

February 2015

Edgefield Baptist Association

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Making History with His Story

Baptist Men Expand Handicap Ramp Ministry



Photo above: Delivering 2 sections of portable ramp to be used at site for approximately 3 months.

Wayne Miller, Director of the EBA Men's Ministry, said 2 sections were purchased with funds from the EBA Missions Offering and the Edgefield First Baptist Men's Ministry group purchased 2 sections. A donation of \$450 will purchase a 10' section. If your church would like to contribute to this ministry, please contact Wayne Miller at 637.3663 or the EBA office for more information.

Recognizing the increased need for handicap ramps for a short-term use, Jimmy Painter and Wayne Miller put their heads together and came up with a wonderful solution. They have purchased four sections of portable aluminum ramps which can be quickly installed to an existing porch and removed when no longer needed.



L to R Back Row: Bill Jennings, Roger Ellis, Wayne Miller, William Wash, and Tommy Sprouse
Front Row: Chris Cowan and Johnny Murrell

Churches Changing Communities July 12-17, 2015

Remember last year? Don't miss out on the joy this summer!

Mark your calendar and plan to spend a week serving the Lord and blessing the people in our churches' communities.



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

All church pastors, lay representatives, program leaders and committee chairs are encouraged to attend.



Lead Like Jesus Leadership Encounter

Saturday, February 21 from 8:30 – 5:00 at EBA Office
Facilitator: Rev. Steve Cartin

Cost: \$20 per person (includes materials, lunch, snacks, and beverages)
Registrations accepted through Thursday, February 12.

To register, please call Steve at 803.624.6599 or Jackie at 803.637.3309 with name, email address, and phone number. Checks payable to Lead Like Jesus should be received by February 16th. Send checks to either Steve Cartin at 315 Marshall Street, Augusta, GA 30907 or to the EBA Office at 985 Hwy 25 N, Edgefield, SC 29824.

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

**Meetings at the
Association Office:**
Dolls on Mission Workshop
Tuesday, February 3 & 17
9:30 A.M. – 12 Noon

WMU Leadership Team
Thursday, February 5
7:00 P.M.

Prayer Team
Monday, February 9
7:00 P.M.

**CCC Construction
Coordinators**
Monday, February 16
4:00 P.M.

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February 16
Deadline for March Newsletter



The Edgefield Baptist Association Prayer Leader, Carol Bryan, has organized a Prayer Team of five Christians who are committed prayer warriors seeking the face of God for the deepest spiritual needs of our churches. This team is asking pastors for their input and is committed to interceding continually in their behalf.

Carol urges us to evaluate the quality of our own prayer lives and make prayer a priority every day. Don't let Satan rob you of your private time in the Scripture and in prayer, remembering that the Holy Spirit is God's power within us. He will guide and empower us as we impact our churches and communities in the Name of God if we only ASK.

Prayer Team Leaders

Group II Leader (Berea, Gilgal, Little Stevens Creek, Mountain Creek)
Carol Bryan.....803.341.5392
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Tim Sanders.....803.637.5166
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Director of Missions Search Committee

Your DOM Search Committee is getting back to work after the holiday break. We depend on your prayers to find God's man to lead our Association in His work. Please remember us in your worship and other services at your local church.

Ron Creswell, Chairman

Special Days February

Birthdays

04 Sandra Cartin.....Red Oak Grove
26 Helen Garvin.....Gilgal

Wedding Anniversaries

15 John & Lori Noblin.....Plum Branch
25 Eleazer & Nina Benenhaley.....Red Hill

Church Events

Antioch: Revival services with Rev. Tim Conort February 15-18. Sunday evening service is at 6 P.M. and Monday-Wednesday is at 7 P.M.



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

Recently, it became evident to me that perhaps not everyone in church understands what "MISSIONS" actually means. Some may consider missions to be sending aid of some sort, others may think of it as leaving everything behind to move to a far country to preach in remote areas. And then, there is everything in between. MISSIONS is simply a part of the larger "Great COMMISSION" that Jesus gave His Church in Matthew 28:19-20. At the heart of it is "*MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS*", or, nationalities. This may be easier to do than we think when we realize that the NATIONS have come to us! Borders are not the problem. The NATIONS (nationalities) live among us. We make contact with them in our work, education, doctor visits, shopping, and recreation world.

The MISSION is to "make disciples..." and you don't have to move away to do it. You can do it where you live, BUT, you must be intentional. It doesn't "just happen". "Make" is a word that implies your effort. Therefore, you should *MAKE READY, MAKE TIME, and MAKE AN EFFORT* in order to *MAKE DISCIPLES*. Will you intentionally spread the Gospel soon?

I am available to help you or your church to *MAKE READY* to share the Gospel. Will you make the time and effort?

John Noblin
Evangelism Leader

Financial Report December 2014

First Resort

I receive and read many devotionals, columns, blogs and missives. At the turn of the year, most of these were about goal-setting and improving ourselves personally and professionally. Not many focused on prayer. It is true that when it is all said and done concerning prayer that there is more said than done. Do you pray, or do you just talk about prayer? Does your church have an active prayer ministry? Do you make your plan and your daily to-do list and then ask God to bless it, or do you go to our God first? Do you stress and worry over your needs and the needs of your church, or do you first “take it to the Lord in prayer?” Do you get deep into problem solving and project management without first consulting our Father? Do you follow the last resort mantra: “When all else fails, pray.” Or is prayer your first resort?

Have you ever heard someone say, “I wish I could do more than just pray,” as if connecting with the plan and purpose and power of the Sovereign of the universe (who deeply loves us and cares about us) is a small thing? We can do more after we have prayed, but **we can never do more** until we have prayed.

Our problems and our challenges are innately spiritual, every one of them. And if a problem is spiritual, its cure must be spiritual as well. We must fall on our knees and our faces before God and pray. We must not only talk about prayer, but pray. Not only agree on the importance of prayer, but pray. Not only preach on the power of prayer, but pray. As Billy Graham once said, “To get our nation on its feet, we must get on our knees.” The same is true for our churches, our families, our lives. That is why I am encouraging each pastor and each church to connect with our EBA prayer team. Support and encourage your representative on the larger team from your church. Pastors, feed the prayer ministry with your requests and items of praise; and make prayer the first resort in your church. “...let your requests be made known to God...” (Phil. 4:4-7)

Pastors...
make prayer
the first resort
in your church.

Humbly His,

Tim Shull

Interim Director of Missions



Financial Report December 2014				
Church Contributions		MTD	YTD	
Antioch		382.00		3603.00
Berea		75.00		825.00
Big Stevens Creek		200.00		3787.50
Ebenezer		0.00		2062.00
Edgefield First		0.00		6837.00
First Bethany-McCormick		0.00		3920.00
Gilgal		0.00		3000.00
Little Stevens Creek		0.00		1972.16
Modoc		0.00		1405.57
Mountain Creek		186.75		1223.11
Mt. Zion		150.00		450.00
Parksville		245.49		1898.33
Peace Haven		389.35		1279.15
Plum Branch		815.97		4003.96
Providence		575.00		2300.00
Red Hill		784.04		5583.01
Red Oak Grove		0.00		4400.00
Rehoboth		0.00		1150.00
Republican		3257.87		12802.71
Sweetwater		0.00		1837.21
Various Donations		28.06		461.60
TOTAL		7089.53		64801.31
Designated Accounts	Beginning Balance	Revenues	Expenses	Ending Balance
Missions				
---AAA	51.15	0.00	0.00	51.15
---CCC	7744.38	0.00	0.00	7744.38
---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	5186.90	100.00	0.00	5286.90
Men's Ministries	807.19	1000.00	0.00	1807.19
WMU	136.83	110.91	110.91	136.83
EBAMO	5389.40	0.00	0.00	5389.40
TOTAL		19365.85	110.91	20465.85
		MTD	YTD	
Beginning Balance		46976.39		
Receipts		7089.53		64801.31
Expenses		6257.71		63800.58
Sub Total		47808.21		1000.73
Designated Revenues		1210.91		
Designated Expenses		110.91		
Ending Balance		48908.21		
Investments				
Money Market #1		13324.35		
Money Market #2		10342.02		
TOTAL		23666.37		
Baptist Foundation		11912.29		

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

Looking Ahead

Event	Date	Location
LoveLoud: Evangelism Conference	Feb 18-19	Beach Church Myrtle Beach
SCBC Disaster Relief Training	Feb 21	Town Creek Aiken
Senior Adult Choir Festival	Feb 23-24	Springmaid Beach Resort
Literacy Missions Conference	Mar 7	Oakwood BC Lexington
Work Day	Apr 18	Camp La Vida
GO Conference: for ladies age 15 and above. www.scengage.org/go	Apr 17-18	Spartanburg FBC
Jubilee: Conference for Senior Adults	Apr 27-29	Myrtle Beach

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

March 1-8: Week of Prayer for North American Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

The Edgefield Baptist Association
WMU Spring Meeting
 Saturday, March 14
 10:30 A.M. – Noon
 Plum Branch Baptist Church
 Please contact Susan Keck at 637.3906
 for more information.



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 2015 SC WMU Missions Encounter
 and Annual Meeting
 March 20-21 • Riverland Hills Baptist Church • Irmo

ALL FOR YOU
 Surrender • Sacrifice • Serve
 Focus on WMU
 Monday, February 9 — Sunday, February 15, 2015
 Celebrate WMU in Your Church!

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7

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
Saturday, February 7 at 6 P.M.
 Edgefield Gym
 Speaker: Chris Wells, Chaplain, Bass Masters

Donations for door prizes may be made by contacting Wayne Miller at 637.3663.



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Children's Ministry Day
 February 14, 2015

*Jesus called the crowd to him along with his disciples. He said, "If anyone wants to come after me, he must say no to himself. He must pick up his cross and follow me."
 —Mark 8:34 (NIV)*

More information, visit www.scwmu.org  **KEYWORD SEARCH** Children's Ministry Day