



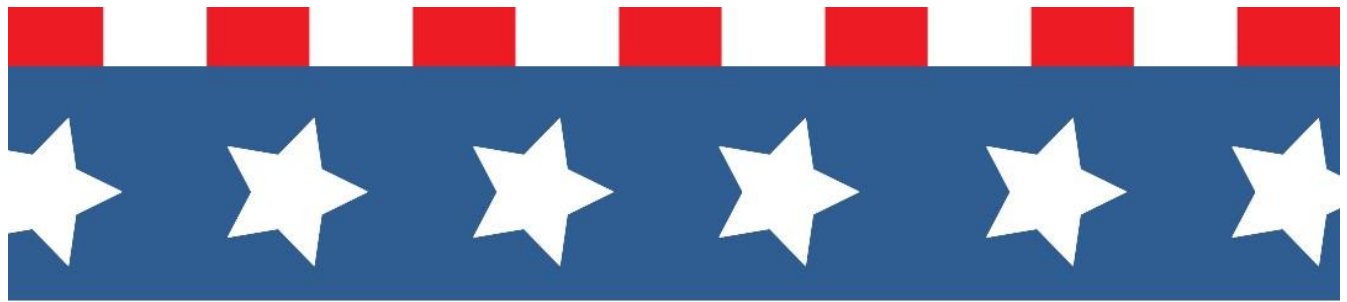
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ONE NATION
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From the Associational Mission Strategist (AMS),

In 2020, the Beaverdam Baptist Association entered into a partnership with Fortitude Counseling in order to provide licensed, professional, Bible-based, Christian counseling to those who are members or regular attendees of our churches. Since entering into that partnership, we have heard numerous testimonies from pastors concerning the effectiveness and success of the ministry provided by Fortitude. To God be the glory!

Since 2020, 32 BBA pastors/churches have referred 147 people to the Fortitude Counseling Center through the association's partnership. Those 147 referrals have resulted in 1358 individual counselling sessions at a cost to the association of \$106,408.85.

	Referrals	Sessions	Cost
2020.....	23.....	96.....	\$9600
2021.....	60.....	436.....	\$44,100
2022.....	35.....	432.....	\$28,178.47 (Insurance Implemented)
2023.....	13.....	261.....	\$15,123.40
2024.....	16.....	133.....	\$9406.98 (January – April only)
Total.....	147.....	1358.....	\$106,408.85

I share this update on the association's counseling ministry because:

1. I am so thankful that the association, in 2020, saw a need and made the decision to provide licensed Christian counseling opportunities to our pastors/churches. As previously stated, this ministry has been a tremendous blessing to 147 people since its inception.

2. Our ability to continue providing this ministry is totally dependent upon the financial support that the association receives from our member churches.

As you can see from the information above, thus far in 2024 (January-April), the association has already spent \$9406.98 on individual counseling sessions. I am concerned about the association's ability to financially continue assisting with counseling sessions at our present level of financial support. Presently, the association provides \$100 of the \$125 cost per session and the client is required to provide \$25 per session. Of course, this is much lower if the client has insurance that covers individual counseling. In light of the financial challenges that we are now facing, we are considering a couple different options:

1. The association would reduce the amount that we would provide for each session which would result in the client having to increase their financial obligation per session. Fortitude feels that increasing the client's financial obligation would prevent some from having access to the counseling due to the financial commitment that would require.

2. The association would reduce the amount that we would provide for each session and ask the referring church as well as the client to pay a percentage of the cost per session. This would create a challenge for us as the association, as we would then have to notify churches monthly of their counseling cost. We also feel that this would limit smaller churches from taking advantage of this ministry as well.

In my heart, I believe that the simplest solution to this challenge is in the churches of the Beaverdam Baptist Association realizing that the association is truly impacting lives across this county through our partnership with Fortitude Counseling Center. I truly believe the solution to this challenge is found in our member churches making a commitment to support the association at a stronger level financially. I would also encourage our pastors, church staff ministers, and church members to take advantage of the various equipping/training/ministry opportunities that we offer. (Monthly Next- Steps I and II pastors meetings, monthly Re (Revitalization) Cohort Pastors Leadership Track, Boston/Providence missions partnership opportunities, monthly Pastors Lunch & Learn meetings which highlight local missions opportunities).

I believe that with an increased awareness of the need before us as well as greater participation and support of the ongoing ministry and missions opportunities provided by the association, we can make our association one of the best associations in the state of South Carolina.

David

BBA Annual Meeting

Sunday, October 27

at

College Street Baptist Church

Dr. Tony Wolfe, SCBC executive director-treasurer, will be speaking. Plan now to take part in this worship service and fellowship with association churches.



Church Contributions

	May 24	Jan-May 24
Beaverdam	155.51	877.38
Belmont	0.00	0.00
Bethel	177.00	967.00
Bethlehem	0.00	0.00
Calvary	76.44	496.02
Chauga	60.93	339.07
Cheohee	200.00	1,000.00
Christ Fellowship	0.00	0.00
Clearmont	230.00	2,963.43
College Street	0.00	11,412.43
Coneross	75.00	375.00
Corinth	0.00	450.00
Cross Hill Fellowship	0.00	750.00
Cross Roads – Seneca	0.00	1,055.88
Cross Roads – Westminster	100.00	500.00
Damascus	0.00	0.00
Earle's Grove	947.99	5,290.10
Ebenezer	782.86	4,429.51
Faith	236.00	479.14
Fants Grove	0.00	912.29
Golden Corner	0.00	0.00
Grace	634.68	634.68
Heart Land	90.00	526.00
Hepsibah	780.34	3,901.70
Holly Springs	219.79	1,422.11
Hopewell	329.34	2,395.67
Iglesia Bautista Bethel	0.00	0.00
La Roca Oconee	0.00	0.00
Little River	0.00	0.00
Long Creek	165.00	825.00
Lydia	0.00	1,145.05
Maranatha	85.05	501.41
Monte Vista	25.00	125.00
Mountain Rest	260.22	1,215.64
Mountain View	0.00	400.00
Mt. Freedom	0.00	1,800.00
Mt. Pleasant	0.00	624.99
Mt. Tabor	264.00	1,822.51
New Hope	0.00	2,458.00
Old Liberty	289.54	1,196.00
Open Door	250.00	1,250.00
Pleasant Grove	229.16	938.50
Pleasant Hill	200.00	1,000.00
Pleasant Ridge	666.67	2,666.68
Poplar Springs	600.00	1,500.00
Puerta Abierta	0.00	0.00
Reedy Fork	338.56	2,241.72
Retreat	0.00	0.00
Return	769.35	3,716.98
Rock Hill	0.00	0.00
Rocky Knoll	621.92	2,781.45
Salem	0.00	1,249.97
Scenic Heights	0.00	3,600.00
Seneca	1,204.00	4,894.00
Shiloh	0.00	0.00
Snow Creek	0.00	1,382.96
Souls Harbor	145.00	725.00
South Union	158.52	815.26
Utica	1,728.07	6,472.97
Walhalla	0.00	950.00
Welcome	131.00	1,120.70
West Union	0.00	0.00
Westminster	500.00	2,500.00
Westminster First	200.00	1,000.00
Wolf Stake	0.00	404.00
Total	13,926.94	94,501.20

Church News

Staff Changes:

Bethel called Andrew Smith as student director.

Rocky Knoll called Abbey Bellotte as minster of students.

Dave Chambers resigned as family pastor from **Westminster** Baptist. He has accepted the pastorate at Barlow-Vista Baptist Church in North Carolina.

Staff Needs:

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

First Baptist Church Walhalla is seeking an administrative assistant to perform general office tasks including some financial/accounting duties. The successful candidate will have good organizational, computer and people skills. The ability to work unsupervised and be a flexible team player are also required. Hours 9:00am-2:00pm Monday-Thursday. Competitive salary. Reports to Pastor. E-mail Resume to: firstbaptistchurchwalhalla@gmail.com or P.O. Box 589, Walhalla SC 29691

Staff Needs Outside BBA:

Honea Path First Baptist Church is looking for a full-time Worship Pastor to join our ministry team! Applicants must have at least a 4-year bachelor's degree and credible worship-leading experience. Duties will include Sunday contemporary and traditional worship services, Wednesday night services, directing the adult choir, and supervising various areas of the worship, music, and audio/visual/lighting ministries. To submit an application, please complete the Google Form on the church FB page as well as submit a resume with references to office@hpfbc.org. The deadline to submit applications is Sunday, June 30.



The association extends Christian sympathy to the family of Rev. John B. Compton, Jr., who passed away on May 19, 2024. During his ministry, Rev. Compton served Westminster First Baptist Church for 18 years.

Christ Life Conference at Lydia Baptist

July 14-17

Speaker: Dr. David Blizzard, Oakdale Baptist

Sunday at 10:30 AM and 5:45 PM

Monday-Wednesday 6:45 PM

VBS Day Camp at Ebenezer Baptist "Outback Rock"

July 17-19

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

For children ages 4 – 5th grade.



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- 1 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 4 – Independence Day, Office Closed
- 8 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 15 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 22 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 29 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM

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

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays:

- 1 – Mckensy 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 – Pat Ashworth, Lydia, 2023
- 1 – Tony Brown, Salem, 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 – Mckensy Campbell, Westminster First, 2013
- 25 – Bob Castro, Faith, 2021

Wedding Anniversaries:

- 8 – Haskell & Mary Dill, Mountain View
- 15 – Jimmie & Marty Rhoetter, 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
- 22 – Jeromy & Amanda Dean, Bethel
- 26 – Jeff & Tracy Whaley, Hopewell
- 27 – Jimmy & Martha Thomas, retired

Operation Christmas Child

Would you like to learn more about participating in
Operation Christmas Child this year?

Members of the Foothills OCC Team will be at the
following places ready to talk about Operation
Christmas Child with you.



July 6 – Alexander's Work and Wander, 10-Noon
July 11 – Patrick Square Farmer's Market
July 27 – Highway 11 Flea Market