

April 2016

Edgefield Baptist Association

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Making History with His Story

EBA Association Spring Semi-Annual Meeting

Sunday, April 3  
3:00 P.M.

Sermon: Rev. John Alexander

Church Pastors, elected Messengers,  
Association Officers and Leaders, and  
visitors are encouraged to attend.

Berea Baptist Church  
1675 Hwy 25 N, Edgefield 29824



Your Local Missions Opportunity  
Churches Changing Communities-July 17-22



**U** will **C**a difference around the EBA the week of July 17-22 when local church teams join together for the sixth year of CCC.

*What could God do where you live that could point people to Jesus, changing their lives for eternity? Pray boldly that God will mobilize our churches in Jesus' name to impact our communities for His Kingdom's sake.*

Put together a group from your church-adults, youth, and family groups-to join with other churches for a week of ministry and construction projects right where you live.

See your CCC Church Coordinator or Pastor for information and Registration Forms or contact the EBA office.

Spring Fellowship for  
EBA Ministers and  
Family  
Saturday, April 16  
2:30 until  
Elijah Clark State Park  
Shelter #3  
Please RSVP to Jackie at  
EBA by April 13.

IF NOT YOU, WHO?  
WMU Spring Meeting  
Saturday, April 23

9:30 A.M. Social • 10 A.M. Program

Speakers:  
Becka Moore, SC WMU  
Wes and Beth Gestring, Missionaries

Host Church:  
Peace Haven Baptist Church  
3181 Martintown Road



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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.

**Meetings at the  
Association Office:**

**Dolls on Mission**

**Workshop**

**Tuesday, April 5**

**Tuesday, April 19**

9:30 A.M.

**CCC Construction**

**Coordinators**

**Monday, April 18**

4:00 P.M.

**Prayer Team**

**Monday, May 2**

7:00 P.M.

**WMU Leadership**

**Thursday, May 5**

7:00 P.M.

**April 18  
Deadline for May  
Newsletter**

## Church Safety and Security Training

With Lt. Mark Howard

of the Edgefield County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Dobey wishes to provide several training sessions across the county that will help prepare our churches in the event we are faced with unfortunate circumstances. Dates are not yet finalized for Edgefield First Baptist, but there is one scheduled at Little Stevens Creek.

**Thursday, April 14 at 6:30 P.M.  
Little Stevens Creek**

## Ministry Health Kits

**Due May 3**

Place one of each item in a 2-gallon slider zipper bag:

- Comb
- Bath Towel
- Wash Cloth
- Bath Soap (3.8 oz. or larger)
- Adult-size Toothbrush
- Toothpaste (6 oz. or larger)

Ministry Health Kits are distributed to the migrant workers by the EBA as well as the Carolina Heath Center in Ridge Spring.



## 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 9:3-38

A young boy went missing in the mountains and a search party was quickly organized. Volunteers came with ATVs, horses, and dogs. A command center with all the right equipment for a successful search was set up. A concerned man arrived to help and was astounded. The command center was filled with people relaxing, listening to music, sharing stories of searches, and drinking coffee. He asked, "Why aren't you searching for the lost boy?" They said they were only there for the party.

It makes you wonder how many churches are like the command center. And how many Christians are like those volunteers. Are you and your church really searching for lost people?

"I have come to seek and to save that which was lost. Go and do likewise." – Jesus

John Noblin, Evangelism Leader

## Special Days April

### Birthdays

01 Ashley Maish.....Big Stevens Creek  
06 Sandra Mosteller.....Providence  
08 Tim Shull.....EBA  
12 Bethany Brogden.....Republican  
14 Lori Noblin.....Plum Branch  
19 Larry Ford.....Ebenezer  
19 Jennifer Alexander.....First Bethany  
21 Vonda Cooley.....Berea

### Wedding Anniversaries

07 Jerry & Helen Garvin.....Gilgal  
15 Bruce & Vonda Cooley.....Berea

### Pastoral Anniversaries

John Noblin (9 years).....Plum Branch

## Church Events

**First Bethany:** EMS/Firefighters/First Responders Appreciation Service and lunch on April 10 at 11 A.M.

**Plum Branch:** Annual Ladies Banquet on Friday, May 6 at 6:30 P.M. with Dawn Smith Jordan, former Miss South Carolina. Meal reservations required. Contact John at 864-828-0051 by May 4.

## Pastors Preaching Discussion

Tommy Meador, pastor of Big Stevens Creek, will be leading the second monthly preaching discussion on **April 14 at 10:00 A.M.** at Big Stevens Creek. The discussion will be the first three chapters of Faithful Preaching by Tony Merida.

Please contact Tommy at 803.640.2498.

I ♥  
VBS™  
John 3:16

## Attention VBS Directors:

We would love to know about VBS at your church: dates, time, and theme.

## IGNITE – YOUTH RETREAT

**April 29-May 1**

**Ridge Haven, Brevard NC**

This youth event is open to all youth of the EBA churches. Please contact Randy Jackson at 910.352.4337 for more information.

## Financial Report February 2016

## We Are Better Together

Acts 2:1, 42-47 tells us about the first followers of Christ, that “they were all together” and they were blessed and empowered by God. The same is true for Christ-followers today in our churches; and it is true that our churches are better together. We can do more working together and helping each other than we can separately.

Do you know about geese and how they fly? By flying in a V formation, the whole flock gets 70 % greater flying range than if each bird flew on its own. As each bird flaps its wings, it creates lift, an upward air current, for the bird immediately following. The lead goose breaks the wind, making flying easier for those behind in the V formation. The other geese honk encouragement to the lead goose. When the lead goose gets tired, he rotates back in the wing and another goose flies point. Geese have been given instinct by their creator to know that they are better together.

And it is true for us, too. We can accomplish far more together than we can as a solitary member or as a solitary church. If we cooperate together and help each other, our tasks are easier and our load is lighter. Plus we have the wonderful gift of Christian fellowship. C.S. Lewis wrote, “The next best thing to being wise is to live in a circle of those who are.”

Today if you feel you are standing alone, now is the time to make the decision to become a part of the *better together cooperative effort* with your church and with Edgefield Baptist Association.

✓ I hope to see you at the EBA Spring Meeting on April 3 at 3 PM at Berea Baptist Church. We'll talk about our cooperative efforts for sharing the love of Jesus.

✓ I look forward to the next Preaching Discussion with Dr. Tommy Meador on April 14 at 10 AM at Big Stevens Creek Baptist Church. Proverbs 27:17 says, “*As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.*”

✓ I look forward to a wonderful time of fellowship with EBA Ministers and Wives on Saturday, April 16 at Elijah Clark State Park.

I am blessed to serve our Lord with you!

Humbly His,  
Tim Shull



Financial Report February 2016				
Church Contributions		MTD	YTD	
Antioch		0.00		0.00
Berea		75.00		150.00
Big Stevens Creek		600.00		900.00
Ebenezer		0.00		0.00
Edgefield First		0.00		6700.00
First Bethany-McCormick		0.00		955.00
Gilgal		0.00		0.00
Little Stevens Creek		562.50		562.50
Modoc		0.00		0.00
Mountain Creek		90.00		90.00
Mt. Zion		150.00		150.00
Parksville		399.55		399.55
Peace Haven		0.00		397.55
Plum Branch		0.00		0.00
Providence		0.00		0.00
Red Hill		692.96		692.96
Red Oak Grove		0.00		2580.00
Rehoboth		0.00		650.00
Republican		0.00		0.00
Sweetwater		0.00		0.00
Various Donations		1000.00		1100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3570.01</b>		<b>15327.56</b>
Designated Accounts	Beginning Balance	Revenues	Expenses	Ending Balance
<b>Missions</b>				
---AAA	51.15	0.00	0.00	51.15
---CCC	7614.05	0.00	0.00	7614.05
---IMB	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
---NAMB	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
---Hispanic	2301.56	0.00	0.00	2301.56
Disaster Relief	7323.97	834.00	0.00	8157.97
Men's Ministries	2744.53	0.00	0.00	2744.53
WMU	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
EBAMO	2542.40	3300.00	0.00	5842.40
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22577.66</b>	<b>4134.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>26711.66</b>
		MTD	YTD	
<b>Beginning Balance</b>		<b>60543.59</b>		
Receipts		3570.01		15327.56
Expenses		8827.04		13602.59
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>55286.56</b>		1724.97
Designated Revenues		4134.00		
Designated Expenses		0.00		
<b>Ending Balance</b>		<b>59420.56</b>		
<b>Investments</b>				
Money Market #1		13332.11		
Money Market #2		10348.04		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>23680.15</b>		
Baptist Foundation		11562.40		

**Thank you for  
supporting  
local  
missions.**

Did you know that individuals may choose to make Memorial or Honor gifts to the Edgefield Baptist Association? Envelopes are available for that purpose or you can send a check with the information for sending a letter of acknowledgement to the family or individual. Contributions may be designated for the General Fund or one of the designated accounts listed above.

# Looking Ahead

Event	Date	Location
Unfolding Words: Literacy Missions Conference	Apr 9	Kilbourne Park Columbia
Connie Maxwell Mud Run	Apr 9	Greenwood
Spring Time Jubilee Conference for Senior Adults	Apr 25-27	Myrtle Beach
More to Your Story: Ministry Assistants Association Meeting	May 19-20	Charleston Southern Univ.
When Faith Collides With Fear Led by Will Graham	Aug 5-7	The Cove Asheville NC
2016 Chaplains Conference	Sep 26-27	White Oak

More information on all events is available at the Association Office (803.637.3309 or <http://edgefieldbaptistassoc.org>), or the SC Baptist Convention (1.800.723.7242 or [www.scbaptist.org](http://www.scbaptist.org)).

## Ways to find out what's happening in the EBA:

- Go to <http://edgefieldbaptistassoc.org> for calendar of events and current newsletter
- Like us on **Facebook**
- Receive Newsletter by either mail or email (please keep us updated on address changes)

*Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.*

Hebrews 10:24-25

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## Edgefield Baptist Association is Your Missions Partner

### Prayer for Mission Trips

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

<b>Nicaragua</b>	Jim & Irene Murphy (April 22)
<b>Asia</b>	Big Stevens Creek Team (May 2-13)
<b>Denver</b>	Lauren Cutter (May 5-12)
<b>Tanzania</b>	Dr. Beth Gordineer (May 14)
<b>Glasgow</b>	John M. Alexander (May 16-July 19)
<b>South Africa</b>	Hannah Shull (May 19-31)
<b>Portland ME</b>	Antioch Team (June 18-25)
<b>Russia</b>	Tommy Meador (July 31-August 9)

Please send us information about upcoming mission trips. We would like to include all names on the prayer list and mark locations on our office World Mission Map.

### Men's Ministry Supper/Meeting

**Thursday, April 7**

**7:00 P.M.**

**Host Church: First Bethany**

Supper is pulled pork barbeque with sides. Please contact Wayne Miller at 637-3663 for more information.



**May 15-22, 2016**

**Week of Prayer for Associational Missions**  
**And the EBA Missions Offering**

*"...let us run with endurance the race that is before us"*

**NEW!** We are putting together an Evangelistic Block Party Trailer. EBA churches will be able to borrow it and use it for evangelistic bridge events to reach people for Christ.

