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Church Partnership Conference

Thursday, January 9, 2025

10:30-12:30 at BBA

Lunch provided.

Representatives from every church are encouraged to attend.

Pastors, Church Staff, Lay Leaders

Please register by contacting bbaemily@bellsouth.net or
864-882-7070.

See AMS article for more information.

From the Associational Mission Strategist (AMS),

This message is an URGENT REQUEST to every pastor and every church in the Beaverdam Baptist Association. We need your help!

We have all heard the stories and we're all familiar with the statistics provided by Lifeway Research regarding declining churches and churches facing closure. When I was called as the DOM/AMS of this association back in 2010, my first DOM meeting at the Baptist building in Columbia focused on helping churches close with dignity. My heart was burdened when I left Columbia that day as I thought about the responsibility involved with helping churches become legacy churches.

As I have shared on numerous occasions, in BBA we have twenty-four churches who average 40 people or less each Sunday. Of those twenty-four churches, eleven of them are running 20 or less each week. In my fifteen years as AMS of Beaverdam Baptist Association we have seen member churches decide to become legacy churches and make the decision to close with dignity. Within the next few years other BBA churches will be forced to make similar heartbreaking decisions regarding their future.

My heart breaks as I listen to the the precious saints that make up these churches share memories of the glory years as the tears roll down their cheeks. The emotions and heartbreak are real and painful as they face the reality that their outlook for the future seems bleak.

This is where church partnerships can be such a blessing to both the struggling church and the partnering church. I believe that it is critically important that we as an association:

- (1) Address this critical need within our association
- (2) Encourage churches to prayerfully consider entering into a partnership with a sister church
- (3) Understand that church partnerships are biblical

On Thursday, January 9 from 10:30 to 12:30, I want to ask every pastor and every church to make a special effort to be a part of a conversation (lunch will be provided) on church partnerships at the Beaverdam Mission Center. We will be sharing information on what a partnership looks like for both the partnering church and the receiving church. We currently have a church that is earnestly and prayerfully seeking a partnership with a sister

church. If your church would like to know more about church partnerships and what becoming a partnering church looks like, I look forward to seeing you on January 9th. To register please contact Emily at (864) 882-7070 or at bbaemily@bellsouth.net. This will help us with our lunch plans.

Thursday, January 9, 2025

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10:30 - 12:30 - *Lunch Provided*

Beaverdam Mission Center

Ark Encounter & Creation Museum Trip

September 22-25, 2025

Sponsored by the Senior Adult Committee of the Beaverdam Baptist Association

Please note: Due to limited space on the Ionosphere Motorcoach (56 people) the only way to reserve a spot is through payment. Seats cannot be reserved on the phone.

\$598.00

Per Person – Double Occupancy

Trip includes a comfortable trip onboard an Ionosphere Motor Coach from Seneca to the Ark Encounter and the Creation Museum.

Price also includes a 3 night stay at the Hilton Garden Inn in Florence, Kentucky, 3 full buffet breakfasts, 3 private party dinners at the motel, tickets to the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter plus lunch vouchers for both the Ark and the Museum.

Deposit now until February 1 - \$200.00 per person

Tentative rooming list due at this time.

Second payment due April 1 - \$135.00 per person

Third payment due June 1 - \$135.00 per person

Final payment due August 1 - \$128.00 per person

Deadline for cancelation is July 15. Cancelation fee is \$25 per person.

*Full payment can be made at any time prior to August 1.

Church Contributions

	Nov 24	Jan-Nov 24
Beaverdam	179.76	1,789.43
Belmont	0.00	0.00
Bethel	0.00	2,252.48
Bethlehem	0.00	0.00
Calvary	98.58	1,053.10
Chauga	72.99	830.85
Cheohee	200.00	2,200.00
Christ Fellowship	0.00	0.00
Clearmont	245.66	5,035.22
College Street	0.00	21,123.54
Coneross	75.00	825.00
Corinth	0.00	1,800.00
Cross Hill Fellowship	0.00	3,000.00
Cross Roads – Seneca	73.00	1,990.00
Cross Roads – Westminster	100.00	1,100.00
Damascus	0.00	0.00
Earle's Grove	0.00	10,336.13
Ebenezer	698.51	9,149.95
Faith	0.00	723.14
Fants Grove	0.00	2,186.45
Golden Corner	0.00	0.00
Grace	0.00	2,690.95
Heart Land	85.00	1,035.00
Hepsibah	780.34	8,583.74
Holly Springs	408.21	3,377.50
Hopewell	341.89	4,694.38
Iglesia Bautista Bethel	0.00	0.00
La Roca Oconee	200.00	600.00
Little River	0.00	0.00
Long Creek	162.00	1,809.00
Lydia	1,878.11	5,457.55
Maranatha	77.08	1,124.98
Monte Vista	25.00	275.00
Mountain Rest	288.74	2,388.11
Mountain View	100.00	1,100.00
Mt. Freedom	0.00	1,800.00
Mt. Pleasant	0.00	1,874.97
Mt. Tabor	473.24	4,443.45
New Hope	0.00	4,678.00
Old Liberty	266.15	2,462.41
Open Door	250.00	2,750.00
Pleasant Grove	269.64	2,161.79
Pleasant Hill	200.00	2,200.00
Pleasant Ridge	500.00	6,333.36
Poplar Springs	300.00	3,300.00
Puerta Abierta	0.00	0.00
Reedy Fork	735.68	4,902.88
Retreat	111.70	609.77
Return	711.24	8,139.52
Rock Hill	0.00	800.00
Rocky Knoll	726.82	7,107.88
Salem	0.00	5,000.00
Scenic Heights	0.00	3,600.00
Seneca	1,136.37	12,059.00
Shiloh	0.00	0.00
Snow Creek	0.00	1,382.96
Souls Harbor	145.00	1,595.00
South Union	152.46	1,761.94
Utica	1,505.92	15,715.54
Walhalla	0.00	1,950.00
Welcome	251.66	2,238.36
West Union	0.00	0.00
Westminster	500.00	5,500.00
Westminster First	200.00	2,200.00
Wolf Stake	0.00	1,586.00
Church at The Well	0.00	1,200.00
Total	14,525.75	207,884.30

Church News

Staff Changes:

Rev. Randy Phillips resigned as pastor of **Monte Vista** Baptist Church.

Staff Needs:

Open Door Baptist Church is seeking a dedicated and detail-oriented Administrative Assistant to support our church operations. This position will involve a variety of administrative, financial, and pastoral support duties, including managing finances, assisting the Senior Pastor, and maintaining church records. The ideal candidate will have strong organizational skills, experience with financial software, and a passion for helping the church community thrive.

How to Apply: If you are passionate about supporting the mission of Open Door Baptist Church through administrative work and financial management, we would love to hear from you. Please submit your resume and a cover letter detailing your relevant experience to odbcnews@yahoo.com

Retreat Baptist Church is a Southern Baptist Church located 2.5 miles south east of Westminster, SC on Highway 24. Retreat is a small, traditional church that is currently seeking a bi-vocational pastor who can equip our church to build bridges of influence in the community for Christ. Please email resumes to retreatbaptist24@gmail.com

Do you have unused or gently used church literature? Saluda Baptist Association accepts those.

Contact 864-225-7759 or office@saludabaptist.net to schedule drop-off.

1901 S Murray Dr, Anderson



Ministry Updates

The association collected 1,791 prisoner packets in November. The association WMU team donated 215 packets for Oconee Detention Center, totaling 2,006.

New Hope Baptist Church and Holly Springs Baptist Church collected 5,293 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. The Foothills Area Team (Oconee/Pickens) reported a total of 26,887 shoeboxes collected.

Thank you to everyone who participated in these ministries.

Baptism
All things have
become new.
2 Corinthians 5:17, NKJV

Beaverdam Baptist Association churches reported a total of 242 baptisms for the 2023-2024 church year.

Save the Dates

- ❖ **January 9** – Church Partnership Conference at BBA
- ❖ **January 24** – Converge at Myrtle Beach
- ❖ **January 30** – Poverty 101 Conference at SCBC
- ❖ **February 10** – BBA Executive Board Meeting
- ❖ **February 20** – Impact Conference at Shandon Baptist Church
- ❖ **October 26** – BBA Annual Meeting at Westminster First

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- 1 – New Year's Day – Office Closed
- 6 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 9 – Church Partnership Conference, BMC, 10:30 AM
- 13 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 20 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 27 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM

*BMC = Beaverdam Mission Center
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
- 11 – Kline Matthews, Cross Roads, Seneca
- 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 – Jeff Lunsford, Maranatha, 2022
- 1 – Lizzie Spearman, Bethel, 2023
- 2 – Travis Brian, Utica, 2022
- 5 – Marty McKee, Coneross, 2003
- 6 – Brian Hopkins, Mt. Freedom, 2019
- 13 – David Kelley, Heart Land, 2019
- 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 & Elizabeth Garcia, Iglesia Bautista Bethel

*'Because He lives. I can face tomorrow.
Because He lives. all fear is gone.'*

