

January 2015

Alexanders Begin Ministry at First Bethany

Edgefield Baptist Association

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Making History with His Story



Photo L to R: John Michael, John, Wesley Spires (Kristen's finance), Jennifer, Kristen Lea, with Kayleigh Jewell front center.

First Bethany called Rev. John H. Alexander, Jr. as pastor November 16th. He and his wife, Jennifer, have a son and daughter at Lander University, and a younger daughter at Ninety Six Primary. Rev. Alexander served his home church, Ninety Six First Baptist, as a Sunday School teacher, RA leader, VBS leader, deacon, and lay speaker. He answered the call in 2012 to serve as Youth Minister at Abney Memorial in Greenwood. He was ordained as a minister of the Gospel in June 2013 and became the Family and Outreach Pastor.

The Alexanders enjoy watching high school and college football as a family (Go Tigers) and hiking area trails, especially the waterfall trails of northwest South Carolina and western North Carolina. Rev. Alexander has been employed by FujiFilm Manufacturing USA for 16 years, and his wife is employed by Greenwood Regional Rehab Hospital.



**Saturday, February 7 at 6 P.M.
Edgefield Gym**

**Guest Speaker: Chris Wells
Wellspoken Ministries, Greer
Chaplain, Bass Masters**

This community outreach event is sponsored by the Men's Ministry to reach those unchurched who need to hear the Good News.

Invite Others!

Contact Men's Ministry Director, Wayne Miller, at 637.3663 to volunteer or for more information.



Chris Wells, Chaplain of Bass Masters.

Missions Development Committee Meeting

**Tuesday, January 20
6:00 P.M.**

Ronnie Reese, Chairman



The Youth Ministry Team at Republican communicates the Gospel and Biblical truths through dramatic skits. Drew Brogden, Minister of Youth & Children, says the team would love the opportunity to perform their skits for others in order to share God's illuminating name EVERYWHERE! The team will perform at the Wild Game Supper.

Please contact Drew at 704.284.2674 for more information or to book a performance.

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Office Closed
January 1-3

Meetings at the
Association Office:

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

Missions Development
Tuesday, January 20
6:00 P.M.

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

Leadership Encounter
Saturday, February 21
8:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

January 19
Deadline for February
Newsletter



Lead Like Jesus Leadership Encounter

Saturday, February 21
8:30 – 5:00
Edgefield Association Office
Facilitator: Steve Cartin

Lead Like Jesus will help you understand your own personal barriers for effective leadership and learn about the power of the Heart, Head, Hands, and Habits of Jesus-like leadership. As the price for this conference is rising, Rev. Cartin is able to get it for us at the old price, just \$19 per person. Send your pastor and other leaders to this important leadership training encounter.

Call 803.624.6599 for more information.

Winter Missions Conference

Saturday, January 31
Sunday Morning, February 1
Plum Branch Baptist Church

Learn about missions first hand from local mission teams from Big Stevens Creek, NAMB church planter, South Asia Marketplace Discipleship Missionaries, and Rwanda Partnership Representative Randy Day from Lakelands Association.

Contact John Noblin for more information at 864.828.0051.



Men's Ministry Supper and Meeting

Thursday, January 15
7:00 P.M.
Republican Baptist Church

Contact Wayne Miller at 637.3663 for more information.

Special Days January

Birthdays

08 Brantley Bryan.....Rehoboth
10 Jon Maish.....Big Stevens Creek
13 Tom Rogers.....Mount Zion
15 Bobbi Noe.....Sweetwater
23 AnnaBelle Nicholson.....EBA Retired
25 Kathy McDaniel.....Parksville
27 Nina Benenhaley.....Red Hill
28 Gabriela Negrete.....Hispanic Baptist
28 Drew Brogden.....Republican
31 Teresa Patton.....Modoc

Wedding Anniversaries

07 John & Jennifer Alexander...First Bethany

Pastoral Anniversaries

Lance Thomas (10 years).....Republican

New Contact Information for the Williamsons

Robert & Donna Williamson
6342 Huntington Place
Abilene, TX 79606

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robert.a.williamson@suddenlink.net

Church Events

Plum Branch: New Year's Eve Fellowship on Dec. 31 from 6:30-9:30 P.M. includes games, snacks, and the movie "God's NOT Dead."

Restore: A Weekend Retreat for Pastors and Wives

February 20-22
North Myrtle Beach Hilton
Sign up now at www.scbaptist.org

Youth Hunt Day

Saturday, January 3 at 11 o'clock
Colliers Community Center

This event is for Connie Maxwell and John de la Howe Youth as well as for local young people who will benefit from this outreach event.

- Lunch
- Hunting Safety Classes
- Bible Study
- Deer Hunt

Contact Wayne Miller at 637.3663 to volunteer or for more information.

Financial Report October/November 2014

Church Contributions		MTD OCT	MTD NOV	YTD		
Antioch		0.00	568.00	3221.00		
Berea		75.00	75.00	750.00		
Big Stevens Creek		300.00	300.00	3587.50		
Ebenezer		0.00	0.00	2062.00		
Edgefield First		0.00	0.00	6837.00		
First Bethany-McCormick		0.00	0.00	3920.00		
Gilgal		0.00	0.00	3000.00		
Little Stevens Creek		0.00	1000.00	1972.16		
Modoc		0.00	227.67	1405.57		
Mountain Creek		352.07	0.00	1036.36		
Mt. Zion		0.00	300.00	300.00		
Parksville		161.91	184.11	1652.84		
Peace Haven		289.60	0.00	889.80		
Plum Branch		764.31	0.00	3187.99		
Providence		0.00	0.00	1725.00		
Red Hill		0.00	367.09	4798.97		
Red Oak Grove		0.00	0.00	4400.00		
Rehoboth		300.00	0.00	1150.00		
Republican		3306.97	0.00	9544.84		
Sweetwater		158.30	186.38	1837.21		
Various Donations		0.00	0.00	433.54		
TOTAL		5708.16	3208.25	57711.78		
Designated Accounts	Beginning Balance	Revenues		Expenses		Ending Balance
		OCT	NOV	OCT	NOV	
Missions						
---AAA	51.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	51.15
---CCC	7711.40	100.00	0.00	67.02	0.00	7744.38
---IMB	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
---NAMB	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
---Hispanic	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
Disaster Relief	5086.90	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5186.90
Men's Ministries	1007.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	807.19
WMU	136.81	0.00	1208.83	0.00	1208.81	136.83
EBAMO	5389.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5389.40
TOTAL	19432.85	200.00	1203.83	67.02	1403.81	19365.85
Balances	MTD OCT	MTD NOV	YTD			
Beginning Balance	46183.14	48011.45				
Receipts	5708.16	3208.25	57711.78			
Expenses	4012.83	4043.33	57542.87			
Sub Total	47878.47	47176.37	168.91			
Designated Revenues	200.00	1203.83				
Designated Expenses	67.02	1403.81				
Ending Balance	48011.45	46976.39				
Investments	OCT	NOV				
Money Market	13323.23	13323.78				
Money Market	10341.16	10341.58				
TOTAL	23664.39	23665.36				
Baptist Foundation	11961.17	11982.65				

The November Report has been revised since the last Executive Committee Meeting.

Offering envelopes are available for making designated contributions and for honor and memorial gifts.

Fresh Start

We can become jaded and cynical about New Year's resolutions, especially when we observe or experience first-hand repeated failure to "turn over a new leaf." People get discouraged because they try under their own strength. But we must not let a weakness of human nature obscure or diminish the radical truth of the gospel: we can be made new. We can receive forgiveness and start again.

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness"
1 John 1:9.

"Come now, let us argue this out," says the Lord, "No matter how deep the stain of your sins, I can remove it. I can make you as clean as freshly fallen snow"
Isaiah 1:18.

We can press the "back" button; we can get a "do-over." We can be radically changed.

"And I will give you a new heart with new and right desires, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony heart of sin and give you a new, obedient heart" Ezekiel 36:26.

We must remember that through Christ our God does make all things new.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new" 2 Corinthians 5:17.

In a world of sin and mistakes, we must keep proclaiming the good news that our loving God gives forgiveness and a fresh start.



Humbly His,
Tim Shull

Looking Ahead

Event	Date	Location
YouthSingers	Jan 30-31	White Oak
LoveLoud: Evangelism Conference	Feb 18-19	Beach Church Myrtle Beach
Disaster Relief Training	Feb 21	Aiken
Senior Adult Choir Festival	Feb 23-24	Springmaid Beach Resort
Literacy Missions Conference	Mar 7	Oakwood BC Lexington
Whole Hearted: WMU Missions Encounter and Annual Meeting	Mar 20-21	Riverland Hills Irmo
VBS Equipping Workshop	Mar 28	Greenville
Southern Gospel SpringFest	Apr 14-16	Ridgecrest
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>), the SC Baptist Convention (1.800.723.7242 or www.scbaptist.org).

ALL FOR YOU

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Focus on WMU
Monday, February 9 — Sunday, February 15, 2015

Celebrate WMU in Your Church!

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him” Colossians 3:16-17 NKJV.

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Packets, Caps, Shoeboxes – Ministry Projects Share the Love of Jesus At Home & Around the Globe



Seafarers from the Philippines, Ukraine, Russia, China, India, Indonesia, and 100 other countries are given handmade caps at the port at Charleston during the Christmas season. Linda Dale Shaver delivered 489 caps, including 156 made by the ladies at Antioch, along with 9 boxes of devotional literature to the Seafarer Ministry Chaplain.

Robert Patton, pastor at Modoc, and his grandchildren brought 100 Christmas Prisoner Packets from Modoc church members to make a total of 480 prepared by every church in the association. Bubba Wells, Ryan Vaughan, Gladys McNeil, Linda Dale Shaver, Gloria Bryan, Carol Bryan, and Jean Wells joined with 140 other volunteers at St. Andrews Church in Columbia on December 8 to help prepare over 28,000 packets for delivery to each state prison in South Carolina. Carol said that it was exciting to be a part of a state-wide effort with other Christians, SC Baptist Convention staff and trustees from the prison population. Then on Tuesday, December 9, 21 volunteers met at Trenton Correctional Institution. Three groups, led by Susan Keck, Robert Patton, and Tim Shull, sang Christmas carols and distributed the Christmas Prisoner Packets to 580 inmates. The inmates that attended the evening worship service, led by Tim Shull, on Sunday, December 14, were treated to a home cooked Christmas Dinner coordinated by Barbara Langley with the help of 15 volunteers.



Jeanne and Robert Loar dropped off 32 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes from Red Oak Grove. Donna and Bud Parker reported that a total of 481 were received from 15 area churches.