

November-  
December 2015

# Edgefield Baptist Association

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Making History with His Story

**Executive Committee  
Meeting  
Monday, November 30  
7 P.M.**

All church pastors and lay representatives, EBA program leaders and committee chairs should plan to attend.

## Association Director of Missions Shull



Tim and Gloria Shull

In the EBA Fall Session on October 18, messengers overwhelmingly elected Reverend Tim Shull to serve as the association's Director of Missions. Shull had served as the Interim Director for the last 13 months. The vote of messengers representing the association's 19 churches affirmed their desire for Rev. Shull to be the associational missionary beyond the interim period.

In the ministry since 1982, Tim Shull has served as a Senior Pastor since 1987. He is a graduate of Charleston Southern University and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Tim Shull's father is Dr. Lonnie Shull, Jr., a well-known South Carolina Baptist minister who served with his wife, Hazel, for 57 years.

Tim and the former Gloria Saxon have been married for 31 years. Their son, Jared, age 26, recently graduated from North Greenville University, and daughter Hannah, age 24, is in her second year of medical school. Gloria served in the Missions Mobilization Group of the SC Baptist Convention for 13 years and now serves at Lexington Medical Center in the Office of Chaplain Services.

"I am humbly grateful for this affirmation. It is an honor, a privilege and a calling to serve our Lord with the marvelous people of the wonderful churches of Edgefield Baptist Association. May God continue to bless us and use us in His kingdom work," said Shull.

### Continued Flood Relief Efforts

Thank you for all the ways that you and your church have demonstrated the love of Christ in the midst of the disastrous floods.

Do we need more food, clothes, water, toiletries? **No, not now.**

Watch for future email updates on specific needs and share these with your church.



Our Disaster Relief teams did great work in a flood-ravaged neighborhood; but what can a non-DR trained person like me do?

1. Pray from where you are. Go to [www.scbaptist.org/dr](http://www.scbaptist.org/dr) for prayer guides.
2. Give. You can give through EBA to strengthen and re-supply our Disaster Relief team, or you can give to our state convention DR efforts through EBA. And we are partnering with Lexington Baptist Association. They have set up at [www.mylba.org](http://www.mylba.org) so you can give online to DR efforts, purchase Bibles for distribution, or purchase complete flood buckets. You just click and give and volunteers take care of the rest.
3. Lexington Baptist Association has invited EBA Churches / Individuals to Get Involved (All Ages & Abilities Welcome – Senior Adults! Children w/Parents!) You can work indoors preparing buckets and Bibles, or you can deliver these items to the homes affected. Maps, training and instruction are supplied. We had some ladies go from EBA last week. It's fun and meaningful work.

**"No Sign Up. Just Show Up."**

1/2 day or all day—any morning at 9 A.M. Monday-Saturday in the next 7 weeks for training & assignment at the Lexington Baptist Association office at 255 Two Notch Rd, Lexington 29073, 803-356-2543

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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**  
**December 21 - January 1**

**Meetings at the  
Association Office:**

**Dolls on Mission**  
Tuesday, November 3  
9:30 A.M.

**Prayer Team**  
Monday, November 2  
7:00 P.M.

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

**Executive Committee**  
Monday, November 30  
7:00 P.M.

**December 7  
Deadline for January  
Newsletter**

## Christmas Prisoner Packets Due November 16-17 Goal: 450

Approved Packing List from the SC  
Department of Corrections:

- One black non-retractable pen (no wire clip)
- One adult toothbrush (individually factory-sealed)
- Five First-Class #10 stamp-embossed envelopes
- One junior-size legal pad
- Two rolls of candy (LifeSavers, Mentos type)
- One 3.8 to 6 oz. bar of soap
- One 5.8 oz. or larger toothpaste

Put items in a 1 gallon slider-zipper bag.  
No additions or substitutions!

**Edgefield First Baptist Church** has a job opening for Administrative Assistant. Applications will be accepted in the EFBC church office until 4 P.M. on November 9. You may pick up an application, job description, hours and salary in the church office. Contact Richard Shaffer at 803.637.5354.



## Helping His Harvest

A farmer's son was hauling the harvest to market when the wagon caught a rut and overturned, spilling the load. A man nearby said, "Hey son, forget about it for a spell and come have dinner with us. Then I'll help you."  
"That's mighty nice of you, but I don't think my Pa will like it."  
"Aw, come on, it'll be alright" said the other farmer.  
"OK then, but I just know my Pa ain't goin' to be happy about it" said the young man.  
After dinner, the boy thanked his host and said, "I just know my Pa's real upset."  
The helpful host said, "I'm sure he will understand. After all, you didn't mean for it to happen. Where is your Pa anyhow?"  
"He's under the wagon."

There are several obvious applications here, but think about this one. God has entrusted the church, Jesus' disciples, to deliver the harvest but we are failing to get it done. Like the boy, many have been sidetracked into wasting time on more pleasant activities and ignoring the responsibility to rescue those trapped under a deadly load of sin right outside our church doors. They know God isn't pleased by their lack of concern but convince themselves they'll get around to it later. Jesus is coming soon, people are dying all around us, and you aren't promised tomorrow. We must proclaim the Gospel today. What are you waiting on?

John Noblin, EBA Evangelism Leader

## Special Days November-December

### Birthdays

#### November

04 Phillip Howle.....Antioch  
09 Jean Rogers.....Mt. Zion  
27 Glenn Mosteller.....Providence  
28 Jane Ayers.....Sweetwater

#### December

02 Lauren Vaughan...Little Stevens Creek  
18 Karen Sanders.....Peace Haven  
18 Sue Ford.....Ebenezer  
26 Jenny Jackson.....Antioch  
28 Michael Hatfield.....Retired  
29 Terri Miller.....EBA

### Wedding Anniversaries

#### December

01 Ryan & Lauren Vaughan.....Little Stevens Creek  
05 Lance & Tonya Thomas....Republican  
06 Cris & Gabriela Negrete.....Hispanic  
18 Glenn & Sandra Mosteller..Providence  
20 Larry & Sue Ford.....Ebenezer  
29 Robert & Teresa Patton.....Modoc

### Pastoral Anniversaries

#### November

John Alexander (1 year).....First Bethany

### Church Events

**Edgefield First:** Connie Harling has announced her retirement as Ministry Assistant after working 24 years at EFBC.  
**Mountain Creek:** Hosts the Joint Community Worship Service on Sunday, November 29 at 6 P.M. The service will be a Hanging of the Greens, and all are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.

## Delivering Prisoner Packets

**Tuesday, December 8  
6:00 P.M.**

### Trenton Correctional Institution

**Background checks** are required for those who have not participated in the past two years. You must call the EBA office by noon on November 4 and leave your name and phone number. The Chaplain at TCI will conduct the background checks.

If you have participated during the past two years the background checks are still good; however you must call or email the EBA office by noon on November 18 and leave your name so you will be on the list.

## Financial Report September 2015

## Living Water

I want to thank and affirm all of the wonderful followers of Christ in the churches of Edgefield Baptist Association for your generosity and faithfulness in responding to the recent disaster. First you prayed. Then many of you gave and continue to give money to help with the relief efforts. Many of you brought supplies to the association office or some other collection point. I was pleased to take four truck and trailer loads from EBA. Some of you directly took your supplies to the flooded areas or shelters. And I can't say enough about our official Disaster Relief team from Edgefield. They did hard dirty work in one the worst hit sections of the midlands and were a tremendous blessing. 'Way to go!

In the early days of the flooding, I could not escape the irony that people who were surrounded by water did not have any drinkable water. The flood waters were polluted with sewerage, chemicals, trash and dead animals. It reminded me of the line from the Samuel Taylor Coleridge poem, *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner*: "...*Water, water everywhere, Nor any drop to drink.*"

In the same way people living in America today are facing a rising flood of moral relativism, violence, drug abuse, and outright evil. What is wrong is called right and what is right is called wrong. (Is. 5:20). I don't have to tell you that we are surrounded by a rising flood filled with filth and death. *"Realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God..."* 2 Timothy 3:1-4. If you drink the polluted flood water, if you accept our culture's way of thinking, you will get sicker not better. And though the deadly flood is rising, people will have no desire to accept the truth, even in some churches. 2 Timothy 4:3-4.

In the same way that believers and churches responded quickly and amply to send clean drinkable water to flood victims, so must our churches respond and persevere in our mission to bring to people the Living Water. *Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."* John 4:13-14. Only Jesus can quench the thirsting soul and satisfy the longing of the human heart.

*Jesus stood and shouted to the crowds, "If you are thirsty, come to me! If you believe in Me, come and drink! For the Scriptures declare that rivers of living water will flow from the heart of those who believe in me"* John 7:37-38.

Keep sharing Jesus, the Living Water!

Humbly His,  
Tim Shull



Church Contributions		MTD	YTD	
Antioch		384.00	2853.00	
Berea		150.00	790.00	
Big Stevens Creek		600.00	2700.00	
Ebenezer		0.00	2000.00	
Edgefield First		0.00	6290.25	
First Bethany-McCormick		0.00	3064.00	
Gilgal		0.00	3000.00	
Little Stevens Creek		0.00	1088.00	
Modoc		0.00	1000.69	
Mountain Creek		193.95	811.82	
Mt. Zion		150.00	450.00	
Parksville		244.90	1805.47	
Peace Haven		328.41	952.46	
Plum Branch		848.67	2777.09	
Providence		575.00	1725.00	
Red Hill		1348.82	5665.10	
Red Oak Grove		0.00	4000.00	
Rehoboth		600.00	3095.00	
Republican		3689.90	11001.52	
Sweetwater		392.96	2126.52	
Various Donations		200.00	4161.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>9706.61</b>	<b>61356.92</b>	
Designated Accounts	Beginning Balance	Revenues	Expenses	Ending Balance
Missions				
---AAA	51.15	0.00	0.00	51.15
---CCC	3999.92	3042.64	0.00	7042.56
---IMB	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
---NAMB	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
---Hispanic	2241.56	60.00	0.00	2301.56
Disaster Relief	5704.09	117.00	0.00	5821.09
Men's Ministries	1557.78	0.00	1131.77	426.01
WMU	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
EBAMO	2542.40	0.00	0.00	2542.40
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16096.90</b>	<b>3219.64</b>	<b>1131.77</b>	<b>18184.77</b>
		MTD	YTD	
<b>Beginning Balance</b>		<b>50184.19</b>		
Receipts		9706.61	61356.92	
Expenses		6949.88	52448.16	
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>52940.92</b>	8908.76	
Designated Revenues		3219.64		
Designated Expenses		1131.77		
<b>Ending Balance</b>		<b>55028.79</b>		
<b>Investments</b>				
Money Market #1		13329.33		
Money Market #2		10345.89		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>23675.22</b>		
Baptist Foundation		12030.33		

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

# Looking Ahead

Event	Date	Location
SCBC Pastors' Conference: Preach the Word	Nov 9	Southside BC Spartanburg
SCBC Annual Meeting: Tell the Story	Nov 10-11	Spartanburg FBC
The Greatest Prayer Requests Led by Don Wilton	Nov 17-19	The Cove Asheville NC
NEXT Women's Leadership Retreat <a href="http://www.scengage.org/next">www.scengage.org/next</a>	Jan 22-23	White Oak
One for All: WMU Missions Encounter	Mar 11-12	Ashley River BC Charleston
Unfolding Words: Literacy Missions Conference	Apr 9	Kilbourne Park Columbia

## Help Us Economize

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“Therefore with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.” Isaiah 12:3.

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**Return Service Requested**

## Because of Who He Is

**Week of Prayer for International Missions: November 29-December 6**  
**Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Goal: \$175 Million**

### International Seafarers Ministry

The world comes to Charleston. From July to September 2015, the Seafarers Ministry visited 172 ships, gave 210 travel kits to the sailors, and gave 129 Bibles in 23 languages. This ministry has encountered people from 124 nationalities in the last several years.



Margie Feldman who set a goal to make 25 seafarer's caps in memory of her father, a merchant marine, brought them to the office and showed how she made them.

These caps, along with the other 458 caps from the EBA will be given to the seafarers at the Charleston Port beginning the first of November.



**Operation Christmas Child**  
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The Edgefield Association serves as a Collection Site for Operation Christmas Child. Please deliver shoe boxes to the Disaster Relief Area at the right rear of the building. The dates and times that the building will be open to receive the shoe boxes area are:

**Nov. 16, 17: 9:00-11:00 A.M.**  
**Nov. 18, 19, 20: 6:00-7:30 P.M.**  
**Nov. 21: 9:00-11:00 A.M.**  
**Nov. 22: 5:00-7:30 P.M.**  
**Nov. 23: 8:00-10:00 A.M.**

If you would like to volunteer during the above hours, please contact Donna Parker at 480.5303 or 637.6514.

**Wishing You a Blessed Thanksgiving and a Joyous Christmas!**

*Your EBA Staff – Tim, Jackie, Faye, and Terri*