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Christmas Drop In

December 19 at BBA

11:00 am - 5:00 pm

Everyone is invited to come enjoy Christmas desserts and treats.



*Merry
Christmas*



From The DOM,

Merry Christmas! Kathy and I would like to wish each one of you a very Merry Christmas! Our prayer for your family is that this Christmas is filled with memorable moments that you will treasure for the rest of your lives! What a blessing it is each December to celebrate with our families as well as with our church families the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

A special thank you to Kathy and Emily for all their hard work in planning and organizing our recent ladies (pastors wives/church staff) Christmas Canvas decorating party. What a blessing to have 42 ladies in attendance! Thanks Kathy and Emily for going above and beyond to minister to those who so faithfully serve the churches of this association.



I hope that you will mark your calendars and make plans to be a part of our Second Annual Beaverdam Baptist Association **Christmas Drop-In**. The drop-in will take place on Tuesday, December 19th from 11:00 - 5:00 at the Beaverdam Mission Center.

We will be having Christmas goodies (cookies, cakes, various desserts, etc.) from Strossner's Bakery and Brick Street Café in Greenville. We would love for EVERYONE (pastors, church staff, and church members) to drop in that day for a time of fellowship and desserts as we celebrate the holiday season.

As we look towards 2024, I want to again remind our pastors of three great leadership opportunities and a missions partnership opportunity:

1. A **NextStep** Small Group is a peer group discussion addressing leadership issues and barriers, and discovering ways to enhance leadership skills to effectively lead the church to fulfill its mission. There are nine sessions, meeting monthly, 2 hours each, for all ministry leaders, in a safe, comfortable environment to discuss real-world challenges with other ministry leaders. A new group will be formed in 2024. Please contact me if you would like more details.

2. **Preventing Ministry Failure** is a small group based on the book by Michael Todd Wilson and Brad Hoffmann. The workbook has been designed to deliver the positive message that we can have a fruitful and long-standing ministry in the Kingdom of God by learning from those who have gone before us. The goal of the small group meetings is that ministries will be enhanced and strengthened. For additional information please contact Randy Keasler (864.710.6298; randykeasler@scbaptist.com) You can read a quick review of the book here: sharperiron.org/article/book-review-preventing-ministry-failure

3. **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 group meets one day a month from 9:00 – 12:00. Topics to be covered 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 - Multiplication & Sending

4. April 24-27, 2024 we will be participating in a **Vision Trip with the SCBC to Boston**. Bryant Sims of the SCBC will be leading the trip. This trip requires a \$50 deposit. Attendees will be required to pay for airfare, hotel, and meals while on the trip. The South Carolina Baptist Convention will cover costs of \$300 per church. Plans are to spend one day in Boston and one day in Rhode Island meeting with Pastors seeking partnerships. If you would be interested in being a part of this Vision Trip, please contact David ASAP. To register: brushfire.com/scbaptist/bostonandprovidencevisiontrip/564759/

David

Church Contributions

	Oct 23	Jan-Oct 23
Beaverdam	158.94	1,612.89
Belmont	0.00	0.00
Bethel	174.00	1,684.00
Bethlehem	0.00	0.00
Calvary	89.13	791.84
Chauga	44.74	663.09
Cheohee	200.00	2,000.00
Christ Fellowship	0.00	0.00
Clearmont	250.00	2,500.00
College Street	0.00	7,913.81
Coneross	75.00	750.00
Corinth - Seneca	0.00	900.00
Cross Hill Fellowship	1,000.00	2,000.00
Cross Roads - Seneca	291.64	1,963.34
Cross Roads - Westminster	100.00	1,000.00
Damascus	0.00	0.00
Earle's Grove	1,025.09	10,921.79
Ebenezer	692.27	11,560.81
Faith	0.00	626.40
Fants Grove	0.00	1,056.27
Golden Corner	0.00	1,500.00
Grace	0.00	0.00
Heart Land	187.00	1,249.00
Hepsibah	780.34	7,803.40
Holly Springs	314.02	4,308.28
Hopewell	545.55	6,725.34
Iglesia Bautista Bethel	0.00	0.00
La Roca Oconee	0.00	0.00
Little River	0.00	500.00
Long Creek	165.00	1,731.00
Lydia	1,267.54	3,856.29
Maranatha	116.22	996.56
Monte Vista	25.00	250.00
Mountain Rest	716.68	8,599.67
Mountain View	100.00	1,000.00
Mt. Freedom	0.00	1,822.50
Mt. Pleasant	833.82	2,083.80
Mt. Tabor	0.00	1,890.85
New Hope	391.00	5,047.00
Old Liberty	178.05	2,076.05
Open Door	500.00	2,500.00
Pleasant Grove	101.49	1,828.90
Pleasant Hill	200.00	1,100.00
Pleasant Ridge	666.67	6,000.03
Poplar Springs	0.00	2,800.80
Puerta Abierta	0.00	0.00
Reedy Fork	398.38	3,367.37
Retreat	308.23	708.13
Return	623.55	8,164.88
Rock Hill	0.00	800.00
Rocky Knoll	337.14	4,343.10
Salem	0.00	5,000.00
Scenic Heights	0.00	3,600.00
Seneca	952.00	12,957.29
Shiloh	0.00	0.00
Snow Creek	0.00	1,382.96
Souls Harbor	145.00	1,450.00
South Union	0.00	1,314.21
Utica	1,302.57	14,679.95
Walhalla	0.00	150.00
Welcome	258.58	1,922.64
West Union	0.00	0.00
Westminster	500.00	5,000.00
Westminster First	200.00	2,000.00
Wolf Stake	0.00	1,070.00
Total	16,214.64	181,524.20
Other Contributions		
The Well		1,000.00
Total Income	16,214.64	182,524.20

Church News

Staff Changes:

Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church called Rev. Rob Gouge as pastor.

Staff Needs:

Walhalla First Baptist Church, 403 East Main Street, Walhalla, SC is accepting resumes for the full-time position for Senior Pastor. Walhalla First Baptist Church was established in 1868 and located in downtown Walhalla. We are a traditional Bible believing congregation. Interested applicants should possess a college degree of bachelor's or above from an accredited institution with proven history of Bible teachings and leadership using spiritual gifts. Send resume to the attention of the Pastor Search Committee, Walhalla First Baptist Church, PO Box 589, Walhalla, SC 29691.



BBA sends Christian sympathy to the family of Norma Adams, who passed away on November 5, 2023. Norma was the wife of Rev. Samuel Adams and the mother of Rev. Alan Adams (Bethlehem Baptist Church).

BBA also extends Christian sympathy to Rev. Gerald Towe (Ebenezer) and family on the November 7th passing of his father, Guy Towe.

Association Baptist Church Secretaries

Christmas Lunch

Thursday, December 14th

BBA at Noon

All secretaries and ministry assistants (paid, volunteer, or retired) are invited to attend this free meal.

As a mission project, we'll collect monetary donations for Agape Learning Center.

Register by December 7th

882-7070 / bbaemily@bellsouth.net



Lottie Moon Offering and Season of Prayer for International Missions

December 3-10

Starlight at Tamassee

The Starlight program at Tamassee is currently accepting applications again. Starlight's program involves providing a home, support, recovery, and life skills to mothers, along with their children, who've dealt with substance abuse.

For more information, visit starlight.tdarschool.org or call 864-944-1390.

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- 3 – Lottie Moon Offering, Season of Prayer for International Missions (3-10)
- 4 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 11 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 14 – Association Baptist Church Secretaries, BMC, Noon
- 18 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 19 – Christmas Drop In, BMC, 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM
- 25 – Office Closed for Christmas (25-28)

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

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays:

- 5 – Perry Gardner, Hepsibah
- 9 – Don Bickers, retired
- 11 – Kevin Morrison, Pleasant Ridge
- 11 – Jimmy Thomas, retired
- 16 – Jeremy Beauford, College Street
- 23 – James Dyar, Earle's Grove
- 23 – Stacey Griffis, Beaverdam
- 27 – Joe Steele, Utica

Staff Anniversaries:

- 4 – Alvin Burdette, Mt. Pleasant, 2005
- 20 – Rick Henderson, Holly Springs, 2020

Wedding Anniversaries:

- 11 – Scott & Tina Bedenbaugh, Mt. Tabor
- 12 – Joe & Jenn Steele, Utica
- 15 – Alan & Kelly Adams, Bethlehem
- 15 – Von & Gloria Reynolds, Reedy Fork
- 16 – Chris & Jen Moss, Cross Hill Fellowship
- 23 – Rod & Andrea Lyda, Cross Roads, W
- 24 – Steve & Pam Black, Scenic Heights
- 28 – Mark & Mitzi Tannery, Westminster First
- 30 – Stacey & Kelley Griffis, Beaverdam

