

September 2015

Edgely Baptist Association

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Making History with His Story

Every Sunday evening from May 31st to August 30th, EBA volunteers provided transportation, meals, and English classes for over 40 local migrant workers. Pastor Cris Negrete, who led the worship services, reported that there were 8 known professions of faith.

Summer Hispanic Migrant Ministry Completed at Providence



What is your SHAPE for ministry?

Followers of Christ have been shaped for serving, and function follows form.
Ephesians 2:10

Spiritual Gift – given by the Holy Spirit since you were saved

Heart – what you care about

Abilities – what you are good at

Personality – your unique behavioral blend

Experiences – educational, vocational, relational, and painful

Tim Shull is offering “Unwrapping Your Spiritual Gift,” the first workshop in the **SHAPE** series, on **Tuesday, September 22, 6:30 to 8:30 P.M.** at the EBA office.

Those who attend will review what the Bible teaches about Spiritual Gifts and why this is important.

Each participant will complete a Spiritual Gifts Inventory/Profile to assist in discovering and activating spiritual gifts for ministry and service in the local church and community.

No registration fee or cost involved; however, please contact the office by Monday, September 21 to sign up. Individuals and church groups are welcome.

Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, September 8

7:00 P.M.

Church Pastors & Executive Committee Representatives, as well as Association Program Leaders, and Committee Chairpersons are encouraged to attend. Those assuming new positions in October may also wish to attend.

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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
September 7

Meetings at the
Association Office:

Dolls on Mission
Tuesday, September 1
Tuesday, September 15
9:30 P.M.

Prayer Team
Monday, September 7
7:00 P.M.

Executive Committee
Tuesday, September 8
7:00 P.M.

SHAPE Workshop
Tuesday, September 22
6:30 - 8:30 P.M.

September 15
Deadline for October
Newsletter



Church and Association Leadership Training

Sunday, September 20
2:00 - 4:00 P.M.

Edgefield First Baptist Church

Please contact Susan Keck for more
information at 637.3906.

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

How many lost people do you know? How many do you encounter on a regular basis? A major reason that many don't share their faith with lost people is because there are few opportunities. One reason few opportunities present themselves is because many Christians have isolated or insulated themselves from the world around them. If most of your interaction with people is at church with church people, or only with family and a few close friends, it is not likely that you will have opportunities to share your faith with the lost. If that is the case, then how will you carry out the great commission?

The answer is simple, put yourself in position to encounter lost people. Opportunities to encounter people who need Christ abound at the market, doctors, hospitals, shopping, festivals, vacations, and places of recreation.

1. GET PREPARED before you go
2. BE AWARE as you go
3. When the opportunity arises, LET IT GO.

John Noblin, EBA Evangelism Leader

Special Days September

Birthdays

01 Gloria Shull.....EBA
01 John Alexander.....First Bethany
04 Preston Creech.....Retired
09 Craig McDaniel.....Parksville
21 Eleazer Benenhaley.....Red Hill
28 Randy Jackson.....Antioch

Pastoral Anniversaries

Robert Huffman (4 years)Mountain Creek
Paul Noe (3 years).....Sweetwater
Brantley Bryan (3 years).....Rehoboth
Tom Rogers (2 years).....Mt. Zion
Tim Shull (1 year).....Interim DOM EBA

Church Events

Big Stevens Creek: Intentional
Discipleship Strategy and East Asia
Missions at 7 P.M. on October 5-7.

Edgefield First: Rev. Andy Hunter,
North Augusta, will begin as Interim
Pastor on September 1.

Modoc: Revival Services with Rev. Tim
Shull; September 13 at 6 P.M.; September
14-16 at 7 P.M.

Mountain Creek: Homecoming on
September 27 at 11 A.M. with Joyful
Sound from North Greenville University.

Plum Branch: Revival Services with Dr.
Paul Noe September 27-30 at 7 P.M.

Dove Shoot

Saturday, September 26
NWTF in Edgefield
Sponsored by the Men's Ministry

For the children of Connie Maxwell
and John de la Howe

For more information or to volunteer
please contact Ricky Miller at
803.637.5148 or 803.215.5500.

The Association Fall Semi-Annual Meeting will be hosted by Ebenezer Baptist Church, Trenton, on Sunday, October 18. The meeting begins at 3 P.M. followed by a worship time with the association message by 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.

Financial Report July 2015

Church Contributions		MTD	YTD	
Antioch		0.00	1913.00	
Berea		75.00	565.00	
Big Stevens Creek		300.00	1800.00	
Ebenezer		0.00	2000.00	
Edgefield First		0.00	6290.25	
First Bethany-McCormick		1999.00	3064.00	
Gilgal		0.00	3000.00	
Little Stevens Creek		0.00	1088.00	
Modoc		472.46	1000.69	
Mountain Creek		176.04	617.87	
Mt. Zion		150.00	300.00	
Parksville		370.20	1560.57	
Peace Haven		311.76	624.05	
Plum Branch		950.01	1928.42	
Providence		0.00	1150.00	
Red Hill		1847.80	4316.28	
Red Oak Grove		0.00	4000.00	
Rehoboth		600.00	2495.00	
Republican		3859.45	7311.62	
Sweetwater		206.55	1733.56	
Various Donations		200.00	3861.00	
TOTAL		11518.27	50619.31	
Designated Accounts	Beginning Balance	Revenues	Expenses	Ending Balance
Missions				
---AAA	51.15	0.00	0.00	51.15
---CCC	19259.52	1555.95	16635.55	4179.92
---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	5886.90	100.00	36.81	5950.09
Men's Ministries	557.78	0.00	0.00	557.78
WMU	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
EBAMO	2387.40	155.00	0.00	2542.40
TOTAL	30384.31	1810.95	16672.36	15522.90
		MTD	YTD	
Beginning Balance		61077.75		
Receipts		11518.27	50619.31	
Expenses		4526.33	40869.25	
Sub Total		68069.69	9750.06	
Designated Revenues		1810.95		
Designated Expenses		16672.36		
Error on deposit		0.06		
Ending Balance		53208.22		
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.

Full Moon

In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it.

John 1:4-5

Our world is lost in the darkness of sin, yet the Light of the world is Jesus. His light shines in the night and overcomes the darkness. Like sunshine at noonday His glory shines and He calls us to reflect His light and to resonate His glory so that the dark places can be changed.

Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:14-16

Christ is like the sun shining in great power and glory. **We are like the moon;** we have no power of our own and we do not shine. The moon does not shine; it reflects the light of the sun and illuminates the darkness. We, the followers of Christ, the church of Christ, must be like a full moon and reflect the glorious light of the Son.

Eclipses get in the way of the light from the sun or keep it from being reflected. In American culture today, many churches are like the moon in an eclipse rather than shining full and bright. As in a lunar eclipse, some churches let the Earth come between us and the Son and therefore we don't reflect the Son the way we should. Instead of "being in the world but not of the world", we go dark in the world's shadow. Or sometimes the church is like the moon in a solar eclipse. We make ourselves the point or we try to get the glory and we come between the Son and the world He wants us to reach. Though we are called to reflect the light of the Son, we get in the way.

In Churches Changing Communities I observed churches that were committed to reflecting the light of Christ into dark places and thereby changing those places. I am so impressed by the cooperative, compassionate and creative spirit that prevailed. Thanks go out to so many followers of Christ who put money, time, sweat, patience, worship, work and witness out into our communities so that the light of Christ could be reflected into the night. You did "let your light so shine before men" that saw "your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." You were like a full moon, brightly reflecting the marvelous light of our Lord.

But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. 1 Peter 2:9



Humbly His,
Tim Shull

Looking Ahead

Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the Light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." John 8:12

Event	Date	Location
Mission Team Leader Training www.scbaptist.org/missions	Sept 15	SCBC
NextLevel Worship Conferences Register by September 8	Sept 21	Willow Ridge Lexington
Shepherds Under Siege: 2015 Chaplains Conference	Sept 28-29	White Oak
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
Carolina Women: Missions Encounter SC & NC WMU	Oct 16-17	Fort Caswell Oak Island NC
The Greatest Prayer Requests Led by Don Wilton	Nov 17-19	The Cove Asheville NC

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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).

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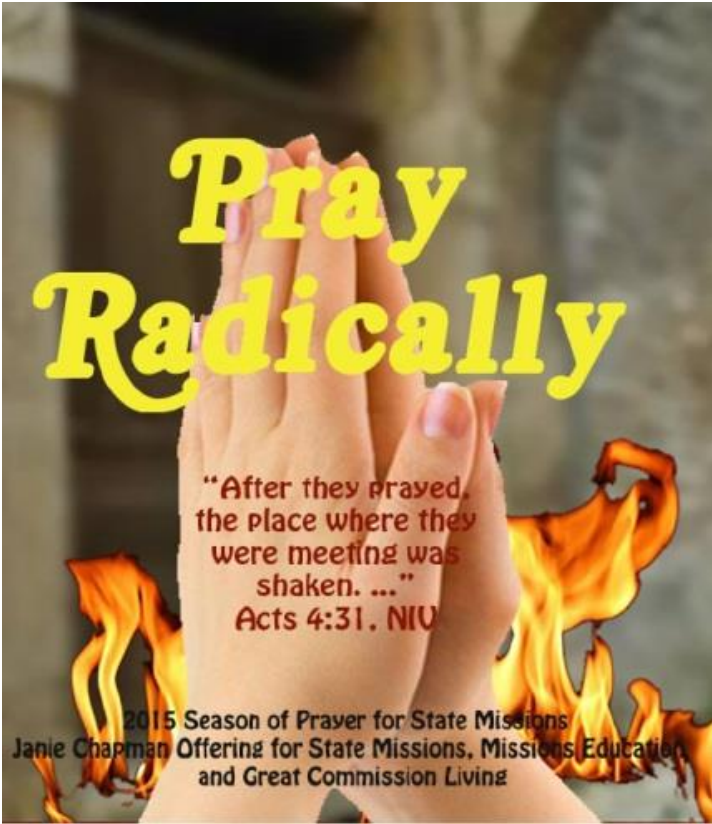
WorldCrafts and its local partners develop fair-trade businesses that provide sustainable income and offer eternal hope for impoverished people throughout the world.

You can help. Come to the

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

Purchase handmade items from around the world – just in time to get a head start on your Christmas shopping.

Please contact Jeanne Loar at 803.640.9694 for more information.



Did you know that a portion of the Janie Chapman Offering for State Missions comes back to the Association to be used for local mission work?