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Associational Missions Week

May 15-21, 2011

Leonard Irwin Offering For Associational Missions

Goal: \$6,000

For 124 years Baptists in the Oconee County area have recognized God's call to reach out to the mission field around them. Today, 68 Southern Baptist Churches voluntarily cooperate in missions and ministry through the work of the Beaverdam Baptist Association. Together we are **Impacting Lostness** in our "Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." *Acts 1:8*



The Leonard Irwin Offering is an annual "Associational Week of Prayer Offering" of the Beaverdam Baptist Association and is named in memory of the late Leonard G. Irwin, a former Vice-President of the Home Mission Board (now the North American Mission Board), and member of First Baptist Church Westminster. Rev. Irwin also served Beaverdam Association as Interim Director of Missions in 1992.

The 2011 Leonard Irwin Offering has been designated to purchase a new Block Party Trailer and a new inflatable attraction. Please see the attached Associational Missions Week flyer for additional information on Rev. Irwin and the 2011 offering. Bulletin inserts will be provided for each church. Contact the associational office at 882-7070 to let us know the number your church needs.



THE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
**MISSION
DRIVEN**
**CHURCH
FOCUSED**

Heart Land Baptist Church moves to new home.

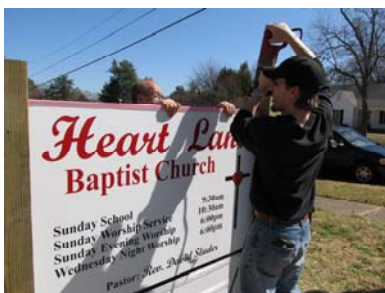
Members of Heart Land held their first service at their new permanent location on Wednesday, March 2, 2011. The church building, located at 507 South Townville Street, Seneca, was purchased from the Christian Science Church.

Heart Land was organized in 1995 and, for the past nine years, had been holding their services at the Beaverdam Mission Center on Sandifer Boulevard in Seneca. Prior to that, they met at the

American Legion Hut, Seneca.

David Sluder, pastor, said "God has not given us this building as a retirement home or a place to prop our feet up, but like giving a farmer a tractor to replace his mule, our prayer is that we might labor together to reach people who are not in church, and God will be glorified." John 15:8, *Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit.*

Pictured at left are church members, Charles Vinson and Alex Sluder, installing the new church sign.



DOM Thoughts,

I want to say "Thank You" to the Pastors and Churches of the Beaverdam Baptist Association for the privilege of serving as your Director of Missions! I am thoroughly enjoying (other than the daily drive from Greenville) every aspect of this new area of ministry. I appreciate so much the kindness, encouragement and support that I have been blessed with since becoming your Director of Missions. It has been an absolute joy to visit and share in so many of our churches over the past year. I am so humbled at the opportunity to be able to share God's Word week after week in our churches.

What a wonderful time we had last month at our Pastors/Wives Retreat which was held in Greenville. Our hearts were blessed with wonderful fellowship, spirit-filled worship and inspiring messages from Dr. Don Wilton. We have already begun making plans for our 2012 and 2013 Pastors/Wives Retreats. I hope to be able to announce soon about those plans. I pray that the retreat grows in number each year into something really special for God's glory!

I want to take this opportunity to make you aware that **May 15-22** has been designated as **Associational Missions Week**. I personally believe that this week provides a wonderful opportunity for Pastors to share with their congregations about the work taking place in the Beaverdam Baptist Association. Associational Missions Week also provides churches with an opportunity to be a blessing to their Association. Over the past few years numerous churches have participated in the Leonard Irwin Associational Missions Offering. The Leonard Irwin Offering is an annual "Associational Week of Prayer Offering" to be used for non-budgeted mission activities. This offering was approved by the Executive Board at its January 13, 2003 meeting. This special offering is named in memory of the late Leonard G. Irwin, a former Vice-President of the Home Mission Board (now the North American Mission Board), and member of Westminster First Baptist Church. Rev. Irwin also served Beaverdam

Association as Interim Director of Missions in 1992. Each year our Association designates that offering to a local missions cause. The 2011 Offering has been designated for the purchase of a new Block Party Trailer and inflatable attraction. Presently the Block Party equipment/supplies are housed in our Disaster Relief Mud-Out Trailer. From time to time the contents of the trailer must be removed and stored in order to make the trailer available for use by our Disaster Relief Team. The present bouncy house was purchased several years ago in used condition and is in need of replacement. Due to the Association's commitment to sponsor "**Community Family Fun Days**" all across Oconee County as well as the normal use of the trailer by churches, we feel that now is the time to make an investment in a new Associational Block Party Trailer as well as in a new inflatable attraction for the trailer. The estimated cost of a new 7 X 12 trailer, lettering and a new inflatable will be close to \$6000.00. Would your church prayerfully consider giving this year to the Leonard Irwin Offering for Associational Missions and help us as an Association be able to provide valuable resources for our churches to more effectively "Impact Oconee".

Impact Oconee,
David

Mark Your Calendars **Oconee County Stadium Celebration**

October 2-5, 2011
Seneca High School Football
Stadium

Speaker: Ken Freeman
Worship Leaders:
Dean & Gayna Forrest



As we celebrate Memorial Day on May 30, 2011, don't forget to pray for the families of those who have died to give us a very precious gift - freedom.

15th Annual Beaverdam Baptist Association Children's Camp

(for children who have completed 3rd through 6th grades)

July 10-14, 2011
at White Oak Conference Center,
Winnsboro, SC

Cost:
\$185 for children
\$195 for adults

Theme:
"ADT" (Achievable Discipleship
Tactics)
It will feature worship celebrations,
Bible study, cool recreation and
wholesome fun.

Registration and deposit of \$75 are
due on May 23, 2011.

Make checks payable to Beaverdam
Baptist Association and mail
registration forms and deposit to
1659 Sandifer Blvd, Seneca, SC
29678-0906

2011 State Youth Bible Drill

Saturday, May 14,
2011 - 10:00 am



South Carolina Baptist
Convention Office
190 Stoneridge Drive,
Columbia

National Day of Prayer

May 5, 2011

60th Annual Observance

Theme:
**A Mighty Fortress is our
God.**



Beaverdam Mission Center
will be closed on
Monday, May 30, 2011
in observance of
Memorial Day.

Beaverdam Mission Dollars at Work

	Mar 11	Jan-Mar 11
Beaverdam	657.00	1,116.00
Belmont *	0.00	0.00
Bethel	202.00	631.00
Bethel Hispanic	0.00	0.00
Bethlehem	0.00	70.00
Bounty Land	1,705.60	3,511.98
Calvary	85.10	254.89
Chauga	151.91	474.63
Cheohee	511.15	1,567.01
Clearmont	0.00	424.77
College Street	1,381.66	4,483.44
Coneross	75.00	225.00
Corinth Seneca	130.00	195.00
Corinth Westminster	517.00	775.50
Cross Creek	0.00	0.00
Cross Roads Seneca	80.34	295.78
Cross Roads Westminster	235.80	393.50
Damascus	0.00	198.24
Davis Creek	68.38	211.18
Earle's Grove	1,201.75	3,605.25
Ebenezer	0.00	750.00
Faith	54.99	218.38
Fants Grove	0.00	68.46
Golden Corner	300.00	300.00
Heart Land	527.00	1,283.00
Hepsibah	780.34	2,341.02
Holly Springs	551.90	1,800.85
Hopewell	172.00	511.00
Little River	0.00	0.00
Long Creek	122.00	366.00
Lydia	398.87	1,600.27
Maranatha	205.53	660.42
Monte Vista	130.64	371.24
Mt Freedom	0.00	300.00
Mt Pleasant	0.00	0.00
Mt Tabor	281.06	913.24
Mountain Rest	648.23	1,773.00
Mountain View	125.00	375.00
New Hope	308.00	1,255.00
Old Liberty	162.69	505.55
Open Door	416.67	1,250.01
Parkway	101.37	173.55
Pleasant Grove	0.00	298.28
Pleasant Hill	100.00	300.00
Pleasant Ridge	358.33	1,074.99
Poplar Springs	391.20	1,199.20
Puerta Abierta	291.00	291.00
Reedy Fork	200.00	600.00
Retreat	0.00	223.27
Return	329.27	558.65
Rock Hill	100.00	100.00
Rocky Knoll	1,032.87	2,900.50
Salem	945.00	1,890.00
Scenic Heights	0.00	387.54
Seneca	2,521.57	4,062.78
Shiloh	0.00	0.00
Snow Creek	50.00	150.00
Souls Harbor	125.00	375.00
South Union	348.23	682.93
Trinity	125.00	125.00
Utica	667.00	2,000.67
Walhalla	200.00	300.00
Welcome	182.00	521.89
Weldon Road	0.00	0.00
Westminster	0.00	996.66
Westminster First	0.00	250.00
West Union	20.83	59.37
Wolf Stake	93.50	280.50
Total Income	20,369.78	54,877.39

* Watchcare

General Fund Financial Summary

Brought Forward	80,343.22
Receipts	20,369.78
Budget Expenses	19,195.81
Balance 3-31-11	81,517.19

NEWS

Church News:

Lydia will be having revival services May 15-18, 2011. Sunday at 10:30 am and 6:30 pm; Mon.-Wed. at 7:00 pm. Guest Speaker will be Kenny Owen.

Staff Needed:

Part-time Custodian is needed at **Lydia**. For more information, call Brian Goss at 784-6407.

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. If interested, please contact Brett Myers at 864-784-0558 or at pastor.corinthebaptist@gmail.com

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:

Clayton Justice, Men's Ministry Consultant, and family in the death of his brother, James Terry Justice, who died on April 3, 2011.

Cathy Schneader, BBA, and family in the death of her father, Thomas Joseph DiMichel, Sr., who died on April 6, 2011.

the family of William "Bill" Henry Lee who died March 5, 2011. He pastored the following churches during his ministry: Damascus, Cross Roads Westminster, Belmont and Toxaway.

the family of Arlene Cooper who died April 2, 2011. She was a retired career IMB missionary, and served with her husband, Jackie, as missionaries with Iglesia De Dios Bautista and Foothills Hispanic Ministry, Walhalla, from 1990-1992.

All Ministers are invited to join in prayer time every Monday morning at 8:30 a.m. at the Beaverdam Mission Center, 1659 Sandifer Blvd, Seneca.

Men's Ministries Quarterly Fellowship

Tuesday, May 3, 2011 - 6:30 pm

Earle's Grove Baptist Church
398 Cedar Lane Rd, Westminster
Guest Speaker: Tony Eubanks, Chaplain, Clemson Tigers
Music: Donny King, Royce McCall, Chris and Jay Rochester, J.R. Lamb
Menu: Catfish, Flounder, Chicken, Hush Puppies, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, French Fries, Tea and Dessert
Cost \$4.00 (pay at the door)
Mission Project: Please bring canned goods for local food banks.

Call 882-7070 to register for this event no later than Friday, April 29, 2011.

New Crib Safety Law Affects Churches

Recently a federal law was passed that affects every church that has a crib in their building. By December 28, 2012, only cribs which meet the improved safety standards set forth in the law can be used by child care facilities and "places of public accommodation." This means replacing existing cribs in church classrooms and weekday child care classrooms.

The new safety rules prohibit drop-side crib rails. Injuries and deaths have occurred when babies become trapped between a movable rail and the mattress. The standards also mandate more durable mattress supports, slats, and hardware for cribs.

All cribs sold after June 28, 2011 will meet the new safety regulations. Church and weekday program budgets will need to be planned for the 2011-2012 church year to include the purchase of compliant cribs. There is no way to retrofit existing cribs to make them acceptable under the stringent new regulations.

Remember, by **December 28, 2012**, churches must use only cribs that meet the new federal safety standards!

A limited number of 2010 Associational Annuals are available. Each church that wishes to have a copy may call the Associational Office at 882-7070.

May 2011

Calendar

- Date**
- 2 - Ministers' Prayer Time, BMC – 8:30 am
 - 3 - Men's Ministry Quarterly Fellowship, Earle's Grove - 6:30 pm
 - 4 - Articles for **JUNE** newsletter are due **today**
 - 5 - National Day of Prayer
 - 6 - Youth Minister's Day at Carowinds (SCBC Youth Group)
 - 8 - Mother's Day
 - 9 - Ministers' Prayer Time, BMC – 8:30 am
 - 15 - Association Missions Week and Leonard Irwin Offering (15-21)
 - 16 - Ministers' Prayer Time, BMC - 8:30 am
 - 20 - Men's Activities Retreat, Camp McCall (20-21)
 - 23 - Ministers' Prayer Time, BMC – 8:30 am
 - 28 - Disaster Relief Team Meeting with Eddie Pettit
 - 23 - Memorial Day - BMC Closed

BMC = Beaverdam Mission Center, 1659 Sandifer Blvd

Special Days in May 2011

Staff Anniversaries:

- 1 – Mckensy Campbell, Earle's Grove, 2006
- 1 – Steve Janushkowsky, Reedy Fork, 2009
- 4 – Ronnie Wald, Snow Creek, 1997
- 7 – Jerry Lyles, Welcome, 1989
- 7 – Rod Lyda, Cross Roads Westminster, 2006
- 9 – Austin McKnight, Welcome, 2010
- 11 – Joel Hendricks, Open Door, 2009
- 21 – Brian Buckener, New Hope, 2006
- 24 – Michael Welch, Pleasant Ridge, 2006
- 26 – Bob Dickard, Hopewell, 2002
- 28 – Mike Adams, Mt Tabor Westminster, 1995
- 30 – Mark Bagwell, Golden Corner, 1993

Birthdays:

- 1 – Bob Spearman, retired
- 5 – Steve Roberts, Pleasant Hill
- 5 – Mark Nelson, Old Liberty
- 20 – Mark Tannery, Return

Wedding Anniversaries:

- 2 – John & Eva McKnight, retired
- 6 – Barry & Lexanna Jordan, Retreat
- 10 – Gerald & Karen Towe, Golden Corner
- 12 – James & Marjorie Stokes, retired
- 18 – Brad & Kelly Price, Rocky Knoll
- 21 – Tim & Michelle Sheriff, Poplar Springs
- 23 – David & Hali Bagwell, Bethel
- 25 – Jimmy & Barbara Boggs, Hepsibah
- 26 – Tim & Vonda Marcengill, Parkway
- 26 – Calvin & Abigail King, retired

Upcoming Events in June, 2011

- 2 - Last Day of Classes, Oconee County Schools
- 12 - WMU, SBC, Missions Celebration and Annual Meeting (12-13)
- 14 - Southern Baptist Convention, Phoenix, AZ (14-15)
- 16 - Association of Baptist Church Secretaries



Disaster Relief Corner - by Robbie Lee

Many storms with heavy winds and lots of rain have come with the onset of spring. As we watch the news, we see tornadoes and flooding all around. With these storms come many needs and as a Disaster Relief volunteer, needs lead to opportunities to serve others and share the gospel.

We had the opportunity to take an assessment and a chainsaw team to Columbia, SC on April the 8th and 9th to help with clean up from a tornado that passed through on April 5th. Several hundred homes and businesses were damaged. The needs were great but people were reluctant to let us help and volunteer spirits were low. Then one lady gave us an opportunity and through our actions and not our words, the community began to watch us as we did our best to serve the Lord and their reluctance turned to appreciation. With the help of teams from all over the state, we were able to serve around 100 families.

As I am writing this, I am hearing of tornadoes all over and I am sure that with these storms more opportunities will come. Please save some vacation time and be ready when God calls!

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