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Men's Ministry Fellowship

August 6 at 6:00 PM

Rocky Knoll Baptist Church

\$4.00 donation
at the door

Speaker: Steve Paysen, evangelist

Meal: Chicken, trimmings, & dessert



WMU Fall Training

August 19 at 6:00 PM

Retreat Baptist Church

Meal at 6:00 PM; Training at 6:30 PM.

*Register by Thursday, August 8th to Beaverdam Baptist Association.
\$5 per person (meal).*

Leader Training Sessions: directors, adults, youth, and children/mission friends

Mission Project:

Hygiene Items for Grace's
Closet



From the Associational Mission Strategist:

I recently ran across a post from a friend who shared the obituary of a lady named Valerie Ann Smith. Mrs. Smith lived in Virginia and had recently passed after a battle with Renal Medullary Carcinoma. The interesting thing about the obituary was that it was written by Valerie herself. She wrote her own obituary! That got me to thinking...

- What would I write?
- What could I write?
- What would I want to write?
- What would you say if you had one last opportunity to say it?
- Did I live out what I wrote?

I recently heard a pastor speak at a memorial service for an elderly lady. The pastor honored the deceased with beautiful words about her life, her love for God, and the church. It was a wonderful tribute to a life well lived. Following the service another lady commented to her granddaughter: "I hope when I pass the minister will say such beautiful things about me." Her granddaughter responded, "Well, you probably need to start working on that now so he'll have something to say." Ouch! Below is a portion of the obituary written by Valerie:

Valerie Ann Smith, age 39 of Meadows of Dan, passed away peacefully at her home on June 20, 2024 surrounded by family.

After months of fighting, I have finally won my battle against Renal Medullary Carcinoma and now sit at the feet of Jesus!

Death at 39 years of age was never in my 5 or 10-year plan, or even my 15 or 20 year plan. Especially not with 3 babies still at home, in the best years of my marriage and at the height of my career. This whole ordeal has taken so much from my family, but it has taught me some very valuable insights. One of the most important lessons this journey has taught me is that your plans and God's plans rarely align. So, remember when you're making your plans, they really are tentative. Focus on not holding grudges because holding a grudge is only putting you in a sour mood. When is the last time you really let your friends know you appreciate them and invested your time in them? Your life would look a lot different without them in it, you know. If you still have your spouse with you earth side, spend time with them. Imagine sitting in the shoes of my husband who wishes he had just a bit more time with his wife and children together.

Spend time with your kids. Put your phone down, pause your work, and give them a hug. Tell them how proud you are of them. Love all over them and invest in quality time

with them. Go out regularly, see and experience things and sites with them. They need you.

Most of all, I encourage you, if you haven't already, find a church home. I struggled for years to find somewhere that felt like home. I needed somewhere that I could wear what I was comfortable wearing. I needed a church that would actually open the Bible and read and teach from it. I needed a Pastor, not a preacher. I needed a church family. If you're reading this, there's at least one chair open now in the front row at Grace Baptist Church. It was my favorite place to sit. There are other seats too, but you're welcome to find your way to Grace and use that one. You'll feel right at home.

To all my friends and family, thank you. I hope to see you again!

With all my love, Valerie Ann Smith

David

Executive Board Meeting

September 9 at 7:00 PM

Pastors plus two members
from each church make the
executive board.

Church Contributions

	Jun 24	Jan-Jun 24
Beaverdam	185.99	1063.37
Belmont	0.00	0.00
Bethel	177.00	1,144.00
Bethlehem	0.00	0.00
Calvary	83.36	579.38
Chauga	67.60	406.67
Cheohee	200.00	1,200.00
Christ Fellowship	0.00	0.00
Clearmont	590.00	3,553.43
College Street	0.00	11,412.43
Coneross	75.00	450.00
Corinth	0.00	450.00
Cross Hill Fellowship	750	1,500.00
Cross Roads – Seneca	224.14	1,280.02
Cross Roads – Westminster	100.00	600.00
Damascus	0.00	0.00
Earle's Grove	887.16	6,177.26
Ebenezer	672.54	5,102.05
Faith	0.00	479.14
Fants Grove	717.68	1,629.97
Golden Corner	0.00	0.00
Grace	0.00	634.68
Heart Land	88.00	614.00
Hepsibah	780.34	4,682.04
Holly Springs	547.35	1,969.46
Hopewell	0.00	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	990.00
Lydia	0.00	1,145.05
Maranatha	110.44	611.85
Monte Vista	25.00	150.00
Mountain Rest	237.30	1,452.94
Mountain View	200.00	600.00
Mt. Freedom	0.00	1,800.00
Mt. Pleasant	624.99	1,249.98
Mt. Tabor	694.15	2,516.66
New Hope	415.00	2,873.00
Old Liberty	0.00	1,196.00
Open Door	250.00	1,500.00
Pleasant Grove	214.42	1,152.92
Pleasant Hill	200.00	1,200.00
Pleasant Ridge	666.67	3,333.35
Poplar Springs	0.00	1,500.00
Puerta Abierta	0.00	0.00
Reedy Fork	402.58	2,644.30
Retreat	0.00	0.00
Return	848.22	4,565.20
Rock Hill	0.00	0.00
Rocky Knoll	882.87	3,664.32
Salem	3,750.03	5,000.00
Scenic Heights	0.00	3,600.00
Seneca	1,129.00	6,023.00
Shiloh	0.00	0.00
Snow Creek	0.00	1,382.96
Souls Harbor	145.00	870.00
South Union	196.84	1,012.10
Utica	1,459.83	7,932.80
Walhalla	500.00	1,450.00
Welcome	176.00	1,296.70
West Union	0.00	0.00
Westminster	500.00	3,000.00
Westminster First	200.00	1,200.00
Wolf Stake	611.00	1,015.00
Total	20,750.50	115,251.70

Church News

Staff Needs:

Christ Fellowship is looking for quality musicians who are ready to share the love of the Lord through music. We'd love to chat! For inquiries: Josh Thomas at josh@thomasandcrain.com or 864-710-9998.

Cross Hill Fellowship is seeking a wise and spiritually discerning man to build and lead our youth ministry. This position will help the church bridge the gap in discipling our young people, as discipleship will be of primary importance in building this ministry. Regular missions opportunities shall be coordinated for youth participation. This position will be under the oversight of the Senior Pastor. All qualified candidates must have experience working with youth, a discerned call to youth ministry, and the ability to teach. Candidates must be able to pass a background check, uphold the Baptist Faith and Message 2000, and give testimony of one's conversion. Resumes can be sent to pastorCHF@gmail.com. Visit crosshillfellowship.org for more information on our church.

First Baptist Church Walhalla is seeking a church secretary / 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

Westminster Baptist in Westminster, SC is praying for a full-time Family Ministry Director who has experience discipling both children and youth (preschool – youth). WBC is seeking a man who models a lifestyle of worship unto God for His Glory in their life

story. It is important that he can unite the power of the gospel message and mission with the influence of the family bond to lead the Next Generation to Jesus. Send requests for a full job description to Pastor David Walker at david.walker@wbc.life.

Church Literature

If you have Bibles or church literature, like Sunday School books or VBS supplies, that you would like to donate, Saluda Baptist Association (Anderson) accepts those.

1901 S Murray Ave, Anderson SC

864-225-7759 /
office@saludabaptist.net

Christmas Mission Projects

- **Operation Christmas Child**
Collection Dates:
November 18-25
- **Prisoner Packets**
Collection Dates:
November 25-26

Questions about these? Contact BBA for more information.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:17



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- 5 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 6 – Men's Ministry Fellowship, Rocky Knoll, 6:00 PM
- 12 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 19 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 19 – WMU Fall Training, Retreat, 6:00 PM
- 26 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM

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

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays:

- 9 – Tony Qualkinbush, Clearmont
- 11 – Jeremy Garrett, Open Door
- 15 – Tim Sheriff, Poplar Springs
- 17 – Dawn Anderson, Rocky Knoll
- 31 – Scott Lee, Return

Staff Anniversaries:

- 11 – Ryan Goodroe, Utica, 2013
- 12 – Kevin Phillips, Mountain Rest, 2018
- 13 – Robert Bird, Maranatha, 2023
- 19 – Jeromy Dean, Bethel, 2019
- 29 – Dillon Bolt, Return, 2018
- 30 – John McKnight, Hepsibah, 1987

Wedding Anniversaries:

- 2 – Tony & Pam Grant, retired
- 10 – Tony & Lee Ann Qualkinbush, Clearmont
- 24 – Ronnie & Sheila Wald, Snow Creek

Prisoner Packet Collection

Updated Packing List

November 25-26

ONE black non-retractable pen (No wire clips, no other color ink)

ONE 5" x 8" junior legal pad – white or yellow only (No wire bound books, no marbled composition books, no post-it notes, no journals)

ONE adult toothbrush (individually factory sealed; no multi-packs, holders, floss, or folding/travel toothbrushes)

ONE 4 oz. to 6 oz. toothpaste (No travel size)

ONE 3.2 oz. to 6 oz. bar of soap (No travel size, no unwrapped or unboxed bars)

TWO rolls of hard candy like LifeSavers, Breath Savers, or Mentos (No Smarties, Sweetarts, Necco Wafers, Rolos, Starburst, or TicTacs)

TWO first-class #10 stamp-embossed envelopes (from US Post Office – NO regular stamps or metered envelopes, no other size envelope)

ONE gallon size zipper bag – press and seal AND slider bags accepted.