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From the Associational Mission Strategist:

One of the most beautiful things that can happen takes place when a declining church begins to recognize their current reality. I have discovered in my fifteen years of serving as an Associational Mission Strategists that for a church to reach that place requires brokenness and humility.

God is doing something very unique in churches all across the Southern Baptist Convention as more and more churches are recognizing their current reality and becoming more receptive to receiving help from a sister church. In agreement with Scripture, churches all across the SBC/SCBC are coming alongside sister churches in partnerships with a goal to strengthen declining churches while impacting communities with the Good News of the Lord Jesus Christ. In our own association, we have seen the hand of God work in mighty ways in the "Fostering" partnership between Retreat Baptist Church and Cheohee Baptist Church. Below are just a few of the blessings that have already been experienced in that particular partnership:

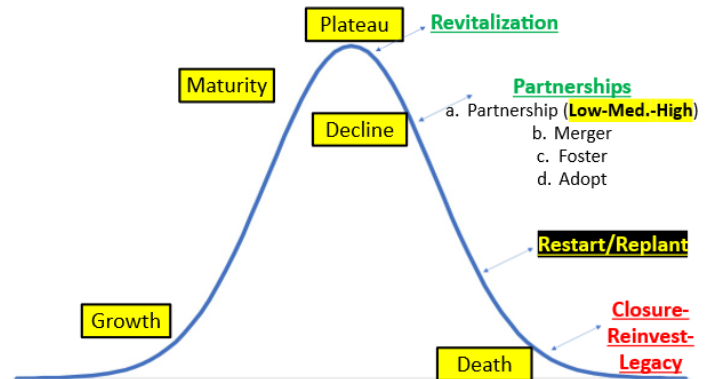
- Average attendance at Retreat has increased from 16 to 34 in four weeks.
- Retreat now has 5 children in a nursery that has not been used in years.
- The Retreat Baptist Church congregation has been so encouraged.
- Average attendance is 20 at the Thursday evening Prayer Meeting/Bible Study.
- Retreat has seen visitors present for every Sunday morning service.
- A joint Easter Sunrise Service was held with 78 in attendance.
- The church has established 10 internal goals as well as 10 external goals.
- Church polices/processes are being evaluated and updated.
- A new playground will be installed soon.
- VBS is scheduled this summer for the first time in years.
- Audio-Visual upgrades have taken place.

Recently, Shiloh Baptist Church (1320 Shiloh Road, Seneca) voted unanimously to request a "Fostering Relationship - Partnership" with another BBA church. This is HUGE step for a church to take and I am so proud of the precious people who make up Shiloh Baptist Church for their obedience and desire to become a healthier, more effective New Testament body of believers. Would you join with me in praying that God would raise up a stronger, healthier congregation willing to come alongside and be an encouragement to the saints at Shiloh Baptist

Church. If your church would have an interest in learning more about what a church partnership would look like, I'd love to have a conversation with you. Please reach out to me at (864) 882-7070.

Impacting Oconee & Beyond,

David



Fall Senior Adults Celebration with Dr. Dennis Swanberg

October 7, 2025 at 11:00 am

Utica Baptist Church
4056 Wells Hwy, Seneca

Evening of Encouragement with Dr. Dennis Swanberg

BBA Senior Pastors, Retired Pastors, and Wives

October 7 at 6:30 PM

South Cove County Park Recreation
Building

Register at: 864-882-7070 |
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Church Contributions

	May 25	Jan-May 25
Beaverdam	181.00	868.92
Belmont	0.00	0.00
Bethel	287.72	1,368.67
Bethlehem	0.00	0.00
Calvary	96.96	443.48
Chauga	75.24	438.89
Cheohee	200.00	1,000.00
Christ Fellowship	0.00	1,200.00
Clearmont	310.89	1,568.26
College Street	0.00	0.00
Coneross	75.00	375.00
Corinth	900.00	900.00
Cross Hill Fellowship	1,500.00	1,500.00
Cross Roads — Seneca	165.00	990.28
Cross Roads — Westminster	100.00	500.00
Damascus	0.00	0.00
Earle's Grove	910.62	5,736.12
Ebenezer	974.68	4,802.86
Faith	248.00	515.00
Fants Grove	384.01	817.67
Golden Corner	0.00	0.00
Grace	0.00	1,440.14
Heart Land	101.00	500.00
Hepsibah	780.34	3,901.70
Holly Springs	289.14	1,450.21
Hopewell	411.59	2,050.07
Iglesia Bautista Bethel	0.00	0.00
La Roca Oconee	0.00	150.00
Little River	0.00	0.00
Long Creek	162.00	810.00
Lydia	2,423.48	2,423.48
Maranatha	91.76	563.23
Monte Vista	25.00	125.00
Mountain Rest	218.39	1,143.37
Mountain View	100.00	500.00
Mt. Freedom	0.00	2,300.00
Mt. Pleasant	624.99	1,249.98
Mt. Tabor	454.86	1,802.89
New Hope	0.00	3,062.00
Old Liberty	249.18	1,082.10
Open Door	250.00	1,250.00
Pleasant Grove	283.19	1,469.59
Pleasant Hill	200.00	1,000.00
Pleasant Ridge	500.00	2,500.00
Poplar Springs	0.00	900.00
Puerta Abierta	0.00	0.00
Reedy Fork	0.00	1,504.98
Retreat	0.00	626.87
Return	594.77	3,429.87
Rock Hill	0.00	200.00
Rocky Knoll	2,660.86	2,940.14
Salem	0.00	5,000.00
Scenic Heights	0.00	3,600.00
Seneca	1,179.80	5,625.01
Shiloh	0.00	0.00
Snow Creek	0.00	1,382.96
Souls Harbor	0.00	580.00
South Union	0.00	743.68
Toxaway	100.00	200.00
Utica	2,003.18	9,198.49
Walhalla	0.00	500.00
Welcome	163.00	1,168.92
West Union	0.00	0.00
Westminster	1,000.00	2,500.00
Westminster First	200.00	1,000.00
Wolf Stake	0.00	322.00
Church at The Well	0.00	1,200.00
Total	21,475.35	96,421.83

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 mvbcsc29664@mail.com.

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, located in Walhalla, South Carolina, invites applications for a spirit filled, ordained Baptist minister to serve as our pastor. We are seeking a leader with sound biblical doctrine. Our church is situated in Oconee County, South Carolina, near Walhalla. We are a small, close knit congregation with a 175 year history of community service and evangelism. All interested applicants are asked to submit cover letter, resume, and three letters of recommendation (clergy, professional, and personal) to Pleasant Hill Baptist Church Pulpit Committee PO Box 734, West Union, SC 29696 or email to: pleasanthillbc734@yahoo.com.

Rocky Knoll is receiving applications for a Part Time Administrative Assistant (M-F 9:00 to 3:00) with a competitive salary. Employment begins the first week of October 2025. This will be a position filled from outside the RKBC Membership. For inquiries and job description, please email jsorrells418@gmail.com.

Westminster Baptist Church is prayerfully seeking a full-time senior pastor to lead our congregation with dynamic leadership, spiritual growth, and community outreach. If you feel called by the Lord to serve within our church, we invite you to prayerfully consider becoming a part of our church family. Please submit resumes to apply@wbc.life. We look forward to seeing how God will lead us in this search and are excited to welcome the pastor He has prepared for us.

Internship Opportunities:

Rocky Knoll Baptist Church in Walhalla is seeking a student intern for the summer 2025. All interested students (rising seniors and above) can go to www.rockyknoll.org for an application or contact jsorrells418@gmail.com for application/job description. Candidates will preferably sense some call to vocational ministry.

Oconee Chaplains Association

The Oconee Chaplains Association provides chaplain services to Prisma Health Oconee Memorial Hospital in Seneca.

The chaplains association is fully funded by the generosity of local churches. To help support the chaplains' work at the hospital, donations may be sent to PO Box 942, Seneca 29679.

For more information, visit: oconeechaplains.com



Snow Creek Baptist Church VBS

“Jesus Magnified”

June 29th & July 6th at 6:00 pm

For ages: 3 years to 6th grade



Church Weekday Education Conference

July 25 and July 26

Riverland Hills Baptist Church,
Irmo SC

Join us this summer at the 2025 Church Weekday Education Conference, where preschool professionals and parents will be inspired and challenged to pursue excellence as they engage the next generation.

See scbaptist.org for more information.

Beaverdam Baptist Association



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- 3 – BBA Office Closed
- 4 – Independence Day
- 7 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 14 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 21 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BMC, 9:00 AM
- 28 – 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 First, 2019
- 4 – Mark Nelson, Old Liberty, 2010
- 7 – Gerald Towe, Ebenezer, 2019
- 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
- 8 – David & Kim Wald, West Union
- 15 – Jimmie & Marty Rholetter, Toxaway
- 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



Foothills Care Center
Golf for Life
October 18, 2025

Teams Needed

Contact: 864-882-8796 or
visit foothillscarecenter.org
for more information.