

March 2015

Edgefield Baptist Association

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Making History with His Story

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

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

Churches Changing Communities July 12-17, 2015 Host Church: Antioch

The CCC Leadership Team and the Construction Coordinators are making plans for the 6th Annual Week of CCC.

Construction Coordinators are identifying projects now in the communities served by EBA churches. Please contact the EBA Office if you know of possible projects that would allow our participants to reach those in our communities who need to hear about the love of Jesus.

Front Row: Wayne Miller and Bubba Wells.
Back Row: Jimmy Painter and Tim Shull.



Williams in Tenth Year Serving at Edgefield First Baptist



Cade, Lynn, Stacy, and Camden Williams enjoy camping, hiking, hunting, and other outdoor activities.

Stacy was born and raised in Greer, SC and was called into the ministry when he was 16. He attended North Greenville College, earned his BA from Erskine College and his Master of Divinity from Erskine Theological Seminary. After graduating in 1992, Stacy ran from the call God had on his life and had several secular careers including sales management and banking. He also spent a number of years singing and playing guitar for various audiences. In 2004 he finally responded to God's call and was ordained in 2005. He has served as pastor of Edgefield First Baptist, his first church, since October of 2005. He and his wife Lynn have been married for 17 years and they have two wonderful children, Cade who is 13 and Camden who is 10. They love Edgefield and enjoy serving EFBC and this community.

Ten Complete Lead Like Jesus Leadership Training



Photo L to R: Tim Shull (EBA), Bubba Wells (Plum Branch), Regina Jackson, J.C. Fuller (Bethany), Rose Jackson, Ryan Vaughan (Little Stevens Creek), Reid Willis (Plum Branch), John Alexander (Bethany), Karen Swearingen, and Faye Usry (Red Oak Grove).

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Meetings at the Association Office:

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

Dolls on Mission Workshop
Tuesday, March 3 & 17
9:30 A.M. – 12 Noon

**CCC Construction
Coordinators**
Monday, March 23
4:30 P.M.

Missions Development
Monday, March 23
5:30 P.M.

Prayer Team Conference
Saturday, April 11
10:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

**March 17
Deadline for April
Newsletter**

Ministry Health Kits Due May 5

Please place one each of the following items
in a 2-gallon slider zip-lock bag:

- ✓ Adult-size Toothbrush
- ✓ Toothpaste (6 oz. or larger)
- ✓ Bath-size Soap
- ✓ Wash Cloth
- ✓ Bath Towel
- ✓ Comb

These ministry health kits will be distributed
to the migrant camps later in May.

IGNITE! EBA Youth Retreat April 24-26 Marietta Baptist Camp

For more information please contact Randy
Jackson at 910.352.4337, 919.306.7309, or
randy@antiochofedgefield.com.



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

JUST DO IT! Some people fear they will
say the wrong thing when sharing their
faith so they don't try. But there is one tool
you possess that will guarantee you won't
say the wrong thing. I am speaking of your
TESTIMONY. It is the firsthand account of
your conversion from dark to light. Your
testimony may help others to see God's
activity in their own lives. So that it can be
shared naturally and effectively, write it out
and rehearse it. Describe what you were
like BEFORE you became a Christ
follower. Next, describe HOW YOU
CAME TO FAITH in Christ as your Savior
and Lord. Finally, tell about HOW HE
CHANGED YOU and describe the peace,
love, joy, etc. you now experience as a
result. Keep it brief but loaded with
substance. Then remember that God wants
to speak through you to others. Ask God for
opportunities to share with others who need
to hear about Jesus. With the Holy Spirit as
your Helper, share your testimony with
someone and watch Him work. The best
way to get over your fear is to JUST DO
IT! John Noblin, Evangelism Leader

Special Days March

Birthdays

18 Steve Cartin.....Red Oak Grove
19 Rebecca Howle.....Antioch
19 Jim Bray.....Retired
20 John Noblin.....Plum Branch

Pastoral Anniversaries

Steve Cartin (12 years).....Red Oak Grove
Ryan Vaughan (1 year)...Little Stevens Creek

Church Events

Edgefield First: Easter Cantata, “More
Than a Carpenter” March 29 at 11 A.M.

Little Stevens Creek: Easter Egg Hunt
on March 28 at 2 P.M. Easter Cantata on
March 29 at 11 A.M.

Mountain Creek: Easter Sunrise Service
on April 5 at 7:30 A.M.



Prayer Conference Saturday, April 11 10:30 – 12:30

Guest Speakers: Tim & Carolyn Fuqua,
Biltmore BC in Arden, NC

Please contact Carol Bryan at 637.1293 for
more information.

The **Men's Ministry** constructed 10 tables
using sawhorses with plywood tops for the
Wild Game Supper. They are making these
available to lend to EBA churches.
Please contact Wayne Miller at 637.3663
if your church needs to borrow them.

Director of Missions Search Committee

Thanks to all of you who are remembering
us in prayer. Don't stop! We are actively
involved in finding God's man and feel we
are making significant progress. Please
remember to mention us at your church
services during prayer request time.

Ron Creswell, Chairman

Financial Report January 2015

Church Contributions		MTD	YTD	
Antioch		0.00		0.00
Berea		75.00		75.00
Big Stevens Creek		0.00		0.00
Ebenezer		0.00		0.00
Edgefield First		6200.00		6200.00
First Bethany-McCormick		1065.00		1065.00
Gilgal		0.00		0.00
Little Stevens Creek		0.00		0.00
Modoc		0.00		0.00
Mountain Creek		93.27		93.27
Mt. Zion		0.00		0.00
Parksville		184.74		184.74
Peace Haven		0.00		0.00
Plum Branch		0.00		0.00
Providence		0.00		0.00
Red Hill		0.00		0.00
Red Oak Grove		4000.00		4000.00
Rehoboth		600.00		600.00
Republican		0.00		0.00
Sweetwater		381.87		381.87
Various Donations		0.00		0.00
TOTAL		12599.88		12599.88
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	5286.90	500.00	0.00	5786.90
Men's Ministries	1807.19	0.00	967.67	839.52
WMU	136.83	110.91	110.91	136.83
EBAMO	5389.40	0.00	972.00	4417.40
TOTAL	20465.85	500.00	1939.67	19026.18
		MTD	YTD	
Beginning Balance		48908.21		
Receipts		12599.88		12599.88
Expenses		4278.07		4278.07
Sub Total		57230.02		8321.81
Designated Revenues		500.00		
Designated Expenses		1939.67		
Ending Balance		55790.35		
Investments				
Money Market #1		13324.91		
Money Market #2		10342.46		
TOTAL		23666.37		
Baptist Foundation		11957.84		

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

Fear Less

Be strong and courageous! Don't be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. Josh. 1:9

I was pleased to participate in the Lead Like Jesus Leadership Encounter led by Steve Cartin. In that excellent conference I learned that the result of not giving God His proper place in our lives can express itself in two views of self, both of which will prevent us from leading like Jesus. The two negative attitudes are pride and fear.

There have been times in my life and ministry when pride was my problem. Our Lord "helped" me with that. In my present season after 33 years of ministry bumps and bruises, I tend to struggle with fear. I know what the Bible says: *If God is for us, who can be against us? Romans 8:31. The Lord is my Light and my Salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? Psalm 27:1. For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline. 2 Timothy 1:7*

Yet fear of failure can be paralyzing. In our day of success orientation, failure has become one of life's most dreaded labels. Even in the grace-filled environment of the local church, the eternal significance of reaching people and shepherding them to become disciples who make disciples can underscore the importance of our work. The magnitude of the consequences of our efforts can give us pause and a few failures can produce second-guessing. We forget that there is a difference between failing and being a failure. Babe Ruth struck out more times than anyone who has ever played the game of baseball.

I know that there are 365 admonitions in the Bible telling me "Fear not" and I can read a different one each day of the year. I want to be fearless, or at least I want to fear less.

When Peter and John were threatened by the Sanhedrin and returned back to the church, they prayed so fervently that the place shook. They did not pray for safety or security or protection, which would have made sense. Instead they prayed for boldness. *Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word. Acts 4:29.* I want boldness.

When we are filled with anxiety, we are saying to God that we don't trust Him, that we don't really believe that He is sovereign, powerful and loving. Or we are telling Him that we think we have to earn his approval with our performance. But "perfect love casts out all fear". The same kindness that led us to repentance, the same grace that saved us without regard to our works, the same mercy that forgave us completely: these are facets of God's perfect love that dispels fear.

Tim Shull

Looking Ahead

Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10

Event	Date	Location
Literacy Missions Conference	Mar 7	Oakwood BC Lexington
Wholehearted: WMU Missions Encounter	Mar 20-21	Riverland Hills Irmo
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
SC Baptist Ministry Assistants Association Meeting	May 14-16	Round Hill BC Lexington
Carolina Women: Missions Encounter SC & NC WMU	Oct 16-17	Fort Caswell Oak Island NC

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).

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Edgefield Baptist Association Semi-Annual Spring Meeting

Sunday, April 12 at Republican at 3 P.M.

Associational Message: Rev. Ryan Vaughan

Prayer for Mission Trips

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

April 6-16: Asia

Evan Croy, Ed Kvietkus, Tommy Meador, Jerry Thompson, Enoch Tsai (Big Stevens Creek), and Phillip Howle (Antioch)

May 15-31: Thailand

Hannah Shull

June: Rwanda, Africa

John Noblin (Plum Branch)

June 26-July 12: Samoa

Lynn Rearden (Edgefield First), and Sydney Farmer

To send financial support, contact the church, the participant, or the EBA office.



EBA WMU Spring Meeting

Saturday, March 14

10:30 A.M. – Noon

Plum Branch Baptist Church

Reaching Lostness

Speakers:

Kerry Blackston (Big Stevens Creek) China

Jill Puetz (Big Stevens Creek) Russia

Debbie Reville (Republican) South Dakota

Please contact Susan Keck at 637.3906 for more information.

Sowing Seeds in New Fields

Literacy Mission Conference

Saturday, March 7

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Oakwood Baptist Church, Lexington

Please contact Jackie at 637.3309 for more information, or to car pool.

Week of Prayer for **SEND NORTH AMERICA** MARCH 1-8, 2015

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