

Senior Adult Revival

March 12-14, 2012 – 10:45 a.m.
Bounty Land Baptist Church

Speakers:

Monday: **Ken Reid**, Pastor, College Street
 Tuesday: **Ray Campbell**, Retired Pastor,
 Pleasant Ridge
 Wednesday: **Bill Hightower**, Retired Director of
 Missions

Buddy Byars will lead the music with George Allgood at the piano. There will be also be special music. A light lunch will be served each day following the services in the Christian Activity Building for a donation of \$2.00 each.



VBS Early Bird Conference

For Pastors and VBS Directors
Tuesday, March 6 at 6:30-8:30 pm
 at the Beaverdam Mission Center

Sue Harmon Associate Director,
 Childhood Ministry Group, SC Baptist Convention,
 will discuss Lifeway's VBS and Club VBS.

WMU Spring Meeting
March 26, 2012 – 6:30 p.m.
 Scenic Heights Baptist Church

Missionary Speaker: Joel Thrasher
 SC WMU representative: Laurie Register

VBS Clinic for Teachers and Leaders
Saturday, April 14,
9:00 am to 12:00 noon
 at Hepsibah Baptist Church

Lifeway VBS and Club VBS classes and decorating sessions will be offered. A list of sessions offered and their times will be sent to each church closer to the date of the clinic.

Disaster Relief Training



March 2-3, 2012
 White Oak Conference Center

Cost: \$30 for returning / \$35 for new volunteers

The following are required for all new volunteers on the BBA Chainsaw Team:

- 1) **Introduction to Disaster Relief**
 Friday -- 6:45 pm, and Saturday -- 8:30 am.
- 2) **Chainsaw classroom and lab**
 Friday -- 2:00 pm classroom & 4:15 pm lab
 Saturday -- 9:15 am classroom & 1:30 lab

Registration, ID Station, and DR Store will open at 1:00 pm on Friday. For more information, contact Gwenn Eargle in the Disaster Relief Office of the South Carolina Baptist Convention at 800-723-7242.

Staff Opening Beaverdam Mission Center

Beaverdam Baptist Association will be accepting resumes through March 15th for a part-time (20 hour / week) Secretary / Receptionist. Applicants must be committed Christians with a general knowledge of Baptist denominational life. Applicants must possess knowledge of general office computer skills (Data Entry & newsletter Publication).

Resumes can be mailed to: Beaverdam Baptist Association, 1659 Sandifer Blvd, Seneca, SC 29678-0906.

DOM Thoughts,

Author and Researcher Lyle Schaller describes those born in the 1910-1930 era as the “most church-going generation in American history.” In the first part 20th century America was a Judeo-Christian church culture. On Sunday mornings, most people were found in the church of their choice; it was the thing to do. In fact, during that time in our history it was frowned on to miss church. The 1940’s and the 1950’s were the heyday for the church. As good as it was for the church in the first half of the 20th century, in the 1980’s and 1990’s storm clouds moved in and the landscape of church as we had always known began to change drastically. Rather than sending missionaries out and winning the world for Christ, America itself became a mission field. In 1988 church growth expert Win Arn wrote: “Between 80% and 85% of all churches in America are either plateaued or are declining.” In May 2004 George Barna said that the number of unchurched adults has nearly doubled since 1991. Today, early in the 21st century the situation hasn’t changed for the better. Secularism seems to be winning the day and America is now clearly a post-Christian culture. In fact, Aubrey Malphurs writes that “We’re experiencing a modern-day Judges 2:10: *“After that whole generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation grew up, who knew neither the Lord nor what he had done.”* Malphurs writes “the conservative Southern Baptist denomination has traditionally seen a growth in members since 1926. However, in 1987 it reported a statistical stall in some denominational programs.”

While the information shared above should bother those of us who love the church and our denomination, there is an even greater challenge that has been created by the decline of the church as we have known it. The decline experienced by many denominations across America has created a spiritual vacuum that others have rushed to fill. It is **ALARMING** that several major cults have almost tripled in size from 1965 to 2001 while others are prospering mightily.

- The Mormon Church has almost tripled in membership, from 1,789,175 in 1965 to 5,113,409 in 2001.
- ***The Yearbook of American and Canadian Churches*** says that the Jehovah’s Witnesses grew from 330,358 in 1965 to 990,340 in 2001.
- From 1994 to 2000 the number of Muslim mosques increased 25% and the total number of people associated per mosque increased 235 percent. Currently Islam is one of the fastest growing groups in the United States.
- According to the 2001 American Religious Identification (AMRI) survey, the Buddhist and Hindu faiths have also experienced significant growth. From 1990 to 2001, Buddhists have grown 109.5% and Hindus have increased at 237.4 percent.
- The greatest surprise is the growth of Wiccans. The AMRI reports that they’ve grown from 8,000 in 1990 to 134,000 self-proclaimed witches in 2001 – a growth of an eyebrow-raising 1,575 percent.

Having considered all of the above - the question that we have to consider is do those who make up our churches today understand what is taking place and what the implications are? Thom Rainer said “America is clearly becoming less Christian, less evangelized, and less churched. Yet too many of those in our churches seem oblivious to this reality.”

Isn’t it time the churches of the Beaverdam Baptist Association came together as one in an all out effort to “Impact Oconee & Beyond”?

David

Pastor’s Wives Fellowship

Tuesday, March 13th

6:30 p.m.

Beaverdam Mission Center

Please call the Associational Office at 882-7070 to register. (This will help us with the food preparation.)

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

Annie Moses Band Concert of Praise



March 16, 2012

7:30 -- 9:00 p.m.

Tamasse-Salem

Middle/High School

Free admission – Love offering will be taken for the Annie Moses Band

Oconee County is blessed with the rare opportunity to worship with a ministry that is coming fresh from their debut at Carnegie Hall just a month ago.

The Annie Moses Band is a Christian family of Juilliard trained musicians and award winning songwriters dedicated to leading an artistic renaissance in the Church through musical excellence, strength of family, and a message of faith, inspiring all generations to join in the discipline, beauty, and excitement of highly skilled musicianship.

Doors will open at 7:00 p.m. Call Salem First Baptist Church at 864-944-7200 for more information and directions.

Beaverdam Mission Dollars at Work

	Jan 11	Year-to-Date
Beaverdam	0.00	0.00
Belmont	0.00	0.00
Bethel	170.00	170.00
Bethel Hispanic	0.00	0.00
Bethlehem	0.00	0.00
Bounty Land	600.22	600.22
Calvary	67.95	67.95
Chauga	155.09	155.09
Cheohee	1,159.47	1,159.47
Clearmont	427.65	427.65
College Street	1,453.06	1,453.06
Coneross	75.00	75.00
Corinth Seneca	0.00	0.00
Corinth Westminster	53.27	53.27
Cross Roads Seneca	240.78	240.78
Cross Roads Westminster	106.20	106.20
Damascus	209.90	209.90
Davis Creek	73.88	73.88
Earle's Grove	1,135.25	1,135.25
Ebenezer	750.00	750.00
Faith	0.00	0.00
Fants Grove	0.00	0.00
Golden Corner	300.00	300.00
Heart Land	148.00	148.00
Hepsibah	780.34	780.34
Holly Springs	100.00	100.00
Hopewell	0.00	0.00
Little River	177.25	177.25
Long Creek	143.00	143.00
Lydia	367.36	367.36
Maranatha	220.49	220.49
Monte Vista	167.89	167.89
Mountain Rest	527.29	527.29
Mountain View	125.00	125.00
Mt Freedom	0.00	0.00
Mt Pleasant	0.00	0.00
Mt Tabor	294.69	294.69
New Hope	364.00	364.00
Old Liberty	169.52	169.52
Open Door	416.67	416.67
Parkway	55.84	55.84
Pleasant Grove	125.68	125.68
Pleasant Hill	100.00	100.00
Pleasant Ridge	400.00	400.00
Poplar Springs	412.25	412.25
Puerta Abierta	132.00	132.00
Reedy Fork	135.87	135.87
Retreat	0.00	0.00
Return	293.14	293.14
Rock Hill	0.00	0.00
Rocky Knoll	887.23	887.23
Salem	0.00	0.00
Scenic Heights	650.30	650.30
Seneca	0.00	0.00
Shiloh	0.00	0.00
Snow Creek	137.50	137.50
Souls Harbor	125.00	125.00
South Union	0.00	0.00
Trinity	0.00	0.00
Utica	583.33	583.33
Walhalla	100.00	100.00
Welcome	0.00	0.00
Weldon Road	0.00	0.00
West Union	14.17	14.17
Westminster	0.00	0.00
Westminster First	125.00	125.00
Wolf Stake	93.50	93.50
Total	15,350.03	15,350.03

General Fund Summary January 2012

Brought Forward	73,056.41
Receipts	15,350.03
Budget Expenses	12,204.06
Balance 1-31-12	76,202.38

CHURCH News

Staff Openings:

Beaverdam in Fair Play, SC is seeking a Summer Youth and Children's Program Director. If interested please send a resume to bbcpastorscott@att.net.

Ebenezer is seeking a part-time Minister of Music. 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.

Westminster First is seeking a part time choir director. Strong knowledge, experience (music degree desirable) of blended music styles including traditional hymns, choral worship arrangements, cantatas, southern gospel and contemporary praise music. Interested candidates should send resume and inquiries to: Attn: Choir Director Search Committee, Westminster First Baptist Church, 426 West Oak Highway, Westminster, SC 29693 or email wfbcoffice@bellsouth.net. Visit church website www.firstbaptistwestminster.org.

Church Ministry Assistants and Secretaries: "Office Management"

Are you overwhelmed with things to file, not sure what to keep or what to throw away, not sure who's supposed to do what, need help but there aren't any funds to hire? If you are dealing with any of these issues and more, this conference, led by **Dianne Cockrell**, Special Assistant in the Communications and Mission Development Team Office, South Carolina Baptist Convention, will offer suggestions on how to have a productive office.

"Office Management" is one of **four** great conferences being offered at the **SC Baptist Ministry Assistants Meeting on May 17-19 at Seneca Baptist** to help you and your office become the place of ministry God has called it to be. For complete information and registration form, contact Dianne Cockrell at 803-227-6150 or Brenda Barnes at 864-882-7070. The information is also on the website, www.scbmaa.org.

Former Miss South Carolina to speak at New Hope

The Women's Ministry of New Hope Baptist Church hosts **Dawn Smith Jordan on Saturday, March 24 from 2-4 pm**. Dawn will share about beauty from the inside out. A renown musician and speaker, this is truly a "sweet treat" event. Tickets will be available February 5 at a cost of \$10 each. You may call the church office (882-0828) for tickets or more information.

Women's Bible Study Faith Baptist, Westminster

will be hosting a Beth Moore Bible Study, "Living Beyond Yourself" (exploring the fruit of the spirit) for women of all ages every Wednesday morning from **9:30-11:30 starting March 7th. Cost is \$20** and includes material and refreshments. Please register by February 22. Contact Crystal Powers at (864) 723-1887, or crystalpowers916@gmail.com.

Therapeutic Foster Home Information Meeting

Andrea King, Lead Clinical Specialist with Lutheran Family Services will hold an informal meeting to answer questions about opening your home to a child or children who are in need of a caring environment. Approved therapeutic foster homes receive monetary compensation. If you are interested in learning more, please join her at the home of Richard & Kaye Gibson, 104 Jamlette Dr. Walhalla, SC 29691 on March 23, 2012 at 6:30 pm. Contact: 864-903-0613 for more information.

SPEAKING OF JESUS A Personal Evangelism Conference Utica Baptist Church

Friday, March 23, 5:30-9:00 pm:

Dinner & Childcare Included

Saturday, March 24, 8:00 am-Noon:

Breakfast & Childcare Included

**Cost: \$10.00 per person / family.
Registration deadline: February 26.**

The conference is limited to the first 75 people who sign up. To register, send a check with the registration form to Utica Baptist Church, 4056 Wells Hwy, Seneca, SC 29678. For more information, email the church office at ljenkins@uticabaptist.com, or call 882-9402.

March 2012 Calendar

- 2 - State Disaster Relief Training, White Oak, 2-3
- 4 - WEEK OF PRAYER FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS & ANNIE ARMSTRONG OFFERING, 4-11
- 5 - Ministers Prayer time, BMC, 8:30 a.m.
- 6 - VBS Early Bird Conference for Pastors & VBS Directors, BMC, 6:30 pm
- 7 - Articles for the *Golden Triangle News* due
- 12 - Ministers Prayer Time, BMC, 8:30 a.m.
- 12 - Senior Adult Revival, Bounty Land, 12-14
- 18 - Substance Abuse Prevention Sunday (SBC)
- 19 - Ministers Prayer Time, BMC, 8:30 a.m.
- 23 - SC WMU Annual Meeting, Millbrook Church, Aiken, 23-24
- 26 - Ministers Prayer Time, BMC, 8:30 a.m.
- 26 - WMU Spring Meeting, Scenic Heights 6:30 p.m. "Live Sent"

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

Special Days in March 2012

Staff Anniversaries:

- 1 - Bradley Martin, Clearmont, 2010
- 4 - Ricky Wilson, Weldon Road, 2009
- 5 - Gerald Towe, Golden Corner, 1006
- 8 - David Shirley, Director of Missions, 2010
- 9 - Joe Steel, Utica, 2009
- 22 - David Sluder, Heart Land, 2009
- 29 - Kenneth Hood, Walhalla, 2004
- 30 - Mark Tannery, Return, 2003

Birthdays:

- 6 - Brett Tolbert, Utica
- 6 - Ronnie Hodge, Golden Corner
- 7 - Bobby Bugg, Wolf Stake
- 8 - Brett Myers, Corinth Westminster
- 14 - James Stokes, Retired
- 16 - Rolando Garcia, Bethel Hispanic
- 19 - J. 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
- 19 - James & Teresa Dyar, Earle's Grove

Dates to Remember

Ministers / Wives Retreat – May 4-5, 2012

Embassy Suites, Greenville; Speaker: Dr. Mel Blackaby; Cost \$225.00 per couple. Call 882-7070 to register.

2012 Children's Camp - July 29-August 2

White Oak Conference Center
Staff Applications will be received through March 15th.

2012 Oconee County Spiritual Awakening Sept. 16-18, 2012 – 7:00 p.m. each evening

Sunday – Seneca Baptist
Monday – Rocky Knoll
Tuesday – Westminster Baptist

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