

June/July 2014

Churches Changing Communities--July 13-18

Edgely Baptist Association

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Making History with His Story



REGISTRATION FORMS DUE TO EBA June 2--June 10

(Registrations turned in from June 11 to July 7 must include late fee. No registrations will be taken after July 7.)

DON'T HAVE FORMS YET?
Call or email office to receive your packet.

Construction Projects: Roof repair /replacement; Kitchen and bathroom floor repair/replacement; Run water lines; Painting; Wheelchair ramp; Yard work and clean-up
Ministry Projects: Prayer Team; Missionary Team (Good News Club)



After a day's hard work, CCC participants look forward to a home-cooked meal.

Volunteers are needed to provide breakfasts and dinners Monday-Friday.

If you or your church can help, please contact Food Coordinator Lynn Rearden at 803.637.1180, 804.614.8059, or 803.637.9899.

Donations of these items for CCC will be accepted at the Association Office until July 8.

- Plastic cups, 18 oz.
- Plastic plates, 10"
- Plastic cutlery
- Plastic wrap
- Sandwich bags
- Storage zipper bags, quart size
- Chips, small bags
- Cookies
- Cereal, small boxes
- Gatorade/Powerade, small bottles
- Gatorade Mix

Bottled Water, 12 oz. size

Hispanic Worship Services

May 25 – September 14
6:00 – 8:30 P.M.

Providence Baptist Church
Worship led by Pastor Cris Negrete

English Classes: 6:00-6:45
Meal: 6:45
Worship Service following Meal

Volunteers are needed to provide meals and transportation. If your church can help, please call Margaret Ann Thompson to schedule dates at 803.278.2000, 803.637.3248 or email at mat2825@hughes.net.



ESL students and instructors enjoyed meeting up on May 20th when the health kits were delivered to the camps. Over 300 kits were given to the workers by 20 volunteers led by Pastor Cris Negrete and his son, Alex.

Photo: Faye Usry, Juan, Christian, Carol Bryan

**Executive
Committee
Meeting**

**Monday, June 2
7:00 P.M.**

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Office Hours
Monday-Tuesday
8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.
Wednesday
8:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

Meetings at the Association Office:

DOM Search Committee
Every Monday
2:00 – 4:00 P.M.

Music Workshop
Thursday, May 29
6:00 P.M.

Williamson Reception
Sunday, June 1
2:00 – 4:00 P.M.

Executive Committee
Monday, June 2
7:00 P.M.

**CCC Construction &
Ministry Coordinators**
Monday, June 2 & 23
Monday, July 7
9:00 A.M.

Your **DOM Search Committee** is meeting regularly and appreciates your prayers. Please know that we are working with the confident understanding that God is in charge, that He has a plan, and that our main job is to do our part in allowing Him to reveal His new DOM to us. Pray with us that we will be both patient and diligent so that we will be discerning regarding His revealing work.
Ron Creswell, Chairman



Duffle Bags for Foster Children

Over 6,000 children and youth are in the SC foster care system at any one given time in the year. You may help by providing duffle bags for foster children in our local area. A large duffle bag for youth (around \$14), or a regular one (around \$12) for younger children may be purchased. The bag needs to have multiple compartments, handles, and a shoulder strap. Larger bags should be approximately 30"x14"x14" and smaller bags 21"x11"x12. You may bring bags to the EBA Office anytime from May until December.



Helping His Harvest

Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."
Matthew 9:37-38

How well does your church understand its surrounding community? This question is crucial to effective outreach. Parkville Baptist conducted 2 outreach events in May which, according to Pastor Craig McDaniel, have resulted in a number of salvations. They have done this in the context of their community's setting, using the resources at their disposal - water and woods - to reach horse riders and fishermen for Jesus. Our rural EBA church settings may not respond to urban methodology, but it's hard for anyone to resist love and concern that is both personal and genuine. Find the people who need to be loved and love them. Analyze the communities' needs and meet them. Survey the concerns people have. Use local events this summer to meet new people and show Christ's love to them. Let's open our eyes and ears to those around us. Let's learn how to love the unchurched, lost, and forgotten around us and see what God will do through our churches.

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Special Days June and July

Birthdays

June

01 Brian Ayers.....Sweetwater
10 Matt Herring.....Edgefield First
10 Cristobal Negrete.....Hispanic Mission
13 Ryan Vaughan.....Little Stevens Creek
23 Robert Huffman.....Mountain Creek

July

20 Robert Williamson.....EBA
26 Paul Noe.....Sweetwater
30 Brian Rackley.....First Bethany

Wedding Anniversaries

June

02 Terri & Fisher Miller.....EBA
08 Brian & Carmen Rackley.....First Bethany
09 Lowell & Ada Clark.....Retired
11 Craig & Kathy McDaniel.....Parksville
11 Floyd & Darlene Harrison.....Peace Haven
20 Frank & Julie Walton.....Red Oak Grove
26 Robert & Donna Williamson.....EBA

July

09 Jon & Ashley Maish.....Big Stevens Creek
12 Stacy & Lynn Williams.....Edgefield First
16 Tom & Jean Rogers.....Mount Zion
22 Robert & Trish Huffman.....Mountain Creek
30 Brian & Jane Ayers.....Sweetwater

Pastoral Anniversaries

June

Eric Bruton (10 years).....Big Stevens Creek
Jessica Jackson (7 years).....Edgefield First
Robert Patton (8 years).....Modoc
Brittany Walden (3 years).....Sweetwater

July

Brian Ayers (5 years).....Sweetwater
Eleazer Benenhaley (8 years).....Red Hill
Matt Herring (3 years).....Edgefield First

Church Events

Antioch: Revival Services July 20-23 with Joe Youngblood.

Berea and Gilgal: Host the Joint Community Worship Service on June 29 at 6:00 P.M.

First Bethany: Brian Rackley has announced his resignation as Pastor effective July 27.

Providence: Homecoming on June 22.

Red Oak Grove: VBS is June 23-27, 5:30-8:15 P.M. Homecoming is July 27 at 11 A.M. and Revival Services are July 28-30 at 7 P.M. with Dr. Randall Jones.

Republican: Drew Brogden, a graduate of North Greenville, began his ministry for children and youth on May 25.

July 21
Deadline for August Newsletter

**Financial Report
April 2014**

Church Contributions		MTD	YTD		
Antioch		400.00	1249.00		
Berea		75.00	225.00		
Big Stevens Creek		300.00	1087.50		
Ebenezer		0.00	0.00		
Edgefield First		0.00	6200.00		
First Bethany-McCormick		870.00	1945.00		
Gilgal		0.00	1000.00		
Little Stevens Creek		0.00	486.08		
Modoc		0.00	242.99		
Mountain Creek		173.88	325.13		
Mt. Zion		0.00	0.00		
Parksville		238.79	357.46		
Peace Haven		299.95	299.95		
Plum Branch		1520.07	1520.07		
Providence		0.00	575.00		
Red Hill		453.08	1061.74		
Red Oak Grove		0.00	4400.00		
Rehoboth		300.00	600.00		
Republican		2975.10	3025.10		
Sweetwater		211.28	562.71		
Various Donations		8.54	108.54		
TOTAL		7825.69	25271.27		
Designated Accounts	Beginning Balance	MTD Revenues	MTD Expenses	Ending Balance	
Missions					
---AAA	184.55	0.00	0.00	184.55	
---CCC	1318.54	2500.00	0.00	3818.54	
---IMB	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
---NAMB	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
---Hispanic	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	
Disaster Relief	6202.81	100.00	0.00	6302.81	
Men's Ministries	1361.49	0.00	0.00	1361.49	
WMU	136.81	0.00	0.00	136.81	
EBAMO	4499.40	0.00	0.00	4499.40	
TOTAL	13753.60	2600.00	0.00	16353.60	
		MTD	YTD		
Beginning Balance		39998.43			
Receipts		7825.69	25270.73		
Expenses		5054.66	23697.04		
Sub Total		42769.46			
Designated Revenues		2600.00			
Designated Expenses		0.00			
Ending Balance		45369.46			
Investments					
Money Market #1		13319.88			
Money Market #2		10338.55			
TOTAL		23658.43			
Baptist Foundation		11757.42			

Robert's Reflections



As I sat down to write these words, I realized this will be the last time to do so as your DOM. So, grab a chair and sit with me for a minute, please.

Where to start? How to end? Maybe I should just share random thoughts. They all seem to fit. I think back to when I asked the Search Committee what this Association's greatest need was. In their answer, they praised how well various churches did mission work individually, but that large and small churches needed to join together in order to do mission work even better. That conversation was followed with a lot of prayer, continuous prayer. The result was God leading us to begin with Churches Changing Communities. And then you threw a bunch of wood into that fire which led to a growing excitement of mission minded people coming together with a missional mindset to touch lives around the world. *Amazing!*

In fact it is *utterly amazing* what God intends to accomplish through His people who give Him their hearts and willing spirits to touch lives for Him, to reach out and take care of physical needs in order to open the door to their spiritual needs. How incredibly wonderful it has been being watching God at work here with you. I'll never forget. Neither will Donna ever forget.

**Keep looking forward.
Remember to pray.
Glorify God in all you say and do.**

To that end, allow me to close with words from the Apostle Paul to the Thessalonians: We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Thess. 1:2-3, ESV). Keep looking forward. Remember to pray. Glorify God in all you say and do.

We love y'all . . .

Robert & Donna Williamson



Thank you for supporting local mission efforts in the Edgefield Association by contributing to the General Fund and to the Edgefield Baptist Association Missions Offering (EBAMO).

For All Ages-Looking Ahead

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Psalm 118:26a, ESV

Event	Date	Location
Atlanta Fest: Christian Music Festival 1-800-869-8738	June 11-14	Stone Mountain
Churches Changing Communities	July 13-18	Antioch BC
Church Treasurer's Conference Register by July 28	Aug 2	SCBC
Every Believer A Witness Pastor Training	Aug 4 & 5	Billy Graham Training Center
Coastal Evangelism Conference	Aug 6-8	Langston BC Conway, SC
Worship Summit Register by July 10	Aug 22-23	White Oak
Associations Aiding Associations: Edgefield & Lakelands working together at Connie Maxwell	Aug 9 and Aug 25-30	Connie Maxwell Children's Home

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Help Us Economize

To receive your newsletter electronically, email jackie@edgefieldbaptistassoc.org

Also, please let us know of address changes or if you wish to be removed from our mailing list.

Prayer for Mission Trips

Be prayerful for spiritual preparation for the teams, for God to be glorified, and for safe travel.

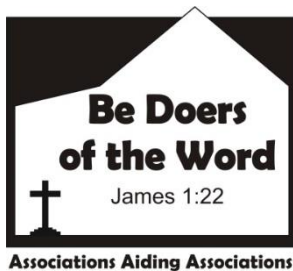
June 23-July 12: Samoa-Medical Mission Team
July 5-12: Washington State-Big Stevens Creek Youth

Please let us know of any upcoming mission trips.

You are cordially invited to attend a Retirement Drop-In

*In honor of
Donna and Robert Williamson
Sunday, June 1, 2014
2:00 – 4:00 PM*

*Edgefield Baptist Association
RSVP by May 23rd to 803.637.4620*



AAA 2014 – August 9, 25-30

Joint Mission Event with Lakelands Association at Connie Maxwell Children's Home

The one-time Registration Fee of \$35 includes lunch, materials for projects, and a t-shirt. You may sign up for the number of days that you are able to participate. This is a family-oriented mission opportunity to provide renovation/repair services and ministry projects in or in cooperation with, other S. C. Associations.

Participants can help with a Block Party on Saturday, August 9 as well as with construction projects during the week of August 25-30. Projects include: pressure wash/stain stage, bring in water line, build archery course, build horse arena, bring in lights, build/paint fences. Registration Forms will be available at EBA Office, and must be submitted by July 30 for the Block Party and by August 13 for the Construction Crew. For more information, please contact Steve Cartin at 803.624.6599, or the EBA Office at 803.637.3309 or email jackie@edgefieldbaptistassoc.org.