



Men's Ministry Quarterly Fellowship

Tuesday, May 6 at 6:00 PM

Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church

253 Oconee Station Rd., Walhalla



Speaker: Sheriff Mike Crenshaw, with law enforcement officers as special guests

Menu: hamburgers and hotdogs, with sides and dessert

Mission Project: Care / hygiene packages for the homeless, collecting: toothbrushes, toothpaste, baby wipes, deodorant, combs, and wash clothes

\$4.00 donation at the door



Ministry assistants / secretaries are invited to attend the Annual Meeting of the South Carolina Baptist Ministry Assistants Association (SCBMAA).

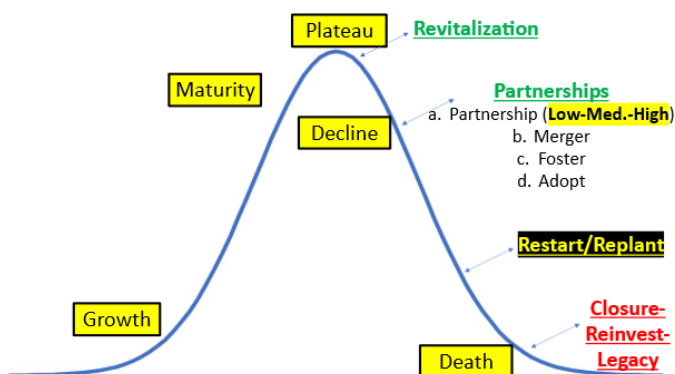
Cost \$50 – includes conference materials, membership, and lunch

Visit scbmaa.org to see breakout sessions and registration information.

From The Associational Mission Strategist (AMS),

Follow-Up

On January 9th, the Beaverdam Baptist Association hosted a Church Partnership Conference. We were thrilled to have over twenty churches represented at the conference. The idea for hosting such a conference was in response to the number of declining churches in our association. At the January Church Partnership Conference, we shared the Life Cycle (chart below) of a church and the options that churches must consider when they find themselves heading down the back side of the bell curve.



Following the January Church Partnership Conference, God began to work in hearts all across our association. Healthy, growing churches began to seek God's leadership as to their possible involvement in a partnership with a declining church. Declining churches began to consider the options that are available and some even started having difficult conversations about their future. Hearts were touched and commitments were made. Decisions were made by churches that focused more on what was best for the future of God's church rather than what my personal preferences are for my church! These conversations must take place in churches all across not only the Beaverdam Baptist Association but in churches all across the South Carolina Baptist Convention!

I am **THRILLED** to share with you that on April 13, in a joint worship service, Retreat Baptist Church and Cheohee Baptist Church officially signed a "Fostering Relationship Covenant" to begin an eighteen-month partnership. What a blessing to be a part of this historic worship service where two sister churches came together with the goal of **EXALTING** the Savior, **EQUIPPING** the saints and

EVANGELIZING the sinner. What a tremendous blessing to see Retreat Baptist Church filled with precious people who love the Lord and His church! I am so excited to see what the next eighteen months holds for both of these churches. I am so appreciative of Pastor Louis Venable and the congregation at Cheohee Baptist Church for their willingness to enter into a fostering partnership with Retreat Baptist Church.



It is with even more excitement that I share that a second Beaverdam Baptist Association, "at-risk" church will be voting this week to also express their desire to enter into a partnership agreement with a sister church. That will require a stronger, healthier partner church to make a commitment to walk alongside the requesting church for the next eighteen months. The association will assist both churches as they begin having conversations understanding the scope and parameters of the partnership. These truly are exciting days in the life of the Beaverdam Baptist Association as churches begin networking together to impact communities for the Lord Jesus Christ!

I would love to have a conversation with any church that might have an interest in learning more about the various partnership options that are available. If you or your church would have an interest, please contact me at the Beaverdam Baptist Association at (864) 882-7070.

Impacting Oconee & Beyond,

David

Church Contributions

	Mar 25	Jan-Mar 25
Beaverdam	174.88	496.11
Belmont	0.00	0.00
Bethel	474.60	1,080.95
Bethlehem	0.00	0.00
Calvary	72.40	239.48
Chauga	72.78	239.76
Cheohee	200.00	600.00
Christ Fellowship	0.00	1,200.00
Clearmont	358.86	872.77
College Street	0.00	0.00
Coneross	75.00	225.00
Corinth	0.00	0.00
Cross Hill Fellowship	0.00	0.00
Cross Roads – Seneca	200.00	540.00
Cross Roads – Westminster	100.00	300.00
Damascus	0.00	0.00
Earle's Grove	942.75	3,042.09
Ebenezer	835.28	2,772.35
Faith	0.00	267.00
Fants Grove	0.00	433.66
Golden Corner	0.00	0.00
Grace	0.00	679.16
Heart Land	77.00	320.00
Hepsibah	780.34	2,341.02
Holly Springs	338.49	976.66
Hopewell	315.17	1,217.19
Iglesia Bautista Bethel	0.00	0.00
La Roca Oconee	50.00	100.00
Little River	0.00	0.00
Long Creek	162.00	486.00
Lydia	0.00	0.00
Maranatha	102.79	389.89
Monte Vista	25.00	75.00
Mountain Rest	164.02	679.84
Mountain View	100.00	300.00
Mt. Freedom	0.00	2,300.00
Mt. Pleasant	0.00	624.99
Mt. Tabor	356.91	1,098.18
New Hope	0.00	1,791.00
Old Liberty	616.18	616.18
Open Door	250.00	750.00
Pleasant Grove	250.36	847.64
Pleasant Hill	200.00	600.00
Pleasant Ridge	500.00	1,500.00
Poplar Springs	0.00	600.00
Puerta Abierta	0.00	0.00
Reedy Fork	785.32	1,133.32
Retreat	0.00	0.00
Return	611.43	2,136.31
Rock Hill	0.00	0.00
Rocky Knoll	0.00	279.28
Salem	0.00	5,000.00
Scenic Heights	0.00	3,600.00
Seneca	0.00	3,480.21
Shiloh	0.00	0.00
Snow Creek	0.00	1,382.96
Souls Harbor	145.00	435.00
South Union	178.04	604.10
Toxaway	50.00	50.00
Utica	1,479.30	5,424.42
Walhalla	500.00	500.00
Welcome	181.00	690.92
West Union	0.00	0.00
Westminster	500.00	1,500.00
Westminster First	200.00	600.00
Wolf Stake	127.00	322.00
Total	12,551.90	57,740.44

Church News

Staff Needs:

Monte Vista Baptist Church in Mountain Rest is searching for a pastor to lead our small traditional congregation. Please send inquiries and resumes to [m vbcs29664@mail.com](mailto:mvbcs29664@mail.com).

★NATIONAL★ DAY of PRAYER

Thursday, **May 1** at Shaver
Recreation Department

12:00-12:45 PM

Theme Verse: Romans 15:13

For more information, contact
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Disaster Relief Update

Table Rock Wildfire



“The unit was deployed on March 25 to the Table Rock Camp & Retreat Center, also known as the Wesleyan Camp at Table Rock. On Wednesday, volunteers were available to accept laundry or to allow workers to take showers. On Friday, Blue Team began

managing the fire and requested that the unit be moved to the campground to provide laundry service to any workers that dropped off clothing to be washed. The shower facilities were not needed. The unit was moved and set up for service to be resumed on Saturday. Disaster Relief volunteers were at the shower / laundry trailer through the following Monday-Friday. Beginning Friday, workers who were scheduled for work in the coming days were asked to stand down. Blue Team concluded their work and departed on Friday and asked that our unit be shut down and returned over the weekend. The unit was taken down and returned to West Union for reorganizing and cleaning in the morning of Monday, April 7.”

“Twenty plus volunteers from Beaverdam, Piedmont, Saluda, and Three Rivers Associations along with some local volunteers from area churches all manned the unit providing laundry services.

This was our first fire experience. The unit more routinely serves with mud-outs, helping those who’ve experienced flooding and chainsaw deployments after wind events.

Susan Peugh, director of SC Baptist DR, said, ‘I am so grateful for DR volunteers who are willing to assist our first responders who are putting their lives at risk to extinguish these dangerous fires.’”

*Information provided by BBA
Disaster Relief Team Members*

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- 1 – National Day of Prayer
- 2 – SCBMAA Annual Meeting, 8:00 AM, North Augusta
- 5 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 6 – Men's Quarterly Fellowship, 6:00 PM, Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church
- 11 – Mother's Day
- 12 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 19 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 26 – Memorial Day – Office Closed

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

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays:

- 5 – Mark Nelson, Old Liberty
- 5 – Steve Roberts, Pleasant Hill
- 20 – Mark Tannery, Westminster First
- 30 – Dillon Bolt, Return

Staff Anniversaries:

- 1 – Ryan Perry, Seneca, 2016
- 4 – Ronnie Wald, Snow Creek, 1997
- 7 – Rod Lyda, Cross Roads – Westminster, 2006
- 7 – Jerry Lyles, Welcome, 1989
- 14 – Harley Bates, Little River, 2023
- 19 – Andrew Smith, Bethel, 2024
- 24 – Scott Lee, Return, 2020
- 26 – Greg Marcus, Long Creek, 2008

Wedding Anniversaries:

- 10 – Gerald & Karen Towe, Ebenezer
- 18 – Todd & Deana Grant, Corinth
- 21 – Ryan & Liz Perry, Seneca
- 21 – Tim & Michelle Sheriff, Poplar Springs
- 25 – Jimmy & Barbara Boggs, Ebenezer



CAROLINA MEN'S CONFERENCE



Scan for more info
and to Register

May 2-3, 2025

Hosted by Seneca Baptist Church

**FEATURED
SPEAKERS**



Tony Wolfe
South Carolina Baptist
Executive Director



D.J. Horton
Church at The Mill
Senior Pastor



Clint Pressley
Southern Baptist
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