

# Golden Triangle News

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### **Beaverdam Baptist Association**

November 17-18 from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Include only these items approved by the SC Department of Corrections:

- In a one-gallon size bag (press and seal or slider) place:
- One black non-retractable pen (no wire clips, no other color ink)
- One <u>5x8 junior legal pad</u>, white or yellow paper (no wire bound books, composition style books, journals, or post it notes)
- One adult toothbrush (individually factory sealed; no multi-packs, holders, floss, folding travel size)
- 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/unboxed)
- Two rolls of hard candy like LifeSavers, Mentos, or Breath Savers (no Smarties, Sweetarts, Necco Wafers, Rolos, Starburst, TicTacs)
- Two first-class #10 stamp-embossed envelopes (from USPS no regular stamps or other size envelopes)

Please do not include extra items. A Christmas card and Scripture booklet will be added to the packets by the state convention.

Contact BBA with any questions regarding the items for Prisoner Packets.

From the Associational Missions Strategist (AMS),

As I share a few thoughts with you for this edition of the *Golden Triangle News*, my heart is overflowing with abundant joy as I see all that GOD is doing in churches across the Beaverdam Baptist Association. I know that is an often-used cliché, but words cannot adequately describe what my heart feels as I witness the hand of God moving in churches all across Oconee County! There are some incredible things taking place and all of the glory belongs to the Lord Jesus Christ!

One of the most exciting things taking place in the Beaverdam Baptist Association is churches entering into fostering partnerships with sister churches. These partnering churches are making commitments to pray for each other, support each other, speak highly of each other, and empower each other to do the things necessary to enable both churches to grow stronger and impact communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ for years to come. The light of the gospel is becoming brighter in communities where over a period of years it may have dimmed a bit. At our upcoming annual meeting (the 139th annual meeting of the BBA) we plan to highlight some of the ongoing church partnerships that have been established across the association. I am so excited for you to hear testimonies of a few of the things that God is doing through these partnerships:

- Cheohee Baptist Church & Retreat Baptist Church
- Utica Baptist Church & Fants Grove Baptist Church
- Rocky Knoll Baptist Church & Shiloh Baptist Church
- Faith Baptist Church (recently voted to request a partnership)

Secondly, my heart is overflowing with joy as I witnessed how churches all across the association responded when they learned of a huge financial need that one of our pastors is facing as he battles cancer. Churches from all across Oconee County got involved and a once seemingly insurmountable financial need was met through the generosity of churches living out New Testament principles. Only GOD through HIS people could make something like that happen! To HIM be the glory, honor, and praise!

As we turn our attention to the final weeks of 2025, I want to invite everyone to make plans to attend the One Hundred Thirty-Ninth annual meeting of the Beaverdam Baptist Association. You do not have to be a messenger representing a church to attend the annual meeting. This year's meeting will be held on Sunday, October 26 at Westminster First Baptist Church. Pre-Session music will begin at 5:45 PM and the meeting will be called to order at 6:00 PM. Rev. John McKnight, pastor of Hepsibah Baptist Church, will be delivering the annual

sermon. This year's meeting will be significantly different from previous meetings as our focus will be entirely upon celebration and worship (All associational business is now conducted at the February and September Executive Board meetings.). As I mentioned earlier, God is doing some amazing things in churches all across the Beaverdam Baptist Association and our desire is to share just a few of those stories at this year's meeting. I promise you that you will leave encouraged and inspired!

Impacting Oconee & Beyond,

#### **David**

Mark your calendars:

• Prisoner Packet Drop-Off at the Beaverdam Baptist Association

**November 17-18** from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

• Annual BBA Christmas Drop-In

**December 16** from 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Stop by and enjoy delicious Christmas goodies cakes from Brick Street Café and Strossner's Bakery in Greenville.

• Deacon Training with Dr. Tony Wolfe, Executive Director-Treasurer of SCBC

Saturday, **January 17**, 2026 8:00 – 11:30 AM

Call Emily at (864)882-7070 to register your group.

A healthy deacon body is critical to the overall health of the church. When deacons serve biblically, they advance the cause of Christ; when they do not, they hinder it. Dr. Wolfe's latest book, *A Deacon On Purpose*, outlines four essential commitments every deacon must make to serve Jesus's church well, in concert with biblical teaching.

- 1. Lead by Example
- 2. Serve the People
- 3. Support the Pastor
- 4. Protect the Peace

### **Church Contributions**

		Jan-Sep 25
Beaverdam	165.10	1,502.58
Belmont	0.00	0.00
Bethel	269.10	2,403.37
Bethlehem	0.00	0.00
Calvary	128.86	817.74
Chauga	90.82	783.61
Cheohee	200.00	1,800.00
Christ Fellowship	0.00	1,200.00
Clearmont	280.14	2,599.63
College Street	0.00	7,946.65
Coneross	75.00	675.00
Corinth	0.00	900.00
Cross Hill Fellowship	0.00	1,500.00
Cross Roads – Seneca	194.74	1,569.58
Cross Roads – Westminste		900.00
Damascus	0.00	0.00
Earle's Grove	2,347.36	10,334.74
Ebenezer	2,347.30	9,723.73
Faith		
	0.00	755.00
Fants Grove	0.00	1,159.47
Golden Corner	0.00	0.00
Grace	0.00	2,229.98
Heart Land	171.00	871.00
Hepsibah	780.34	7,023.06
Holly Springs	183.57	2,412.22
Hopewell	320.63	3,504.89
Iglesia Bautista Bethel	0.00	0.00
La Roca Oconee	0.00	350.00
Little River	0.00	0.00
Long Creek	162.00	1,458.00
Lydia	369.92	4,185.80
Maranatha	106.06	983.05
Monte Vista	25.00	225.00
Mountain Rest	226.74	2,030.95
Mountain View	100.00	900.00
Mt. Freedom	0.00	2,300.00
Mt. Pleasant	0.00	2,083.30
Mt. Tabor	771.92	3,307.68
New Hope	348.00	4,584.00
Old Liberty	465.14	1,938.05
Open Door	250.00	2,250.00
Pleasant Grove	285.68	2,669.49
Pleasant Hill	200.00	1,800.00
Pleasant Ridge	500.00	4,500.00
Poplar Springs	0.00	2,400.00
Puerta Abierta	0.00	0.00
	831.70	3,544.42
Reedy Fork Retreat		626.87
Return	0.00	
Rock Hill	895.59	6,838.62
	0.00	200.00
Rocky Knoll	602.50	5,627.27
Salem	0.00	5,000.00
Scenic Heights	0.00	3,600.00
Seneca	856.92	9,278.74
Shiloh	0.00	0.00
Snow Creek	0.00	1,382.96
Souls Harbor	145.00	1,305.00
South Union	183.12	1,381.58
Toxaway	50.00	350.00
Utica	1,991.57	15,359.75
Walhalla	300.00	1,900.00
Welcome	195.00	1,848.92
West Union	0.00	0.00
Westminster	0.00	4,000.00
Westminster First	200.00	1,800.00
Wolf Stake	0.00	1,286.00
Church at The Well	0.00	1,200.00

17,764.26 167,107.70

**Total** 

### **Church News**

### Staff Changes:

Rev. Charlie Orr announced his retirement as pastor from **South Union** Baptist Church, effective November 9.

#### Staff Needs:

Hopewell Baptist Church in Seneca, SC is seeking a full-time Worship & Youth Leader for a blended style worship and student ministry. Resumes and inquiries may be emailed to whaleysc@bellsouth.net.

### South Carolina Baptist Convention Annual Meeting

November 10-11

November 10 Pre-Meeting Collaboratives

- Elephant in the Pew Brushy Creek Baptist Church children and student leaders
- **Onward** Worship Conference Church at the Mill
- Outside the Walls Rocky Creek Baptist Church mission leaders
- **Together** Taylors First Baptist Church *WMU* and Women's Ministry
- Connections Collective Springwell Church church first impressions, new member assimilation, and hospitality ministry

Visit schaptist.org to find out more information for these and other events and to register.



### Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer

November 3 at 6:00 PM

**Beaverdam Baptist Association** 

### Christmas Wreath Workshop



Pastors' Wives, Staff Ministers' Wives & Paid Ministry Staff

(worship leaders, secretaries, children/youth directors)

### November 4 at 6:30 PM

**Beaverdam Baptist Association** 

Register by October 27

bbaemily@bellsouth.net | 864-882-7070

### Operation Christmas Child Foothills Area Team

Invites you to a 2025 Prayer Event:

God has given us an Open Door for sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the Ends of the Earth! Join us as we learn more about the exciting ways OCC is sharing the Gospel in this season and partner in focused prayer towards these exciting opportunities.

#### November 13 at 7:00 pm

Eternal Shepherd Lutheran Church 220 Carson Rd, Seneca

RSVP and send questions to Judy Edwards at JudithPEdwards@outlook.com

### **Beaverdam Baptist Association**



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- 3 Pastors' Prayer Time, BBA, 9:00 AM
- 3 Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer, BBA, 6:00 PM
- 4 Christmas Wreath Workshop, BBA, 6:30 PM
- 10 SCBC Annual Meeting (10-11)
- 10 Pastors' Prayer Time, BBA, 9:00 AM
- 17 Pastors' Prayer Time, BBA, 9:00 AM
- 17 Prisoner Packet Collection, BBA (17-18)
- 18 Next Steps, BBA, 10:00 AM
- 24 Pastors' Prayer Time, BBA, 9:00 AM
- 26 Closed for Thanksgiving (26-27)

### **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

#### Birthdays:

- 11 Jeromy Dean, Bethel
- 11 Lizzie Spearman, Bethel
- 11 Brett Turner, New Hope
- 16 Von Reynolds, Reedy Fork
- 19 Deana Grant, Corinth
- 20 David Kelley, Heart Land
- 20 Louis Venable, Cheohee
- 24 Andrew Smith, Bethel
- 28 Carl Krezdorn, retired
- 29 Edson Garcia, La Roca

#### Staff Anniversaries:

- 1 Bobby Holcombe, Return, 2010
- 8 Mike Worsham, Open Door, 2020
- 9 Jimmy Boggs, Ebenezer, 2014
- 14 Bobby Bugg, Wolf Stake, 1993
- 22 Chris Moss, Cross Hill Fellowship, 2015

### Wedding Anniversaries:

- 8 Bob & Nancy Castro, Faith
- 16 Shannon & Paula Owens, Souls Harbor
- 19 Bobby & Debra Bugg, Wolf Stake
- 19 Christopher & Haley Hulsey, Seneca
- 23 Edson & Ashley Garcia, La Roca
- 27 Pat & Glenora Ashworth, Lydia

### **Operation Christmas Child**

## Collection Week Drop-Off Locations **November 17-24, 2025**

#### Holly Springs Baptist, Westminster

November 17-21 - 5:00-7:00 pm

November 22 - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

November 23 - 3:00-5:00 pm

November 24 – 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

#### Rocky Knoll Baptist, Walhalla

November 17 - 9:00 am - 11:30 am; 12:00-5:00 pm

November 18-21 - 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

November 22 - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

November 23 – 1:00-2:00 pm; 3:00-4:00 pm

November 24 – 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

### New Hope Baptist, Seneca

November 17-21 - 5:00-8:00 pm

November 22 - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

November 23 - 1:00 - 5:00 pm

November 24 – 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

### Eternal Shepherd Lutheran, Seneca

November 17-21 – 3:00-5:00 pm

November 22 - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

November 23 – 2:00-4:00 pm

November 24 – 9:00-11:00 am