

November  
December 2016

# Edgefield Baptist Association

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Making History with His Story

## Executive Committee

Monday,  
November 28  
7:00 P.M.

## Association Officers and Leaders Recognized at Fall Meeting



L to R: Terri Miller, Treasurer; Carroll Wates, Personnel Chair; Carol Bryan, Prayer Leader; Diane Murrell, Nominating Chair; Ricky Miller, Men's Ministry Leader and Building and Grounds Chair; Johnny Murrell, Trustee and Place and Preacher Chair; John Noblin, Moderator and Evangelism Chair; Tim Shull, Director of Missions and Missions Development Chair; Ryan Vaughan, Sunday School Leader; Ron Creswell, Stewardship Leader; Glenn Culver, History Chair; and John Alexander, Vice Moderator.

## EBA Disaster Relief Team Aids Hurricane Victims in Marion

A total of 21 from churches across the EBA will be in the Marion area October 26-29 for flood recovery work. Please pray for the team and those affected by Matthew.

Team Members are: Monroe Turner (Antioch), Barbara Langley (Berea), Fisher Miller, Andy Turner, Joel & Rhett Jolly (Edgefield First), John Alexander, Richard & Rodney Cline, Wendy Gable, Kathy Hollingsworth, Herbie Wates (First Bethany), Jackie Ridings (Mountain

Creek), Brad Hammond (Red Hill), Clay Thompson, Ricky Miller, Roger Gardner, Steve Hilliard (Republican), Robert Loar (Red Oak Grove), Alan Timmons (Sweetwater), and Caroline Randall (Elko in Barnwell/Bamberg Association).



## Prison Ministry Opportunities

November 15: Christmas Prisoner Packets are due to association office.

December 5: Deliver and check packets at St. Andrews Baptist Church in Columbia.

December 6: Distribute packets at Trenton Correctional Institution

December 11: Help prepare Christmas meal for inmates at Trenton.

## ARISE SHINE



## World Day of Prayer

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

Speaker: Rev. Tom Rogers  
Theme: Honoring the Men in Blue

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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

Wednesday, November 23  
December 19-January 2

Meetings at the  
Association Office:

Dolls on Mission  
Tuesday, November 1  
9:30 A.M. – Noon

WMU Leadership  
Thursday, November 3  
7:00 P.M.

Executive Committee  
Tuesday, November 28  
7:00 P.M.

December 12  
Deadline for January  
Newsletter

## Edgefield Baptist Association Disaster Relief Team Update

In 1989 Hurricane Hugo hit the South Carolina coast. Many members from the churches in our association went to the coast to help give aid to this devastated area. After this event, Jenny Banner, Ken Durham and I discussed organizing a Disaster Relief Team in the Edgefield Baptist Association.

In 1992 we recruited many members and went for training in order to be qualified as Disaster Relief Team members. Over the years we have had as many as 96 certified members in our association. Our Disaster Relief Teams have been called out to 12 different states. We have always been able to get teams together, go do our jobs and get our work done.

We put a little humor into our work whenever we could. While on a trip to Columbia, MS after Hurricane Katrina, I was meeting with the assignment lady one morning. She told me that she had three jobs for us. I was told that we might have to get a crane for one big tree that was on a house. I told her we had two monkeys on our team that could take care of that. She wanted to know what type of machine was a monkey. My reply was that our two monkeys on this trip were Fisher Miller and Bill Hammond. She got a big laugh out of this. The two monkeys were a big help and the entire team was able to complete the three jobs even without a crane.

I want to thank all of the Blue Hats and team members for all of their work and cooperation through the years. Working in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and our strong team efforts has enabled us to complete all of our jobs and share the love of Jesus. As all of you know our motto is "A cool cup of water in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ."

Due to my age and health problems, I retired from the South Carolina Disaster Relief Team on Thursday, October 6, 2016. May the Lord bless each and every one of you as you continue being a part of the Edgefield Baptist Association Disaster Relief Team.

In Christ's name, Jimmy Painter

## Special Days November & December

### Birthdays

#### November

04 Phillip Howle.....Antioch  
09 Jean Rogers.....Mt. Zion  
27 Glenn Mosteller.....Retired  
28 Jane Ayers.....Sweetwater

#### December

02 Lauren Vaughan....Little Stevens Creek  
18 Karen Sanders.....Peace Haven  
18 Sue Ford.....Ebenezer  
26 Jenny Jackson.....Antioch  
28 Michael Hatfield.....Retired  
29 Terri Miller.....EBA

### Wedding Anniversaries

#### December

01 Ryan & Lauren Vaughan.....Little Stevens Creek  
05 Lance & Tonya Thomas.....Republican  
06 Cris & Gabriela Negrete.....Getsemani  
20 Larry & Sue Ford.....Ebenezer  
29 Robert & Teresa Patton.....Modoc

### Pastoral Anniversaries

#### November

John Alexander (2 years).....First Bethany

## Church Events

**First Bethany:** Night of Prayer for America – drop-in prayer service on Monday, November 7 from 7-9 P.M.  
Children's Christmas Program on Sunday, December 11 at 6 P.M.

Christmas Eve Family Drop-in  
Communion on Saturday, December 24 from 6-8 P.M.

**Gilgal:** Fall Thanksgiving Festival on Saturday, November 5 from 3-6:30 P.M. with games, food, hayrides & singing.

**Little Stevens Creek:** "Truth Be Told" Art Party for all ladies on November 18 at 6:30 P.M. Contact Lauren Vaughan at 864-491-3356 to sign up.

Hanging of the Greens Service on Sunday, November 27 at the morning worship service.

**Mountain Creek:** Hanging of the Greens Service Sunday, November 27 at 6 P.M.

**We Are Here For You**  
**Breakfast for Our Men in Blue**  
**Saturday, November 12**  
**Edgefield First Baptist • 8-10 A.M.**

## Financial Report

September 2016

Church Contributions	MTD	YTD		
Antioch	955.00	2766.00		
Berea	75.00	675.00		
Big Stevens Creek	300.00	2400.00		
Ebenezer	0.00	2000.00		
Edgefield First	0.00	6700.00		
First Bethany-McCormick	0.00	4062.00		
Gilgal	1000.00	4000.00		
Little Stevens Creek	562.50	1707.50		
Modoc	0.00	839.27		
Mountain Creek	179.28	780.62		
Mt. Zion	150.00	600.00		
Parksville	362.90	2171.05		
Peace Haven	501.20	1787.67		
Plum Branch	1035.77	3112.84		
Providence	575.00	1725.00		
Red Hill	1171.58	5792.73		
Red Oak Grove	0.00	2580.00		
Rehoboth	0.00	1950.00		
Republican	0.00	7739.49		
Sweetwater	753.66	3224.20		
Various Donations	615.00	2223.56		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8236.89</b>	<b>58836.93</b>		
Designated Accounts	Beginning Balance	Revenues	Expenses	Ending Balance
<b>Missions</b>				
---AAA	51.15	0.00	0.00	51.15
---CCC	2287.21	0.00	0.00	2287.21
---IMB	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
---NAMB	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
---Hispanic	3640.29	0.00	0.00	3320.29
Disaster Relief	7936.97	400.00 July100.00	1309.95	7127.02
Men's Ministries	993.16	0.00	0.00	993.16
WMU	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
EBAMO	2805.16	0.00	0.00	2805.16
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17713.94</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>1629.95</b>	<b>16583.99</b>
	<b>MTD</b>	<b>YTD</b>		
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>55537.46</b>			
Receipts	8236.89	58836.93		
Expenses	6747.14	53730.16		
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>57027.21</b>	5106.77		
Designated Revenues	400.00	<b>Thank you for supporting local missions!</b> <b>Acts 1:8</b> <b>Here, There</b> <b>And Everywhere!</b>		
Designated Expenses	1629.95			
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>55797.26</b>			
<b>Investments</b>				
Money Market #1	13336.01			
Money Market #2	10350.65			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23686.66</b>			
Baptist Foundation	12312.14			

## Melt Down The Saints

The story is told that during the reign of Oliver Cromwell in England, the government ran out of silver coins. Cromwell sent his officials throughout England to find new sources of silver. When they returned they reported that no silver was to be found in all of England except the statues of saints in the churches. Cromwell said, "Good then, we shall melt down the saints and put them into circulation."

According to the Bible, saints are not a special class of believers. Saints are all Christians, all true followers of Christ. Saints are people like you who have been saved by God's grace and transformed by His Spirit. "We are ambassadors for Christ" and we are His "peculiar people, a royal priesthood, His chosen ones who proclaim the praises of the One who called us out of darkness and into His marvelous light." But we must in our churches avoid being "the Frozen Chosen". Like the beautiful old prayer response, "Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me. Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me! Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me."

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We the Saints must be melted by the Word of God and molded by the Will of God to be on mission for God.

EBA churches melt down the saints and put them into circulation: mission projects, backyard Bible clubs, prisoner packets, seafarer's caps and devotional material, evangelism dolls, health kits, English as a Second Language, prayer ministries, Good News Clubs, Vacation Bible Schools, Senior Adult groups, children's ministries, music ministries, youth and student ministries, Hispanic congregation, migrant ministries, Churches Changing Communities, worship teams, evangelistic block parties, witness at festivals, support for missions offerings, mission organizations, prison ministry, dove shoot, wild game supper, Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes, local construction and repair teams, recreation ministries, involvement in local schools, meals for migrants, ministry in local retirement, assisted living and nursing homes, Christmas meal for prisoners, flood rebuild, and Disaster Relief. And there are more ways for the Saints of EBA churches to be melted in submission to our Lord and circulating in society, proclaiming the praises of Him who called us out of darkness and into His marvelous light.

Humbly His,  
Tim Shull



# Looking Ahead

Event	Date	Location
SCBC Worship & Music 60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration & Reception <a href="mailto:janetaltman@scbaptist.org">janetaltman@scbaptist.org</a>	Nov 14	Spring Valley BC Columbia
Launch Out: SCBC Annual Meeting	Nov 15-16	Riverland Hills BC Irmo
Honors Children's Chorus and YouthSingers	Jan 27-28	White Oak
Senior Adult Choir Festival <a href="http://www.scbaptist.org/worship">www.scbaptist.org/worship</a>	Feb 20-21	Springmaid Beach Resort Myrtle Beach
Literacy Missions Conference	Mar 11	Trinity BC Cayce
Association Ministry Assistants Day	July 27	SCBC

## 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)

You are the light of the world...Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

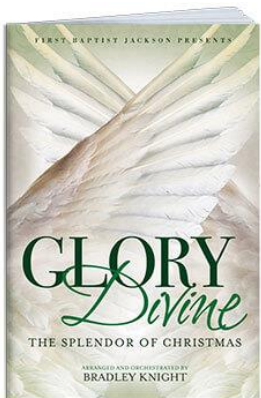
Matthew 5: 14, 16

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**Week of Prayer for International Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering  
December 4 – 11 • 100% of Your Gifts Impact Missionaries Around the World**



## Community Choir Cantata Performances

Saturday, December 3 at 4 P.M.  
Sunday, December 4 at 7 P.M.  
Edgefield First Baptist

Directed by Travis Brian and performed by singers from EBA churches.



The Edgefield Association serves as a Collection Site for Operation Christmas Child. Please deliver shoe boxes to the Disaster Relief Area at the right rear of the building. The dates and times that the building will be open to receive the shoe boxes area are:

**Nov. 14, 15: 9:00-11:00 A.M.**  
**Nov. 16, 17, 18: 6:00-7:30 P.M.**  
**Nov. 19: 9:00-11:00 A.M.**  
**Nov. 20: 5:00-7:30 P.M.**  
**Nov. 21: 8:00-10:00 A.M.**

Volunteers are needed during the above hours. Please contact Donna Parker at 480.5303 or 637.6514.

## Operation Christmas Child Opportunities

**November 6:** A Shoebox Packing Party at J. E. T. Middle School. Call Marion Bledsoe at 803-334-9255 for more information.

**November 23:** Join with others to help at the Charlotte Distribution Center – find out what happens to your shoebox after it leaves Edgefield. Call Ryan Vaughan at 803-622-3113 for more information.

**Wishing You a Blessed Thanksgiving and a Joyous Christmas!**  
*Your EBA Staff – Tim, Jackie, Faye, and Terri*