During Revival services on February 21 at Providence Baptist Church, Edgefield Baptist Association celebrated and affirmed the new Hispanic mission congregation, Iglesia Bautista Getsemani. Pastors and members from the sponsoring churches, Red Oak Grove, Republican, and Providence, as well as other volunteers, were in attendance at the celebration. Many members from the new mission came to the service as well. After the service, everyone enjoyed a marvelous meal prepared by the members of Getsemani. Pictured here is Marco Diaz, a leader in the new mission, preparing Tacos Al Pastor for the enjoyment of all who attended. Rev. Cris Negrete is pastor.

Ministry Health Kits
Due May 3
Place one of each item in a 2-gallon slider zipper bag:
- Comb
- Bath Towel
- Wash Cloth
- Bath-size 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 and Carolina Heath Center in Ridge Spring. Last year over 200 kits were also given to flood victims in the Columbia area.
Sunday School Training

Tuesday, March 15
6:00 – 8:30 P.M.

Edgefield Baptist Association

- Promotion Ideas
- Equipping Teachers for Success
- Record Keeping
- Literature Information
- Role of Sunday School Director

Who should attend?
Sunday School Directors, Assistant Directors, Pastors or other church staff.

Sandwiches and snacks will be available from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m.
Training will begin promptly at 6:30.

Please contact Ryan Vaughan at 803.622.3113 or rdv1983@live.com for more information.

WMU Spring Meeting
For EBA Association
Saturday, April 23
10:00 A.M. to Noon

Host Church: Peace Haven

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

Within a few weeks Christians across our country and county will be celebrating Easter. What a wonderful time to share the gospel message with those who are unsaved and unchurched. Let us not forget that in spite of our affection for and emphasis on the cross and the blood of Christ, that the resurrection of Jesus is the most important part of the Gospel. Without meaning to, we often overlook its significance when sharing the gospel.

Since Christianity has as its foundation the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, we should emphasize this truth, this fact...He is alive! He lives today with the power to change lives, heal the sick, and can sympathize and empathize with hurting, broken people...he can alter our circumstances, break chains of addiction, and forgive sins—now that is an appealing Gospel.

When sharing the gospel, be sure not to stop short of emphasizing the resurrection of Christ from the dead. It makes all the difference.

John Noblin, Evangelism Leader

Special Days
March

Birthdays
07 Rob Williams..............Edgefield First
18 Steve Cartin..............Red Oak Grove
19 Rebecca Howle..............Antioch
19 Jim Bray......................Retired
20 John Noblin..............Plum Branch

Pastoral Anniversaries
Steve Cartin (13 years).........Red Oak Grove
Ryan Vaughan (2 years)...Little Stevens Creek

Church Events
Ebenezer: Easter Egg Hunt on March 25th at 4:30 P.M. Easter Sunrise Service on March 27th at 7:30 A.M. followed by breakfast.

First Bethany: Community Easter Egg Hunt on March 26th at 11 A.M. Easter Sunrise Service on March 27th at 7:30 A.M. followed by breakfast.

Parksville: Legendary race car driver, Mike Duvall, will share his testimony on March 20th at the 11 A.M. service.

Spring Fellowship for EBA Ministers and Wives
Saturday, April 16 from 2:30 until

Elijah Clark State Park
We plan an afternoon of food, fun, and fellowship under the picnic shelter. There is a charge of $5 per car to enter the park, but everything else is free. An evening meal will be served around 5:30 P.M. Children are welcome to attend.
Please RSVP to Jackie at EBA by April 13.

Invitation for Pastors
Do you ever feel like you get bogged down in sermon preparation?
Would you like help to become a better preacher and communicator?
Would you like the encouragement of other pastors in our association?

Tommy Meador, pastor of Big Stevens Creek, will be leading a monthly preaching discussion. Plan on joining us for the first gathering on March 3 at 10:00 A.M. at Big Stevens Creek.
If you have questions, please contact Tommy at 803.640.2498.
The Tears of Christ

On the Sunday before Jesus was crucified, He made His way into Jerusalem from the east. The crowds spread out their garments on the road ahead of Him. When He reached the place where the road started down the Mount of Olives, all of his followers began to shout and sing, praising God for all the wonderful miracles they had seen. “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the LORD! Peace in heaven, and glory in highest heaven!”

But some of the Pharisees among the crowd said, “Teacher, rebuke your followers for saying things like that!” He replied, “If they kept quiet, the stones would cry out!”

But in Luke 19:41-44, as Jesus came closer to Jerusalem and saw the city ahead, He began to weep. “How I wish today that you of all people would understand the way to peace. But now it is too late, and peace is hidden from your eyes. Before long your enemies will build ramparts against your walls and encircle you and close in on you from every side. They will crush you into the ground, and your children with you. Your enemies will not leave a single stone in place, because you did not recognize the time of your visitation.”

There are two places in the Bible where we are told that Jesus cried. 1) In Luke 19, Jesus cried for Jerusalem because they refused the Lamb of God in favor of their own idea of messiah. They chose their own plan of deliverance and did not recognize God when He became flesh. 2) The other time that Jesus cried is found in John 11. “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die” John 11:25-26. Jesus had already decided to raise Lazarus from the dead, John 11:23. Yet he still cried for his friends. “Jesus wept” John 11:35, as He empathized with their pain.

How does Jesus weep for you? In your life, in your church, what is the reason for the Tears of Christ? Is He crying for you because you have refused Him, His Word, His Way? Or is He crying for you because you are His friend whom He dearly loves. He knows your pain and He cares. “Cast all your cares upon Him, for He cares for you” 1 Peter 5:7.

Humbly His,

Tim Shull

Thank you for supporting local missions.

Week of Prayer for North American Missions and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
March 6-13, 2016 • Goal: $70 Million • Here I Am/Send Me. Isaiah 6:8
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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)

Prayer for Mission Trips

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

Nicaragua  Jim & Irene Murphy (April 22)
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Please send us information about upcoming mission trips. We would like to include all names on the prayer list and mark locations on our Mission Map.

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