



Beaverdam Baptist Association

Deacon Training Led by Dr. Tony Wolfe

**Saturday, January 17, 2026
8:30 am - 11:30 am at BBA**

Dr. Wolfe is the Executive Director-Treasurer of the South Carolina Baptist Convention and has written the book *A Deacon on Purpose* that outlines four essential commitments every deacon must make to serve Jesus' church well.

Lead by example | Serve the people | Support the pastor | Protect the peace

All BBA churches are encouraged to register your men and make plans to be a part of this morning of training for those who so faithfully serve our churches as deacons.

**To register groups or individuals contact Emily at 864-882-7070 or
bbaemily@bellsouth.net**

From the Associational Mission Strategist (AMS),

James 4:14 says, “Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away.” A vapor is a fine mist like fog. It quickly burns away when the sun comes up. It has no substance and leaves nothing behind. Comparing our lives to a vapor illustrates how fleeting our days on this earth are. Life can feel endless at times, but the Bible reminds us that, compared to eternity, an individual life on earth is like a vapor chased away by the morning sun. It is important to recognize the brevity of life so that we don’t squander the time we’ve been given. Psalm 90:12 says, “Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.” God wants us to live with purpose, recognizing that the clock is counting down to the moment we step through death’s portal and enter our eternal state.

My prayer is that in 2026 our churches will:

1. Realize that the hour is growing late and there is an urgency in sharing the Good News of the Lord Jesus Christ.
2. Be alert for opened doors and ministry opportunities, like Jesus’ encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well, that have been arranged by God Himself.
3. Be gospel lights shining brightly in communities all across the Golden Corner from Mountain Rest to Fairplay and from Fant’s Grove to Long Creek.

I want to remind you of our upcoming “A Deacon On Purpose” workshop that will take place on Saturday, **January 17** from 8:00 – 11:30 am. The workshop will be held in the Beaverdam Baptist Association Conference Center. We are thrilled to have Dr. Tony Wolfe, Executive Director-Treasurer of the SCBC as our speaker.

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

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

Impacting Oconee & Beyond,

David

Ministry Updates

Prisoner Packets

Beaverdam Baptist Association collected 1,884 Prisoner Packets for the South Carolina Baptist Convention to disperse among state prisons. A total of 260 packets were delivered to Oconee Detention Center, making a grand total of **2,144**.

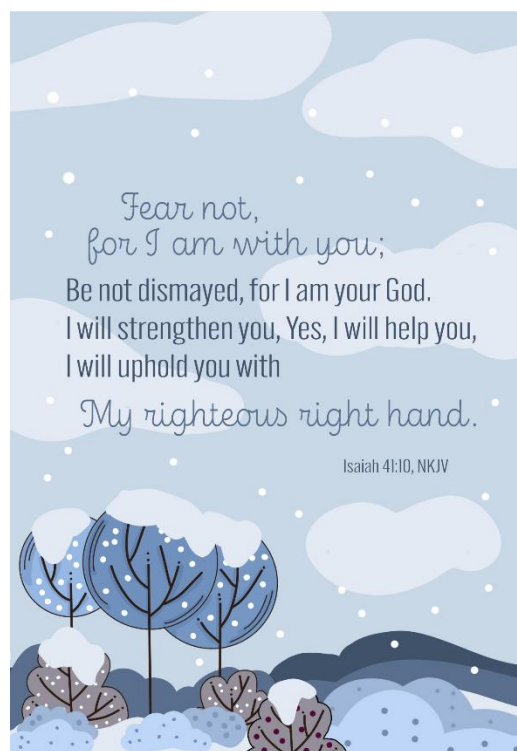
Thank you to everyone who participated in this ministry.

Operation Christmas Child

Oconee and Pickens counties collected over **27,000** shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child in 2025. Thank you to everyone who packed a shoebox and to the churches who served as a drop-off locations.

Baptism

BBA churches reported a total of 222 baptisms during the 2024-2025 church year.



Church Contributions

	Nov 25	Jan-Nov 25
Beaverdam	145.95	1,806.40
Belmont	0.00	0.00
Bethel	242.31	2,951.14
Bethlehem	0.00	0.00
Calvary	105.00	987.27
Chauga	0.00	975.49
Cheohee	400.00	2,200.00
Christ Fellowship	0.00	1,200.00
Clearmont	265.34	3,232.43
College Street	0.00	7,946.65
Coneross	75.00	825.00
Corinth	0.00	900.00
Cross Hill Fellowship	0.00	1,500.00
Cross Roads – Seneca	155.02	1,909.22
Cross Roads – Westminster	100.00	1,100.00
Damascus	0.00	0.00
Earle's Grove	911.51	11,246.25
Ebenezer	925.76	11,485.87
Faith	0.00	1,075.00
Fants Grove	0.00	1,527.81
Golden Corner	0.00	0.00
Grace	0.00	2,942.16
Heart Land	0.00	953.00
Hepsibah	780.34	8,583.74
Holly Springs	155.13	2,895.88
Hopewell	375.00	4,309.95
Iglesia Bautista Bethel	0.00	0.00
La Roca Oconee	0.00	500.00
Little River	0.00	0.00
Long Creek	166.00	1,790.00
Lydia	268.80	4,736.44
Maranatha	104.36	1,185.97
Monte Vista	25.00	275.00
Mountain Rest	0.00	2,532.67
Mountain View	100.00	1,100.00
Mt. Freedom	0.00	2,300.00
Mt. Pleasant	0.00	2,083.30
Mt. Tabor	0.00	3,782.79
New Hope	477.00	5,627.00
Old Liberty	0.00	2,157.65
Open Door	250.00	2,750.00
Pleasant Grove	267.68	3,231.29
Pleasant Hill	100.00	2,000.00
Pleasant Ridge	500.00	5,000.00
Poplar Springs	0.00	2,400.00
Puerta Abierta	0.00	0.00
Reedy Fork	367.68	3,912.10
Retreat	0.00	1,478.58
Return	756.51	8,454.72
Rock Hill	0.00	200.00
Rocky Knoll	0.00	6,231.83
Salem	0.00	5,000.00
Scenic Heights	0.00	3,600.00
Seneca	950.72	11,032.71
Shiloh	0.00	0.00
Snow Creek	0.00	1,382.96
Souls Harbor	145.00	1,595.00
South Union	0.00	1,662.50
Toxaway	50.00	450.00
Utica	1,465.83	18,404.10
Walhalla	300.00	2,500.00
Welcome	0.00	2,277.92
West Union	0.00	0.00
Westminster	500.00	5,500.00
Westminster First	200.00	2,200.00
Wolf Stake	0.00	1,613.00
Church at The Well	0.00	1,200.00
Total	11,630.94	194,700.80

Church News

Staff Announcements:

College Street Baptist Church has called Rev. Tim Rogers as Associate Pastor of Families.

Rev. Jeremy Garrett resigned as pastor of **Open Door Baptist Church**.

Staff Needs:

Kings Grove Baptist Church, **Central**, is seeking a part-time youth minister to provide direction in the overall education and activities ministry of grades 6-12 to promote evangelism and discipleship by planning, promoting, coordinating, conducting, and evaluating the youth activities of the church. Please submit resumes or inquiries to kingsgroveoffice@gmail.com. Full job description available upon request.



To list a staff need or update in the *Golden Triangle News*, please send information to bbaemily@bellsouth.net.



Sympathy is extended to Rev. Randall and Donna Runion, on the passing of their daughter, Rachel Runion.

Christian Life Series at Lydia Baptist Church

Sunday Evenings in January
5:00 – 7:00 PM

Rev. David Blizzard will be preaching a series on Christian Life, from Romans 5-8, at Lydia Baptist Church. All are invited to come be a part of this study during January.

The Gathering at Return Baptist Church



Save the Dates 2026

- **January 17** – Deacon Training
- **February 3** – Men's Ministry Quarterly Fellowship at Westminster First Baptist Church
- **February 9** – BBA Executive Board Meeting
- **February 19** – Impact Conference (SCBC) at Shandon Baptist Church, Columbia
- **October 25** – BBA Annual Meeting at Return Baptist Church

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- 1 – New Year's Day – Office Closed
- 5 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BBA, 9:00 AM
- 12 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BBA, 9:00 AM
- 17 – Deacon Training, BBA, 8:00 AM
- 19 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BBA, 9:00 AM
- 20 – Next Steps, BBA, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- 26 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BBA, 9:00 AM

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, Pleasant Hill
- 18 – Brian Hopkins, Mt. Freedom
- 31 – Shannon Owens, Souls Harbor

Staff Anniversaries:

- 1 – Dawn Anderson, Rocky Knoll, 2023
- 1 – Jeff Lunsford, Maranatha, 2022
- 1 – Lizzie Spearman, Bethel, 2023
- 2 – Travis Brian, Utica, 2022
- 6 – Brian Hopkins, Mt. Freedom, 2019
- 13 – David Kelley, Heart Land, 2019
- 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

