

June/July 2015

Edgefield Baptist Association

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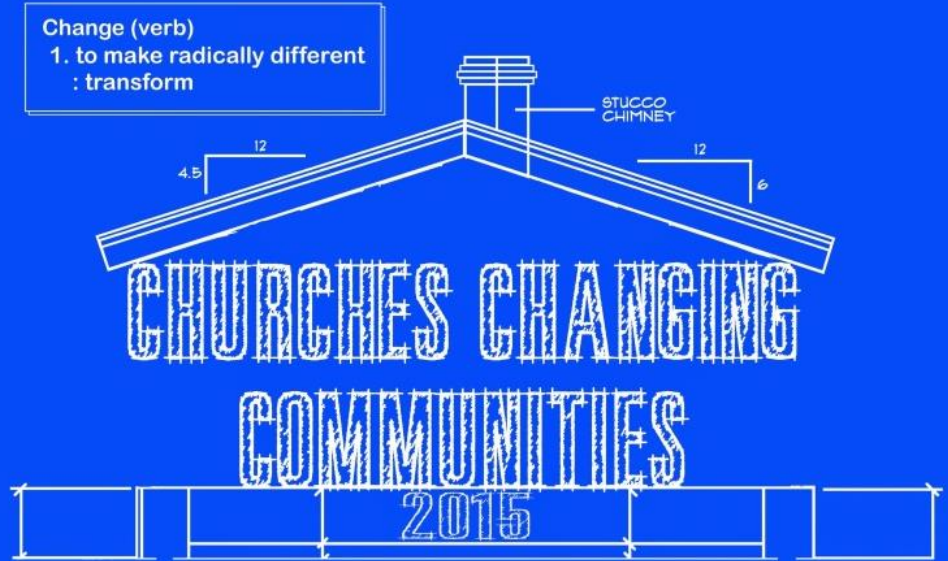
Making History with His Story

Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, June 1
7:00 P.M.

Church Pastors & Executive Committee Representatives, as well as Association Program Leaders, and Committee Chairpersons are encouraged to attend.

Churches Changing Communities - July 12-17, 2015
Host Church: Antioch **Camp Pastor: John Noblin**
Worship Team: Foundation Worship



Youth and Adults Ministry
Construction Projects Prayer Team
Good News Club Summer Camps in Edgefield,
Johnston, Trenton & McCormick
Worship and Small Groups
Witnessing Fellowship Good Food
Foundation Worship: From Cedar Creek Church

Registrations Due to EBA by June 17
Contact your church coordinator to register.



Their vision is to spread the love of worship, music, and God with others.

CCC Donations – Thank You!

Many individuals participate in CCC by donating items to be used during the week. Please use this list as you determine how best to help.

Large dinner plates (10")
Small dessert plates (6")
Styrofoam coffee cups
Plastic cups (16 oz.)
Small bowls, cereal
Aluminum Foil
Storage bags, gallon
Plastic dinner forks
Plastic dinner spoons

Bottled water, small bottles
Gatorade, bottles or mix
Crystal Light, single serve packets
Microwave Popcorn
Cookies, individual packs
Cereal, individual packs
Chips, individual packs
Jelly, individual packs
Fresh fruit donations during the week.

Monetary donations may be made by check payable to the Edgefield Baptist Association with CCC on the memo line.

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Meetings at the Association Office:

Executive Committee
Monday, June 1
7:00 P.M.

**CCC Construction
Coordinators**
Monday, June 8
Monday, June 22
4:00 P.M.

Prayer Team
Monday, July 6
7:00 P.M.

**July 20
Deadline for August
Newsletter**

Hispanic Migrant Ministry

Worship Services
May 31-September 13
6:00 – 8:30 P.M.

Led by Pastor Cris Negrete
Providence Baptist Church

The Hispanic Ministry includes the worship services, ESL classes and a meal on Sunday evenings at Providence. ESL classes will begin on June 7 at 6 P.M. followed by a meal at 6:45 P.M. and then the worship service.

Volunteers are still needed for Meals & Transportation. Please contact Margaret Ann Thompson at 637.3248 or email at mat2825@hughes.net



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

“Am I a soldier of the cross,
a follower of the lamb?

And shall I fear to own His cause,
or blush to speak His name?”

Some of you will remember this hymn about joining the fight to spread the Gospel. But it seems most have forgotten it, or at least the idea of it. I am afraid many church folk are plagued by the question posed in verse 2: “must I be carried to the skies on flowery beds of ease while others fought to win the prize and sailed through bloody sea?”

About a dozen concerned soldiers of the cross gathered to learn ways of personally sharing the Gospel on May 16. One way is through using tracts. A tract is nothing more than a flat (not FAT) preacher that you can carry with you everywhere you go. Tracts are great witnessing tools because:

1. Anyone can use them
2. A tract doesn't argue
3. A tract doesn't get confused
4. A tract can speak to people who don't want to talk
5. A tract can stay with a person a long time

Tracts are inexpensive, so ask your church to purchase some and give them away. Every church member can be an evangelist by sharing tracts.

John Noblin, EBA Evangelism Leader

Special Days June and July

Birthdays

JUNE

01 Brian Ayers.....Sweetwater
10 Cris Negrete.....Hispanic Mission
13 Ryan Vaughan.....Little Stevens Creek
23 Robert Huffman.....Mountain Creek

JULY

20 Robert Williamson.....Retired
26 Paul Noe.....Sweetwater

Wedding Anniversaries

JUNE

02 Terri & Fisher Miller.....EBA
11 Floyd & Darlene Harrison.....Peace Haven
11 Craig & Kathy McDaniel.....Parksville
14 Drew & Bethany Brogden.....Republican

JULY

09 Jon & Ashley Maish.....Big Stevens Creek
12 Stacy & Lynn Williams.....Edgefield First
16 Tom & Jean Rogers.....Mt. Zion
22 Robert & Trish Huffman...Mountain Creek
30 Brian & Jane Ayers.....Sweetwater

Pastoral Anniversaries

JUNE

Eric Bruton (11 years).....Big Stevens Creek
Robert Patton (9 years).....Modoc
Brittany Walden (4 years).....Sweetwater

JULY

Brian Ayers (6 years).....Sweetwater
Eleazer Benenhaley (9 years).....Red Hill

Church Events

Ebenezer: VBS Parade on June 7 at 5:30 P.M.
First Bethany: Special presentation at VBS by The Critter Keeper on June 12 at 5:30 P.M.
Peace Haven: Revival Services June 1 & 2 at 7 P.M. with Rev. Jerry Garvin.

Pray one-on-one with your pastor.

Pastors cherish times when members seek them out to pray with/for them. Most pastors will tell you those times are few and far between. They have huge demands on them so seek out an equally acceptable time and make an appointment. Meet in a quiet private place. Commit to pray for your pastor consistently and let him know you have done so. You will be blessed and your pastor will be encouraged.

Carol Bryan, EBA Prayer Leader

The **WMU** will have a tent at the **Peach Festival** on June 20. Volunteers are needed to give out water and to share the Gospel story using the Dolls on Mission. To schedule a time to help, please call Gladys O'Neill at 803.226.5172.

Financial Report April 2015

Church Contributions		MTD	YTD
Antioch		0.00	820.00
Berea		75.00	300.00
Big Stevens Creek		300.00	900.00
Ebenezer		0.00	2000.00
Edgefield First		0.00	6200.00
First Bethany-McCormick		0.00	1065.00
Gilgal		0.00	2000.00
Little Stevens Creek		0.00	500.00
Modoc		0.00	0.00
Mountain Creek		172.77	342.71
Mt. Zion		150.00	150.00
Parksville		422.76	951.99
Peace Haven		312.29	312.29
Plum Branch		0.00	978.41
Providence		0.00	575.00
Red Hill		679.78	1929.76
Red Oak Grove		0.00	4000.00
Rehoboth		600.00	1200.00
Republican		3452.17	3452.17
Sweetwater		202.65	955.32
Various Donations		10.00	1660.00
TOTAL		6377.42	30292.65

Designated Accounts	Beginning Balance	Revenues	Expenses	Ending Balance
Missions				
---AAA	51.15	0.00	0.00	51.15
---CCC	7744.38	2500.00	0.00	10244.38
---IMB	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
---NAMB	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
---Hispanic	2350.00	0.00	0.00	2350.00
Disaster Relief	5786.90	100.00	0.00	5886.90
Men's Ministries	5952.93	3945.75	7806.30	2092.38
WMU	136.83	0.00	0.00	136.83
EBAMO	4417.40	0.00	0.00	4417.40
TOTAL	26439.59	6545.75	7806.30	25179.04

	MTD	YTD
Beginning Balance	59588.75	
Receipts	6377.42	30292.65
Expenses	5287.60	24496.03
Sub Total	60678.57	5796.62
Designated Revenues	6545.75	
Designated Expenses	7806.30	
Ending Balance	59418.02	
Investments		
Money Market #1	13325.99	
Money Market #2	10343.72	
TOTAL	23669.71	
Baptist Foundation	12200.31	

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

Going Viral

Modern day internet and satellite communication has produced a phenomenon that is known as "going viral." A picture or a story or a post or a tweet or a video goes viral when it is replicated on the web rapidly, with thousands of people, sometimes millions, sharing or re-tweeting or forwarding the object of interest. This could be a picture or video of a cute puppy or of a crime in progress. It could be a news story or an opinion piece, and there seems to be no regard for truth or accuracy in many of these. It may be a tear jerking story about something important, or it may be just a curiosity or mindless fun. Still, the whole world sees it in a matter of minutes. The term, viral, refers to the fast replication of a contagion, viral or bacterial, that spreads rapidly from human to human.

When it began, the gospel of Jesus Christ went viral. Mark 1:45, Acts 2:47 and Acts 6:7 are examples. The gospel spread rapidly as lives were changed and new disciples made new disciples in fulfillment of the great commission. The message of Christ still goes viral that way in some parts of the world, but not in America. We have been inoculated. We have adopted a gospel of comfort and prosperity in which we think that Christ came to make our lives better, not to call us to deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow Him.

I get a flu shot every year. A vaccination against a contagion involves injecting the patient with a small amount of the pathogen or with the dead cells of a virus or bacterium. This causes the patient to build up specific antibodies so that he/she won't catch the real disease when it comes along. In America, we allow people to get "a little religion" rather than become sold-out, fully devoted fanatical followers of Christ. People get vaccinated with "a little church" or with a dead church; therefore they are immune to catching the real thing, a vibrant and growing relationship with Christ. They think they have "been there and done that" or they view church as "same old same old." They are "holding to the form of godliness but denying its power". 2 Tim. 3:5.

If the Gospel of Jesus Christ was a contagious disease, would anybody catch it from you? Maybe you have been to revival services before. Maybe you have engaged in our migrant or Hispanic ministry before. Maybe in past years you have participated in Vacation Bible School or Churches Changing Communities. Don't let that vaccinate you against what our God has in store for you this summer. Let the Good News of Jesus Christ go viral in and through you.



Humbly His,

Tim Shull

Looking Ahead

Whatever you do, do it enthusiastically, as something done for the Lord and not for men, knowing that you will receive the reward of an inheritance from the Lord. You serve the Lord Christ. Colossians 3:23-24

Event	Date	Location
Introduction to Chaplaincy Training	June 4	SCBC
The Response SC: A Call to Pray for a Nation in Crisis www.theresponse.org	June 13	North Charleston Coliseum
Jamming With Jesus: Youth Rally Contact: revjohnalexander@gmail.com	June 20	MACK McCormick
Student Seminar-The Cause: Strengthen Your Faith for College!	July 10-12	The Cove Asheville
Women's Seminar with Stormie Omartian	July 31-Aug 1	The Cove Asheville
Christian Music Festival www.rocktheuniverse.com	Sep 11-12	Universal Orlando Resort
Shepherds Under Siege: 2015 Chaplains Conference	Sep 28-29	White Oak
Carolina Women: Missions Encounter SC & NC WMU	Oct 16-17	Fort Caswell Oak Island NC

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Edgefield Baptist Association is Glad to Be YOUR MISSION PARTNER

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

June 7-14: Rwanda, Africa-John Noblin (Plum Branch)
Summer BC Missions: Alaska-John Michael Alexander (First Bethany)
June 26-July 12: Samoa-Lynn Rearden and Sydney Farmer (Edgefield First Baptist)
July 21-28: Costa Rica-Republican FCA
July 27-Aug 7: Russia-Tommy Meador (Big Stevens Creek)



Outreach Opportunity in McCormick Area
 Anyone who would like to join with First Bethany Baptist Church in helping with this Youth Rally may contact Pastor John Alexander at revjohnalexander@gmail.com or call Buddy Rushton at 864.602.9042.

Vacation Bible School Around the EBA

Church	Date/Time	Theme
Berea & Rehoboth Location: Berea	June 14-18 6:15-8:30	Everest
Big Stevens Creek	June 7-11 6:00-9:00	Journey Off the Map
Ebenezer	June 7-12 6:00-8:30	Journey Off the Map
Edgefield First	June 7-11 5:30-8:00	Journey Off the Map
First Bethany	June 7-12 5:30	Journey Off the Map
Little Stevens Creek	June 7-12 6:00-8:30	Jungle Safari
Mt. Zion	June 14-17 6:00-8:30	Journey Off the Map
Modoc	June 21-25 6:00-8:30	Everest
Mt. Zion	June 14-17 6:00-8:30	Journey Off the Map
Red Oak Grove	June 15-19 5:30	
Rehoboth (at Berea)	June 14-18	Everest
Republican	June 7-11 6:00-8:45	

Your Church's Bridge of Faith to the Community