

May 2014

# Edgefield Baptist Association

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## Pray for Associational Missions

### May 18-25 Associational Missions Emphasis Week of Prayer & EBA Missions Offering

Missions That Begin at Home  
Edgefield Baptist Association

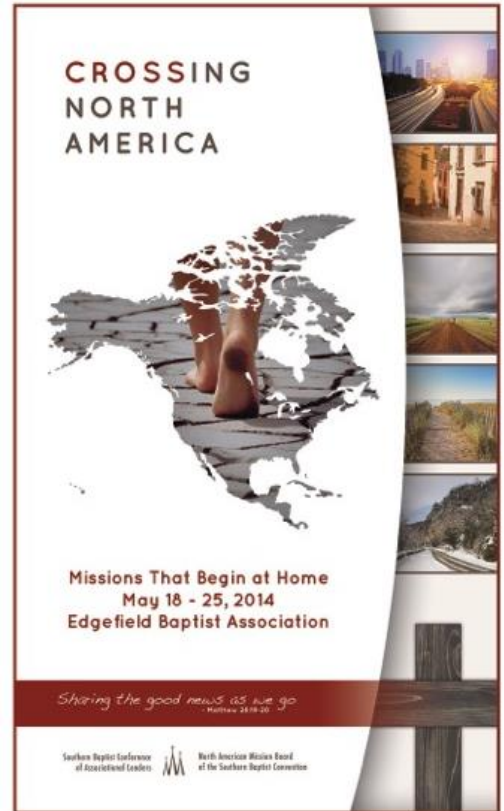
*“Sharing the good news as we go”*

-Matthew 28:19-20

Free materials available by contacting the EBA:

- bulletin covers
- prayer cards
- posters
- study book
- sermon series
- offering envelops

Offerings may be designated for Edgefield Baptist Association Missions Offering (EBAMO).



### Children of an Indigenous People Group in Peru Love the Dolls on Mission

Jennifer Key, the daughter of Carol Bryan, was able to carry EBA Dolls on Mission to the children of the Urarina villages deep in the jungle of the Amazon Basin in Peru. As part of a medical mission group led by Jimmy Hanf, former pastor at Philippi and director of Hanf Ministries, they traveled by boat to reach these small villages. Five people accepted Jesus as Savior in Curuinsi.

Please pray for this people group to be receptive to “white men” coming into their villages and to be receptive to the Word of God and the Holy Spirit drawing them to Christ. Pray also for the new believers to grow deep roots by reading God’s Word, fellowshiping with other believers, and through prayer.



You may find out by going to [www.hanfministries.org](http://www.hanfministries.org) or contacting Jennifer at 706.513.4511. More trips are planned for June, July, August, and September of this year.

### Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, June 2  
7:00 P.M.

### Churches Changing Communities

Volunteers are needed to provide breakfasts and dinners Monday-Friday for the CCC participants. If you or your church can help, please contact Lynn Rearden at 637.1180, 804.614.8059, or 637.9899.

Donations of the following may be brought to the EBA office: 18 oz. plastic cups, 10” plastic plates, plastic wrap, sandwich bags, plastic forks, quart size storage bags, and 12 oz. size bottled water.



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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.

**Office Closed**  
**Monday, May 26**

**Meetings at the  
Association Office:**

WMU Leadership Team  
Thursday, May 1  
7:00 P.M.

**Dolls on Mission  
Workshop**  
Tuesday, May 6  
Tuesday, May 20  
9:30 A.M.

**CCC Construction &  
Ministry Coordinators**  
Monday, May 5  
Monday, May 19  
9:00 A.M.

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

### Help Deliver Ministry Health Kits Tuesday, May 20 at 6 P.M.

Ministry Health Kits are due to EBA NLT May 6 and will be delivered to the Migrant Camps on Tuesday, May 20. Please meet at the association office at 6 P.M. to form teams to visit the camps. Please call the office at 637.3309 if you have questions or need more information.

### Hispanic Worship Services May 25 – September 14 6:00 – 8:30 P.M. Providence Baptist Church Worship led by Pastor Cris Negrete

Church volunteers are needed to help with meals and transportation. Please call Margaret Ann Thompson to schedule dates at 803.278.2000, 803.637.3248 or email at [mat2825@hughes.net](mailto:mat2825@hughes.net).

### Biblical Stewardship Presentations

Ron Creswell, EBA Stewardship Director, is offering this great presentation to individual churches. Call Ron at 803.637.1946 to schedule a time for your church to be blessed!

### 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

Pastors, if your or your congregation's passion for evangelism could use a tune-up, then check out the DVDs of the SCBC Evangelism Conference from the EBA office. Watch alone, watch with your leaders, or use as a special viewing service for your entire congregation. Most of them bring a great challenge (especially Michael Catt, Phil Hoskins, Herb and Josh Reavis among them) encouraging us to faithfulness in carrying out the Great Commission. We shouldn't let another week go by without giving attention to it (Luke 12:35-48). I am available to assist with outreach and faith-sharing strategy and training.

Contact info: [john.noblin@yahoo.com](mailto:john.noblin@yahoo.com) /  
Facebook/ Phone 864-828-0051

## Special Days May

### Birthdays

06 Letha Bryan.....Rehoboth  
06 Gary Powell.....Sweetwater  
11 Lowell Clark.....Retired  
18 Darlene Harrison.....Peace Haven  
20 Staci Meador.....Big Stevens Creek  
23 Donna Williamson.....EBA  
26 Bruce Cooley.....Berea  
31 Jessica Jackson.....Edgefield First

### Wedding Anniversaries

16 Eric & Cheryl Bruton.....Big Stevens Creek  
17 Tommy & Staci Meador..Big Stevens Creek  
18 Gary & Norma Powell.....Sweetwater  
31 Brantley & Letha Bryan.....Rehoboth

### Pastoral Anniversaries

Phillip Howle (8 years).....Antioch  
Randy Jackson (4 years).....Antioch  
Glenn Mosteller (2 years).....Providence

### Ministers and Wives Fellowship Saturday, May 10 3:30 – 7:30

Home of Donna & Robert Williamson  
268 Crosson Street•Leesville 29070  
Please RSVP by May 7

### Church Events

**Big Stevens Creek:** Sisters in Christ Banquet on May 3 from noon to 2:30 P.M. Call 803.278.5217 to make reservations.  
**Rehoboth:** Homecoming on May 4 at 11 A.M. with lunch following. Revival Services with Rev. Jerry Garvin May 4-7 at 7 PM.

### A Clean-Up Morning at EBA Office Saturday, May 24 at 8:00 A.M.

Please call Bill Jennings at 803.637.3763 if you would like to help.

### ♪Music Workshop♪ Thursday, May 29 at 6:00 P.M. EBA Office

All music leaders, either volunteer or professional, will benefit from tips and ideas from local church music staff. Training led by Matt Herring, EBA Music Leader. Contact him at 803.637.6139 for more information.

**May 19**  
**Deadline for June/July Newsletter**

# Robert's Reflections



## Financial Report March 2014

Church Contributions	MTD	YTD
Antioch	289.00	849.00
Berea	75.00	150.00
Big Stevens Creek	300.00	787.50
Ebenezer	0.00	0.00
Edgefield First	0.00	6200.00
First Bethany-McCormick	0.00	1075.00
Gilgal	1000.00	1000.00
Little Stevens Creek	486.08	486.08
Modoc	0.00	242.99
Mountain Creek	0.00	151.25
Mt. Zion	0.00	0.00
Parksville	0.00	118.67
Peace Haven	0.00	0.00
Plum Branch	0.00	0.00
Providence	575.00	575.00
Red Hill	275.64	608.66
Red Oak Grove	0.00	4400.00
Rehoboth	0.00	300.00
Republican	50.00	50.00
Sweetwater	165.05	351.43
Various Donations	100.00	100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3315.77</b>	<b>17445.58</b>

Designated Accounts	Beginning Balance	MTD Revenues	MTD Expenses	Ending Balance
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Missions				
---AAA	184.55	0.00	0.00	184.55
---CCC	1313.54	0.00	0.00	1318.54
---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	6234.36	0.00	31.55	6202.81
Men's Ministries	1693.89	0.00	332.40	1361.49
WMU	346.66	0.00	209.85	136.81
EBAMO	4030.90	950.00	481.50	4499.40
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13858.90</b>	<b>950.00</b>	<b>1055.30</b>	<b>13753.60</b>

	MTD	YTD
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<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>45993.12</b>	
Receipts	3315.77	17445.58
Expenses	9205.16	18642.38
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>40103.73</b>	
Designated Revenues	950.00	
Designated Expenses	1055.30	
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>39998.43</b>	

Investments	
Money Market #1	13318.25
Money Market #2	10337.29
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23655.54</b>
Baptist Foundation	11732.98

Many people know the main reason for my retirement is the fact that I have a back that limits my ability to get out and do the things one needs to do in this position. This is something that neither you nor I have fully wrapped our minds around, but there it is. What now?

Good question. Let me say this has not caught God by surprise. And let me also remind you that God has my, and your, best interest in mind. He will neither leave nor forsake either of us.

That being said, I'd like to say a few things that I firmly believe. First, I believe God has blessed this Association by bringing Jackie Ridings here. The quality of her personality and work are hard to find, let alone having both qualities in one person. She made me look good as a DOM. In fact, she helps to make the reputation of this entire Association what it is!

Second, I believe God has brought together exactly who is needed to serve on the DOM Search Committee. God impressed upon five people—two women and three men (two of whom are pastors; all of whom are active in this Association)—to seek out the face of God to determine His direction concerning a DOM for the EBA. I have full confidence in them to find the man God has already selected.

**...you will  
continue to  
seek God's  
face and serve  
Him faithfully.**

Lastly, God has started a fire in the heart of many of the people in this Association. It is not something that will soon go out. Because of that, you *can't* go back to the way things were. Instead, you will *continue* to seek God's face and serve Him faithfully. And as you go about doing what you do for His glory, and not your own, you will continue to bond together—individual with individual, church group with church group—meeting the physical needs of people around you and opening doors for you to minister to their spiritual needs as well.

Our heavenly Father is with us as we make this transition together. We worship such a loving and faithful God. May He bless your socks off as you glorify Him!!



In His Love,  
**Robert**  
Your DOM

Please help support the Ministries for the Aging by giving to the Mother's Day offering on May 11.



# For All Ages-Looking Ahead

Event	Date	Location
IGNITE – EBA Youth Weekend Registration due April 11	May 2-4	Marietta Baptist Camp
WMU Leadership Training	May 16-17	Camp La Vida
Ministry Assistants Conference	May 15-17	Camden FBC
Church Treasurer’s Conference	Aug 2	SCBC
Coastal Evangelism Conference	Aug 6-8	Langston BC Conway, SC

More information on all events is available at the Association Office (803.637.3309 or <http://edgefieldbaptistassoc.org>), the SC Baptist Convention (1.800.723.7242 or [www.scbaptist.org](http://www.scbaptist.org)).

## Help Us Economize

To receive your newsletter electronically, email [jackie@edgefieldbaptistassoc.org](mailto:jackie@edgefieldbaptistassoc.org)  
Also, please let us know of address changes or if you wish to be removed from our mailing list.

## Pray for Mission Trips

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

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;  
all those who practice it have a good  
understanding. His praise endures forever!

Psalm 111:10, ESV

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**Return Service Requested**

**May 17-31: Tanzania**-Dr. Beth Gordineer  
**June 23-July 12: Samoa**-Medical Mission Team  
**July 5-12: Washington State**-Big Stevens Creek Youth

**EBA Messengers at Spring Meeting  
Honor the Williamsons by Adopting a Resolution in  
Recognition of Their Service to the Association.**



Messengers greet Dr. Williamson (above), Dr. Benenhaley (bottom left), and Mountain Creek Pastor Robert Huffman.

If your church was not represented at the meeting, please contact the Clerk, Faye Usry at 803.637.4620 for a copy of the Resolution.

**LONDON, ENGLAND**  
London Partnership Mission Trip  
May 21-29, 2014



Members of EBA churches are invited to join with Lexington Baptist Association in reaching the nearly 300,000 people in Enfield in London with the Gospel.  
Call 803.356.2543 or email [lba@missionlba.org](mailto:lba@missionlba.org).

*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 23<sup>rd</sup> to 803.637.4620*