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December
2014

Edgefield Baptist Association

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Making History with His Story

Meeting of the EBA
Executive
Committee

Monday, December 8
7:00 P.M.

Pastors, Church Lay
Representatives, Program
Leaders, and Committee
Chairs are encouraged to
attend.



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

In the 1960's, a book entitled The Tyranny of The Urgent became a business classic. It stated that there is a battle between things that are urgent and things that are important. People often place priority on the URGENT while de-emphasizing the IMPORTANT. For instance, answering the phone or emails may seem URGENT at the moment, but are UNIMPORANT at the time, because a real need or priority may exist like taking someone to the hospital due to a heart attack. Cleaning up a spill may be urgent, but not if at the same time your mother-in-law has slipped in it and broken her hip.

We must discern the difference in daily life between URGENT and IMPORTANT in order to avoid being rendered helpless and frozen, not knowing what to do next. In our spiritual life there is at least one area that these 2 issues intersect. It is in carrying out the mission Jesus gave His disciples and His Church. Jesus said, "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white ALREADY to harvest". There was danger that the harvest (of people) could over ripen and be lost. Paul, in Romans 13, says, "...that it is now high time to AWAKE OUT OF SLEEP, for NOW our salvation is nearer than when we believed", reminding us of Jesus's imminent return.

Sharing the Gospel is both URGENT and IMPORTANT. While the world is really going crazy, real people are really dying and really going to a real place called Hell. On a normal day, estimates are that 7,500 people die every hour, 180,000 every day, 1.26 million from the time you attend church one Sunday and go back the next! And most of them die without Christ!

Let's be honest, if your neighbor's or family's house were on fire and someone was trapped inside, wouldn't you find the courage to risk doing something to save them? What's the difference between them and some unsaved person you know or care about going to hell? Shouldn't you learn some spiritual lifesaving skills so you can share the soul saving gospel with people in danger of Hell? Could you learn to deal with a little heat from fear or embarrassment or insecurity until you get good at it?

Let's make the proclamation of the gospel the TYRANNY OF THE URGENT AND IMPORTANT in our own lives. After all, it is our Lord's command. He isn't dead, so we will all give an account to our Lord one day. As always, I am available to any church or individuals who would like to learn ways to share the Gospel. Here's a thought, maybe all EBA pastors could preach on hell on the same Sunday. That may get a fire going in all of us.

John Noblin,
EBA Evangelism Director

Week of Prayer for International Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering November 30-December 7

The 2014 theme is "One sacred effort" and the Scripture is Matthew 28:19-20. What is that one sacred effort? Man sinned and forfeited his perfect relationship with God, but He had a plan to reconcile His creation back to Himself through His Son, the sent One. After Jesus' death and resurrection, God sent disciples to continue His faithful mission to make Himself known. Now, it is our call and privilege to join the Author of all history in His magnificent story of redemption as we advance His Gospel among all nations – together in **one sacred effort!**

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Holiday Closings
December 22-31
January 1-3

**Meetings at the
Association Office:**

WorldCrafts Party
Saturday, November 1
10:00 A.M. – 12 Noon

WMU Leadership Team
Thursday, November 6
7:00 P.M.

DOM Search Committee
Friday, November 7
10:00 A.M.

**December 8
Deadline for January
Newsletter**

Christmas Prisoner Packets

**EBA GOAL: 450
Due November 11**

Approved Packing List from the SC Department of Corrections:

- One **black** non-retractable pen (no wire clip)
 - One adult toothbrush (individually factory-sealed)
 - Five First-Class #10 stamp-embossed envelopes
 - One junior legal pad
 - Two rolls of candy (LifeSavers, Mentos type)
 - One 3.8 to 6 oz. bar of soap
 - One 5.8 oz. or larger toothpaste
- Put items in a 1 gallon zipper bag.

NOTE: One junior legal pad was omitted from the list in last month's newsletter.

Prison Ministry Opportunities

December 8: Volunteer at St. Andrews Baptist Church to check contents and add Christmas cards to prisoner packets. Register as a volunteer at www.scbaptist.org/missions or call 803.227.6180.

December 9: Meet at Trenton Correctional Institution to hand out packets. All volunteers must have a police background check. Contact Jackie at 803.637.3309 by noon on November 3.

December 14: Help prepare and serve a Christmas supper at TCI. Contact Barbara at blangley46@hughes.net or 637.5570.

Youth Hunt Day

Saturday, January 3 at 11 o'clock
Colliers Community Center
Please contact Wayne Miller at 637.3663 for more information.

ESL Training

True North Church, North Augusta
January 9 and 10

If interested, please call Jackie at 637.3309 or email jackie@edgefieldbaptist.org for registration information.

World Day of Prayer

In Step with the Spirit:
Through the Fruit of the Spirit Faithfulness
Monday, November 3 at 6 o'clock
Edgefield First Baptist Church

Special Days November/December

Birthdays

November

04 Phillip Howle.....Antioch
09 Jean Rogers.....Mt. Zion
19 Britany Walden.....Sweetwater
27 Glenn Mosteller.....Providence
28 Jane Ayers.....Sweetwater

December

02 Lauren Vaughan.....Little Stevens Creek
18 Julie Walton.....Red Oak Grove
18 Sue Ford.....Ebenezer
26 Jenny Jackson.....Antioch
28 Michael Hatfield.....Retired
29 Terri Miller.....EBA
29 Floyd Harrison.....Peace Haven

Wedding Anniversaries

December

01 Ryan & Lauren Vaughan.....Little Stevens
Creek
05 Lance & Tonya Thomas.....Republican
06 Cris & Gabriela Negrete.....Hispanic
18 Glenn & Sandra Mosteller.....Providence
20 Larry & Sue Ford.....Ebenezer
29 Robert & Teresa Patton.....Modoc

Ministers, Staff & Wives

Christmas Fellowship
Monday, December 1 at 6:30 P.M.
Hosted by Antioch Baptist Church

Church Events

Modoc: Homecoming November 2 at 11 A.M. with Dr. Ruell Westbrook. Community-wide Christmas lights display, a Christmas Shoe Tree, music, and food on Saturday, December 6. Please call Robert Patton at 864.341.1514 for more details.

Mountain Creek: Community Worship Service at 6 P.M. on Sunday, November 30. Participate in the Hanging of the Greens Service and enjoy refreshments and fellowship.

Your Director of Missions Search

Committee is grateful for your continued prayers as we transition from calling an interim DOM to our search process for a permanent DOM. We also request that you continue to pray for Rev. Shull as he serves during this interim period.

Ron Creswell
Chairman

Financial Report September 2014

Church Contributions		MTD	YTD	
Antioch		593.00		2653.00
Berea		75.00		600.00
Big Stevens Creek		300.00		2987.50
Ebenezer		0.00		2062.00
Edgefield First		100.00		6837.00
First Bethany-McCormick		775.00		3920.00
Gilgal		1000.00		3000.00
Little Stevens Creek		0.00		972.16
Modoc		0.00		1177.90
Mountain Creek		102.30		684.29
Mt. Zion		0.00		0.00
Parksville		215.12		1306.82
Peace Haven		0.00		600.20
Plum Branch		0.00		2423.68
Providence		575.00		1725.00
Red Hill		930.90		4431.88
Red Oak Grove		0.00		4400.00
Rehoboth		0.00		850.00
Republican		0.00		6237.87
Sweetwater		240.22		1492.53
Various Donations		0.00		433.54
TOTAL		4906.54		48795.37
Designated Accounts	Beginning Balance	Revenues	Expenses	Ending Balance
Missions				
---AAA	184.55	0.00	133.40	51.15
---CCC	6511.40	1200.00	0.00	7711.40
---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	5086.90	0.00	0.00	5086.90
Men's Ministries	1098.62	0.00	91.43	1007.19
WMU	136.81	0.00	0.00	136.81
EBAMO	5389.40	0.00	0.00	5389.40
TOTAL	18457.68	1200.00	224.83	19432.85
		MTD	YTD	
Beginning Balance		45711.99		
Receipts		4906.54		48795.37
Expenses		5410.56		49486.71
Sub Total		45207.97		(691.34)
Designated Revenues		1200.00		
Designated Expenses		224.83		
Ending Balance		46183.14		
Investments				
Money Market #1		13222.67		
Money Market #2		10340.72		
TOTAL		23563.39		
Baptist Foundation		11908.87		

Thank you for supporting local missions by your gifts and contributions to the Edgefield Baptist Association.

Director of Missions

Greetings New Friends!

What a wonderful Fall Meeting we had at Rehoboth Church on Oct. 19! Thanks to our leaders, officers, and committee members for getting things ready so we could have a productive, seamless, and inspiring meeting. Thanks so much to Rev. Bryan and Rehoboth for the marvelous hospitality and making everything so nice. The meal was delicious! Thanks to Dr. Glenn Mosteller for the challenging "wake up call" message.

Please put our 2015 spring and fall meetings on your 2015 calendar **now** and make these opportunities for getting together high priorities for you and your church. Our spring meeting will be on April 12 at Republican Baptist Church with Rev. Ryan Vaughan bringing the message. Our fall meeting will on October 18 at Ebenezer Baptist Church with Rev. Tom Rogers bringing the message.

Thank you to all of the churches for your faithful giving to the cooperative work of your Edgefield Baptist Association. *"I thank my God for every remembrance of you."* Phil. 1:3. Thank you for turning in your *Annual Church Profile. Your prompt diligence to this helped our association, with Faye Usry's leadership, to win a \$200 award from the SCBC for 100% participation. As I look over the information supplied in the ACP, let me take this opportunity to affirm and recognize three example-setting churches in their giving to EBA:

October 2013 through September 2014

**Highest Total Giving– Republican Baptist Church
Highest Per Capita Giving– Peace Haven Baptist Church
Highest Percentage Giving – Modoc Baptist Church**

Thank you all for your support of Edgefield Baptist Association with your money, time, sweat, and abilities. Each church is important to our association and every believer is invited to join in our cooperative work.

"What shall I render to the Lord in response to all His benefits to me? I will take the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people." Psalm 116:12-14. Our association of churches has great days ahead of us as we work together to bring men, women, boys and girls to Jesus and as we help each other grow them up to become disciples that in turn make disciples. I'm so pleased to join you in this Great Commission of our Lord Jesus.



Humbly His,
Tim Shull
Interim Director of Missions

*The Annual Church Profile provides information that is used by the EBA, the SCBC, and the SBC. The average worship attendance, the total undesignated offerings, and the total amount given to the EBA by each church were used for this column.

For All Ages-Looking Ahead

Event	Date	Location
SCBC Pastors' Conference	Nov 10	North Trenholm BC
SCBC Annual Meeting	Nov 11-12	Shandon BC Columbia
YouthSingers	Jan 30-31	White Oak
AllState Chorus, Orchestra & Praise Team	Jan 30 - Feb 1	White Oak
LoveLoud: Evangelism Conference	Feb 18-19	Beach Church Myrtle Beach
Senior Adult Choir Festival	Feb 23-24	Springmaid Beach Resort
Literacy Missions Conference	Mar 7	Lexington

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

Help Us Economize

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

You are Invited to a WorldCrafts Harvest Celebration on Saturday, November 1 at the Edgefield Baptist Association Office from 10 o'clock to Noon.



"A Connie Maxwell Christmas"

December 4, 5 and 6, 2014
6:00PM - 8:30PM

Celebrate the true meaning of Christmas on the main campus of Connie Maxwell Children's Home located at 810 Maxwell Avenue, Greenwood. Enjoy our outdoor live nativity and musical performances in our church. Families can also celebrate the season by riding in horse drawn wagons, sipping hot chocolate and by visiting with our animals at the petting zoo. Admission is free.



The SCBC Annual Meeting
November 11-12
Shandon Baptist Church, Columbia

"Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus."

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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Return Service Requested



The Edgefield Association serves as a Collection Site for Operation Christmas Child. Please deliver shoe boxes to the Disaster Relief Area at the right rear of the building. The dates and times that the building will be open to receive the shoe boxes area are:

Nov. 17, 18: 9:00-11:00 A.M.
Nov. 19, 20, 21: 6:00-7:30 P.M.
Nov. 22: 9:00-11:00 A.M.
Nov. 23: 5:00-7:30 P.M.
Nov. 24: 8:00-9:00 A.M.

If you would like to volunteer during the above hours, please contact Donna Parker at 480.5303 or 637.6514.

Wishing You a Blessed Thanksgiving and a Joyous Christmas!
Your EBA Staff – Tim, Jackie, Faye, and Terri