

August 2010

Calendar

Date

- 1- Camp Staff Weekend
- 2- Children's Camp, Winnsboro, SC (2-6)
 - Ministers Prayer Time, BMC - 8:30 am
- 3- Men's Quarterly Fellowship, Corinth Westminster - 6:30 pm
- 4- Articles for **September** 2010 newsletter due today.
- 5- Big Youth Thing, Carowinds
- 6- "His Man on His Mission" Men's Conference, Irmo (6-7)
- 9- Ministers Prayer Time, BMC - 8:30 am
- 16- Ministers Prayer Time, BMC - 8:30 am
- 17- Annual Church Profile Training For Church Clerks, BMC, 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm
- 19- Association of Baptist Church Secretaries, BMC, 12:00 noon
- 20 - Church WMU Training, Camp LaVida
- 21- Disaster Relief 1st Aid/CPR Training, BMC - 9:00 am
- 23- Ministers Prayer Time, BMC - 8:30 am
 - WMU Fall Training - 7:00-8:00 pm, Seneca
- 28 - Church Treasurer's Conference, White Oak
- 30- Ministers Prayer Time, BMC - 8:30 am

BMC = Beaverdam Mission Center, 1659 Sandifer Blvd

Special Days in August 2010

Staff Anniversaries:

- 1 – Von Reynolds, Seneca, 1990
- 1 – James Gibson, Maranatha, 1999
- 3 – Pat Ashworth, Pleasant Grove, 2008
- 4 – Stephen Lamb, Seneca, 2008
- 10 – Brad Kelley, Ebenezer, 2009
- 13 – Duff McConnell, Bounty Land, 2001
- 26 – Ricky McFarlin, Cross Roads Seneca, 2009
- 30 – John M. McKnight, Hepsibah, 1987
- 30 – Brett Myers, Corinth Westminster, 2009

Birthdays:

- 11 – Mark Bagwell, Golden Corner
- 11 – Ray Campbell, Sr., retired
- 11 – Jeremy Garrett, Westminster First
- 15 – Tim Sheriff, Poplar Springs
- 18 – Ralph Bagwell, retired
- 20 – Michael Bragg, Bethel
- 24 – Ed Bryson, Fants Grove
- 27 – Phil Kelley, Utica
- 31 – Scott Lee, Clearmont

Wedding Anniversaries:

- 4 – Edward & Pat Hyde, retired
- 6 – Scott & Dory Moore, Bounty Land
- 15 – Scott & Denise Lee, Clearmont
- 19 – Rudy & Anne Gray, Utica
- 19 – Edward & Jo Ann Bryson, Fants Grove
- 24 – Ronnie & Sheila Wald, Snow Creek
- 26 – Ray & Delores Campbell, retired
- 28 – Ricky & Rosie Wilson, Weldon Road
- 31 – Brian & Shelley Buckner, New Hope

Senior Adult Fall Celebration

Tuesday, September 14, 2010 - 10:30 am until 7:00 pm
Rocky Knoll Baptist Church

More to come in September's newsletter.

Beaverdam Mission Dollars at Work

	June 10	Jan-June 10
Beaverdam	325.00	1,855.00
Belmont *	0.00	0.00
Bethel	502.00	1,578.00
Bethel Hispanic	0.00	0.00
Bethlehem	35.00	165.00
Bounty Land	1,256.67	7,473.09
Calvary	88.44	473.76
Chauga	199.49	1,021.73
Cheohee	584.42	1,920.17
Clearmont	468.86	2,223.25
College Street	1,200.37	5,164.35
Coneross	75.00	450.00
Corinth Seneca	0.00	65.00
Corinth Westminster	0.00	1,042.83
Cross Creek	0.00	0.00
Cross Roads Seneca	143.46	738.26
Cross Roads Westminster	219.90	672.19
Damascus	0.00	365.10
Davis Creek	102.02	483.54
Earle's Grove	1,210.00	7,260.00
Ebenezer	0.00	500.00
Faith	64.78	377.80
Fants Grove	170.00	1,456.00
Golden Corner	0.00	0.00
Heart Land	373.00	2,333.00
Hepsibah	738.75	4,432.50
Holly Springs	508.80	3,141.76
Hopewell	334.00	1,085.33
Little River	0.00	0.00
Long Creek	122.00	732.00
Lydia	0.00	1,769.83
Madison	171.00	867.00
Maranatha	137.02	1,170.65
Monte Vista	205.57	1,084.07
Mountain Rest	707.10	3,486.12
Mountain View	250.00	750.00
Mt Freedom	300.00	600.00
Mt Pleasant	903.67	1,232.46
Mt Tabor Westminster	335.51	1,198.95
New Hope	668.00	3,616.69
Old Liberty	418.00	1,045.00
Open Door	400.00	2,400.00
Parkway	80.71	448.10
Pleasant Grove	249.49	828.78
Pleasant Hill	100.00	600.00
Pleasant Ridge	333.33	1,999.98
Poplar Springs	735.36	2,409.82
Puerta Abierta	0.00	353.13
Reedy Fork	200.00	1,200.00
Retreat	0.00	321.03
Return	317.48	1,815.14
Rock Hill	0.00	200.00
Rocky Knoll	882.54	5,374.50
Salem	0.00	1,749.94
Scenic Heights	0.00	1,816.67
Seneca	2,744.47	8,110.59
Shiloh	0.00	0.00
Snow Creek	46.39	278.34
Souls Harbor	125.00	750.00
South Union	339.58	1,281.18
Trinity	0.00	125.00
Utica	666.67	4,000.00
Walhalla	100.00	600.00
Welcome	398.31	1,274.10
Weldon Road	0.00	0.00
West Union	0.00	75.09
Westminster	541.67	3,267.97
Westminster First	142.86	642.84
Wolf Stake	100.25	601.50
Total	21,321.94	106,354.13

* Watchcare

General Fund
Financial Summary

Brought Forward 6-1-10	90,627.35
Receipts	21,321.94
Budget Expenses	18,576.59
Non Budgeted Expense	0.00
Balance 6-30-10	93,372.70

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Barnes and Prater elected to State Baptist Secretaries positions

Brenda Barnes, Administrative Assistant for Beaverdam Baptist Association, has been elected President of the South Carolina Baptist Ministry Assistants Association (SCBMAA). Tammy Prater, Ministry Assistant for Bounty Land Baptist Church, has been elected Secretary-Treasurer. They will lead the organization for two years, along with other members of the SCBMAA Executive Committee, and will host the 2012 SCBMAA State meeting to be held in Seneca.



Brenda has served the Beaverdam Baptist Association for 21 years and is an active member of Poplar Springs Baptist Church. Tammy has served at Bounty Land for 9 years and is an active member of Hepsibah Baptist Church. They are also active in the Association of Baptist Church Secretaries of Beaverdam Association (ABCS) where Tammy serves as Chaplain and Brenda as Secretary-Treasurer.

Both local and state organizations assist ministry assistants / church secretaries by providing opportunities for networking with others with similar job responsibilities, and providing programs that relate to the unique work, knowledge and job skills required in the church office.

WMU FALL Training and Missions Fair

at
Seneca Baptist Church
 1080 South Oak Street, Seneca
Monday, August 23, 2010

Walk through local missions fair from 6:00-7:00 pm at the Seneca Baptist Activity Center. Booths with local mission opportunities will be available..

Light supper will be served during the missions fair.

A short business meeting will be held at 6:45 pm in the Activity Center to vote on the recommended bylaw changes.

7:00-8:30 p.m. (1 ½ hrs) – Training Conference (Seneca Baptist Classrooms)

Age level leadership training for the following:
 WMU Directors - Pam Scott
 WOM Leaders – Margaret Head
 Acteen Leaders – Kathy Burdette
 GA Leaders – Libby Neil
 Mission Friend Leaders – Cindy Hightower
 Book Study – “Unhindered” - Margaret Brown

Mission Project:

School supplies for DSS

(supplies should include: wide or college ruled paper, notebooks (no wire bound), pencils, crayons, book bags and other supplies that might be needed for school)

Please call 882-7070 to register for this event by Monday, August 16, 2010.

NEWS

Church News:

Snow Creek - Building Fund Golf Tournament - This years event will be held on Tuesday, August 10, 2010 at the well-manicured Boscobel Golf Club, in Pendleton, SC. All proceeds go toward the building program. The cost for this event is \$60.00. This price includes entry into all events, 18 holes of golf, riding cart, lunch and various awards. A deposit of \$25.00 is due now and all money is due by August 2, 2010. For information, call 972-7061.

Cross Roads Westminster has an organ that they would like to donate to another church. Please contact 324-9458, if interested.

North American Mission Board Commissioning Service for Chis Allen at **Reedy Fork** on Sunday, August 29 at 3:00 pm. He is a student at Southeastern Seminary and has been appointed as a Mission Service Corps Volunteer.

Rocky Knoll will be having Vacation Bible School from August 1-5 from (6:00-8:30 pm)

On June 9, 2010, Ronnie Wald, **Snow Creek**, went into full-time ministry.

Staff Changes:

Jerry Mize has been called as interim pastor of **Mountain View** effective June 27, 2010.

Mike Joyner will be retiring from **Seneca** on August 31, 2010 after 27 years of service.

Kevin Morrison will be entering Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary as a full-time student beginning August 19, 2010. Prior to becoming a full time student, he served on staff of **Seneca** for over 10 years.

Staff Needed:

Scenic Heights is looking for a part-time Music Director. Please send resumes to Steve Black, 229 Miller Farm Road, Westminster, SC 29693 or 864-647-2308.

Westminster First is seeking a full-time Pastor. Please send resumes and references to First Baptist Church of Westminster, 426 West Oak Hwy, Westminster, SC 29693 Attn: Pastor Search Committee.

Mountain View is seeking an interim pianist for Sunday am service, and Wednesday pm choir practice. Contact Matt Boomhower, at 873-4313 or email matthew.boomhower@duke-energy.com.

Corinth Westminster is seeking a part-time Worship Pastor for a "blended" style worship service. They are also looking for a pianist. If interested, please contact Brett Myers at 864-784-0558 or at pastor.corinthbaptist@gmail.com.

Walhalla First is looking for a part-time Music Director. Please send resumes to Walhalla First Baptist Church, 403 East Main Street, Walhalla, SC 29691

In Christian Sympathy to:

The family of Randy Keansler, Westminster, in the death of his mother-in-law, Edna Harbin, who passed away on July 14, 2010.

Grief Support Group

Rev. Grady Long will offer a Bereavement Support Group to the members of Westminster Baptist Church as well as the surrounding community. The group will meet for six weeks beginning Sunday, July 25th. Meetings will be held at the Westminster Baptist Church at 5:00pm and lasting for approximately one and a half hours. Anyone who is dealing with the loss of a loved one is encouraged to attend.

Rev. Long is a retired Baptist minister, a member of Westminster Baptist and has eleven years of experience as chaplain and Bereavement Coordinator at OMC Hospice of the Foothills. While serving at Hospice, Rev. Long conducted as many as four groups each year.

Anyone interested in attending is asked to call Westminster Baptist at 647-2315 during office hours (7:30am- 4:00pm) and sign up for these sessions. more information is For more information, call Rev. Long directly at 647-1176.

Clemson Baptist Collegiate Ministry

The Clemson Baptist Collegiate Ministry is making parking spots available for tailgating at select football games this fall. 100% of the funds will go towards doing evangelism and mission projects on campus. To request further information, please contact Sara Touchet at clemsonbcm@nctv.com or call the Clemson BCM Office at (864)654-4101.

Tribble Center

The Tribble Center needs a group of volunteers to assist in cleaning out/organizing a metal building on campus. We would coordinate with the weather so no one would have to work in this terrible heat. For more information, contact Tommy Chewing at 885-6052 or tchewningsc@bellsouth.net.

All ministers are invited and encouraged to come to prayer time at 8:30 am every Monday morning at the Beaverdam Mission Center, 1659 Sandifer Blvd, Seneca, SC

Women's Get-Away

September 17-18, 2010 - Camp LaVida

This will be a time to get away for spiritual refreshment, fun, food and fellowship. By August 16th: \$40.00 per person After August 16th: \$50.00 per person.

Watch for more information on this exciting event in the SC WMU Missions Link later in the summer.

Leonard Irwin Offering

A total of \$1,586.93 was received for the 2010 Leonard Irwin Offering and designated for Our Daily Work, a ministry to unemployed and unchurched residents of Oconee County founded by Crawford Keese. Nine churches participated: Holly Springs, Maranatha, Bounty Land, Mountain Rest, Fants Grove, Old Liberty, Westminster, Return and Mt. Freedom.

In a letter thanking the association for the offering, Crawford said he has part-time employed "over 25 different men and women at various levels of demolition, and partial reconstruction of the facility. A data base of these people is being accumulated and some are doing various jobs in the community as a result of their skills through the ministry. Almost daily, I am in touch with some of these individuals for job opportunities and witnessing to their deeper needs."

The antique brick are local made and fired, and are being cleaned and sold to support the ministry. Over 30,000 of these unique brick will be available, and can be seen at 318 East South First Street in Seneca.

Men's Ministries Quarterly Fellowship

Tuesday, August 3, 2010 - 6:30 pm

Corinth Baptist Church
1607 Toccoa Highway, Westminster

Meal: Barbeque, baked beans, cole slaw, drink, dessert.

Guest Speaker: Sam Dunan, Pastor, Gethsemane Baptist Church, Starr, SC

Music: Joel Goddard, Griffin, Georgia

Cost: \$3.00 (pay at the door)

Call 882-7070 to register for this event no later than Friday, July 30, 2010.

Beaverdam Baptist Association Pastors/Wives Retreat

The October Pastor/Wives Retreat has been cancelled and will be rescheduled for Spring 2011. Details coming soon

DOM Thoughts,

Let me begin by once again expressing my appreciation for the wonderful opportunity that has been given me to serve the churches of the Beaverdam Baptist Association. As we shared last month in our DVD presentation, our desire at the Beaverdam Mission Center is to "Impact Oconee County" with the Good News of the Lord Jesus Christ. What a joy and a blessing to be able to share the greatest message in the world with people who desperately need to hear a message of hope!

As we approach the fall of 2010 I would like to call upon the churches of the BBA to begin earnestly praying for revival to come to our county. As I have met with Pastors throughout this Association God has impressed upon my heart that one of our greatest needs is for true revival to come to Oconee County. Wouldn't it be wonderful to see God's hand move throughout our county? Wouldn't it be wonderful to witness lives transformed and families restored? For that to happen I believe that it is critically important that we as God's children pray for revival with the same desperation that a drowning man prays for air to breath. We desperately need to pray like Isaiah that God would "rend open the heavens and make His presence known among His people. True revival only comes when God shows up!

"Revival is the visitation of God which brings to life Christians who have been sleeping and restores a deep sense of God's presence and holiness." (James Packer)

"Revival is an invasion from heaven that brings a conscious awareness of God." (Stephen Olford)

"A revival means days of heaven on earth." (D. Martin Lloyd Jones)
Revival cannot be organized, but we can set our sails to catch the wind from heaven when God chooses to blow upon His people once again." (G. Campbell Morgan)

Let us collectively join our hearts together and seek with desperation for God to visit Oconee County in a mighty way!

Impacting Oconee County,
David

BBA Disaster Relief Training

1st Aid / CPR

Led by John Gillespie, Safety Manager, Schneider Electric, Seneca
Saturday, August 21, 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

At Beaverdam Mission Center, 1659 Sandifer Blvd, Seneca

Please call the associational office at 882-7070 to register so we can plan for adequate equipment.

July 12, 2010 Executive Board Highlights

The Organization Restructuring Committee presented their final report for consideration. The committee's recommendation for restructuring the current organization structure was unanimously approved by those present. The new organizational structure includes Administrative & Support Committees, Ad-Hoc Committees, as well as three teams:

1. **Leadership Team:** This Team will be a resource to Pastors, Church Staff and Church Leadership by providing our churches with quality resources and training opportunities.
2. **Local Missions Exploration Team:** This Team will focus upon local mission projects (Jerusalem) throughout the Greater Oconee County area. This Team will seek support and involvement for local mission projects from Associational churches. This Team will also include any local Disaster Relief emergency projects where our Association can assist in specific times of need.
3. **Missions Mobilization Team:** This Team will focus upon mission projects and trips beyond the geographical area of Oconee County. (Judea-State/National, Uttermost part of the earth –International) They will seek to keep our churches informed about opportunities to participate in international mission trips as well as opportunities to support such trips in other ways. This Team will also include any national/international Disaster Relief emergency projects where our Association can assist in specific times of need.

The Organization Restructuring Committee also recommended that we change our name from the Beaverdam Baptist Association to the "**Greater Oconee Baptist Network**". This recommendation was presented in writing, as required by our constitution and will be "read and discussed" at the October 4 Executive Board Meeting. This recommendation will be voted on at the Annual Meeting on October 25.