



Senior Adult Leaders Craft Workshop

Tuesday, January 17, 2012
10:00 am

Beaverdam Mission Center

Bring samples of crafts and activity plans that have worked with your Senior Adult group to share with everyone.

To help us plan, please call the association at 882-7070 to register.

Ministers / Wives Retreat

May 4-5, 2012

Embassy Suites, Greenville

Speaker: **Dr. Mel Blackaby**

Cost: **\$225.00 per couple**

Dr. Mel Blackaby, son of one of the most influential figures in today's Christian church, Dr. Henry Blackaby, seems to be following in his father's footsteps with an impassioned heart toward ministry and the pastorate. Dr. Blackaby serves as Senior Pastor at First Baptist Church Jonesboro, GA. He's the author of several books including *Going the Second Mile*, and the Gold Medallion-winner, *A God Centered Church*, which he co-authored with his father. He and his wife, Gina, live in the greater Atlanta area with their three children – Christa, Stephen, and Sarah.

This retreat is for all BBA Pastors/Staff Ministers and their spouses. Call the associational office at 882-7070 to register.

GA / 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 share her experiences of her recent mission trip to India

Cost

\$38.00 per person

(includes lodging, dinner and breakfast)

Acteens will have some special girl time as we share info on dating, make-up / makeovers, crafts, a mission project and prayer-walking.

Please bring sleeping bags, flashlight, warm jacket, toiletry items, and snacks for your group to enjoy in their cabin.

Invite your friends! Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Reservation deadline is **February 1st**. Paid reservations can be made at the association office, or send to Beaverdam Baptist Association, 1659 Sandifer Blvd, Seneca, SC 29678. Please indicate the number of GAs and leaders. For more information, contact Libby Neil at 972-9974, or Jackie Lemons at 882-5809.

884 Prisoner Packets Collected

Thank You to ...

- All the **churches** that participated in this mission project.
- **Ruby Roach**, WMU Missions Involvement Consultant, and her team of volunteers from Cross Roads Westminster, Pleasant Ridge and South Union who helped check and pack 884 Christmas packets: **Mary Herron, Karen Gibson, Evelyn Pelfrey, Pam Scott, and Laura Keese**.
- **Charlie Ward** (Bounty Land) who delivered 839 packets to Columbia.
- **Buddy Byars** (College Street) who delivered 45 packets to the Oconee Law Enforcement Center.

DOM Thoughts,

Millions of people around the world tuned in on New Year's Eve to watch the ball in Times Square drop as the seconds ticked down to the start of 2012. New Year's Eve was filled with numerous celebrations complete with confetti, food and fireworks. As we enter 2012, people will greet each other with the traditional greeting of "Happy New Year!"

As I was thinking about closing the book on 2011 and cutting the ribbon on 2012, the thought hit me that for many the New Year is NOT really new at all. While millions of people look upon January 1st as a new beginning with a fresh new start, many of these same people woke up on January 1st and the same situations and problems that burdened them on December 31st were still there to greet them on January 1st. Most of those who closed out 2011 broken hearted and burdened more than likely entered 2012 still brokenhearted and burdened.

There was NO magic hour at midnight where something magical happened that suddenly eliminated all of their problems. There is nothing that happened at midnight on December 31st that suddenly ushered in utopia on January 1st. Having said that, I do believe however, that there are three things one must consider if we truly want to experience a Happy New Year:

1. **A New Birth** – This mindset of a fresh new start doesn't have anything to do with January 1st but has everything to do with a fresh new start spiritually. The "Happy New Year" that I am referring to has nothing to do with the changing of a date on a calendar but with the changing of one's heart.
2. **A New Walk** – The second way to truly experience a Happy New Year is found in making a commitment to live out the Greatest Commandment...Mark 12:30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.
3. **A New Goal** - The third way to experience a Happy New Year is found in Paul's encouragement to the Believers in Philippi. In Philippians 3:13-14 he encouraged them to "forget those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Paul's advice was to forget the things that are behind that may hinder him in his walk with Christ as he looks forward and strives towards the goal that is ahead.

Happy New Year,

David

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

Pastor Installation Service at Monte Vista



Left to right: Rev. John Ashworth, Rev. Pat Ashworth, Rev. Jim Osteen and Rev. Bill Ellison

A pastor installation service was held at the Monte Vista Baptist Church, Mountain Rest, on December 11, 2011. Rev. Pat Ashworth was installed as pastor. The event featured special music by the Eernisse Family. Guest speakers were Rev. Bill Ellison who gave the charge to the church, and Rev. Jim Osteen who gave the charge to the pastor. The pastor's father, Rev. John Ashworth, gave the installation prayer.



M.L. McGuffin



Robert Brock



Boyd Childers

First Baptist Church Westminster Baptismal Celebration

Sunday, October 23, 2011 proved to be a very special day in the life of Westminster First Baptist Church. The church was blessed to witness the baptism of five new members. This particular baptismal service was special in the life of the church due to the fact that three of the five who were baptized are over the age of sixty.

Statistics tell us that before the age of 25, 1 in 10,000 will come to know the Lord. However, after the age of 55 we're told that 1 in 300,000 will make a profession of faith. of faith.

Pictured with Pastor Kenny Owen are M. L. McGuffin (age 81), Robert Brock (age 64), and Boyd Childers (age 74). The church also celebrated the baptism of Joe Holbrooks and daughter Cheyene. All the glory belongs to the Lord Jesus Christ!

Beaverdam Mission Dollars at Work

	Nov 11	Jan-Nov 11
Beaverdam	350.00	3,263.00
Belmont	0.00	0.00
Bethel	325.00	2,350.00
Bethel Hispanic	0.00	0.00
Bethlehem	30.00	330.00
Bounty Land	724.34	9,296.67
Calvary	77.90	966.05
Chauga	181.36	1,552.73
Cheohee	0.00	4,415.48
Clearmont	351.13	3,866.84
College Street	1,628.39	14,490.13
Coneross	75.00	825.00
Corinth Seneca	0.00	455.00
Corinth Westminster	258.00	2,842.50
Cross Roads Seneca	240.00	1,228.46
Cross Roads Westminster	246.93	1,381.94
Damascus	0.00	764.88
Davis Creek	93.20	800.46
Earle's Grove	1,201.75	13,219.25
Ebenezer	0.00	75.00
Faith	0.00	588.83
Fants Grove	314.81	1,156.58
Golden Corner	300.00	2,700.00
Heart Land	221.00	2,125.00
Hepsibah	780.34	8,583.74
Holly Springs	372.83	4,999.33
Hopewell	172.00	1,887.00
Little River	0.00	0.00
Long Creek	143.00	1,140.00
Lydia	439.08	4,837.04
Maranatha	194.15	2,484.48
Monte Vista	69.13	558.25
Mountain Rest	736.29	7,029.13
Mountain View	125.00	1,375.00
Mt Freedom	300.00	1,200.00
Mt Pleasant	0.00	1,336.19
Mt Tabor	356.25	3,994.15
New Hope	323.00	3,424.00
Old Liberty	230.47	2,149.55
Open Door	416.67	4,583.37
Parkway	88.63	583.06
Pleasant Grove	149.51	1,699.39
Pleasant Hill	100.00	1,100.00
Pleasant Ridge	400.00	4,024.97
Poplar Springs	824.87	4,765.05
Puerta Abierta	162.00	1,368.00
Reedy Fork	200.00	2,200.00
Retreat	0.00	223.27
Return	419.82	3,344.67
Rock Hill	0.00	300.00
Rocky Knoll	961.97	10,500.29
Salem	0.00	3,780.00
Scenic Heights	362.38	3,940.18
Seneca	2,670.70	14,704.82
Shiloh	0.00	0.00
Snow Creek	100.00	550.00
Souls Harbor	125.00	1,375.00
South Union	347.47	2,126.22
Trinity	0.00	125.00
Utica	667.00	7,336.67
Walhalla	100.00	1,100.00
Welcome	0.00	1,825.98
Weldon Road	0.00	0.00
West Union	15.13	207.20
Westminster	478.00	5,420.64
Westminster First	0.00	1,250.00
Wolf Stake	93.50	1,028.50
Total	19,543.00	193,828.94

General Fund Financial Summary November 2011

Brought Forward	70,950.47
Receipts	19,543.00
Budget Expenses	16,814.83
Balance 11-30-11	73,678.64

CHURCH News

Monte Vista has called Pat Ashworth as Pastor effective December 11, 2012.

Ebenezer has called Jamie Smith as Minister of Youth. Ebenezer is seeking a part-time Minister of Music. Contact Brad Kelley at 718-3120.

Pleasant Grove has called James Sears as Pastor.

Pleasant Grove is seeking a pianist. Contact Phil Durham at 647-9910 or 710-1036.

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

Seneca's Military Support Group will meet on Tuesday, January 3, 2012 from 7:00-8:00 pm in the D-wing of the church. For more information, contact Barbara Winkler at brbrwin@nctv.com, or 864-982-3434.

Premier Church Showing



Saluting

Oconee County Law Enforcement at Seneca Baptist Church Sunday, January 22 – 6:00 P.M.

No admission but you need a ticket. Pickup tickets at the church office, 1080 S Oak St/Hwy 59 South, Seneca. For more information, call 882-2731 or www.senecabaptist.org.

In Sympathy

Christian sympathy is extended to Rev. Bob Spearman and family in the death of his wife, Barbara Jean Baker Spearman on December 2, 2011.

NOTICE TO ALL SOUTH CAROLINA EMPLOYERS:

Starting on January 1, 2012, **ALL S.C. employers** must use the federal online system known as E-Verify to confirm newly hired employees are able to legally work in this country. **This includes churches that have employees.** For more information, contact the SC Dept of Labor. Licensing & Regulation at (803) 896-4300 Licensing at www.lironline.com.



Alton Williams and Doug Goss

Cross Roads Seneca honored Alton Williams for his many years of dedicated service to the church. Pastor Douglas Goss is shown presenting a plaque and monetary gift in appreciation for his many years of work. He served as treasurer for 58 years, and also on the deacon board and in many other areas as needed. The church wishes to thank him for his many years of faithful work. (Now that he has lots of free time, he can ride his four-wheeler more and go fishing!)

IRS Announces 2012 Standard Mileage Rates

The Internal Revenue Service issued the 2012 optional standard mileage rates used to calculate the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business, charitable, medical or moving purposes.

Beginning on Jan. 1, 2012, the standard mileage rates for the use of a car (also vans, pickups or panel trucks) will be **55.5 cents per mile for business miles** driven.

The rate for business miles driven is unchanged from the mid-year adjustment that became effective on July 1, 2011.

Executive Board Meeting Monday, January 9, 2012 7:00 pm Beaverdam Mission Center

The Executive Board conducts the business of the association in the time between the annual meetings. It is important for every church to have a voice in decisions that are made. Please elect two people to represent your church, and encourage them, along with the pastor, to attend the quarterly meetings. Scheduled meetings for 2012 will be January 9, April 9, July 9, and October 1. Meetings are held at the associational office and begin at 7:00 pm.

January 2012 Calendar

- 1 - New Year's Day
- 2 - Ministers Prayer Time, BMC, 8:30 am
- 3 - Associational WMU Leadership Team Meeting, BMC, 6:00 pm
- 4 - Articles for the *Golden Triangle News* are due
- 9 - Ministers Prayer Time, BMC, 8:30 am
- 9 - BBA Executive Board Meeting, BMC, 7:00 pm
- 15 - SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY
- 16 - Ministers Prayer Time, BMC, 8:30 am
- 17 - Senior Adult Leaders Craft Workshop, BMC, 10:00 am
- 22 - BAPTIST MEN'S DAY
- 23 - Ministers Prayer Time, BMC, 8:30 am
- 30 - Ministers Prayer Time, BMC, 8:30 am

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

Special Days in January 2012

Staff Anniversaries:

- 1 - Randy Keasler, Westminster, 1994
- 1 - Jimmy Watt, Welcome, 2010
- 1 - Jimmie Rholetter, Souls Harbor, 2002
- 3 - Brad Price, Rocky Knoll, 2005
- 5 - Marty McKee, Coneross, 2003
- 17 - Bart Kelley, Bethel, 2011

Birthdays:

- 2 - David Shirley, Director of Missions
- 3 - Ray Conway, College Street
- 9 - Kenny Owen, Westminster First
- 10 - David Wald, Mt Freedom
- 10 - Pat Ashworth, Monte Vista
- 18 - Kenneth Hood, Walhalla
- 26 - Maurice Alexander, retired
- 27 - Donnie Nix, Westminster
- 31 - Shannon Owens, Rock Hill

Wedding Anniversaries:

- 16 - Rolando & Maria Garcia, Bethel Hispanic
- 30 - Brad & Tony Kelley, Ebenezer

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday January 15, 2012

The third Sunday in January, is set aside for churches to focus on the sanctity of human life. Emphasis is given to a broad range of life issues, including abortion, euthanasia, genetic engineering, health care, child abuse, and eldercare.

Foothills Pregnancy Care Center Open House January 22, 2012 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

2012 will mark the 29th anniversary of Roe v Wade. Churches and pro-life supporters across the nation will remember the lives we have lost to this tragedy as we recognize Sanctity of Human Life Sunday.

Please join us for a time of fellowship and an opportunity to see the many ways your support of this ministry reaches into the lives of women and families facing pregnancy related crisis, shows them their Father's love, renews their hope and gives unborn children the chance to bless us all!

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January Bible Study

The Pursuit: Chasing answers to Life's Questions

Based on the Book of Ecclesiastes

Materials available at LifeWay Christian bookstores.

Women on Mission Souper Bowl February 6, 2012 - 6:30 pm Pleasant Ridge

Mission Project: A love offering for the
Clemson International Student Ministry
led by Jon Varner, Mission Service Corp

SC Baptist Ministry Assistants Association Meeting May 17-19, 2012 Seneca Baptist Church

Conference Leaders:

Rita Sweatt: Pastor's wife at Meadowood Baptist Church, Amory, Mississippi. Soloist and speaker for women's events.

Sandra Sartor: Lifeway Ministry Assistants Specialist and Instructor, Consultant to churches and Christian organizations in training office professionals.

Dianne Cockrell: Special Assistant, Communiations & Missions Development Team, SC Baptist Convention

Robert Grant: Director, Church Retirement and Insurance Services, SC Baptist Convention.

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