



Summer Events



Vacation Bible Schools

Bethel: "Scuba" June 24-28; 6:00 – 8:30 PM; ages 3-adults

College Street: June 9-13; 6:00-8:40 PM; ages 4-8th grade (completed)

Cross Roads, Seneca: "Breaker Rock Beach" June 17-21; 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Hepsibah: June 17-20; 6:00 – 8:00 PM; ages 5K-5th grade (completed)

Holly Springs: June 23-28

Lydia: June 9-14; Friday Family Night (14); 5:30 – 8:30 PM

New Hope: "The Great Jungle Journey" June 10-14; 9:00 AM – 12:00; ages 4 – 6th grade (completed)

Open Door: "Norb-E" June 9-12; 5:30-8:00 PM; dinner served at 5:30 PM

Poplar Springs: "Camp Firelight: Adventure with God" June 17-21; 6:00 – 8:00 PM; nursery-adults

Rocky Knoll: "Scuba" June 3-6; 5:30-8:30 PM; ages 3-5th grade (completed); register at rockyknoll.org

Scenic Heights: June 10-12; 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Westminster First: "Hometown Nazareth- Where Jesus was a Kid!" July 14-18; 5:30 – 8:30 PM

Westminster: June 17-20; 9:00 AM – 12:00

Camps

Beaverdam: "Agape Summer Camp" Dates available throughout June and July; ages 5-12; For questions and registration information contact 864-309-5007

Rocky Knoll: Advance Sports Camp; June 17-20; 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM; K5-5th grade (completed); register at rockyknoll.org

Seneca: "Kid's Camp" June 10-13; 5:30 – 8:00 PM; K – 5th grade; register at senecabaptist.org

Conferences & Celebrations

Bethel: Freedom Celebration – June 28; bring a chair and enjoy food and fireworks – more information will be available at lovingbethel.com

Holly Springs: Revival – July 21-24 with Dr. Larry Henderson and Homecoming – July 28

Lydia: Christ Life Conference – July 14-17 with Dr. Mack Tester from Liberty Baptist Church, Ellenboro NC; Sunday (14) at 10:30 AM and 5:45 PM, Monday-Wednesday 6:45 PM

From the Associational Mission Strategist (AMS),

Our May Pastors' Lunch & Learn will be held on **Tuesday, May 28 at 11:30 AM**. Our guest speaker will be **Jon Varner from Friends of Internationals**. Jon was appointed by the North American Mission Board (SBC) in 2008 to serve as a missionary to international students at Clemson University. He received the Master of Divinity degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in 1995. Friends of Internationals is a partnership of local churches for the purpose of fulfilling the Great Commission by caring for international students and scholars. Friends of Internationals, Inc. offers a simple and economical way to engage, equip, and involve local churches and their members to effectively "make disciples of all nations." Lunch will be provided, and we promise to be a good steward of your time. **To help us plan for lunch please call 882-7070 or email Emily at bbaemily@bellsouth.net to register.**



Last month, we had a group of pastors from our association travel up to the Boston/Providence area of New England on a vision trip. Our goal was to observe, encourage, and learn more about what is taking place with church planters in that area. We met with several pastors and church planters in the Boston/Providence area who shared with us about God's calling upon their lives and the passion/vision that He has placed within them. These faithful, dedicated servants shared their hearts; their desire to impact the New England area for Christ was evident. One of the things that so impressed me about the men that we met was their dedication to God's call, even amid some very challenging circumstances. **In the Boston/Providence area only 2% of the people consider themselves evangelical Christians.** I personally was moved as I listened to these men share what their greatest needs were. While I assumed that their greatest needs would be financial partnerships and for churches to send mission teams at various times throughout the year, I was moved that the very first thing they asked for was for prayer partners and, secondly, for encouragement partners. The need is great for people to simply come alongside these men and encourage them and their families.

As I stated above, the spiritual needs in the New England area are great! Boston and Providence are considered post-Christian communities – meaning that most of the residents there have little to no Biblical background. Pastor Jeromy Dean (Bethel Baptist Church) recorded the following statements which were made by some of the pastors that we met:

- "In the South, a church will sometimes grow by baptizing children or welcoming members from other congregations. Here, a church grows only if the lost in the community get saved."
- "This is hard soil, and it takes years to plow."
- "In the South, you help people connect the dots of the gospel from their own background knowledge. Here, in a post-Christian culture, we must give them the dots, then help them connect."

One of the more interesting things that we learned on our trip was how influential the Boston/Providence area universities are and the extent of their impact upon the rest of the country. The cities of Providence and Boston both have dozens of colleges and universities within walking distance of one another. Most of the pastors that we met with recognize the amazing opportunity that they have as well as the tremendous challenge before them in ministering and reaching out to these schools.

If your church would like to know more about possible mission opportunities/partnerships with those serving in the Boston/Providence area, please reach out to me. I have a PowerPoint presentation prepared and would be glad to share about the trip with your congregation.

David



Church Contributions

	Apr 24	Jan-Apr 24
Beaverdam	204.81	721.87
Belmont	0.00	0.00
Bethel	263.00	790.00
Bethlehem	0.00	0.00
Calvary	159.94	419.58
Chauga	109.41	278.14
Cheohee	0.00	800.00
Christ Fellowship	0.00	0.00
Clearmont	278.00	2,733.43
College Street	0.00	11,412.43
Coneross	75.00	300.00
Corinth	0.00	450.00
Cross Hill Fellowship	0.00	750.00
Cross Roads – Seneca	168.42	1,055.88
Cross Roads – Westminster	100.00	400.00
Damascus	0.00	0.00
Earle's Grove	936.28	4,342.11
Ebenezer	1,093.08	3,646.65
Faith	0.00	243.14
Fants Grove	0.00	912.29
Golden Corner	0.00	0.00
Grace	0.00	0.00
Heart Land	160.00	436.00
Hepsibah	780.34	3,121.36
Holly Springs	671.37	1,202.32
Hopewell	404.42	2,066.33
Iglesia Bautista Bethel	0.00	0.00
La Roca Oconee	0.00	0.00
Little River	0.00	0.00
Long Creek	165.00	660.00
Lydia	0.00	1,145.05
Maranatha	104.92	416.36
Monte Vista	25.00	100.00
Mountain Rest	292.62	955.42
Mountain View	100.00	400.00
Mt. Freedom	0.00	1,800.00
Mt. Pleasant	0.00	624.99
Mt. Tabor	323.68	1,558.51
New Hope	420.00	2,458.00
Old Liberty	147.26	906.46
Open Door	250.00	1,000.00
Pleasant Grove	315.62	709.34
Pleasant Hill	200.00	800.00
Pleasant Ridge	666.67	2,000.01
Poplar Springs	0.00	900.00
Puerta Abierta	0.00	0.00
Reedy Fork	395.74	1,903.16
Retreat	0.00	0.00
Return	670.00	2,947.63
Rock Hill	0.00	0.00
Rocky Knoll	600.98	2,159.53
Salem	0.00	1,249.97
Scenic Heights	0.00	3,600.00
Seneca	749.00	3,690.00
Shiloh	0.00	0.00
Snow Creek	0.00	1,382.96
Souls Harbor	145.00	580.00
South Union	383.28	656.74
Utica	1,801.05	4,744.90
Walhalla	0.00	950.00
Welcome	210.00	989.70
West Union	0.00	0.00
Westminster	1,000.00	2,000.00
Westminster First	200.00	800.00
Wolf Stake	0.00	404.00
Total	14,569.89	80,574.26

Church News

Staff Needs:

Lydia Baptist Church is looking for a man that would enjoy directing the music. Contact Pastor Pat Ashworth (864)710-2733.

Outside BBA:

Pickens First Baptist Church is seeking a Financial Ministry Assistant. This is a full-time, salaried position with benefits. Qualifications include: conservative Christian values, minimum 3 years of experience in finance/bookkeeping or relevant positions; basic secretarial skills; proficiency with office software (Microsoft and Google products). Familiarity with Planning Center and Realm by ACS is a plus. Send resume by email to: fma@fbcpickens.org



With Christian Sympathy

The association sends Christian sympathy to the family of Jesse Lawrence "Buddy" Byars, who passed away on May 9, 2024.

During his ministry, Buddy served as minister of music in BBA churches and in ministries at College Street Baptist Church.

Association Baptist Church Secretaries

Thursday, June 20

12:00 at BBA

Secretaries Craft Day

Lunch provided.

This is open to all secretaries and ministry assistants.

Please register by Thursday, June 13.

882-7070 /
bbaemily@bellsouth.net



Secretaries and Church Clerks

To save time during the ACP process later this year, check out SBC Workspace and begin updating staff and volunteers in your church. The People portion of SBC Workspace is open for edits year-round. Please make sure to list a mailing address, phone number, and email address for every entry.



Contact the association office for your log-in information.

Beaverdam Baptist Association

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- 3 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 9 – WMU Missions Celebration & Annual Meeting (SBC), Indianapolis, IN (9-10)
- 10 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 11 – SBC Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, IN (11-12)
- 16 – Father's Day
- 17 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 20 – Ministry Assistants & Secretaries Craft and Lunch, BMC, 12:00
- 24 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays:

- 3 – Rob Gouge, Pleasant Ridge
- 5 – Crawford Keese, retired
- 11 – Tony Brown, Salem First
- 15 – Jeff Whaley, Hopewell
- 27 – Travis Brian, Utica
- 27 – Carlos Hatcher, retired
- 29 – Glenn Kelly, retired

Staff Anniversaries:

- 1 – Christopher Hulsey, Seneca, 2021
- 1 – Tony Qualkinbush, Clearmont, 2021
- 1 – Tim Tate, Corinth, 2011
- 2 – Kevin Morrison, Pleasant Ridge, 2013
- 4 – Rolando Garcia, Iglesia Bautista Bethel, 2000
- 6 – Dave Chambers, Westminster, 2022
- 7 – Von Reynolds, Reedy Fork, 2015
- 12 – Jeremy Beauford, College Street, 2022
- 16 – Alan Adams, Bethlehem, 2019
- 17 – Steve Roberts, Pleasant Hill, 1990
- 26 – Louis Venable, Cheohee, 2022

Wedding Anniversaries:

- 5 – Ray & Vanessa Conway, retired
- 9 – Alvin & Kathy Burdette, Mt. Pleasant
- 9 – David & Kathy Shirley, BBA
- 10 – Mckensey & Sandra Campbell, Westminster First
- 10 – Rick & Billie Henderson, Holly Springs
- 12 – Bobby & Allison Holcombe, Return
- 18 – Mark & Natalie Nelson, Old Liberty
- 20 – John & Ann Compton, Jr., retired
- 23 – Randy & Faye Keasler, retired
- 24 – Dillon & Katie Bolt, Return
- 29 – Tim & Susan Rackley, Mt. Pleasant
- 30 – Glenn & Joyce Kelly, retired

