

# Golden Triangle News

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## 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Beaverdam Baptist Association Children's Camp (for children who have completed 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grades)

July 10-14, 2011

At White Oak Conference Center, Winnsboro, SC

Cost:

\$185.00 for children

\$195.00 for adults

Theme:

"ADT" (Achievable Discipleship Tactics)

It will feature worship celebrations, Bible study, cool recreation and wholesome fun.

Camp Director: Chad Carroll

## Church to celebrate first anniversary.

The Cowboy Church will celebrate its first year on July 16, 2011 with a trail ride, followed by worship service, pig pickin', lots of music, and a good time in the Lord!

In the past year, God has truly blessed the Cowboy Church beyond measure. In just one short year, the church has seen many decisions for Jesus, had baptism, baby dedication, and sadly, one funeral. At the first meeting in July 2010, thirty-five were in attendance. Since then we have run as high as seventy five.

God blessed us with a church home of our own. In April, we acquired the former Laurel Springs Methodist Church on Laurel Springs Road in Long Creek. There is some work to do on the building, but God has provided the funds for this too!

The Cowboy Church isn't just for cowboys. Everyone is invited. The

purpose of the Cowboy Church is to provide a way to worship for those who cannot attend a Sunday morning service, or who prefer a more laid back form of worship. We are blessed to have outstanding Blue Grass musicians, and use the old Broadman Hymnal! We have trail rides and are planning a wagon train in the future.

The Cowboy Church meets the third Saturday of every month with supper a 5:00 p.m. and the service to follow. There will be other dates for activities, singings and events in the future since we now have a home of our own.

Come and join the celebration on July 16, 2011. Please call Pastor Alvin Burdette at 647-5528 for the specific time of each event. Remember, the Lord is with you ...so enjoy the ride!



## **DOM Thoughts,**

Did you know that in the 1960's the province of Alberta in Canada was considered the Bible Belt of Canada? Today 95% of Canada's population **does not** know the Lord Jesus Christ. Today only 7% of the 1.2 million people who live in Calgary have a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ!

Did you know that in the 1960's there were 166 Southern Baptist Convention congregations inside the I-285 loop that circles metro Atlanta? Today only 38 of those congregations remain. Did you know that of the 878,000 people living inside the I-285 loop in Atlanta, approximately 700,000 of them **do not** attend church? Did you know that, much like Alberta, Canada, Atlanta, Georgia was **once** looked upon as the belt buckle of the Bible belt in the south?

Did you know that according to the South Carolina Baptist Convention 78% of the Baptist churches in South Carolina have either plateaued or declined? The South Carolina Baptist Convention also tells us that 83% of South Carolinians **do not** attend an evangelical church. In our own county statistics tell us that 55% of the 71,755 people who call Oconee home have **little to no interest** in the faith community?

I, like many of you, am deeply burdened over the present condition of the church in America. It seems that far too often we hear more talk of churches having problems than we do about churches experiencing revival! It seems to me that apathy and a lack of hunger and thirst for God and His word characterize many congregations.

With all of the love in my heart I don't believe that God ever intended for His people to simply be satisfied with just paying the bills and keeping the lights on! I don't believe that God is pleased with us today just being satisfied with mediocrity. I believe that God intends for the church to be a dynamic body of believers who are committed to impacting the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ! I believe that one of the greatest needs we have today is for Heaven sent revival to break out in churches all across our land. I also believe that when real

revival comes **R.I.P.** will not stand for **Rest In Peace** but for **Revival In Progress!**

Isn't it time for revival? Isn't it time to get back to the Word? Isn't it time for God's people to cry out in desperation for God to show up and show out? Isn't it time for repentance and tears to characterize our churches instead of fussing and fighting?

Let it never be said, especially on our watch, that Oconee County was the FORMER Bible Belt of the South! Pray for revival ..... Pray for the upcoming County Crusade ... Cry out in desperation ... Make a commitment today to ... Impact Oconee & Beyond,  
*David*

### **Beaverdam Baptist Association Night at The Greenville Drive**

*Monday, August 8 - 7:00 pm*  
Call the Beaverdam Mission Center at 882-7070 for further information.

### **2013 Pastors/Wives Retreat** *April 12-13, 2013*

*Guest Speaker: Dr. Gary Chapman*

*Please go ahead and mark those dates now (as I'm sure most of you have already begun planning out your 2013). Concerning 2012 - we are awaiting word from a possible speaker and will be sharing details as soon as we have a confirmation.*

### **2011 South Carolina Youth State Bible Drill Report**

David Miller  
Association Bible Drill Coordinator

The State Youth Bible Drill was held at the South Carolina Baptist Convention Building in Columbia on Saturday, May 14, 2011.

### **Mountain Rest**

Kiernan Gordon - State Perfect.

Congratulation to Kiernan and his family for supporting him. The effort put forth by this student will surely result in future blessings.

## **Executive Board Meeting**

*Monday, July 11, 2011*

*at*

*Beaverdam Mission Center  
1659 Sandifer Boulevard, Seneca,*

*All Pastors and two representatives from each church are encouraged to attend this meeting.*



*On Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, the Beaverdam Mission Center will be closed. We hope you and your family have a wonderful Fourth of July holiday.*

### **Ministers Prayer Time**

All ministers are invited and encouraged to join prayer time at the Beaverdam Baptist Association at 8:30 am every Monday morning.

### **Ministry Opportunity**

Residences at Park Place, a senior living community on Radio Station Road in Seneca which opened in 2009, needs someone to conduct Sunday Morning worship services for their residents. They have rolled out the welcome mat for either a church, a retired Minister or layman to come each Sunday at either 9:00 a.m. or 10:00 AM to conduct a 30 minute service.

Jenna Menard, Activities Director, said that she would also love to have folks come and provide any type of entertainment for the residents at various times throughout the month as well. She is looking for folks who can sing, play a guitar or piano.

If you or your church would be willing to take advantage of this opportunity, please contact David Shirley as soon as possible.

### **Clerks ACP Training**

*Monday, August 15, 2011  
2:00 pm and 6:30 pm.*

Call Beaverdam Mission Center at 882-7070 to register.

## Beaverdam Mission Dollars at Work

	May 2011	Jan-May 2011
Beaverdam	0.00	1,535.00
Belmont *	0.00	0.00
Bethel	191.00	1,048.00
Bethel Hispanic	0.00	0.00
Bethlehem	0.00	140.00
Bounty Land	921.99	4,433.97
Calvary	85.90	456.93
Chauga	140.84	733.49
Cheohee	881.45	2,448.46
Clearmont	548.00	972.77
College Street	2,329.60	6,813.04
Coneross	75.00	375.00
Corinth Seneca	0.00	195.00
Corinth Westminster	258.50	1,292.50
Cross Creek	0.00	0.00
Cross Roads Seneca	116.55	519.39
Cross Roads Westminster	0.00	515.05
Damascus	0.00	385.07
Davis Creek	73.78	352.50
Earle's Grove	1,201.75	6,008.75
Ebenezer	0.00	750.00
Faith	54.16	327.61
Fants Grove	0.00	374.60
Golden Corner	300.00	900.00
Heart Land	0.00	1,369.00
Hepsibah	780.34	3,901.70
Holly Springs	416.33	2,555.65
Hopewell	0.00	855.00
Little River	0.00	0.00
Long Creek	0.00	488.00
Lydia	353.59	2,367.34
Maranatha	216.78	1,166.79
Monte Vista	0.00	489.12
Mt Freedom	0.00	600.00
Mt Pleasant	651.56	1,336.19
Mt Tabor	0.00	1,511.20
Mountain Rest	589.52	3,022.07
Mountain View	125.00	625.00
New Hope	0.00	1,846.00
Old Liberty	0.00	893.13
Open Door	416.67	2,083.35
Parkway	0.00	231.01
Pleasant Grove	0.00	628.37
Pleasant Hill	100.00	500.00
Pleasant Ridge	358.33	1,791.65
Poplar Springs	490.66	2,179.53
Puerta Abierta	0.00	394.00
Reedy Fork	200.00	1,000.00
Retreat	0.00	223.27
Return	328.17	1,225.92
Rock Hill	0.00	100.00
Rocky Knoll	853.93	4,838.21
Salem	0.00	1,890.00
Scenic Heights	337.77	1,110.98
Seneca	0.00	5,312.06
Shiloh	0.00	0.00
Snow Creek	50.00	250.00
Souls Harbor	125.00	625.00
South Union	174.18	857.11
Trinity	0.00	125.00
Utica	667.00	3,334.67
Walhalla	0.00	400.00
Welcome	182.70	870.14
Weldon Road	0.00	0.00
Westminster	498.33	1,993.32
Westminster First	125.00	625.00
West Union	20.34	97.88
Wolf Stake	93.50	467.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,333.22</b>	<b>86,757.29</b>

\* Watchcare

### General Fund Financial Summary

Brought Forward	75,302.36
Receipts	15,333.22
Budget Expenses	15,279.62
Balance 5-31-11	75,355.96

# NEWS

## Staff Changes:

Amanda Bannister, **College Street**, has resigned as Minister of Students, effective the end of May due to health reasons.

James Pelfrey resigned as pastor of **Chauga** effective June 5, 2011.

McKensy Campbell, **Earle's Grove** will be resigning as Minister of Youth/Children mid-July. He will be working with FCA with three schools in Gwinnett County, Georgia.

Edward Bryson is retiring from **Fants Grove** effective June 26, 2011.

## Church News:

**Holly Springs** will be having Revival Services July 17-21, 2011 at 7:00 pm nightly. There will be a different preacher each night. The theme is Where There is Hope! *"Christ in you, the hope of glory"* (*Colossians 1:27*)

## Staff Needed:

**Earle's Grove** is seeking a Youth and Children's Minister. Send resumes to Earle's Grove Baptist Church, 398 Cedar Lane Rd, Westminster, SC 29693 Attn: Becky Maciejewski no later than July 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Liberty** is searching for a part-time Minister of Music and Pianist. Those interested can contact Chris Doud (706) 297-7202 or 7 Yonak Lake Road, Toccoa, GA 30577.

**Reedy Fork** is accepting resumes for Pastor. Please mail to Reedy Fork Baptist Church, 115 E. Reedy Fork Rd, Seneca, SC 29678

## In Christian Sympathy to:

- The family of Mike Ross Sluder, 75, who passed away on May 20, 2011. He served as pastor of Oakdale in Townville, Madison in Westminster and as interim pastor for many other churches in Oconee County. He was Minister of Music and Youth at Parkway in Seneca and Clearmont in Westminster.

- Pam Scott, Associational WMU Director, and family in the passing away of her father, John Edward Brewer on May 30, 2011.

- Cathy Schneader, BBA, and family in the death of her husband, John "Jack" Schneader on May 17, 2011.



## Faith Baptist Church, Westminster Calls New Pastor

Adam Powers has been called as pastor of Faith Baptist Church. Pastor Powers was ordained and licensed April 13, 2003 at Brushy Creek Church in Easley. He was awarded his Associates of Arts degree in Christian Studies from North Greenville University in 2004. Since 2009 he has been working on his Bachelors of Arts degree from Liberty University with a major in Religion and a minor in Pastoral Counseling.

He was the Youth Pastor of Faith Temple Baptist Church in Pee Ridge, NC between 2002 and 2005; between 2005 and 2008 he was the Associate Pastor of Catechee Baptist Church in Norris, SC; and has been Senior Pastor at Forsyth Baptist in Forsyth, IL since 2008.

Pastor Powers, 28, was born and raised in Easley, SC. His hobbies and interests include: car racing, car shows, fishing, hunting, traveling, dogs, working out and preaching. Adam was Moderator of the Central Baptist Association in Illinois in 2009-2010. He was the Chair Person of the Order of Business Committee, Illinois Baptist State Association in 2009-2010. He was Camp Pastor, Central Baptist Association 2008-2010. He was Chairman of the Young Pastor's Team of the Illinois Baptist State Association 2008-2010. He is the Chairman of the Director of Missions Transition Team, Central Baptist Association 2010 to present. Adam is also a certified leader in the GROW Evangelism Training.

His wife Crystal, attended Keene State University and is currently an office assistant for Decatur OB/GYN in Decatur, Illinois, a position she has held since March 2008. She is the niece of Pastor David Gallimore who is the Pastor of Rock Springs Baptist Church in Easley.

Pastor Powers will begin his ministry full-time at Faith on Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## July 2011

### Calendar

#### Date

- 4 - Fourth of July - BMC closed
- 6 - Articles for **AUGUST** newsletter are due **today**
- 10 - Associational Children's Camp, White Oak (10-14)
- 11 - Ministers' Prayer Time, BMC - 8:30 am  
- Executive Board Meeting, BMC - 7:00 pm
- 13 - BLUME - Missions Event for Baptist Teen Girls,  
Orlando, Florida (13-16)
- 18 - Ministers' Prayer Time, BMC - 8:30 am
- 25 - Ministers' Prayer Time, BMC - 8:30 am

BMC = Beaverdam Mission Center, 1659 Sandifer Blvd

### Special Days in July 2011

#### Staff Anniversaries:

- 1 - Carl Lee, Ebenezer, 2001
- 1 - Donnie Nix, Westminster, 2008
- 4 - Mark Nelson, Old Liberty, 2010
- 14 - Ronnie Hodge, Golden Corner, 1997
- 23 - David Bagwell, Bethel, 2006
- 26 - Carl Krezdorn, Salem, 2004
- 27 - Scott Moore, Bounty Land, 2009

#### Birthdays:

- 1 - McKensy Campbell, Earle's Grove
- 6 - Barry Jordan, Retreat
- 8 - Fred Astin, retired
- 8 - Reginald Pressley, retired
- 9 - Gerald Morgan, retired
- 12 - Brad Kelley, Ebenezer
- 12 - Bart Kelley, Bethel
- 15 - Jimmy Boggs, Hepsibah
- 19 - David Sluder, Heart Land
- 31 - Rudy Gray, Utica

#### Wedding Anniversaries:

- 13 - Ryan & Kay Wilson, Trinity
- 15 - Jimmie & Martha Rholetter, Souls Harbor
- 16 - Jerry & Barbara Mize, Mountain View
- 17 - Randy & Suzanne Koon, Mountain Rest
- 20 - James & Vera Gibson, Maranatha
- 27 - Jimmy & Martha Thomas, Pleasant Ridge
- 28 - David & Kim Wald, Mt. Freedom

## VBS Reports

Please mail copies of your VBS Report to all of the following:

#### BEAVERDAM BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1659 Sandifer Blvd, Seneca, SC 29678-0906

#### SUE HARMON, Childhood Ministry Group

South Carolina Baptist Convention  
190 Stoneridge Dr., Columbia, SC 29210-8254

#### VBS REPORT DESK (MSN 177)

Lifeway Christian Resources  
127 Ninth Ave., N., Nashville, TN 37234-0177

## Oconee County Crusade

October 2-5, 2011 - 7:00 pm  
Seneca High School Stadium

Ken Freeman  
Evangelist and Author  
San Antonio, Texas

Dean, Gayna, and Geoffrey  
Worship Leaders  
Montgomery, Alabama

Gary Cox  
Crusade Choir Director

#### FREE ADMISSION

A love offering will be received.

Special services for children will be held each evening in the school auditorium.

For more information, call the Beaverdam Mission Center at 882-7070 or visit web site [oconeecrusade.com](http://oconeecrusade.com).

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