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# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

... you will be called by  
a new name that the mouth  
of the LORD will bestow.

ISAIAH 62:2

From The DOM,

Happy New Year! My prayer for each of you and for the churches of the Beaverdam Baptist Association would be that 2024 will be a year in which God does some incredible things across our county, state, and nation! May this be a year that we remember for the rest of our lives. May this be the year that revival and spiritual awakening sweep across our association and nation! My prayer is that God does some things in 2024 that no man can take credit for!

As we enter 2024, I want to encourage all pastors to prayerfully consider being a part of one of our pastoral leadership opportunities. If enough of our bi-vocational pastors are interested, we would also be open to offering these classes in the evening.

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. We hope to begin our next session of NextSteps as soon as we have enough pastors interested. Please contact either myself or Randy Keasler if you have any questions.

2. **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. 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

Please contact either myself or Randy Keasler if you are interested in being a part of our 2024 Re Cohort group or if you have any questions.

If your church has an interest in being a part of a mission's partnership, on 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: <https://brushfire.com/scbaptist/bostonandprovidencerevisiontrip/564759/>

Finally, please know that both Emily and I are here to serve you in any way that we can. Please do not hesitate to contact either of us if we can assist you in any way.

David

## Executive Board Meeting

Monday, **February 12** at 7:00 PM

Beaverdam Mission Center

215 N. Townville St. Seneca, SC 29678

The Beaverdam Baptist Association Executive Board is made up of the senior pastor and two members-at-large from each church.



## Church Contributions

	Nov 23	Jan-Nov 23
Beaverdam	194.70	1,807.59
Belmont	0.00	0.00
Bethel	328.00	2,012.00
Bethlehem	0.00	0.00
Calvary	86.02	877.86
Chauga	77.08	740.17
Cheohee	200.00	2,200.00
Christ Fellowship	1,200.00	1,200.00
Clearmont	250.00	2,750.00
College Street	0.00	7,913.81
Coneross	75.00	825.00
Corinth	0.00	900.00
Cross Hill Fellowship	0.00	2,000.00
Cross Roads – Seneca	167.06	2,130.40
Cross Roads – Westminster	100.00	1,100.00
Damascus	0.00	0.00
Earle's Grove	1,035.84	11,957.63
Ebenezer	1,889.21	13,450.02
Faith	248.00	874.40
Fants Grove	0.00	1,056.27
Golden Corner	0.00	1,500.00
Grace	0.00	0.00
Heart Land	104.00	1,353.00
Hepsibah	780.34	8,583.74
Holly Springs	768.35	5,076.63
Hopewell	610.90	7,336.24
Iglesia Bautista Bethel	0.00	0.00
La Roca Oconee	0.00	0.00
Little River	0.00	500.00
Long Creek	165.00	1,896.00
Lydia	0.00	3,856.29
Maranatha	87.67	1,084.23
Monte Vista	25.00	275.00
Mountain Rest	734.61	9,334.28
Mountain View	0.00	1,000.00
Mt. Freedom	0.00	1,822.50
Mt. Pleasant	0.00	2,083.80
Mt. Tabor	700.49	2,591.34
New Hope	0.00	5,047.00
Old Liberty	246.24	2,322.29
Open Door	0.00	2,500.00
Pleasant Grove	105.28	1,934.18
Pleasant Hill	200.00	1,300.00
Pleasant Ridge	666.67	6,666.70
Poplar Springs	600.00	3,400.80
Puerta Abierta	0.00	0.00
Reedy Fork	324.35	3,691.72
Retreat	0.00	708.13
Return	642.71	8,807.59
Rock Hill	0.00	800.00
Rocky Knoll	640.99	4,984.09
Salem	0.00	5,000.00
Scenic Heights	0.00	3,600.00
Seneca	1,523.00	14,480.29
Shiloh	0.00	0.00
Snow Creek	0.00	1,382.96
Souls Harbor	145.00	1,595.00
South Union	304.38	1,618.59
Utica	1,547.46	16,227.41
Walhalla	0.00	150.00
Welcome	152.26	2,074.90
West Union	0.00	0.00
Westminster	0.00	5,000.00
Westminster First	200.00	2,200.00
Wolf Stake	263.00	1,333.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,388.61</b>	<b>198,912.90</b>
Other Contributions		
The Well		1,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>17,388.61</b>	<b>199,912.90</b>

## Church News

To include any church staff advertisements or announcements in the newsletter, please contact Emily at 882-7070 or [bbaemily@bellsouth.net](mailto:bbaemily@bellsouth.net).



## Save the Date

Please mark the 2024 Annual Meeting of BBA in your calendars:

Sunday, **October 27** at College Street Baptist Church at 5:45 PM.

We will have Executive Director-Treasurer of SCBC, Dr. Tony Wolfe as our main speaker.

## Upcoming SCBC Events

- **Women in Ministry Leadership Conference**  
*January 19*
- **Disciple SC**  
*January 22-23*
- **Impact 2024**  
*February 22*
- **Disaster Relief Training**  
*March 9*
- **WMU Annual Meeting**  
*March 22*

## Ministry Updates

### *Prisoner Packets*

Thank you to each church who participated in the prisoner packet collection for 2023. BBA had a record turn-out of **over 1500 packets**. Two-hundred and sixteen went to Oconee Detention Center.

Special thanks to the volunteers from Mountain View, Westminster First, and Bethel who checked the packets to send to SCBC. Thanks to David Shirley for delivering prisoner packets to Columbia.

### *Operation Christmas Child*

New Hope and Holly Springs collected a total of **4,603** shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child's 2023 collection.

Thank you to all of the volunteers in these churches for coordinating and collecting shoeboxes in Oconee County.



Beaverdam Baptist Association churches reported a total of 213 baptisms for the 2022-2023 church year.

## Beaverdam Baptist Association

### Staff

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- 1 – New Year's Day – Office Closed
- 8 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 15 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 21 – Sanctity of Life Sunday
- 22 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 29 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM

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215 N Townville St, Seneca, SC

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Birthdays:

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

### Staff Anniversaries:

- 1 – Dawn Anderson, Rocky Knoll, 2023
- 1 – Lizzie Anderson, Bethel, 2023
- 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
- 23 – Cale Downard, Utica, 2023
- 29 – Haskell Dill, Mountain View, 2017

### Wedding Anniversaries:

- 11 – Greg & Debbie Marcus, Long Creek
- 16 – Rolando & Maria Garcia, Iglesia Bautista Bethel

"Go therefore and make  
disciples of all nations,  
baptizing them in the name  
of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit."

Matthew 28:19

