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Beaverdam Baptist Association's 13th Annual

SENIOR ADULT REVIVAL

March 14-16, 2011 - 10:45 am

Seneca Baptist Church

1080 South Oak Street, Seneca

Guest Speakers:

Monday:

David Shirley, Director of Missions, Beaverdam Baptist Association

Rev. Shirley is a native of Oconee County and a 1978 graduate of Seneca High School. After graduation from Seneca High, David earned a B.A. Degree from Newberry College and later a Master of Divinity Degree from the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Prior to accepting the call to become our Director of Missions in 2010, David served as Senior Pastor of Mountain Creek Baptist Church in Greenville since 2001. His previous pastorates also included Hopewell Baptist in Seneca and Rice's Creek Baptist in Liberty. David has been married to his high school sweetheart Kathy for 26 years. Kathy is a 7th Grade Social Studies Teacher at the Sevier Middle School in Greenville. David and Kathy are the proud parents of two daughters, Dana and Denise. Dana is a first year Teacher at Seneca High School and Denise is a Freshman at North Greenville University.

Tuesday:

Glenn Kelly, retired

Rev. Kelly and his wife, Joyce, relocated from Mississippi to South Carolina in May, 1992 when he was called to Pastor Mt Pleasant Baptist Church in Westminster. He also served as Pastor of Davis Creek Baptist Church and Lydia Baptist Church, where he served until he retired in July, 2009. Since retirement, he has served as a Supply Pastor or as Interim Pastor in several churches in the association. Glenn has also served on various committees within the association and is a former Moderator for the Beaverdam Baptist Association.

Wednesday:

Carlos Hatcher, retired

Rev. Hatcher, a third generation pastor, was born in Pendleton, SC. He is a graduate of Seneca High School, served in the Navy during the Korean War, is a graduate of Furman University and was ordained by Corinth Seneca. He served more than 38 years as a full-time pastor. He retired on July 31, 1996, after serving almost 20 years as Pastor of Good Hope Baptist Church. Since moving back to Seneca, he has served several churches as Interim Pastor, Supply Pastor and as guest speaker.

You can experience revival, encouragement and enrichment from the inspirational messages each day, special singing, fellowship with friends and neighbors with a light lunch (\$2.00) following the service. You are cordially invited to attend.

DOM Thoughts,

I want to take this opportunity and share with you some of the exciting things that are taking place in our Association. These truly are exciting days in the Beaverdam Baptist Association to be about Kingdom work!

The deadline is fast approaching (March 18) to register for our **Ministers/Wives Retreat**. The Friday-Saturday retreat is designed to be a "Weekend of Encouragement" for those serving in our churches. We invite all Pastors/Staff Ministers and Spouses to make plans to be a part of this wonderful time of fellowship and worship. I would challenge our churches to consider paying the way for your Pastor and Staff to attend this retreat. The total cost for the retreat is \$175 per couple and includes accommodations and meals. Dr. Don Wilton will be our guest speaker. We have to finalize our reservations the Hyatt Regency Greenville by Friday, March 18.

Is your church or missions organization looking for somewhere to serve? I have asked our Association's Missions Mobilization Team to consider entering into a missions partnership with the Atlanta Association of Southern Baptists and Atlanta Metro Baptist Association. The South Carolina Baptist Convention already has established this particular partnership. The focus of this partnership will be to come alongside existing churches inside the I-285 corridor to engage, sow, and harvest through various ministries. While Atlanta is the home to the Braves, Falcons and Hawks, Stone Mountain, Six Flags and the Georgia Aquarium, it is also the home of a diversity of people. The sad news is in Atlanta over 525,000 people have no religious affiliation, over 610,000 people are not church members and over 760,000 people do not attend any form of worship or Bible study during a given week! This potential partnership will provide our churches with wonderful mission opportunities whether for a day or for a week within a short drive down I-85.

I am also excited about yet another possible missions opportunity right here in Oconee County. Did you know that the single largest mission field in Oconee County is found in the multi-housing communities that surround our churches? Did you know that 40% to 50% of the lostness in any given community can be found in the apartment complexes in your neighborhoods? Ronnie Cox, Acts 1:8 Strategist for the South Carolina Baptist Convention recently said "The lowest hanging fruit in South Carolina is found in our multi-housing communities". In fact statistics indicate that 95% of those living in multi-housing communities are unchurched. If your church would be interested in being a part of a multi-housing ministry I would encourage you to contact me ASAP. Our Local Missions Exploration Team (Team Leader Randy Keasler) will be providing some valuable training opportunities through our State Convention in the near future. I can think of no greater opportunity for a church to "**Impact Oconee**" than to go where lostness can be found. No Contact = No Impact!

In addition to the information above I am so excited about our new partnership with the Canadian National

Baptist Convention. What a joy that eight of our churches will be spending a week in Calgary from May-July of this year. Thank you so much for the wonderful response that we have had from this new partnership.

I encourage any churches interested in hosting a Family Fun day for your community to contact me ASAP. The Walhalla Family Fun day is scheduled for April 23 at Sertoma Field. I believe that presently there are nine Walhalla area churches taking part in that day of community fun and relationship building. I am also excited that plans have begun to host a Family Fun Day in the Oakway-Fairplay area in April as well. Dates and details to be announced soon. Those interested in being a part of that event should contact either me or McKensy Campbell at Earle's Grove Baptist ASAP.

Finally, I want to remind you that plans have been finalized for our 15th Annual Beaverdam Baptist Association Children's Camp. The dates will be July 10-14 at the White Oak Conference Center in Winnsboro, South Carolina. The theme of this year's camp will be **ADT... "Achieve Discipleship Tactics."** The cost will be \$185.00 for camper and staff member and \$195.00 for adult chaperones. Chad Carroll (Clearmont Baptist Church) will be serving as our Camp Director. Impact Oconee,
David

Ministers/Spouse Retreat

April 8-9, 2011

Cost \$175.00

Hyatt-Regency Downtown
Greenville

Guest Speaker Dr. Don Wilton.

In order to finalize plans for this retreat
and

secure adequate accommodations, **we ask those interested to please call the Association Office at 882-7070 to register ASAP.**



Attention All Men Ministries

Volunteers are needed for Work Day at Camp LaVida on Saturday, April 9, 2011. If interested, please call Clayton Justice at 882-0227.

Foothills Pregnancy Center Volunteer Training

Foothills Pregnancy Care Center has served Oconee and Pickens counties for over 20 years. Our volunteers work with the women and families who visit FPCC for a variety of needs whether it be a physical need of supplies for their baby, an emotional need of just needing someone to care and listen, or a spiritual need as they experience a crisis in their lives.

Volunteer Training will begin March 17 at 6:00 pm at the Center located at 1449 Blue Ridge Blvd. If you are interested in participating or have any questions, please call 864-882-8796.

Beaverdam Mission Dollars at Work

	Jan 11	Jan-Dec 11
Beaverdam	0.00	0.00
Belmont *	0.00	0.00
Bethel	169.00	169.00
Bethel Hispanic	0.00	0.00
Bethlehem	35.00	35.00
Bounty Land	916.70	916.70
Calvary	60.65	60.65
Chauga	127.80	127.80
Cheohee	693.80	693.80
Clearmont	424.77	424.77
College Street	1,786.35	1,786.35
Coneross	75.00	75.00
Corinth Seneca	65.00	65.00
Corinth Westminster	0.00	0.00
Cross Creek	0.00	0.00
Cross Roads Seneca	67.59	67.59
Cross Roads Westminster	0.00	0.00
Damascus	198.24	198.24
Davis Creek	54.46	54.46
Earle's Grove	1,201.75	1,201.75
Ebenezer	750.00	750.00
Faith	95.56	95.56
Fants Grove	68.46	68.46
Golden Corner	0.00	0.00
Heart Land	367.00	367.00
Hepsibah	780.34	780.34
Holly Springs	722.64	722.64
Hopewell	167.00	167.00
Little River	0.00	0.00
Long Creek	122.00	122.00
Lydia	740.60	740.60
Maranatha	242.13	242.13
Monte Vista	74.98	74.98
Mountain Rest	384.14	384.14
Mountain View	125.00	125.00
Mt Freedom	0.00	0.00
Mt Pleasant	0.00	0.00
Mt Tabor Westminster	245.72	245.72
New Hope	663.00	663.00
Old Liberty	130.92	130.92
Open Door	416.67	416.67
Parkway	0.00	0.00
Pleasant Grove	92.20	92.20
Pleasant Hill	100.00	100.00
Pleasant Ridge	358.33	358.33
Poplar Springs	469.69	469.69
Puerta Abierta	0.00	0.00
Reedy Fork	200.00	200.00
Retreat	0.00	0.00
Return	229.38	229.38
Rock Hill	0.00	0.00
Rocky Knoll	700.84	700.84
Salem	945.00	945.00
Scenic Heights	0.00	0.00
Seneca	0.00	0.00
Shiloh	0.00	0.00
Snow Creek	50.00	50.00
Souls Harbor	125.00	125.00
South Union	123.00	123.00
Trinity	0.00	0.00
Utica	666.67	666.67
Walhalla	100.00	100.00
Welcome	157.67	157.67
Weldon Road	0.00	0.00
West Union	13.75	13.75
Westminster	0.00	0.00
Westminster First	125.00	125.00
Wolf Stake	0.00	0.00
Total Income	16,428.80	16,428.80

* Watchcare

General Fund Financial Summary

Brought Forward 1-1-11	78,729.96
Receipts	16,428.80
Budget Expenses	18,158.86
Non Budgeted Expense	0.00
Balance 1-31-11	76,999.90

NEWS

Staff Changes:

Westminster First has called Kenny Owen as Pastor effective February 20, 2011. Rev. Owen recently retired after serving as Pastor of Earle's Grove Baptist Church for some 27 years. He is well known throughout the area as a bold preacher of the Gospel and having a great heart for helping and serving people. He has also been very active in building and repairing churches in many areas of the southeast. First Baptist Church welcomes Rev. Owen and Lynn to our church family.

Bethel has called David Dorn as Part-Time Minister of Worship effective February 2, 2011.

Bethel has called Bart Kelley as Associate Pastor: Families and Discipleship as of January 17, 2011.

Corinth Seneca has called Benjamin Zorn of Toccoa Falls College as Part-Time Youth Minister effective January 2011.

Staff Needed:

Hopewell is seeking a part-time staff position of Director of Student Ministries. Send inquiries to: Hopewell Baptist Church, 161 Hopewell Church Dr, Seneca, SC 29678.

Corinth Seneca is seeking a full-time Pastor. Please send resume to Corinth Baptist Church, 530 Old Clemson Hwy, Seneca, SC 29672. Attention: Search Committee Chairman.

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.

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

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

Church News:

Second Annual C-Now (Children Now) Weekend is March 11-12 at **Open Door** in Walhalla. This event is 7:00 to 8:30 pm Friday and Saturday. The cost is \$1 per night. The event is for 1st through 6th graders. For more information, reservations and directions, call Open Door Baptist Church at 638-5211.

Corinth Seneca will be having revival services March 13 - 16. Sunday services start at 6:00 pm and Mon-Wed. services start at 7:00 pm. Guest evangelist will be Carl Bradford from the Southwestern Theological Seminary.

In Christian Sympathy to:

- Randy Keasler, Westminster, and family in the death of his father, James "Jim" Nathan Keasler, Jr., who passed away on February 10, 2011.
- the family of Houston Hawkins, Pastor Emeritus, Poplar Springs, who passed away on February 13, 2011.

Ebenezer Baptist Church presents

Arenacross Raceteam
Featuring the riders of Team Faith Kevin Johnson (23) & Kelly Smith (17)
Sunday, March 13, 2011 - 10:30 am
At Ebenezer Baptist Church
1405 Ebenezer Road
West Union, SC 296969
The race team called Team Faith will be giving their testimonies.

The Relationship Between Nutrition and Disease

Come learn how to take control of your health.....
Saturday, March 5, 2011 - 10:00 am to noon
At Ebenezer Baptist Church
1405 Ebenezer Rd, West Union
Bring friends and family and learn the health advantages of eating whole grains; the truth about sugar, cholesterol, and carbohydrates; and how oxidation affects the body; plus much more.
Taught by nutrition counselors, Carol Johnson and Rebecca Cothran. There will be mill demonstrations and fresh milled bread will be served.
Cost is **FREE**, however reservations are appreciated for planning purposes.

Call 828-526-4297 or email live4above@aol.com to RSVP.

March 2011

Calendar

- Date**
- 2 - Articles for **APRIL** newsletter are due **today**
 - 4 - State Disaster Relief Training, White Oak (4-5)
 - 6 - Season of Prayer for North American Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (6-13)
 - 7 - Ministers' Prayer Time, BMC – 8:30 am
 - 11 - SC WMU Annual Meeting, Monaghan Church, Greenville (11-12)
 - 13 - Time Change - Spring Forward to Daylight Savings Time
 - 14 - Ministers' Prayer Time, BMC – 8:30 am
- Senior Led Revival, Seneca - 10:45 am
 - 15 - Senior Led Revival, Seneca - 10:45 am
 - 16 - Senior Led Revival, Seneca - 10:45 am
 - 21 - Ministers' Prayer Time, BMC – 8:30 am
 - 28 - Ministers' Prayer Time, BMC – 8:30 am

BMC = Beaverdam Mission Center, 1659 Sandifer Blvd

Special Days in March 2011

Staff Anniversaries:

- 1 – Bradley Martin, Clearmont, 2010
- 4 – Matthew Crain, Souls Harbor, 2007
- 5 – Ricky Wilson, Weldon Road, 2009
- 5 – Gerald Towe, Golden Corner, 2006
- 8 – David Shirley, DOM, 2010
- 9 – Joe Steele, Utica, 2009
- 22 – David Sluder, Heart Land, 2009
- 29 – Kenneth Hood, Walhalla First, 2004
- 30 – Mark Tannery, Return, 2003

Birthdays:

- 6 – Bret Tolbert, Utica
- 7 – Bobby Bugg, Wolf Stake
- 8 – Brett Myers, Corinth Westminster
- 14 – James Stokes, retired
- 16 – Rolando Garcia, Bethel Hispanic
- 19 – Ray Allen, retired
- 21 – Bill Ellison, retired
- 30 – Brian Buckner, New Hope

Wedding Anniversaries:

- 4 – Ken & Betsy Reid, College Street
- 8 – Chad & Shena Carroll, Clearmont
- 9 – Sam & Norma Adams, retired
- 19 – James & Teresa Dyar, Earle's Grove
- 29 – Fred & Sara Astin, retired
- 31 – Grady & Sally Long, retired

WMU NEWS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Mar. 1: Registration open to Camp LaVida
- Mar. 6-13: Week of Prayer for North American Missions
- Mar. 11-12: WMU Missions Encounter, Monaghan Baptist Church, Greenville. Check out www.scwmu.org for more information.
- Apr. 4: Spring Meeting, Walhalla 1st, - 6:30 pm
- Apr. 9: Work Day at Camp LaVida. Go to our website for a registration form or more information or call the state office at 1-800-723-7242, ext. 8503. Registering by March 30 will help plan jobs and lunch. Help is needed, plan to join us.



When Disaster Hits....Are We Ready?

Do you or someone in your church have the skills, abilities, and time to volunteer when disaster happens. You can be ready to respond by training for Disaster Relief.

Plan now to attend the Disaster Relief Training on March 4-5, 2011 at White Oak Conference Center. To get more information and register check out the South Carolina Baptist Convention website, www.scbaptist.org or call Gwen Eargle at 1-800-723-7242 extension 3400.

Upcoming Events in April 2011

- 4 - WMU Spring Meeting, Walhalla 1st - 6:30 pm
- 7 - VBS Clinic for Teachers and Assistants, Hepsibah - 6:30 pm
- 10 - Associational Children's & Youth Bible Drill - 3:00 pm
- 11 - Executive Board Meeting, BMC - 7:00 pm
- 16 - BBA Disaster Relief Team, Camp McCall
- 21 - Association of Baptist Church Secretaries' Breakfast Earle's Grove - 8:00 am
- 30 - State Children's Bible Drill, Anderson - 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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