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 31 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 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
- 8 – Fred Astin, retired
- 15 – Jimmy Boggs, Ebenezer
- 22 – Harley Bates, Little River
- 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
- 18 – Brett Turner, New Hope, 2021
- 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



**I have been crucified
with Christ. It is no
longer I who live,
but Christ who
lives in me.**

GALATIANS 2:19-20, ESV