

October 2015

Edgefield Baptist Association

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Making History with His Story

October
is
Pastor
Appreciation
Month

Ebenezer Hosts Association Fall Meeting



Association Fall Semi-Annual Meeting
Ebenezer Baptist Church, Trenton

Sunday, October 18 at 3 P.M.
Sermon: Rev. Tom Rogers,
pastor at Mt. Zion

A meal will be provided by the host church.
All church pastors and elected messengers
should plan to attend. Visitors are welcome!

Men's Ministry Sponsors Dove Shoot for Young People



In a joint partnership with the National Wild Turkey Federation, 30 members of the EBA Men's Ministry worked with 24 boys and girls from John de la Howe and Connie Maxwell Children's homes on Saturday, September 26. The youth learned to shoot skeet, watched a demonstration of dogs retrieving doves, enjoyed a meal prepared by our men, and heard the gospel brought by Tim Shull. Then, they all participated in a successful dove shoot. According to Wayne Miller, a grant from Operation Round-Up and a donation of the ammunition as well as the assistance from the NWTF, made this event possible. He says that sharing the love of Jesus with children who have suffered abuse is one of the groups' goals.

Christmas Prisoner Packets

EBA GOAL: 450
Due November 16-17

- 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!

Men's Ministry Supper/Meeting
Thursday, October 22
6:30 P.M.
Edgefield First Baptist

Special Guest Speaker:
Rev. Randy Harling, Connie Maxwell
Children's Home

Please call Wayne Miller at 637.3663
for more information.



EBA Youth
Event

October 16-17

A lock-in for middle school students from
11:30 P.M. to 8:00 A.M. Please call Randy
Jackson at 910.352.4337 for information.

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8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.
Wednesday
8:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

Meetings at the Association Office:

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

WorldCrafts Party
Saturday, October 17
10 A.M. - Noon

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

**October 19
Deadline for
November/December
Newsletter**

**Please note that the next
newsletter is for both
November and December.**

Operation Christmas Child

The EBA will serve as a collection point for the shoebox project of Samaritan's Purse.

Bud and Donna Parker are coordinators and will need volunteers during the Collection Week of November 16-23. Please contact them at 637.6514 or 480.5303.

Go to: www.samaritanspurse.org for information on packing your shoebox.

Seafarer's Ministry

The following items need to be at the association office by **October 12:**

- Seafarer's Caps – either knitted, crocheted or fleece
- Reader's Digest magazines
- Open Windows or other small devotional books



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

A simple way to present the Gospel to children or adults by using colored beads or handmade book of colored paper:

1. Gold/Yellow=God in Heaven who loves you. John 3:16/I John 4:8
2. Black=Sin that separates us from God now and forever. Isaiah 59:2/Romans 3:23
3. Red=The blood of Jesus shed for remission of our sins. Ephesians 1:7/Colossians 1:19-22
4. White=Sinner cleansed from sin and righteous in God's sight. 2 Corinthians 5:17
5. Blue=Water baptism indicates new life following Jesus. Acts 8:36-38/Matthew 28:19-20
6. Green=The new disciple growing in Christ. I Peter 2:2
7. Gold/Yellow=The saved sinner, now a disciple, reunited with God and a future in Heaven.

Make your own and use it to share the Gospel with someone soon.

John Noblin, EBA Evangelism Leader

Special Days October

Birthdays

04 Faye Usry.....EBA Clerk
13 Cheryl Bruton.....Big Stevens Creek
14 Jackie Ridings.....EBA Ministry Assistant

Wedding Anniversaries

03 Jenny & Randy Jackson.....Antioch
13 Brittany & Jeremy Walden.Sweetwater

Pastoral Anniversaries

Bruce Cooley (15 years).....Berea
Jerry Garvin (5 years).....Gilgal
Jon Maish (4 years).....Big Stevens Creek
Tommy Meador (6 years).Big Stevens Creek

Church Events

Big Stevens Creek: Intentional Discipleship Strategy and East Asia Missions at 7 P.M. on October 5-7, with IMB missionaries Jarrod & Jennifer Davis. Also, women are invited to lunch on Tuesday, October 6 at noon with Jennifer Davis.

First Bethany: The church received the Gold Nugget Award for Community Service at the 2015 Gold Rush Festival in McCormick.

Modoc: Homecoming on November 1.

Mountain Creek: Fall Festival with hot dogs and hayride on October 10 at 5 P.M.

Mt. Zion: Revival services October 5-7 at 7 P.M. with Rev. Robert Cook.

Peace Haven: Ordination Council for Tim Sanders at 3 P.M. on October 4th followed by a Laying on of Hands Ordination Service at 5 P.M.

Red Oak Grove: October 4th is Kenneth Morgan Day honoring him for 61 years of teaching Sunday School; Reminisces at 10 A.M. and Recognition at 11 A.M. worship service followed by a meal.

Attention ACP Contacts, Church Clerks and Pastors

Help the EBA be 100% - complete the Annual Church Profile and return to the EBA office on or before **October 14.**

If you have questions please contact Faye Usry at 637.4620 or Jackie at the EBA Office.

Financial Report August 2015

Jars of Clay

For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.
2 Corinthians 4:5-7

Can God use you to share the gospel of Jesus Christ? Think about Jonah who disobeyed God and tried to run away. Consider Peter who denied that he even knew Jesus. Consider Paul who pursued, arrested and persecuted Christians. Did God use these men? Do you really think that there is something in your past that keeps you from serving God? Consider Moses who couldn't speak well. Remember Mary Magdalene who was possessed by demons. Consider Sarah who was old; Lazarus who was dead. Is there any situation that God cannot overcome in order to use people who could have been called useless? Read Romans 12:1-2. How do we become living sacrifices? I would suggest:

1. Choose to humbly follow the example of Christ!

"For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." Mark 10:45

Within us is an incredible selfishness – a desire for self-promotion. We constantly want to know, even if we don't ask... What is in it for me? What will I gain? What will I get out of it? When I don't get my way, how do I react? When my idea isn't used, my suggestion seems to be ignored, what is my response? When I am misunderstood, under-appreciated, not recognized, or even criticized, do I keep serving or do I want to quit?

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus!"
Philippians 2:3-5. Now read verses 5 through 11.

2. Choose to humbly serve Christ!

"Whatever you do, do it with all your heart, as if you were doing it for the Lord and not for people." Colossians 3:23

Take a look at verse 24. Who is it we are serving? Does it help to remember that I am actually serving Christ?...especially when I am under-appreciated by people? Jesus declared, *"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."* Matthew 25:40

In Revelation 2:1-7, the church at Ephesus was commended by the risen Christ for being morally pure, doctrinally sound, and enthusiastically active, but they had forgotten their first love. Like them, we are called by the Lord who loves us to remember, repent and return. *"Serve the Lord with gladness!"* Psalm 100:2

Church Contributions		MTD	YTD	
Antioch		556.00	2469.00	
Berea		75.00	640.00	
Big Stevens Creek		300.00	2100.00	
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		0.00	617.87	
Mt. Zion		0.00	300.00	
Parksville		0.00	1560.57	
Peace Haven		0.00	624.05	
Plum Branch		0.00	1928.42	
Providence		0.00	1150.00	
Red Hill		0.00	4316.28	
Red Oak Grove		0.00	4000.00	
Rehoboth		0.00	2495.00	
Republican		0.00	7311.62	
Sweetwater		0.00	1733.56	
Various Donations		100.00	3961.00	
TOTAL		1031.00	51650.31	
Designated Accounts	Beginning Balance	Revenues	Expenses	Ending Balance
Missions				
---AAA	51.15	0.00	0.00	51.15
---CCC	4179.92	0.00	180.00	3999.92
---IMB	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
---NAMB	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
---Hispanic	2241.56	0.00	0.00	2241.56
Disaster Relief	5950.09	0.00	246.00	5704.09
Men's Ministries	557.78	1000.00	0.00	1557.78
WMU	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
EBAMO	2542.40	0.00	0.00	2542.40
TOTAL	15522.90	1000.00	426.00	16096.90
		MTD	YTD	
Beginning Balance		53208.22		
Receipts		1031.00	51650.31	
Expenses		4629.03	45498.28	
Sub Total		49610.19	6152.03	
Designated Revenues		1000.00		
Designated Expenses		426.00		
Ending Balance		50184.19		
Investments				
Money Market #1		13328.22		
Money Market #2		10345.02		
TOTAL		23673.24		
Baptist Foundation		12180.14		

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



Humbly His,
Tim Shull

Looking Ahead

Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and most important command. The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands."
Matthew 22:37-40

Event	Date	Location
Senior Adult Day at Connie Maxwell www.conniemaxwell.com	Oct 8	CMCH Greenwood
Breathe: Pastor Wives Retreat www.scbaptist.org/breathe-retreat	Oct 9-11	White Oak
We Love Local Schools: Connecting Church to School www.scengage.org	Oct 15	River Springs Irmo
Carolina Women: Missions Encounter SC & NC WMU	Oct 16-17	Fort Caswell Oak Island NC
SC Worship Choir www.scbaptist.org/scworshipchoir	Oct 24	Lexington BC
The Greatest Prayer Requests Led by Don Wilton	Nov 17-19	The Cove Asheville NC
Nest: Women's Leadership Retreat Early Bird Registration Nov 30 www.scengage.org/next	Jan 22-23	White Oak

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Return Service Requested

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).

Edgefield Baptist Association is Glad to Be **YOUR MISSION PARTNER**



WorldCrafts Party Saturday, October 17
10 A.M. to Noon
Association Office

Please contact Jeanne Loar for more information at 803.640.9694.



"Let the favor of the Lord our God be on us; establish for us the work of our hands—establish the work of our hands!"
Psalm 90:17

You are invited to **ARISE, SHINE** for the Lord at the **2015 World Day of Prayer**

Monday, November 2
7:00 P.M.
Edgefield First Baptist Church

When women rise up, He shines through in community, unity, and service.



CCC Roofing Project
Saturday, November 14

There is one more project to be completed for Churches Changing Communities. Volunteers are needed to help reroof the Jay home located at 14 Davis Road, Ridge Spring on November 14th.

Mr. Jay is paralyzed from the neck down. Last year CCC built a ramp, and this year planned to do a new roof but could not fit the project in during the week of CCC. So now that the weather is cooler, call Wayne Miller at 637.3663 and volunteer to help. With enough help, the project should be completed in one day. Lunch will be provided.

Important Vote at Fall Meeting

Our DOM Search Committee and Executive Committee recommend that Rev. Tim Shull be called to be our Director of Missions. Messengers to the Fall Meeting will vote on this recommendation.