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Edgefield Baptist Association

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Making History with His Story

Director of Missions Search Committee to Recommend Shull for Interim Director of Missions



Rev. Tim Shull

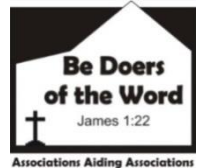
The DOM Search Committee is pleased to announce Rev. Tim Shull as candidate to serve as Interim Director of Missions for the Edgefield Baptist Association. The son of a Baptist pastor, Rev. Shull is a graduate of Charleston Southern University and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He was ordained in 1986 and first served in church staff positions (music and youth) and has been a senior pastor in South Carolina since 1987. He served as a contract consultant for church planting in the South Carolina Baptist Convention and Lexington Baptist Association. He is the founding pastor of River Springs Church in Irmo, which he planted in 2001 and constituted in 2003. Pastor Shull has a heart for missions and disciple-making evangelism.

Rev. Shull and his wife, Gloria, will be attending the Executive Committee Meeting on Monday, September 8. Everyone is invited to attend the fellowship time from 6:30 to 7:00 in order to meet the Shulls prior to the meeting at 7 P.M.

Please see the Moderator's Report on page 3 concerning the recommendations from the DOM Search Committee and the procedure for voting. Every church pastor, elected church lay representative, and all association officers and leaders are encouraged to attend this important meeting of the Executive Committee.



About 35 Volunteers from Lakelands and Edgefield Baptist Associations Team Up to Work at Connie Maxwell Children's Home August 25-29



Association Fall
Semi-Annual
Meeting

Sunday,
October 19
3:00 P.M.
Rehoboth



On the first day of **Associations Aiding Association** volunteers began setting posts for a new horse arena at the main campus in Greenwood. The group will be also be working on an outdoor stage and running electric and water lines. Each day they will enjoy lunch prepared by several EBA church groups. This mission project is led by Moderator Steve Cartin and Men's Ministry Director, Wayne Miller.
Photo by Katie Troutman, Connie Maxwell

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Seafarer's Caps Due October 15

Along with watch caps, you may donate copies of Reader's Digests and devotional books, such as Open Windows, to the Seafarer's Ministry at the port of Charleston.

If you need instructions for knitted or crocheted caps, please contact the EBA office.



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

As smaller churches which, for the most part, are outside the population centers of our counties, how is it possible that we could lead numbers of people to Christ? Beyond our church children, grandchildren, or maybe our close neighbors, who and where are the people we may reach? Many church folks say they don't know any lost people. Remember that Jesus was in touch constantly with lost people in need of help and deliverance.

Has your church actually and literally delivered the gospel in some form to every home and every person on every road, street, and driveway in your community? Sometimes we overlook people we think are too old, too mean, too bad, too hopeless, or too unlike us. "They wouldn't fit in at our church," we say. But how about Jesus's church? Would they be welcome there? Have we forgotten that "our church" is His church? Matthew 16:18.

In truth, the potential for salvation of sinners and numerical growth in your church is all around you. Your job is to go and gather. God supplies the harvest. Could you assemble a team to go and gather the harvest around your church community? Perhaps a SS Class might buy a bag of groceries, or do some baking and take to someone. Love on them and invite them to come to church service with you. Offer to pick them up and take them home if necessary. Maybe a class could give a single mother a gas or grocery gift card and invite her and her kids to worship with you. Give school supplies to a family with kids along with a Bible and show them the plan of salvation. People most often respond to kindness and love demonstrated.

The opportunities are limited only by our unwillingness, fear, lack of vision or training, etc. I would be honored to share with churches or individuals ways to organize for outreach or to share the Gospel. John 4:35

John Noblin,
EBA Evangelism Director

Special Days September

Birthdays

04 Preston Creech.....Retired
09 Craig McDaniel.....Parksville
21 Eleazer Benenhaley.....Red Hill
28 Randy Jackson.....Antioch

Pastoral Anniversaries

Brantley Bryan (2 years).....Rehoboth
Robert Huffman (3 years).....Mountain Creek
Paul Noe (2 years).....Sweetwater
Tom Rogers (1 year).....Mt. Zion
Frank Walton (7 years).....Red Oak Grove

Church Events

First Bethany: Gary Anderson, Director of the Cooperative Program will speak on September 14 at the 11 A.M. worship service in recognition of the Week of Prayer for State Missions.

Mountain Creek: Homecoming on September 28 at 11 A.M. with former pastor, Rev. Tim Thompson.

Plum Branch: Revival services September 28 through October 1 at 7 P.M. with Rev. Brad Whitt, pastor of Abilene Baptist Church in Augusta and Wallace Watkins, guest musician.

Red Oak Grove: *Tailgating for Jesus* Outreach & Fellowship Event on September 21 from 10 A.M. to noon. Tailgating food, theme-related pep talks (Bible Studies), great fellowship and a closing message – all in the parking lot. Teams represented: Alabama, Clemson, Georgia & South Carolina. Call Pastor Steve at 803.624.6599 for more information.

Bivocational Pastor. Buffalo BC in McCormick is seeking a Bivocational pastor. Send resume to: James Foster, 639 Fishing Village Rd, Plum Branch 29845 or email jmf824@hotmail.com.

Attention ACP Contacts, Church Clerks, and Pastors

Help the EBA be 100% - complete the Annual Church Profile and return to the EBA office on or before **October 13**. If you have questions please contact Faye Usry at 637.4620 or the EBA Office.

Christmas Prisoner Packets

**EBA GOAL: 450
Due November 11**

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

Office Closed
Monday, September 1

Meetings at the Association Office:

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

Dolls on Mission Workshop
Tuesday, September 2 & 16
Tuesday, October 7 & 21
9:30 A.M.

Executive Committee
Monday, September 8
6:30 P.M. Fellowship
7:00 P.M. Meeting

**September 15
Deadline for October
Newsletter**

Financial Report July 2015

Church Contributions		MTD	YTD	
Antioch		255.00	1746.00	
Berea		0.00	450.00	
Big Stevens Creek		300.00	2387.50	
Ebenezer		0.00	2062.00	
Edgefield First		0.00	6637.00	
First Bethany-McCormick		1200.00	3145.00	
Gilgal		0.00	2000.00	
Little Stevens Creek		0.00	972.16	
Modoc		934.91	1177.90	
Mountain Creek		0.00	505.19	
Mt. Zion		0.00	0.00	
Parksville		167.99	1091.70	
Peace Haven		300.25	600.20	
Plum Branch		903.61	2423.68	
Providence		0.00	1150.00	
Red Hill		1380.79	3205.37	
Red Oak Grove		0.00	4400.00	
Rehoboth		250.00	850.00	
Republican		3212.77	6237.87	
Sweetwater		172.87	1252.31	
Various Donations		0.00	233.54	
TOTAL		9078.19	42527.42	
Designated Accounts	Beginning Balance	Revenues	Expenses	Ending Balance
Missions				
---AAA	184.55	0.00	0.00	184.55
---CCC	14938.94	5380.85	16332.79	3987.00
---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	6302.81	100.00	1315.91	5086.90
Men's Ministries	1098.62	0.00	0.00	1098.62
WMU	136.81	0.00	0.00	136.81
EBAMO	4874.40	515.00	0.00	5389.40
TOTAL	27586.13	5995.85	17648.70	15933.28
		MTD	YTD	
Beginning Balance		50758.18		
Receipts		9078.19	42527.42	
Expenses		2349.61	40068.42	
Sub Total		57486.76	2459.00	
Designated Revenues		5995.85		
Designated Expenses		17648.70		
DOM Reception		226.08		
Ending Balance		45607.83		
Investments				
Money Market #1		13321.55		
Money Market #2		10339.85		
TOTAL		23661.40		
Baptist Foundation		11824.79		

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

Moderator's Report

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As Moderator of the Edgefield Baptist Association, I ask you to join me in expressing heartfelt gratitude to our DOM Search Committee for their work thus far. Chairman, Ron Creswell and committee members Margaret Ann Thompson, Alleen Miller, Rev. John Noblin and Rev. Stacy Williams have served and will continue to serve us with dedication and godly insight. They have carried out their responsibilities with diligence and with a heart for the cooperative ministry and fellowship of our churches. Thank you to all who have kept them in your prayers during these past few months.


The Executive Committee directed that the first order of business for the DOM Search Committee would be to recommend whether we should seek an interim or permanent DOM in these initial stages. The Committee will present their recommendation in two parts:

- First, that the hiring decision for the Interim DOM be finalized by vote of the Executive Committee in the upcoming September Meeting. And,
- Second, the recommendation of Rev. Tim Shull for the position.

Given that I will be out of country during the September meeting, Dr. Tommy Meador, Vice-Moderator, will chair the meeting in my absence. I will be praying and anxiously awaiting word of the action you feel led by God to take on the Committee's recommendations.

The candidate, Rev. Shull, has been asked to attend the September 8th Executive Committee meeting at which time the recommendation will be presented for a vote. He will be excused prior to the discussion and vote. Please keep praying; keep encouraging one another as we move through this time of temporal transition in eternal matters.

Serving together,



Rev. Steve A. Cartin
Moderator, Edgefield Baptist Association



For All Ages-Looking Ahead

Event	Date	Location
NAMB Send North America: Toronto Strategic Workshop	Sept 10 10:30-1:30	Town Creek BC Aiken
Carolina Girls...Real Faith Acteens, teen girls & leaders	Oct 17-19	University Hills Charlotte
IMPACT: Community Engagement and Relational Discipleship	Oct 23 9:30-4:00	Riverland Hills
Women's Get-Away BNF Annual Meeting	Oct 24-25	Camp La Vida
SCBC Annual Meeting	Nov 11-12	Shandon BC Columbia

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).

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.

Priceless: Season of Prayer for State Missions and the Janie Chapman Offering September 14-21, 2014

**“Thanks be to God for His
indefinable gift!”
2 Corinthians 9:15**

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World Hunger Offering Day is October 12.
The World Hunger Fund – and the new Global Hunger Relief initiative – is a tangible way for Baptist Christians to feed hungry people in Jesus’ name. All money given goes for food. To order materials, prayer calendar and bulletin inserts, go to www.scbaptist.org/missions/worldhungerrelief.htm

Power Packs, a mission food program at Edgefield First, is designed to assist students who do not have adequate food on the weekends.
Please contact Rhonda Herlong (637.9203), Susan Jolly (637.9971), or Gina Kowalewski (637.9371) if you wish to make a donation.



**ASSOCIATION WIDE
INFORMATION EXCHANGE
FOR ALL CHURCH MISSION ORGANIZATION
LEADERS**

Come prepared to share and network with other church mission leaders.

**Thursday, September 4, 2014
6:30 P.M.**

**Edgefield First Baptist Church
Fellowship Hall**

Please bring a drink and finger food to share.

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