

May 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, and Association Program Leaders, and Committee Chairpersons are encouraged to attend.

Edgefield Baptist Association is Glad to Be YOUR MISSION PARTNER

May 17-24: Week of Prayer for Association Missions and the Edgefield Baptist Association Missions Offering (EBAMO)

The EBAMO is used for mission work that is not included in the association budget. The distribution of funds is determined by the Missions Development Committee.

Bulletin Covers, Prayer Cards, and Posters are available Free from the EBA Office



Help with Church Constitution & By-Laws Workshop

Tuesday, May 19

6:30 – 8:30 P.M.

Sandwich Supper at 6 P.M.

Edgefield Baptist Association Office

We live in a changing culture with unwelcome new interpretations of laws and civil practice. Many churches have seen fit to review their Articles of Incorporation, Constitution, and By-laws. Steve Rohrlack from the South Carolina Baptist Convention will give instruction on what should and what should not be included in these foundational documents. Each participant will receive a template tool and power point on disk.

Pastors and interested church leaders are encouraged to attend.

Please let us know if you plan to attend by calling Jackie at 803.637.3309 or email her at jackie@edgefieldbaptistassoc.org by noon on May 18.

Men's Ministry Helping Family of Seven Rebuild Their Lives



With the generous donations of churches and individuals, the Men's Ministry has been able to make major improvements to a home for a family that lost everything in a recent fire.

On Monday, April 20th over 25 volunteers began the process of adding a bedroom and rebuilding the porch of a house. Renovations are being made in the kitchen, and some floors are being replaced.

Thanks to all who have responded to this need.

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

Office Closed: May 25

**Meetings at the
Association Office:**

Dolls on Mission Workshop
Tuesday, May 5
9:30 A.M. - 12 Noon

WMU Leadership
Thursday, May 7
7:00 P.M.

Prayer Team
Monday, May 11
7:00 P.M.

Evangelism Training
Saturday, May 16
8:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

Constitution & By-laws
Tuesday, May 19
6:00 - 8:30 P.M.

Deliver Migrant Kits
Tuesday, May 26
6:00 P.M.

Deliver Ministry Health Kits Tuesday, May 26

The ministry health kits will be distributed to the migrant camps on May 26. Please meet at the association office at 6 P.M. to form teams to visit the camps. The kits along with a tract and invitation to the Sunday evening worship services will be given to the migrant workers.

Please call Jackie at 803.637.3309 if you have questions or need more information.

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 needed for the following:

Meals & Transportation
Contact Margaret Ann Thompson at 637.3248 or email at mat2825@hughes.net

Aides for English Classes
Contact Jackie Ridings at 637.3309 or email at jackie@edgefieldbaptistassoc.org

Director of Missions Search Committee

First of all, thanks to all of you who have been praying for your DOM Search Committee. Your prayers have been felt and we feel that God has had His hand on our activities and deliberations.

The Director of Missions Search Committee has come to a unanimous decision to recommend Tim Shull as our permanent DOM.

Please continue praying for God's trustworthy guidance until this process is completed.

Thanks,
Ron Creswell, Alleen Miller, John Noblin,
Margaret Ann Thompson, and Stacy Williams

Special Days MAY

Birthdays

06 Letha Bryan.....Rehoboth
11 Lowell Clark.....Retired
18 Darlene Harrison.....Peace Haven
20 Staci Meador.....Big Stevens Creek
26 Bruce Cooley.....Berea

Wedding Anniversaries

16 Eric & Cheryl Bruton....Big Stevens Creek
17 Tommy & Staci Meador.....Big Stevens Creek
31 Brantley & Letha Bryan.....Rehoboth

Pastoral Anniversaries

Drew Brogden (1 year).....Republican
Philip Howle (9 years).....Antioch
Randy Jackson (5 years).....Antioch
Glenn Mosteller (3 years).....Providence

May 18
Deadline for June/July Newsletter

Church Events

First Bethany: You are invited to pray with us on Thursday, May 7 at 6 P.M. for the National Day of Prayer Service.

Little Stevens Creek: Will host an "Associational Jubilee" on Sunday, May 17 at 6 P.M. Open to anyone who likes to sing or play any type of instrument to share in the service. Please contact Ryan Vaughan at 803.622.3113.

Peace Haven: Members recently honored **Jack and Margaret Harling** for over 50 years of loyal and dedicated service and for committing their time and intelligence to the treasury, maintenance, and general operations of Peace Haven.

Providence: On Sunday, May 17, **Dr. Glenn Mosteller** will celebrate 60 years of active ministry. You are invited to a special service at 3 P.M. to celebrate this Ministry Journey.

Rehoboth: Homecoming on May 3 at 11 A.M. with Pastor Brantley Bryan and Revival Services Sunday-Wednesday at 7 P.M. with Rev. Josh McClendon. Wallace Watkins, pianist, and other special music.

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. Please call Gladys O'Neill at 803.226.5172.

Financial Report March 2015

Church Contributions		MTD	YTD	
Antioch		322.00		820.00
Berea		75.00		225.00
Big Stevens Creek		300.00		600.00
Ebenezer		2000.00		2000.00
Edgefield First		0.00		6200.00
First Bethany-McCormick		0.00		1065.00
Gilgal		1000.00		2000.00
Little Stevens Creek		500.00		500.00
Modoc		0.00		0.00
Mountain Creek		0.00		169.94
Mt. Zion		0.00		0.00
Parksville		190.80		529.23
Peace Haven		0.00		0.00
Plum Branch		978.41		978.41
Providence		575.00		575.00
Red Hill		589.04		1249.98
Red Oak Grove		0.00		4000.00
Rehoboth		0.00		600.00
Republican		0.00		0.00
Sweetwater		181.94		752.67
Various Donations		700.00		1650.00
TOTAL		7412.19		23915.23
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	2300.00	0.00	2350.00
Disaster Relief	5786.90	0.00	0.00	5786.90
Men's Ministries	269.93	6333.00	650.00	5952.93
WMU	136.83	0.00	0.00	136.83
EBAMO	4417.40	0.00	0.00	4417.40
TOTAL	18456.59	8633.00	650.00	26439.59
		MTD	YTD	
Beginning Balance		53296.26		
Receipts		7412.19		23915.23
Expenses		9102.70		19208.43
Sub Total		51605.75		4706.80
Designated Revenues		8633.00		
Designated Expenses		650.00		
Ending Balance		59588.75		
Investments				
Money Market #1		13325.99		
Money Market #2		10343.29		
TOTAL		23669.28		
Baptist Foundation		12148.81		

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

Your faithfulness to all generations.” Psalm 89:1

Mother's Day Offering: May 10

Praise Report

In the summer of 1989 while expecting our first child, Gloria grew ill with an auto-immune disease identified as HELLP syndrome. Her doctor insisted that the pregnancy be terminated immediately to save Gloria's life, but we delayed. Instead we sent out the call for folks to pray. Christians in churches across the world, especially in South Carolina, were called to pray for us. We asked them to pray for us to have more time so that our baby might have a chance to live. The call was heard in Edgefield Association churches where our family had many friends. Perhaps you prayed for us.

In only a few days, Gloria crashed and was rushed to surgery. As she was swept before the doorway of death, our baby boy was removed and brought into this life 15 weeks early. He weighed only a pound and a half and soon lost down to a pound even. I named him Timothy Jared, which means a leader who honors God. The experts told me that he would not last a week. My concern first was for my brave wife who had risked her life for our child. It wasn't clear that she would survive; but she did and soon began to recover!

During that recovery, Jared's neonatologist said that we must have miscalculated the date of conception. She said that our baby had the size of a twenty-five week gestation baby, but he had the heart and lung maturity of a 29 or 30 week gestation baby. Well, we had been hoping and trying to become pregnant for two years. Couples who are trying to have a baby may sometimes become a little scientific about the process. We had charts that told us when our baby had been conceived, and he was clearly at 25 weeks gestation when he was born.

Don't you see what happened? God heard the prayers of so many praying for us. He heard your prayers. Instead of giving us what we asked for – more weeks on a dangerous and life-threatening pregnancy, He gave us what we needed – more maturity for our baby. The One to whom Psalm 139:13-14 was written and sung reached into the womb He created and touched our son and gave him a chance and a courageous will to live.

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After three months in the NICU, we brought Jared home, weighing 4 ½ pounds, to a little brick parsonage in Kershaw County. They told us our son would be challenged in many ways, and that if he survived we should not expect a normal childhood. Yet by God's help he overcame many obstacles and became a blessing and inspiration to many. He is the first to give God all the glory.

Next week Jared will graduate from North Greenville University! Please join our family in rejoicing and remembering the goodness of our God! *"I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever; with my mouth will I make known*

Tim Shull

Humbly His,

Looking Ahead

“Hear the cry and the prayer that your servant is praying in your presence this day.”

I Kings 8:28

Event	Date	Location
SC Baptist Ministry Assistants Association Meeting	May 14-16	Round Hill BC Lexington
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
Carolina Women: Missions Encounter SC & NC WMU	Oct 16-17	Fort Caswell Oak Island NC

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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

Churches Changing Communities July 12-17, 2015

Host Church: Antioch

Camp Pastor: John Noblin

Registrations Due June 17



Personal Evangelism Workshop

May 16
8 A.M. – Lunch

On May 16, you will have the opportunity to learn a new technique for sharing your faith. If you have ever shared your faith with an unbeliever, I know you have experienced the frustration of being told “I’m not interested, or not right now.” **The Way of The Master** method equips you with an important element other techniques often overlook that helps them immediately see their need for Christ. The burden is placed upon them, and not upon you. This “crash course” will be offered free to those who sign up and lunch will be provided. Class size is limited. If you have a burden for the lost, I urge you to participate in this one day event.

Expectantly awaiting His return,
Rev. John Noblin, EBA Evangelism Director

Register by noon on May 13.

Contact Jackie at 803.637.3309 or email jackie@edgefieldbaptistassoc.org

Prayer for Mission Trips

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

May 15-31: Thailand-Hannah Shull

June 7-14: Rwanda, Africa-John Noblin (Plum Branch)

June 26-July 12: Samoa-Lynn Rearden and Sydney Farmer (Edgefield First)

July 27-August 7: Russia-Tommy Meador (Big Stevens Creek)

To send financial support for any of these mission trips, please contact the church, the participant, or the EBA office.



Your Church's Bridge of Faith to the Community

Let us know when you are having VBS. Call Jackie at 803.637.3309 or email at jackie@edgefieldbaptistassoc.org

Church	VBS Dates	Theme
Big Stevens Creek	June 7-11	Journey Off the Map
Edgefield First	June 7-11	Journey Off the Map
First Bethany	June 7-12	Journey Off the Map
Little Stevens Creek	June 7-12	Jungle Safari
Mt. Zion	June 14-17	Journey Off the Map
Modoc	June 21-25	Everest