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Executive Board Meeting

Monday, February 10 at 7:00 PM

Beaverdam Mission Center

215 N Townville St, Seneca

All pastors plus two church members make up the Executive Board.
Each church is encouraged to participate.

Men's Ministry Quarterly Fellowship

Tuesday, February 4 at 6:00 PM

Ebenezer Baptist Church

1405 Ebenezer Rd, West Union

Speaker: Jimmy Boggs "This is Hope for the Addict!"

Special Guests: Home with a Heart - drug and alcohol rehabilitation center in Liberty, SC

Menu: Crockpot soups and stews, with cornbread, and dessert

Mission Project: paper goods and hygiene products such as: toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, deodorant, toilet paper, paper towels, bleach, Pine sol, laundry detergent, and trash bags (13 and 55 gallon)

\$4.00 donation accepted at the door.

WMU Brunch

Saturday, February 8 at 9:30 am

Maranatha Baptist Church

240 Keowee School Rd, Seneca

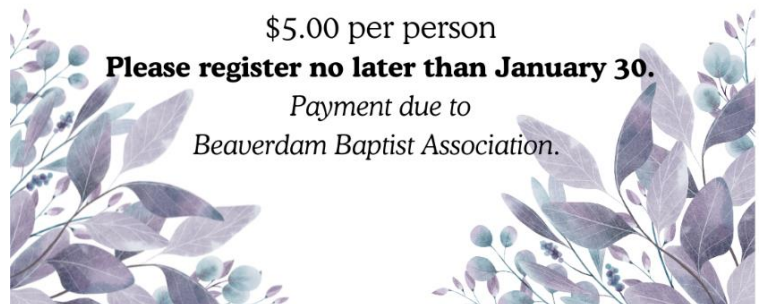
Special Guest Speaker from Collins Home Family Ministries

An offering will be taken for Collins Home Family Ministries.

\$5.00 per person

Please register no later than January 30.

Payment due to
Beaverdam Baptist Association.



From the Associational Mission Strategist (AMS),

I want to say thank you to the churches that attended our recent Church Partnership Conference. We were so blessed to have sixty-one people attend, representing thirty Beaverdam Baptist Association churches! We were overflowing with joy!

I shared a great illustration at the conference illustrating the beauty of partnerships:

It was during the summer of 1904, and the World's Fair was held in St. Louis. It was an extremely hot day at the fair, and people were looking for something refreshing to cool them off. There was a vendor there named Arnold who was selling ice cream, and the line stretched for what seemed like a mile. However, there was a problem. Arnold was not prepared for the demand and quickly ran out of paper bowls. In the booth next to Arnold was a man named Ernest, a pastry chef, who was making Persian wafer desert. Ernest also had a problem: his pastry was not selling. He noticed the problem Arnold was having and took some warm pastry and rolled it into a cone shape. He then went over and showed Arnold how the cone could hold a scoop of the ice cream. On that hot day in 1904, at the World's Fair, the wafer ice cream cone was born and a beautiful partnership was formed.

This is a beautiful picture of true partnership – people working together in order to produce something far greater than that which they could produce by themselves. If partnership could have that kind of world impact for the sake of ice cream, what kind of world impact could churches have partnering together in the power of Christ for the sake of the Gospel? (*Pathways To Partnership* – Bob Bickford and Mark Hallock)

Below are some of the key points of partnership that were shared at the conference:

Four Reasons Why Partnership Is Necessary

1. Partnership is Biblical.
2. Partnership provides encouragement and hope.
3. Partnership fights territorialism.
4. Partnership restores a Gospel witness to a community in need of Jesus.

Before We Partner

1. Does our church have the margin (time/space) and motivation (burden) to partner with a sister church?
2. What do we have (unique resources) that can be a blessing to a sister church? Do we have volunteers to share? Do we have money to give? Do we have resources to offer (leadership, teachers, musical talent, children's ministry, student ministry, missions involvement)? Do we have encouragement to offer? Do we have prayers we can pray?
3. Are we aligned theologically?
4. Who from our church could lead our church in a partnership?

Five Signs Your Church IS Ready To Partner

1. Your church has discerned a call from God.
2. Your church understands the pace (can't do everything in the first month).
3. Your church is ready to embrace the messiness.
4. Your church embraces the definition of success.
5. Your church adopts a servant, not savior, mindset.

Five Signs Your Church Is Not Ready To Partner

1. Your church expects the partner church to become a mini-version of your congregation.
2. Your church views the partner church as a failure before you even engage.
3. Your church evaluates the partner church by your scoreboard (ex. nickles/noses).
4. Your church has its hand hovering over the "exit" button.
5. Your church is simply looking for a facility.

The Beaverdam Baptist Association has made a commitment to walk beside any church that has experienced decline and hopelessness. It is our desire to provide assistance, encouragement, and hope to any church that allows us the opportunity. We would love to have those conversations. We would also love the opportunity to have a conversation with strong, healthy churches concerning ways that they could partner with sister churches in our association. Can we talk?

David

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 cancellation is July 15. Cancellation fee is \$25 per person.

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

Church Contributions

	Dec 24	Jan-Dec 24
Beaverdam	327.20	2,116.63
Belmont	0.00	0.00
Bethel	479.00	2,731.48
Bethlehem	0.00	0.00
Calvary	86.40	1,139.50
Chauga	74.50	905.35
Cheohee	200.00	2,400.00
Christ Fellowship	1,200.00	1,200.00
Clearmont	218.87	5,254.09
College Street	0.00	21,123.54
Coneross	75.00	900.00
Corinth	0.00	1,800.00
Cross Hill Fellowship	0.00	3,000.00
Cross Roads – Seneca	141.42	2,131.42
Cross Roads – Westminster	100.00	1,200.00
Damascus	0.00	0.00
Earle's Grove	1,674.99	12,011.12
Ebenezer	741.80	9,891.75
Faith	241.00	964.14
Fants Grove	470.96	2,657.41
Golden Corner	0.00	0.00
Grace	0.00	2,690.95
Heart Land	81.00	1,116.00
Hepsibah	780.34	9,364.08
Holly Springs	176.10	3,553.60
Hopewell	330.62	5,025.00
Iglesia Bautista Bethel	0.00	0.00
La Roca Oconee	0.00	600.00
Little River	1,000.00	1,000.00
Long Creek	162.00	1,971.00
Lydia	0.00	5,457.55
Maranatha	0.00	1,124.98
Monte Vista	25.00	300.00
Mountain Rest	159.26	2,547.37
Mountain View	100.00	1,200.00
Mt. Freedom	0.00	1,800.00
Mt. Pleasant	0.00	1,874.97
Mt. Tabor	381.98	4,825.43
New Hope	925.00	5,603.00
Old Liberty	211.80	2,674.21
Open Door	250.00	3,000.00
Pleasant Grove	288.04	2,449.83
Pleasant Hill	200.00	2,400.00
Pleasant Ridge	500.00	6,833.36
Poplar Springs	0.00	3,300.00
Puerta Abierta	0.00	0.00
Reedy Fork	478.72	5,381.60
Retreat	0.00	609.77
Return	749.82	8,889.34
Rock Hill	0.00	800.00
Rocky Knoll	747.84	7,855.72
Salem	0.00	5,000.00
Scenic Heights	0.00	3,600.00
Seneca	0.00	12,059.00
Shiloh	0.00	0.00
Snow Creek	0.00	1,382.96
Souls Harbor	145.00	1,740.00
South Union	0.00	1,761.94
Utica	1,086.29	16,801.83
Walhalla	500.00	2,450.00
Welcome	0.00	2,238.36
West Union	0.00	0.00
Westminster	500.00	6,000.00
Westminster First	200.00	2,400.00
Wolf Stake	269.00	1,855.00
Church at The Well	0.00	1,200.00
Total	16,278.95	224,163.30

Church News

Staff Needs:

PART-TIME Worship Leader for a blended style worship. **Hopewell Baptist Church** in Seneca, SC is seeking a Worship Leader. Resumes and inquiries may be emailed to whaleysc@bellsouth.net.

Monte Vista Baptist Church in Mountain Rest is searching for a bivocational pastor, preferably from within Oconee County, to lead our small traditional congregation. Please send resumes and inquiries to mvbesc29664@mail.com.

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

*Great is the Lord, and highly
to be praised;
And His greatness
is unsearchable.*



Senior Adult Trip to Dahlonega, GA

Tuesday, April 1

\$25 per person

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Impact Conference at Shandon Baptist Church Columbia, SC

Thursday, February 20

Featuring: Dr. Jeff Iorg, Dr. Robert Smith, Jr., and Justin Putnam

A variety of breakout sessions will be offered for pastors and other church ministry leaders.

For more information and registration, visit: scbaptist.org

South Carolina Disaster Relief Spring Training

March 8 at Alice Drive Baptist Church - Sumter, SC

“This training will prepare SC Baptist volunteers to meet needs after a disaster, serving with SCBaptist Disaster Relief (DR). Classes will be offered in many of the ministry areas of Baptist DR. An ‘Introduction to Disaster Relief’ class is required of all new volunteers. The day will include three training class times, a general session, a regional meeting, and lunch.”

- SCBC

To register, visit: scbaptist.org

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- 3 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 4 – Men's Ministry Fellowship, Ebenezer, 6:00 PM
- 8 – WMU Brunch, Maranatha, 9:30 AM
- 10 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 10 – Executive Board Meeting, BMC, 7:00 PM
- 16 – Focus on WMU Sunday
- 17 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 24 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays:

- 6 – Bobby Holcombe, Return
- 9 – Marty McKee, Coneross
- 12 – David Walker, Westminster
- 15 – Tim Rackley, Mt. Pleasant
- 16 – Greg Marcus, Long Creek
- 21 – Christopher Hulsey, Seneca
- 22 – Jose Pedrotti, Puerta Abierta
- 23 – Grady Long, retired
- 25 – Jimmie Rholetter, retired

Staff Anniversaries:

- 7 – Ron Potts, Mt. Tabor, 2016
- 9 – Joey Hawkins, New Hope, 2014
- 20 – Kenny Owen, Westminster First, 2011
- 25 – Steve Black, Scenic Heights, 2001

Wedding Anniversaries:

- 13 – Carl & Teri Krezdorn, retired
- 14 – Mike & Janice Adams, retired
- 14 – John & Lenette McKnight, Hepsibah

IRS Mileage Rates for 2025

- 70 cents per mile for business use
- 14 cents per mile for charity use

For more information on this, please visit:
www.irs.gov/tax-professionals/standard-mileage-rates.