

March 2014

# Edgefield Baptist Association

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Making History with His Story

## Vaughan Called as Pastor at Little Stevens Creek



The Little Stevens Creek Baptist Church called Ryan Vaughan as their pastor on February 16<sup>th</sup>. Ryan and his wife, Lauren, live in Lexington, where he has been serving as Youth Minister at St. Matthews First Baptist Church. Ryan holds a Master of Arts degree in Biblical Counseling from Southeastern Baptist Seminary in Wake Forest, NC. He was licensed to the ministry in May of 2001 at Kitti Wake Baptist Church in West Columbia, SC.

Ryan and Lauren were married December 1, 2012 and they are expecting their first child in May. Lauren is Bereavement Coordinator for Agape Senior Hospice.

Little Stevens Creek is anticipating great things in the future with his leadership through the work of the Holy Spirit.

**EBA Semi-annual Spring Meeting**  
**April 6, 2014 at 3:00 P. M.**  
**Mountain Creek Baptist Church**  
**Sermon by Dr. Eleazer Benenhaley**



**WMU**

A light lunch will be served following the program featuring missionary speakers and a brief business meeting with the election of officers for 2014-2015. The Association quilt will be on display.

**Association WMU Spring Meeting**  
**Saturday, March 15 at 10:00 A.M.**  
**Hosted by Mt. Zion Baptist Church**

## Churches Changing Communities 2014: July 13-18

**Host Church: Antioch**

### CCC Church Coordinators

Kneeling L to R: Johnny Murrell (Red Oak Grove), Dwight Bledsoe (Little Stevens Creek), and Jamie Palmer (Republican)  
Standing L to R: Connie Harling (Edgefield First), Barbara Langley (Berea), Faye Johnson (Mountain Creek), Judy Fuller & Beth Gable (First Bethany), Nancy Wates (Red Hill), Vickie Timmerman (Philippi), Gladys McNeil (Mt. Zion), Donna Williamson (Gilgal), Stephanie Mims (Red Hill), and Robert Williamson, DOM.



Each church has a designated Church Coordinator to promote and register members for the Fifth Churches Changing Communities local mission opportunity. The Church Coordinators recently met to receive registration information and a promotional t-shirt. Please reserve the week of July 13-18 to join with members across the EBA in reaching out to help others in our community and share the love of Jesus.

**EBA Executive Committee**  
**March 3 at 7:00 P.M.**

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

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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, March 4  
Tuesday, March 18  
9:30 A.M.

**Missions Development**  
Tuesday, March 4  
5:30 P.M.

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

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

**Place & Preacher  
Committee**  
Tuesday, March 3  
8:00 P.M.

## Ministry Health Kits Due May 6

Please place one each of the following  
items in a 2-gallon zippered bag:

- ✓ Adult Toothbrush
- ✓ Toothpaste (6 oz. or larger)
- ✓ Bath Soap (4.5 oz. or larger)
- ✓ Wash Cloth
- ✓ Bath Towel
- ✓ Comb



**Saturday, April 5**  
**First Baptist Church, West Columbia**  
**8:00 A.M. to 12 Noon**  
Register at [www.missionlba.org](http://www.missionlba.org)

Workshops on witnessing, planning mission  
trips, VBS, deacon ministry, church finances,  
and more.

### Associations Aiding Associations August 25-30

This year the EBA will join with the Lakelands  
Association to work on projects at Connie  
Maxwell Children's Home in Greenwood.  
Please mark these dates on your calendar.



### 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 9:37-38

Host a Movie Night sometime near Easter in a  
member's home and invite unchurched or out  
of fellowship members to come and see the  
movie "The Passion of Christ."  
Include refreshments or even communion,  
along with your own special activities and  
ideas.  
Consider offering childcare or an alternative  
movie and activities for children if families  
with children are invited.  
Afterwards perhaps have a discussion, prayer  
time, and an invitation for guests to attend  
church on Easter Sunday.  
Give it a try, and if it works in reaching others  
for Christ, give God the Glory!

By Rev. John Noblin, Evangelism Program Leader

## Special Days March

### Birthdays

18 Steve Cartin.....Red Oak Grove  
19 Rebecca Howle.....Antioch  
19 Jim Bray.....Retired  
20 John Noblin.....Plum Branch

### Pastoral Anniversaries

Steve Cartin (11 years).....Red Oak Grove

### 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

**Plum Branch:** Spring Homecoming  
Celebration on March 30 with worship at 11  
A.M. followed by dinner and dedication of  
renovated fellowship hall.  
**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).  
Nathan Herron in Concert on Saturday, March  
15 at 7 P.M. Love offering will be taken to  
support his ministry. Call 803.279.2821 for  
more information on both these events.

### Announcements

**Plum Branch Baptist Church** is seeking a  
pianist/guitarist for its worship services. Paid  
position. Call 864.828.0051.  
**The Edgefield Historical Society** will hold its  
Spring Meeting on April 13 at historic Horne's  
Creek at 3P.M. Please call Clarise Wise for  
more information at 1.803.257.2841.  
**Faith Fellowship Baptist Church** located in  
Pendleton, is seeking a full time Senior Pastor.  
Please send resumes to Pastor Search  
Committee 2230 Old Greenville Hwy.,  
Pendleton, SC 29670 or email:  
[ffbcpendleton@gmail.com](mailto:ffbcpendleton@gmail.com)

**March 17**  
**Deadline for April Newsletter**

# Robert's Reflections



I love the spring time! After the cold, overcast days and bone-chilling nights, after the brown, dormant grasses and fallen leaves, there it is—a reminder that life is just around the corner. The coming day's promise of a bright sun, warmth, colors—all signs of life. I love it!! It's a new beginning to that which seemed to fade away only months earlier.

This reminds me that I love spiritual renewal, too! After the days of focusing on temporal things, the things of this world that bring temporary pleasures, after the days of focusing on self, relying only on one's own power for anything, there it is—an understanding deep within that says, "These pleasures are fake at best. And when I think about heaven and hell, I want to avoid hell, yet I realize I can't get to heaven in my own power." I love it!! It's the beginning of a deeper spiritual life, relying on God for a bright and eternal future in His presence!!

**...each Christian senses God's direction toward ministry and mission works that reach out to people in His name.**

The growing Christian gains deeper and deeper understandings of God: His grace, mercy, unending love, and even His will for each individual's life. Permanent death will never come. The soul will never lie in a dormant state. To leave behind this physical body is to be present with God in the spiritual body He gives each believer. And in the meantime—in the bright, warmth, presence of God—each Christian senses God's direction toward ministry and mission works that reach out to people in His name.

Yes, I love spiritual renewal. I love being around Christians and working together for God and His glory. I love the Christians of Edgefield, of seeing how you have come together to reach out to others. May we all continue growing in our praise to God, honoring Him in all we say and do, and glorifying Him above all things!



In His Love,  
**Robert**  
Your DOM

Financial Report January 2014				
Church Contributions		MTD	YTD	
Antioch		0.00		0.00
Berea		0.00		0.00
Big Stevens Creek		187.50		187.50
Ebenezer		0.00		0.00
Edgefield First		6200.00		6200.00
First Bethany-McCormick		1075.00		1075.00
Gilgal		0.00		0.00
Little Stevens Creek		0.00		0.00
Modoc		242.99		242.99
Mountain Creek		0.00		0.00
Mt. Zion		0.00		0.00
Parksville		0.00		0.00
Peace Haven		0.00		0.00
Plum Branch		0.00		0.00
Providence		0.00		0.00
Red Hill		0.00		0.00
Red Oak Grove		4400.00		4400.00
Rehoboth		300.00		300.00
Republican		0.00		0.00
Sweetwater		0.00		0.00
SCBC		0.00		0.00
Various Donations		0.00		0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>12405.49</b>		<b>12405.49</b>
Designated Accounts	Beginning Balance	MTD Revenues	MTD Expenses	Ending Balance
<b>Missions</b>				
---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	500.00	106.12	6271.67
Men's Ministries	2860.74	0.00	0.00	2860.74
WMU	400.00	0.00	0.00	400.00
EBAMO	4030.90	0.00	0.00	4030.90
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15024.17</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>106.12</b>	<b>15418.05</b>
		MTD	YTD	
<b>Beginning Balance</b>		<b>42465.80</b>		
Receipts		12405.49		12405.49
Expenses		4900.02		4900.02
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>49971.27</b>		<b>7505.47</b>
Designated Revenues		500.00		
Designated Expenses		106.12		
<b>Ending Balance</b>		<b>50365.15</b>		
<b>Investments</b>				
Money Market #1		13318.25		
Money Market #2		10337.29		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>23655.54</b>		
Baptist Foundation		11673.71		

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

# For All Ages-Looking Ahead

Event	Date	Location
Preaching for a Change: Regional Preaching Conference	Mar 10 Mar 12	SCBC Millbrook BC
Revitalize Your Deacon Ministry	Mar 14-15	White Oak
Nathan Herron in Concert	Mar 15	Sweetwater BC
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
Band of Brothers	Apr 21-23	
Jubilee: Gospel Music & Preaching	Apr 28-30	Myrtle Beach
Coastal Evangelism Conference	Aug 6-8	Langston BC Conway, SC

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)).

We ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more (1 Thess. 4:1, ESV).

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## The Edgefield Baptist Association Disaster Relief Chain Saw Unit Helps remove fallen trees and debris caused by the winter storm.

On Saturday, February 15, the team was activated by Dr. Robert Williamson to assist with clean-up in the town of Edgefield. Then, on Tuesday, February 18, the crew shown below was called to join with several other teams to help with clean-up in Aiken.



Photo L to R: Bill Jennings, Robert Loar, Roger Gardner, Wayne Miller, Lynn Rearden, Rick Miller, William Wash, Roger Ellis, Michelle Birt  
 Kneeling: Jim Ed Miller, Tim Thompson

A group of 22 team members and volunteers were able to help a number of residents in the town of Edgefield. The roster of volunteers were: Michelle & Travis Birt, Wayne Miller, Billy Quarles, Manly Parker, Bud Parker, Connie & Jim Harling, Tal Mims, Ken Smith, Tim Glover, Jim Miller, Bill Hammond, Chris Parker, Michael Taylor, Andy Turner, Brandon & Fran Clary, Wells Miller, Roger Ellis, Ken Durham, and Robert Williamson.