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Talk to examine Upstate's economy

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While a slew of business announcements promise new jobs in the region, reports of more businesses shuttering their doors still plague the Upstate in what has been termed the "new recovery" following the Great Recession.

Now the three Golden Strip cities of Fountain Inn, Mauldin and Simpsonville have collaborated to bring in Dr. Donald Schunk, a research economist at the BB&T Center for Economic and Community Development at Coastal Carolina University in an attempt to answer questions on how the Upstate and state may change with this "new recovery."

The public is invited to a free presentation at 6:30 tonight at Horizon Church, 1070 East Butler Road in Mauldin, titled "The South Carolina and Upstate Economies: Recession, Recovery, Then What?"

The presentation will focus on state and local economic trends and how those trends could impact recovery.

Schunk will share his outlook on manufacturing, housing and consumer spending and will answer questions from the audience.