

Retirement



Michael Welch, Moderator, and Cathy Schneider

On Wednesday, November 9th a drop-in was held at the Beaverdam Mission Center to recognize the retirement of Secretary / Receptionist Cathy Schneider. Cathy has faithfully served the churches of the Beaverdam Baptist Association for the past thirteen years. She was presented with a plaque and a monetary gift in appreciation for her thirteen years of service.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

2011 National Goal - \$175 million

Week of Prayer for
International Missions and the
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
December 4-11, 2011



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"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8

HIS HEART HIS HANDS HIS VOICE

Trinity Baptist Church holds first service in new sanctuary.

Almost seven years ago, we put together a Future Building Needs Committee to assess our space at Trinity. After a lot of prayer, work, waiting, sacrifice and patience, we have been following God's leadership in building a new sanctuary and renovating our existing one into classroom space, a music suite, and a parlor/gathering area. We've known all along that building a building will only get us a building, but building disciples for Christ's sake will give us maturity, growth, and a witness that transcends buildings. We hope that our new space will allow us to minister more effectively and that people's lives will be transformed through God's grace in Jesus Christ.

We plan to be worshipping in the new sanctuary for the first time on Sunday, November 27, the first Sunday in Advent, at 10:30 a.m. In the evening we will host a Sing-a-long Messiah at 5:00 p.m.

Ryan Wilson, Pastor, Trinity Baptist Church, Seneca



DOM Thoughts,

Let me begin by saying that I love December! I love December for a lot of reasons. I love the special Christmas services that many of our churches participate in. I love the Christmas cantatas and children's Christmas plays. I love the special times of fellowship that various groups within the church enjoy each December. I guess I'm really still very much a kid at heart because I still love all of the Christmas lights and decorations. I know this sounds strange too but, I even enjoy going to the mall during the month of December. I love the opportunities that we are blessed with each December as families to spend precious time together.

I love everything about December, but my favorite part of the month every year is celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Wow! What an unbelievable, indescribable blessing that God gave to man when He sent forth His precious Son made of a virgin. I love the Apostle Paul's condensed Christmas story found in Galatians 4. Paul writes that "When the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons."

Yes, I truly do love the month of December. From the very bottom of my heart, I want to thank you for the wonderful privilege that you have given me to serve as your Director of Missions! From the Shirley household to each of you, "Merry Christmas"!

As we think about December not only do I think about the Christmas season but December often times causes me to reflect back upon the past year. As I look back over 2011, I stand amazed at the blessings of God upon us all! I thank God for every blessing that He has showered down upon me and my family in 2011. I continue to thank Him for the amazing grace that our family stills experiences each and every day as we still deal with heartbreak and pain. I thank God for His provision as well as the way in which He directs our steps each day! I thank God for the way in which He has blessed the Beaverdam Baptist Association this past year. He allowed us in 2011 to "Impact Oconee" through several community events as well as our first ever countywide Stadium Crusade. Praise God for all that HE accomplished through the Beaverdam Baptist Association in 2011!

As you can see, I love December for a lot of reasons, but it can all be summed up in the fact that everything about December is really all about Him! As we enter December 2011, may we all celebrate the blessings of 2011 as we all celebrate God's greatest gift to mankind - the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Merry Christmas,

David

**Ministers' Prayer Time
Every Monday at 8:30 am
Beaverdam Mission Center**

Ministers & Wives

Christmas Banquet

Monday, December 5, 2011, 6:30 p.m.

Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church

113 Mt. Pleasant Road, Westminster

Turkey / Dressing & All the Fixin's - \$10 per person

Paid reservations can be made at the association office, or mailed to Beaverdam Baptist Association, 1659 Sandifer Blvd, Seneca, SC 29678-0906 no later than November 30th.

Highlights of Annual Meeting

Messengers voted to receive Belmont Baptist Church, Mountain Rest, into full membership. Milton Wilbanks is the pastor.

Michael Welch (Pleasant Ridge) was re-elected as Moderator, and Alvin Burdette (Mt. Pleasant) was re-elected as Vice-Moderator.

Recognition was given to Ray Allen (Reedy Fork) and Don Bickers (Holly Springs) upon their retirement from the pastorate.

Certificates were presented on behalf of the IMB for the 2010 Lottie Moon Offering. Westminster was recognized as the top per capita giving church and Seneca as the top giving church in the association.

The "Charles H. Ward Jr. Award" for long time service to Disaster Relief was presented to Trent Callahan (South Union), and the DR Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to David Mahn (Westminster).

In other business, messengers adopted the 2012 budget totaling \$245,548, approved the Resolutions Committee Report, an amendment to the Constitution, and the recommendation that the 2012 meeting be held on October 22 at Mountain Rest, the preacher to be Alvin Burdette (Mt. Pleasant) and the alternate preacher Michael Welch (Pleasant Ridge).

Messengers worshipped through music presented by the Earle's Grove Choir and Echoing Mercy and were challenged by Pastor James Dyar to "strengthen what remains".

A special thank you to the Earle's Grove staff and congregation for their hospitality.

Wanted: Your Church History

The History Committee of the South Carolina Baptist Convention is seeking histories of SC Baptist Churches. Please send your church history to:

SCBC History Committee
Attention: Jane Poster
190 Stoneridge Drive
Columbia, SC 29210.

For more information, please call SCBC at 803-765-0030, or 800-723-7242.

NOTE: Please send a copy to the Beaverdam Baptist Association office also! Thanks!

Beaverdam Mission Dollars at Work

	Oct 11	Jan-Oct 11
Beaverdam	0.00	2,913.00
Belmont *	0.00	0.00
Bethel	224.00	2,025.00
Bethel Hispanic	0.00	0.00
Bethlehem	0.00	300.00
Bounty Land	653.12	8,572.33
Calvary	62.00	888.15
Chauga	132.28	1,371.37
Cheohee	0.00	4,415.48
Clearmont	0.00	3,515.71
College Street	922.62	12,861.74
Coneross	75.00	750.00
Corinth Seneca	0.00	455.00
Corinth Westminster	258.00	2,584.50
Cross Creek	0.00	0.00
Cross Roads Seneca	0.00	988.46
Cross Roads Westminster	0.00	1,135.01
Damascus	193.38	764.88
Davis Creek	59.62	707.26
Earle's Grove	1,201.75	12,017.50
Ebenezer	0.00	750.00
Faith	0.00	588.83
Fants Grove	0.00	841.77
Golden Corner	300.00	2,400.00
Heart Land	84.00	1,904.00
Hepsibah	780.34	7,803.40
Holly Springs	415.85	4,626.50
Hopewell	0.00	1,715.00
Little River	0.00	0.00
Long Creek	143.00	997.00
Lydia	378.20	4,397.96
Maranatha	210.04	2,290.33
Monte Vista	0.00	489.12
Mountain Rest	640.47	6,292.84
Mountain View	125.00	1,250.00
Mt Freedom	0.00	900.00
Mt Pleasant	0.00	1,336.19
Mt Tabor	0.00	3,637.90
New Hope	0.00	3,101.00
Old Liberty	175.54	1,919.08
Open Door	416.67	4,166.70
Parkway	0.00	494.43
Pleasant Grove	218.34	1,549.88
Pleasant Hill	100.00	1,000.00
Pleasant Ridge	400.00	3,624.97
Poplar Springs	0.00	3,940.18
Puerta Abierta	430.00	1,206.00
Reedy Fork	200.00	2,000.00
Retreat	0.00	223.27
Return	339.11	2,924.85
Rock Hill	0.00	300.00
Rocky Knoll	1,157.49	9,538.32
Salem	0.00	3,780.00
Scenic Heights	384.72	3,577.80
Seneca	0.00	12,034.12
Shiloh	0.00	0.00
Snow Creek	0.00	450.00
Souls Harbor	125.00	1,250.00
South Union	177.92	1,778.75
Trinity	0.00	125.00
Utica	667.00	6,669.67
Walhalla	100.00	1,000.00
Welcome	267.64	1,825.98
Weldon Road	0.00	0.00
West Union	19.39	192.07
Westminster	956.00	4,942.64
Westminster First	125.00	1,250.00
Wolf Stake	93.50	935.00
Total	13,211.99	174,285.94

* Watchcare

General Fund Financial Summary October, 2011

Brought Forward	72,874.83
Receipts	13,211.99
Budget Expenses	15,136.35
Balance 10-31-11	70,950.47

CHURCH News

Bethel has called Bart Kelley as Pastor to be effective January 1, 2012.

Welcome's Minister of Youth, Austin McKnight, resigned to attend Mid-America Seminary. Rob Lyles is now serving in that position.

Heart Land is seeking a part-time Associate Pastor whose primary responsibilities will be youth & children's ministries. There will also be regular preaching opportunities. Persons interested should contact Pastor David Sluder at: 864-280-2892 or pastorsluder.heartland@yahoo.com.

Ebenezer is seeking a part-time Minister of Music, and part-time Minister of Youth. Contact Pastor Brad Kelley at ebcchurchpastor@charter.net or 718-3120.

Return is seeking a part-time student minister. If interested please contact Pastor Bobby Holcombe at 864-972-3616, or send resume to Return Baptist Church, 733 Return Church Rd, Seneca 29678.

Souls Harbor is seeking a part-time Youth Director. Contact Pastor Jimmie Rholetter at 647-4795 / 903-3920, or mail resume to P O Box 294, Westminster, SC 29693.

Corinth Seneca is seeking a part-time music and worship leader. Please send resume to CBC Search Team, cbcsearchteam@bellsouth.net, or 530 Old Clemson Hwy, Seneca SC 29672.

SC Baptist Ministry Assistants Association Meeting

May 17-19, 2012

Seneca Baptist Church

Theme

Spread the Fragrance

2 Corinthians 2:14-15

The conference will provide a time for personal spiritual growth, encouragement, networking opportunities, and fantastic training for all Church Secretaries / Ministry Assistants!

For a flyer or more information, please contact Brenda Barnes at 882-7070, or bbabrenda@bellsouth.net.

Christmas Calendar

Bounty Land:

December 24 at 4:00 pm—Christmas Eve Communion

College Street:

December 18 at 10:15 am—Adult Choir Christmas Musical

Corinth Westminster:

December 22 and 23 (Thursday and Friday) at 7:00 pm—Christmas Play, "Between the Giants"

Earle's Grove:

December 18 at 11:00 am—The Adult Choir will be presenting "Beautiful Star".

December 18 at 7:00 pm—Concert of Christmas music by the Youth and Children's Choir.

Poplar Springs:

December 11 at 6:00 pm—Adult Christmas Play

December 18 at 6:00 pm—Live Nativity Christmas Play

Westminster Baptist:

December 11 at 6 pm—Adult Choir presents "Homecoming Christmas".

December 18 at 6 pm—Youth and Children present "The Next Noel"

December 25 at 10:30 am—Christmas Day Celebration.

12th Annual Zion Quartet Christmas Concert December 10th, 2011

Walhalla High School Auditorium
Two Shows: 3:00 pm and 7:00 pm
Tickets: \$10.00 each

(children 12 and under free)

For information or tickets, contact New Hope Baptist Church at 882-0828, or www.zionquartet.com.

Got some free time during the day?

We are looking for volunteers who would be interested in working for a few hours or all day at the Beaverdam Mission Center. Volunteers would primarily be responsible for greeting guests, answering the phone and assisting with minor office tasks. This would be a wonderful opportunity to become involved in ministry on a weekly basis. Those interested should contact either David Shirley or Brenda Barnes at 882-7070.

December 2011 Calendar

- 4 - Week of Prayer for International Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, 4-11
- 5 - Ministers Prayer Time, BMC, 8:30 am
- 5 - Ministers & Wives Christmas Banquet, Mt. Pleasant, 6:30 pm
- 7 - Articles for the *Golden Triangle News* are due
- 8 - Association of Baptist Church Secretaries, Maranatha, 12:00 noon
- 12 - Ministers Prayer Time, BMC, 8:30 am
- 19 - Ministers Prayer Time, BMC, 8:30 am
- 23 - Beaverdam Mission Center Closed for Christmas Holidays, December 23 through 30.
- 25 - Christmas Day

BMC = Beaverdam Mission Center, 1659 Sandifer Blvd, Seneca, SC

Special Days in December 2011

Staff Anniversaries:

- 4 - Alvin Burdette, Mt Pleasant, 2005
- 6 - Phil Kelley, Utica, 1978
- 30 - Jimmy Boggs, Hepsibah, 2007

Birthdays:

- 4 - Arvil Stephens, retired
- 9 - Don Bickers, retired
- 9 - Jerry Mize, Mountain View
- 11 - Jimmy Thomas, Pleasant Ridge
- 16 - Ricky Wilson, Weldon Road
- 23 - James Dyar, Earle's Grove
- 27 - Joe Steele, Utica
- 28 - Rodney Sutherland, Hopewell

Wedding Anniversaries:

- 11 - Scott & Tina Bedenbaugh, Mt Tabor
- 12 - Joe & Jennifer Steele, Utica
- 15 - Von & Gloria Reynolds, Seneca
- 15 - Don & Patricia Corley, retired
- 16 - John & Michelle Watkins, Seneca
- 18 - Ray & Marilyn Allen, retired
- 18 - Phil & Molly Kelley, Utica
- 21 - Reginald & Claudia Pressley, retired
- 21 - Tony & Joyce Grant, Rocky Knoll
- 23 - Rod & Andrea Lyda, Cross Roads Westminster
- 24 - Steve & Pam Black, Scenic Heights
- 27 - Carl & Betty Pointer, retired
- 28 - Joe & Hazel Saunders, Little River
- 28 - Mark & Mitzi Tannery, Return
- 31 - Ralph & Joyce Bagwell, retired

SAVE THE DATE!

Girls in Action / Acteen Overnight February 17-18, 2011 Camp Hope / Clemson Outdoor Lab

Starts at 5:00 pm on Friday and ends at 12 noon on Saturday
Speaker: Laurie Register, SC WMU State Executive Director,
will talk about her trip to India.

Acteens will enjoy several things just for them!

For more information, contact Libby Neil at 972-9974, or Jackie Lemons at 882-5809.

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Merry Christmas
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CLOSED
December 23 through December 30.

