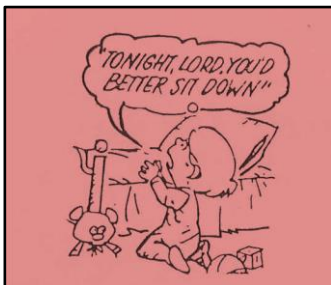


February 2014

# Edgefield Baptist Association

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Making History with His Story



See Robert's Reflections

## Churches Changing Communities 2014: July 13-18 Host Church: Antioch

### Construction & Ministry Coordinators

Photo L to R:  
Bubba Wells, Tim Thompson, Randy Jackson, Robert Williamson, Jimmy Painter, Wayne Miller, and Roger Ellis



The Construction and Ministry Coordinators are already at work locating mission projects for CCC 2014. These construction and ministry projects provide an excellent opportunity to reach the unchurched in the communities served by the EBA churches.

Each church should have a designated Church Coordinator to promote and register members for the 5<sup>th</sup> Churches Changing Communities local mission opportunity. The Church Coordinators will meet on Monday, February 17 at 6 P.M. at the EBA Office to receive registration information and a promotional t-shirt.

Kaitlyn Pugh designed the winning logo for this year's t-shirt. Congratulations to Kaitlyn!

### Prayer Walking at the Edgefield Baptist Association Churches

CHURCH	DATE	TIME
Mountain Creek	2.6.14	3:00
Little Stevens Creek	2.6.14	3:00
Berea	2.6.14	4:30
First Edgefield	2.6.14	4:30
Bethany	2.11.14	3:00
Rehoboth	2.11.14	3:00
Plum Branch	2.11.14	4:30
Parksville	2.11.14	4:30
Modoc	2.13.14	3:00
Philippi	2.13.14	3:00
Red Oak Grove	2.13.14	4:30
Providence	2.13.14	4:30
Hispanic Mission @ Providence	2.13.14	4:30
Big Stevens Creek	2.18.14	3:00
Ebenezer	2.18.14	3:00
Sweetwater	2.18.14	4:30
Mount Zion	2.18.14	4:30
Peace Haven	2.20.14	3:00
Red Hill	2.20.14	3:00
Republican	2.20.14	4:30
Antioch	2.20.14	4:30
Gilgal	2.25.14	4:30



February, the month of love, has reminded us of how "CHRIST loved the church and gave Himself up for her." (Ephesians 5:23) Therefore, during the month of February, your two Association Prayer Leaders will pray for every church related to the Edgefield Baptist Association (including Philippi who helps with CCC every year). We will be Prayer Walking around your church building on the dates and times listed. We invite others to join us in front of the church at the scheduled time. If other events are already planned for your church at this particular time, we promise not to interrupt. We sincerely hope you will feel the prayers being lifted for your church this month.

Donna Williamson and Helen Garvin

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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:

**Nominating Committee**  
Tuesday, February 4  
5:00 P.M.

**WMU Leadership Team**  
Thursday, February 6  
7:00 P.M.

**Missions Development**  
Monday, February 10  
9:00 A.M.

**CCC Church Coordinators**  
Monday, February 17  
6:00 P.M.

**CCC Construction &  
Ministry Coordinators**  
Monday, February 24  
9:00 A.M.

**Personnel Committee**  
Tuesday, March 3  
6:00 P.M.



### Disaster Relief Regional Training Conferences

March 8: St. Andrews Baptist Church in  
Columbia

April 5: Rock Springs Baptist Church in Easley

Background Screenings are now required for  
all DR volunteers!

Please check [www.scbaptist.org/dr](http://www.scbaptist.org/dr) for updates.

### Association WMU Spring Meeting Saturday, March 15

10:00 A.M.

Hosted by Mt. Zion WMU

A light lunch will be served following the  
program and a brief business meeting. For  
more information please contact Carol  
Bryan at 637.1293.

### Literacy Missions Ministry Conference Lake Murray Baptist Church Saturday, March 1 9:30 A.M.

Anyone who works with teaching English  
as a Second Language will benefit by  
attending this conference. Please call  
Jackie at 637.3309 for more information.

### Camp McCall Work Weekends

March 14-15

April 4-5

March 28-29

April 25-26

If interested in taking a team to help  
prepare the camp for the summer, please  
contact Randy Vincent at 864.878.6025.

### Baptist Global Response Bucket Project: Hospice Kit

This project is seeking help in sending  
"buckets of love" to people overseas in the  
last stages of terminal illness. For more  
information contact the SC Coordinators  
Bob and Pam Parker in Anderson at  
864.934.9821 or go to  
[www.gobgr.org/buckets](http://www.gobgr.org/buckets)

## Special Days February

### Birthdays

04 Sandra Cartin.....Red Oak Grove  
26 Helen Garvin.....Gilgal

### Wedding Anniversaries

14 Janice & Roy Cleveland.....Providence  
15 John & Lori Noblin.....Plum Branch  
15 Jim & Judy Bray.....Retired  
25 Eleazer & Nina Benenhaley.....Red Hill

### Pastoral Anniversaries

Robert A. Williamson, Jr. (5 years)..DOM

## Minister's Fellowship Monday, March 10

6:30 P.M.

### Red Oak Grove

The focus of the meeting will be to refocus  
ourselves -- our needs and goals -- as a  
ministers' group in light of our recently-revised  
Ministers' Meeting Schedule and to discuss  
meaningful ways by which we might  
streamline and energize EBA Executive  
Committee and Semi Annual Meetings.

### Church Events

**Edgefield First:** Youth led Bible Study on  
Monday nights from 6:45 to 7:30.

**Mt. Zion:** Community Youth Worship Service  
on Wednesday evenings, led by Pastor Tom  
Rogers, at 7 p.m.

**Red Oak Grove:** Mrs. Tommie Coldman,  
missionary to Israel, will speak on February 16  
at 11 a.m. for Focus on WMU Sunday.

**Sweetwater:** Eighth Annual Wild Game Event  
on Saturday, March 8 at 5 p.m. featuring  
Kingdom Dog Ministries (for adults) and Dan  
the Animal Man (for children). Call  
803.279.2821 for more information.

### EBA Executive Committee

March 3

7:00 P.M.

All Pastors, Church Lay Representatives,  
EBA Program Leaders, and Committee  
Chairpersons are encouraged to attend this  
important meeting. Visitors are always  
welcomed!

**February 17**  
**Deadline for March Newsletter**

**Financial Report  
December 2013**

<b>Church Contributions</b>	<b>MTD</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Antioch	523.00	3395.00
Berea	150.00	880.00
Big Stevens Creek	187.50	2062.50
Ebenezer	0.00	2000.00
Edgefield First	0.00	6500.00
First Bethany-McCormick	0.00	3457.00
Gilgal	1000.00	4320.00
Little Stevens Creek	0.00	2425.00
Modoc	0.00	1378.54
Mountain Creek	157.56	1127.77
Mt. Zion	0.00	600.00
Parksville	384.03	2110.84
Peace Haven	426.60	1640.16
Plum Branch	0.00	1595.05
Providence	575.00	2345.00
Red Hill	784.32	5558.57
Red Oak Grove	0.00	3550.00
Rehoboth	0.00	1000.00
Republican	3087.38	14515.23
Sweetwater	462.96	2210.53
SCBC	120.00	3450.00
Various Donations	823.08	3349.08
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8681.43</b>	<b>69470.27</b>

<b>Designated Accounts</b>	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>MTD Revenues</b>	<b>MTD Expenses</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
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Missions				
---AAA	184.55	0.00	0.00	184.55
---CCC	1620.19	0.00	0.00	1620.19
---IMB	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
---NAMB	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
---Hispanic	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
Disaster Relief	5877.79	100.00	0.00	5977.79
Men's Ministries	2860.74	515.00	0.00	3375.74
WMU	0.00	400.00	0.00	400.00
EBAMO	4030.90	0.00	0.00	4030.90
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14624.17</b>	<b>1015.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>15639.17</b>

	<b>MTD</b>	<b>YTD</b>
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>38369.19</b>	
Receipts	8681.43	69470.27
Expenses	5599.82	70680.03
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>41450.80</b>	(1209.76)
Designated Revenues	1015.00	
Designated Expenses	0.00	
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>42465.80</b>	

<b>Investments</b>	
Money Market	13317.69
Money Market	10336.85
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23654.54</b>
Baptist Foundation	11643.02

**Thank you for supporting Associational Missions.**

# Robert's Reflections



I believe sometimes our spiritual life can be compared to a roller coaster - ups and downs, turns and twists. One moment we're riding the clouds that touch heaven's edge; the next, we think we're about to jump the tracks and plummet to our death.

Seriously though, have you ever stopped long enough to contemplate your spiritual life? Are you always able to follow Jesus and obey His commands? Or maybe you recognize times when nothing you do glorifies Him? When you read the Scriptures, do you try to live in the Spirit, following His every lead? Or maybe you follow God's Ten Commandments as your guide in life? And yet, a spiritual battle rages all around.

You see, even though God prefers not to lose a single soul, Satan is there vying for you to turn and follow him. God has your best interest in mind. Satan will make appealing things become nothing more than subtle nudges to move us farther and farther from God.

How do you know when you've moved away from God's peace and into the darkness of uncertainty? I think it's at that point of the roller coaster ride when you start downward and pick up speed. It's at that point when you focus less on God's Commandments and more onto Satan's Demandments. What are those? Good question!

- \*Thou shalt not have any free time.
- \*Thou shalt not relax and enjoy the trip.
- \*Thou shalt take all your cares, hurts, and burdens upon yourself.
- \*Thou shalt be anxious and stressed out about everything.
- \*Thou shalt be extremely serious and never laugh.
- \*Thou shalt try to understand and figure everything out for yourself.
- \*Thou shalt be committed but not submitted.
- \*Thou shalt owe all men and always be in debt.
- \*Thou shalt please yourself in everything.
- \*Thou shalt be critical and negative at all times.

One day, life as we know it will come to an end—like the roller coaster that comes to the final stop - it's over. If, at that moment in time you could look back over your spiritual life, would you see yourself glorifying God or listening to Satan? Was your life lived in peace or in turmoil?

Count on one thing - if you do not have a relationship with God in this life, you will not have one with Him in the life to come. Call on the name of the Lord and be saved. And then, from time to time when you're evaluating your walk with God, you might want to kneel beside your bed and say, "Tonight, Lord, You'd better sit down" and get in right fellowship with Him again.



In His Love,  
**Robert**  
Your DOM



# For All Ages-Looking Ahead

Event	Date	Location
Evangelism Conference	Feb 18-20	Rock Springs, Easley
EPIC Leadership Conference	Apr 5	Lexington
RA/Challenger Field Day Register by April 1 <a href="http://www.campmccall.org">www.campmccall.org</a>	Apr 12	Connie Maxwell Children's Home
Start Your Engines! Bring a Kid Event at Darlington Race Track	Apr 11-12	Darlington
Spring Youth Thing Register at <a href="http://www.vstuff.org">www.vstuff.org</a>	Apr 18	Carowinds
Jubilee: Gospel Music & Preaching	Apr 14-16 or Apr 16-18	Branson, Mo
Jubilee: Gospel Music & Preaching	Apr 28-30	Myrtle Beach

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

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker (Ps. 95:6, ESV).

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**Saturday, February 8**  
**Edgefield Town Gym**  
**Supper at 6:00 P.M.**

This is a Community Outreach Event sponsored by the EBA Men's Ministry. The purpose is to reach the un-churched and non-believers for Jesus Christ. Pastor John Noblin will share the Gospel Message following a supper of wild game and homemade side dishes and desserts.



\*Associational Quilts Display \*Mission Action and Mission Support Projects \* International, North American, and South Carolina missionaries \*Representatives from IMB, NAMB, and National WMU \*Conferences  
Please call Carol Bryan at 637.1293 for more information.



**ROOTED IN THE GOSPEL**

**March 2-9, 2014: Week of Prayer for North American Missions and Annie Armstrong Easter**

**Legacy: Evangelism Conference**  
Featuring Michael Catt and Father & Son Combinations  
**February 18-20, 2014**  
**Rock Springs Baptist Church**  
**Easley, South Carolina**  
  
John Noblin, EBA Evangelism Program Leader encourages pastors and church lay leaders to join him.  
  
For more information go to <http://www.scengage.org>