

## BEAVERDAM BAPTIST ASSOCIATION FLOOD RELIEF EFFORTS



The first week in October 2015 saw the worst flooding on record for the state of South Carolina. The “thousand year flood” has been blamed for at least 19 deaths; 372 closed roads and bridges and 17 dam failures. Oconee County was one of the few counties spared and for that we give thanks!

As BBA reached out to our churches on behalf of our state’s Midlands and Coastal areas, you responded in an extraordinary way! It is estimated that the total monetary value of money, water, and other miscellaneous items donated was well over \$15,000. Below are some pictures of the donations that poured in along with the wonderful volunteers who helped to load them on the trucks bound for North Trenholm Baptist Church in Columbia, SC on Friday, October 9. We are thankful for the following men who delivered the water and supplies to the designated distribution point: Ken Reid, Ronnie Wald, Gary Wilson and Mike Wright.



## A Celebration of What God Has Done



The end of the Civil War, the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln, and the establishment of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church north of Walhalla, each of these events occurred in the year of 1865. On Sunday, September 27, 2015, Pleasant Ridge celebrated all that God has done there in the past 150 years.

Pleasant Ridge Baptist was started with a small handful of men and women who paid the Rev. Milton Morton \$5 and two twists of tobacco. They shared their first pastor with two other local churches as part of a circuit. There were good years and years of struggle. In one of the hard years, Pleasant Ridge

considered closing its doors and probably would have if it had not been for the pleas of a young girl, Malinda Ranken, who begged the adults not to shut the doors of the church she loved so much. Because of the love and devotion of this young lady who allowed God to speak through her, Pleasant Ridge is still sharing the gospel and loving on people today.

Rev. Frank Thomas (1976-79) was the guest pastor and Rev. Ray Campbell (1953-55, 1997-2006) gave the closing prayer. Also attending were state senator, Thomas Alexander, Oconee County sheriff, Mike Crenshaw, and Walhalla’s mayor, Danny Edwards, who was raised at Pleasant Ridge and Director of Missions for Beaverdam Baptist Association, Rev. David Shirley. As part of the ceremony, Senator Alexander presented Pastor Michael Welch (2006 - present) with a “Certificate of Appreciation” from the South Carolina State Senate recognizing the achievement.

Though there was some ceremony to the day, primarily it was a celebration of what God has done, is doing, and is going to do. There was a lot of rejoicing when Pastor Welch was able to announce that not only was the mortgage for the education building paid off, but God had already provided a considerable amount for what He has for Pleasant Ridge’s future in ministry. Before fellowshiping around the table after the service, Bob Edwards (life-time member and Deacon Emeritus) and Harold Welborn (Chairman of the Deacons and head of the building committee that built the education space) burned the note! Though Pleasant Ridgers look gratefully on the memories of what God has done, they look with even greater excitement for what God has in store for the next five, ten, and 150 years.

(Article by Paige Welch)



Harold Welborn, Bob Edwards

## DOM Thoughts,

I want to begin by expressing my sincere appreciation to the churches of the Beaverdam Baptist Association as well as to other churches all across this county for your AMAZING response to our Flood Relief Effort. We were absolutely blown away by the response! Because of your generosity we were able to completely fill THREE 26 foot U-Haul trucks as well as a 15 foot trailer. That's almost 100 feet of water donated by Oconee County churches! We "estimate" the value of the items donated to be approximately \$15,000 - \$20,000. I also want to say "Thank you" to Pastor Ken Reid (College Street), Pastor Ronnie Wald (Snow Creek), Gary Wilson (Corinth-Westminster) and Mike Wright (College Street) for driving the trucks to Columbia to make the deliveries. I received a text message from a friend who serves on staff at North Trenholm Baptist Church in Columbia and they were thrilled to receive the donations. Thank you so much for your generosity and willingness to help others in their time of need. I am so proud to serve as DOM for such a wonderful, mission-minded Association!

As we enter the month of November it's time to begin planning for next month's Pastors/Wives Christmas Dinner. I want to invite all Senior Pastors, current Interim Pastors, Retired Senior Pastors and their wives to our 2015 Pastors/Wives Christmas Dinner. The dinner will be held next door at the Thrift Brothers Inc. building on Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. The dinner is FREE and is being co-sponsored this year by the Association and Thrift Brothers Inc. The deadline to register will be Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.

What a joy it was at our October Executive Board meeting to hear Pastor Luis Carreon share his heart about our new Hispanic Church plant! Please continue to pray for Pastor Luis, his family and **Nueva Vida En Cristo (New Life In Christ)**. I encourage you to contact Pastor Luis (843-246-0238) and schedule him to come and share with your church (Sunday or Wednesday) about Nueva Vida En Cristo. Several of you have already done that and shared with me what a blessing Pastor Luis was to your congregation.

Finally, registration is now underway for the **2016 Associational Pastors/Wives Weekend of Encouragement Retreat**. The retreat will take place on March 11-12 at the Hyatt Regency Downtown Greenville. We are thrilled that **Dr. Richard Blackaby** will be our

guest speaker. Those interested are encouraged to call the Beaverdam Mission Center (882-7070) ASAP to reserve your spot.

Impacting Oconee & Beyond,

*David*



*2015 Pastors/Wives Christmas Dinner  
Monday, December 7, 2015 @ 7:00 pm  
Thrift Building, 1655 Sandifer Blvd*

*All Senior Pastors, current Interim Pastors  
and Retired Senior Pastors and wives are  
invited.*

*Since the meal will be catered, reservations  
are required. Please call BBA at 882-7070 to  
register by Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.*

**195<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Session**

**South Carolina Baptist Convention**

**November 10-11, 2015**

**First Baptist Church**

**250 East Main Street, Spartanburg, SC 29306**

**Theme: *Tell the Story***

***Registration cards will not be mailed.***

Register your church's messengers online for the Annual Meeting of the South Carolina Baptist Convention at:  
<http://www.scbaptist.org/2015-annual-meeting-messenger-registration/>.

**You must be the pastor, church secretary, church clerk or authorized church staff member to register members for your church.**

Please join the Ministers' Prayer Time  
Every Monday Morning at 8:30 am  
At the Beaverdam Mission Center

## Beaverdam Mission Dollars at Work

	Sept 15	Jan-Sept 15
Beaverdam	235.00	2,631.00
Belmont	0.00	0.00
Bethel	200.00	1,756.00
Bethlehem	0.00	0.00
Bounty Land	431.08	4,344.53
Calvary	122.23	819.34
Chauga	76.57	574.60
Cheohee	200.00	1,800.00
Church at the Well *	0.00	550.00
Clearmont	0.00	2,730.10
College Street	996.18	7,539.31
Coneross	75.00	675.00
Corinth Seneca	0.00	900.00
Corinth Westminster	166.63	1,666.30
Cross Roads Seneca	230.00	1,017.00
Cross Roads Westminster	80.00	841.00
Damascus	0.00	269.17
Davis Creek	80.34	781.70
Earle's Grove	1,200.00	10,800.00
Ebenezer	0.00	1,000.00
Faith	152.97	1,215.91
Fants Grove	0.00	1,551.46
Golden Corner	0.00	0.00
Heart Land	127.00	1,229.00
Hepsibah	780.34	7,023.06
Holly Springs	388.31	4,411.66
Hopewell	234.00	2,091.51
Iglesia Bautista Bethel	0.00	0.00
Little River	0.00	0.00
Long Creek	144.00	1,296.00
Lydia	789.42	3,341.37
Maranatha	308.18	2,960.12
Monte Vista	25.00	225.00
Mountain Rest	723.45	6,183.90
Mountain View	0.00	875.00
Mt Freedom	100.00	900.00
Mt Pleasant	0.00	933.31
Mt Tabor	406.29	2,180.05
New Hope	445.00	3,382.24
Old Liberty	336.30	1,629.46
Open Door	0.00	1,666.64
Parkway	129.56	583.08
Pleasant Grove	199.51	1,242.37
Pleasant Hill	100.00	900.00
Pleasant Ridge	400.00	3,600.00
Poplar Springs	424.80	4,557.44
Puerta Abierta	0.00	0.00
Reedy Fork	221.86	1,828.21
Retreat	0.00	0.00
Return	718.60	5,257.28
Rock Hill	0.00	100.00
Rocky Knoll	571.55	6,012.51
Salem	0.00	5,000.00
Scenic Heights	1,706.91	2,755.91
Seneca	923.16	10,846.74
Shiloh	0.00	0.00
Snow Creek	0.00	1,092.42
Souls Harbor	125.00	1,125.00
South Union	246.86	1,564.34
Trinity	0.00	0.00
Utica	1,125.00	10,125.00
Walhalla	250.00	450.00
Welcome	276.19	1,616.52
West Union	0.00	279.83
Westminster	0.00	4,000.00
Westminster First	125.00	1,125.00
Wolf Stake	89.00	605.00
Total	16,686.29	148,457.39

\* Church Plant

General Fund		
Brought Forward		62,038.35
Receipts		16,686.29
Expense		13,435.75
Balance 8-31-15		65,288.89

# Church News

### Staff Changes:

**Mt. Tabor** has called Ron Potts as Interim Pastor effective September 13, 2015.

### Staff Needed:

**Lydia** is seeking a part-time Youth Pastor. Please send resumes to Lydia Baptist Church, Attn: Youth Pastor Search Committee, PO Box 59, Newry, SC 29665.

**Maranatha** is seeking a Worship Leader who is passionate about Contemporary Music but also has a respect for Traditional Music to lead in a blended musical worship service on Sunday mornings. Please send resumes to Maranatha Baptist Church, 240 Keowee School Rd, Seneca, SC 29672, Attention: Pastor or email to [gs.watkins@yahoo.com](mailto:gs.watkins@yahoo.com).

### **2015 Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer Locations and Times**

Area 1	Return	7:00 pm
Area 2	No Meeting*	
Area 3	Holly Springs	6:30 pm
Area 4	Mountain Rest	6:30 pm
Area 5	Maranatha	6:30 pm
Area 6	Reedy Fork	6:30 pm

\*Ladies in Area 2 are encouraged to join in with other locations.

**"We're Here For You"**

**JMPACT Oconee**

**Saturday, November 7, 2015**

Join with other South Carolina Baptist churches and associations to meet the needs and alleviate the hurts of people in our communities.

Beaverdam Association churches should strive to meet a need within Oconee County.

## Christmas Packets for Prisoners 2015 Packing List of Approved Items by South Carolina Dept of Corrections

Only the items listed are to be included:

- One **BLACK** ink (**only**) non-retractable pen (no wire clip and no other color pen)
- One 6 oz. or larger toothpaste
- One adult toothbrush (factory-sealed, no multi-packs)
- One 4 oz. bar of soap
- One junior legal or no larger than 5 1/2" x 8" writing tablet (no wire bound and no 9x12)
- Five first-class **Stamp-Embossed** #10 envelopes (purchased at US Post Office)
- Two rolls of candy (LifeSavers, Mentos, BreathSavers type)
- 1 gallon size Ziploc (zipper) bag to place above items in

### Prisoner Packet Collection, Beaverdam Mission Center

**Monday, November 16 through  
Thursday, November 19  
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM**

## Operation Christmas Child Collection Week November 16-23, 2015

**New Hope Baptist Church  
4010 Keowee School Rd, Seneca**

Monday 16 to Friday 20	5-8 pm
Saturday 21	9 am-Noon
Sunday 22	1-5 pm
Monday 23	9 am-Noon

Gift ideas include toys, school supplies, hygiene items, clothing, hard candy, and personal notes. Visit [www.samaritianspurse.org](http://www.samaritianspurse.org) for more information.

### Notice of Closing

**Beaverdam Mission Center will be closed:**

**November 26-27, 2015**

**for the Thanksgiving Holidays**

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### Date

- 1 - Fall Back to Eastern Standard Time
- 2 - Ministers Prayer Time, BMC - 8:30 AM
- 2 - Baptist Women's Day of Prayer, Area Churches
- 4 - Golden Triangle News articles due
- 7 - "We're Here For You" / Impact Oconee Day
- 10 - SC Baptist Convention, Annual Meeting  
First Baptist Church, Spartanburg (10-11)
- 16 - Ministers Prayer Time, BMC - 8:30 AM
- 16 - Prisoner Packet Collection, BMC (16-19)
- 16 - Operation Christmas Child Collection,  
New Hope (16-23)
- 23 - Ministers Prayer Time, BMC - 8:30 AM
- 26 - BMC Closed for Thanksgiving (26-27)
- 29 - Week of Prayer for International Missions and the  
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (29-Dec 6)
- 30 - Ministers Prayer Time, BMC - 8:30 AM

BMC = Beaverdam Mission Center,  
1659 Sandifer Blvd

## A Special THANK YOU

As we enter into the season of Thanksgiving, we pause to give **THANKS** for every individual, church and business which contributed **IN ANY WAY** to the Beaverdam Baptist Association flood relief efforts.

On behalf of our brothers & sisters in the Midlands, **THANK YOU!!** Our hearts are full of praise and thanksgiving for what you have done in His Name.

## Special Days in November

### Staff Anniversaries:

- 1 - Bobby Holcombe, Return, 2010
- 5 - Ken Reid, College Street, 2003
- 9 - Jimmy Boggs, Ebenezer, 2014
- 14 - Bobby Bugg, Wolf Stake, 1993

### Birthdays:

- 8 - Holli Lowe, Westminster First
- 14 - Michael Welch, Pleasant Ridge
- 16 - Von Reynolds, Reedy Fork
- 20 - David Kelley, West Union
- 28 - Carl Krezdorn, Salem

### Wedding Anniversaries:

- 8 - Bob & Nancy Castro, Fants Grove
- 16 - Shannon & Paula Owens, Rock Hill
- 19 - Bobby & Debra Bugg, Wolf Stake
- 19 - Christopher & Haley Hulsey, Westminster
- 22 - Rodney & June Sutherland, Hopewell

