

March 2016

Edgefield Baptist Association

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Making History with His Story

EBA Association Spring Semi-Annual Meeting
Sunday, April 3 at 3:00 P.M. • Berea Baptist Church
Sermon: Rev. John Alexander



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.

Churches Changing Communities--July 17-22

Suggest projects in your community • Volunteer to serve as Church Coordinator

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.



EBA Executive Committee Meeting

**Monday, March 7
7 P.M.**

Unfolding Words



Literacy Missions Conference
Saturday, April 9
9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

For teachers and volunteers with adult literacy or ESL

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Monday-Tuesday
8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.
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8:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

Meetings at the Association Office:

Dolls on Mission Workshop
Tuesday, March 1
Tuesday, March 15
9:30 A.M.

Executive Committee
Monday, March 7
7:00 P.M.

Sunday School Training
Tuesday, March 15
6:00-8:30 P.M.

**CCC Construction
Coordinators**
Monday, March 21
4:00 P.M.

**CCC Church
Coordinators**
Tuesday, March 22
6:00 P.M.

**March 21
Deadline for April
Newsletter**

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.

Financial Report January 2016

Church Contributions		MTD	YTD	
Antioch		0.00	0.00	
Berea		75.00	75.00	
Big Stevens Creek		300.00	300.00	
Ebenezer		0.00	0.00	
Edgefield First		6700.00	6700.00	
First Bethany-McCormick		955.00	955.00	
Gilgal		0.00	0.00	
Little Stevens Creek		0.00	0.00	
Modoc		0.00	0.00	
Mountain Creek		0.00	0.00	
Mt. Zion		0.00	0.00	
Parksville		0.00	0.00	
Peace Haven		397.55	397.55	
Plum Branch		0.00	0.00	
Providence		0.00	0.00	
Red Hill		0.00	0.00	
Red Oak Grove		2580.00	2580.00	
Rehoboth		650.00	650.00	
Republican		0.00	0.00	
Sweetwater		0.00	0.00	
Various Donations		100.00	100.00	
TOTAL		11757.55	11757.55	
Designated Accounts	Beginning Balance	Revenues	Expenses	Ending Balance
Missions				
---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	0.00	0.00	7323.97
Men's Ministries	4884.53	0.00	0.00	4884.53
WMU	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
EBAMO	2542.40	0.00	0.00	2542.40
TOTAL	24717.66	0.00	0.00	24717.66
		MTD	YTD	
Beginning Balance		53561.59		
Receipts		11757.55	11757.55	
Expenses		4775.55	4775.55	
Sub Total		60543.59	6982.00	
Designated Revenues		0.00		
Designated Expenses		0.00		
Ending Balance		60543.59		
Investments				
Money Market #1		13331.58		
Money Market #2		10347.63		
TOTAL		23679.21		
Baptist Foundation		11586.61		

**Thank you for
supporting
local
missions.**

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

**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**

Looking Ahead

Event	Date	Location
One for All: WMU Missions Encounter	Mar 11-12	Ashley River BC Charleston
Disaster Relief Training	Mar 18	White Oak
Listening Session with Dr. Gary Hollingsworth	Mar 29	Riverland Hills Irmo
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.

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).

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)

“The Lord God is with you; He is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you. He will quiet you with His love. He will rejoice over you with singing.”

Zephaniah 3:17

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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)
Denver	Lauren Cutter (May 5-12)
Tanzania	Dr. Beth Gordineer (May 14)
Glasgow	John M. Alexander (May 16-July 19)
South Africa	Hannah Shull (May 19-31)
Russia	Tommy Meador (Summer)

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.



2016 SC WMU Missions Encounter
 and Annual Meeting • March 11-12
 Ashley River Baptist Church • Charleston

Mission Support and Action Project Contribution Items Are Due at EBA by March 7

Laundry Matters is a part of Loving America Street. These laundry supplies will be used to help prepare laundry bags to be distributed among the residents in the America Street area:

Laundry Detergent, Fabric Softener, Dryer Sheets, Bleach, Stain Remover

The Department of Juvenile Justice Blazers Program helps to teach practical skills such as public speaking and social etiquette, to youth in the justice system. Help by contributing dark blue/navy blazers in men, women and youth sizes.

A Gift Basket for an IMB missionary family taking Voluntary Retirement and coming home to South Carolina is being made by the EBA WMU. Items needed are gift cards for restaurants and department stores, as well as items unique to the Edgefield area.

Please contact EBA WMU Director, Susan Keck, for more information at 637-3906 or skeck60@gmail.com