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Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Offering and Week of prayer for North American Missions

March 1-8, 2026

The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering supports ministry work reaching the lost in North America.

Population: 386 million | Estimated Lost: 291 Million | Languages: 378
Unreached People Groups: 161

Disaster Relief Spring Training

Saturday, March 14 at Spartanburg First Baptist Church

8:30 am - 4:30 pm

This event provides training for those interested in meeting needs after a disaster. Classes are offered in the various ministry areas of Baptist Disaster Relief. The day of training will include a general session, training classes, a regional session and lunch.

Cost: \$55.00 New Volunteer, \$45.00 Returning Volunteer, \$25.00 Collegiate Student Volunteer Fee

Register at scbaptist.org/events/

From the Associational Mission Strategist (AMS),

At the February Executive Board meeting, I shared with those present that 2026 would be my last year serving as the Associational Mission Strategist for the Beaverdam Baptist Association. My plans, at present, are to retire on or before January 1, 2027. The past sixteen years serving as the Director of Missions/Associational Mission Strategist for the Beaverdam Baptist Association has been one of the greatest blessings in my thirty-seven years of fulltime, Christian ministry. Words could never adequately describe the honor and privilege that it has been to serve the churches and pastors of this association.

One of the mentors that I have called on for advice throughout my years serving as an associational mission strategist, recently spoke at a national Associational Mission Strategists Conference at the North American Mission Board. He challenged those present to: "Start well, lead well, and finish well." I hope that I started well and have led well, but my focus now is to finish well. Finishing well involves making sure that I give the association ample time to plan out a successful transition. On average, it normally takes about a year for an association to work through the process of calling a new associational mission strategist. At the February Executive Board meeting, after sharing my upcoming retirement plans, I made the motion that the association consider something called the renewal process.

The renewal process is a 9–12-month process that involves the formation of a seven-member team, appointed by the association's Executive Committee and approved by the association's Executive Board. This team would then begin the process of looking closely at the vision, mission, and purpose of the Beaverdam Baptist Association. Around the midway point of the process, the Associational Renewal Team would, while continuing their work in the process, become the Associational Mission Strategist Search Team.

The goal of the renewal process will, hopefully, result in an updated Associational Mission/Vision statement that would be presented to the Executive Board for approval. Once approved, that statement would be an important piece in guiding the Renewal Team and the association in calling our next associational mission strategist. The renewal process would provide the association with missional clarity, missional purpose, and missional alignment in the years to come. The motion was unanimously approved.

Please pray for our Executive Committee and our Executive Board as they prayerfully seek God's wisdom and guidance in putting together the seven-member Renewal Team/AMS Search Team. Please pray for this

team as they then begin the work that ultimately will lead them to Jesse's house and the calling of the next associational mission strategist for this great association.

Again, my plans are to continue serving as your AMS until January 1, 2027 or shortly before. Part of my finishing well will be to make 2026 one of the greatest years in the history of the Beaverdam Baptist Association!

Impacting Oconee & Beyond,

David

Mark Your Calendars

2026 BBA Annual Associational Meeting

Sunday, October 25, 2026

Return Baptist Church
Pre-Session Music 5:45 | Call To Order 6:00

Beaverdam Baptist Association Interim Shepherd Training

Thursday, April 23, 2026 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Lunch Provided

Church at the Well
10111 Clemson, Blvd., Seneca SC
(Formerly Parkway Baptist Church)

Interim Shepherd training is a one-day, in-person primer to equip pastors to shepherd and lead during the interim season of a congregation. Building on a Biblical framework, we will focus on clarity of the current reality for many SC Baptist churches, identity and roles for leaders and members, mission of the church, and resourcing for the interim period of ministry. Interim Shepherd Training is created to equip anyone who is currently serving as an interim pastor or seeking to begin an interim/transitional pastor ministry in the near future.

There is no cost for this training. To register please contact Emily at (864) 882-7070. We ask that you register by April 20, 2026.

Church Contributions

	Jan 26	Jan 26
Beaverdam	227.00	227.00
Belmont	0.00	0.00
Bethel	487.80	487.80
Bethlehem	0.00	0.00
Calvary	85.84	85.84
Chauga	0.00	0.00
Cheohee	200.00	200.00
Christ Fellowship	0.00	0.00
Clearmont	366.36	366.36
College Street	0.00	0.00
Coneross	0.00	0.00
Corinth	900.00	900.00
Cross Hill Fellowship	0.00	0.00
Cross Roads – Seneca	248.36	248.36
Cross Roads – Westminster	100.00	100.00
Damascus	0.00	0.00
Earle's Grove	1,182.28	1,182.28
Ebenezer	991.38	991.38
Faith	276.00	276.00
Fants Grove	0.00	0.00
Golden Corner	0.00	0.00
Grace	854.49	854.49
Heart Land	86.00	86.00
Hepsibah	780.34	780.34
Holly Springs	555.57	555.57
Hopewell	427.75	427.75
Iglesia Bautista Bethel	0.00	0.00
La Roca Oconee	0.00	0.00
Little River	0.00	0.00
Long Creek	166.00	166.00
Lydia	484.44	484.44
Maranatha	78.58	78.58
Monte Vista	25.00	25.00
Mountain Rest	525.66	525.66
Mountain View	100.00	100.00
Mt. Freedom	0.00	0.00
Mt. Pleasant	833.32	833.32
Mt. Tabor	327.76	327.76
New Hope	832.00	832.00
Old Liberty	0.00	0.00
Open Door	250.00	250.00
Pleasant Grove	252.92	252.92
Pleasant Hill	100.00	100.00
Pleasant Ridge	500.00	500.00
Poplar Springs	0.00	0.00
Puerta Abierta	0.00	0.00
Reedy Fork	653.43	653.43
Retreat	0.00	0.00
Return	920.47	920.47
Rock Hill	0.00	0.00
Rocky Knoll	0.00	0.00
Salem	0.00	0.00
Scenic Heights	3,600.00	3,600.00
Seneca	1,324.00	1,324.00
Shiloh	0.00	0.00
Snow Creek	0.00	0.00
Souls Harbor	230.00	230.00
South Union	330.36	330.36
Toxaway	0.00	0.00
Utica	3,405.34	3,405.34
Walhalla	300.00	300.00
Welcome	377.00	377.00
West Union	0.00	0.00
Westminster	500.00	500.00
Westminster First	200.00	200.00
Wolf Stake	0.00	0.00
Total	24,085.45	24,085.45

Church News

Staff Needs:

Return Baptist Church is looking for a part-time, children's minister to oversee and further develop the growing children's ministry of the church. For more information, please contact Bobby Holcombe at 864-247-8462.



The association extends Christian sympathy to Mandy Morey and family, on the passing of Rev. Brett Morey, pastor of Walhalla First Baptist Church.

Oconee County 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. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Association Baptist Church Secretaries

March 19 at 12:00

Westminster First Baptist Church

426 West Oak Hwy, Westminster

All church secretaries / administrative assistants are welcomed to attend this lunch. Sign up by Monday, March 16 to bbaemily@bellsouth.net.

Missions Encounter South Carolina WMU Annual Meeting



March 20-21

Pinecrest Baptist Church, Charleston

An event for all who love missions to strengthen their faith and find their place in missions.

General Sessions: Missionary Speakers from IMB & NAMB – Worship – State Convention & WMU Speakers - Bible Study Leader-Catherine Renfroe – Break out sessions

For more information visit: scwmu.org.

Free Yamaha, upright piano in good condition. Contact the association office if interested.

Beaverdam Baptist Association



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March



- 1 – Annie Armstrong Easter Offering & Week of Prayer (1-8)
- 2 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BBA, 9:00 AM
- 9 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BBA, 9:00 AM
- 14 – SCBC Disaster Relief Training, Spartanburg First Baptist
- 16 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BBA, 9:00 AM
- 17 – Next Steps, BBA, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- 19 – ABCS Lunch, Westminster First, 12:00 PM
- 23 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BBA, 9:00 AM
- 30 – Pastors' Prayer Time, BBA, 9:00 AM

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays:

- 6 – Ronnie Hodge, retired
- 7 – Bobby Bugg, Wolf Stake
- 16 – Rolando Garcia, Iglesia Bautista Bethel

Staff Anniversaries:

- 8 – Perry Gardner, Hepsibah, 2015
- 8 – David Shirley, BBA, 2010
- 9 – Joe Steele, Utica, 2009
- 16 – Shannon Owens, Souls Harbor, 2025

Wedding Anniversaries:

- 4 – Ken & Betsy Reid, retired
- 19 – James & Teresa Dyar, Earle's Grove
- 23 – Andrew & Lizzie Spearman, Bethel
- 29 – Fred & Sara Astin, retired
- 31 – Rob & Sharon Gouge, Pleasant Ridge

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Revival is Here!
with Evangelist Jon Reed

Grace Baptist Church
15195 Wells Hwy, Seneca SC 29678

www.gracelovesoconee.com

March 1 – 10:30 am and 5:30 pm
March 2-4 – 6:30 pm

Men By Design
Presents

Hank Parker: two-time bassmaster classic champion
and avid turkey hunter

Earle's Grove Baptist Church
398 Cedar Lane Rd, Westminster SC

Tuesday, March 10 – 6:30 PM

Menu: Smoked chicken and pulled pork

Call 864-423-0496 by March 8 to register.
No free to attend. Offering will be received.

www.proactiveparents.org/menbydesign