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2013

Edgfield Baptist Association

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Making History with His Story

Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, December 10
7 P.M.

Mount Zion Calls Rogers as Pastor

Tom H. Rogers was recently called by Mount Zion Baptist Church to serve as Pastor. Tom has served in many aspects of ministry that includes Promise Keepers Ambassador and Counselor, and as Chaplain with several Police and Fire Departments. He has been involved in the public safety field since 1974, serving in Belvedere, Aiken and North Augusta. He has served as Director of the South Carolina American Legion Law Enforcement Cadet Academy for the last 3 years and teaches Drug Abuse Resistance Education in schools.

Tom and his wife, Jean, were married at Belvedere First Baptist in 1977, and have served in many aspects of ministry at that church. Their son and daughter were dedicated, baptized, and raised to be involved in the church's ministry, accompanying Tom on some of his many mission trips to central Mexico. Now married and living in Darlington and Florence, their children continue to serve in their churches.

Tom, a licensed minister and ordained deacon, was ordained to the ministry on October 6, 2013 by Belvedere First Baptist.

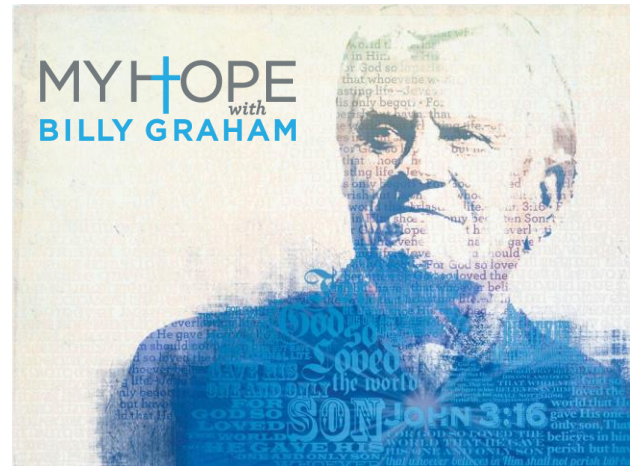


Jean and Tom Rogers enjoy motorcycle touring and share a passion for doing motorcycle ministry with the South Carolina Faith Riders Motorcycle Ministry.

My Hope Week November 3-9, 2013

My Hope with Billy Graham is a massive effort to reach people across the United States and Canada with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Please be in prayer for the churches, pastors, and "Matthews" who are participating in this evangelistic outreach to share the Good News of God's Love.



Association Leaders at the Fall Semi-annual Meeting hosted by Providence on October 20 L to R: Dr. Robert Williamson, Director of Missions; Rev. Stacy Williams, Outgoing Moderator; Rev. Steve Cartin, Moderator for 2013-2014; Dr. Glenn Mosteller, Sunday School Program Leader; Ms. Faye Usry, Clerk; Mrs. Terri Miller, Treasurer; Mrs. Helen Garvin, Prayer Leader; Mrs. Jackie Ridings, Trustee; and Mrs. Donna Williamson, Prayer Leader.

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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
December 23-31
January 1-3

**Meetings at the
Association Office:**

Dolls on Mission
Tuesday, November 5
9:30 A.M. – Noon

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

**International Missions
Week of Prayer Study**
Sunday, December 8
3:00 P.M.

Missions Development
Monday, December 9
9:00 A.M.

Executive Committee
Tuesday, December 10
7:00 P.M.

December 9
Deadline for January
Newsletter

World Day of Prayer
Monday, November 4 at 6:00 P.M.
Edgefield First Baptist
Guest Speaker: Beverly Sease

Beverly Sease, a retired teacher who lives in Lexington, is an amazing woman of God! She went on her first mission trip in 1995 to Kenya, Africa. After seeing the miracles that God did on that trip, her heart was hooked on going to the nations! Over the years as the Lord has opened the door of opportunities, Beverly has been blessed to serve with teams to over 12 countries. Men and women are invited to this association wide prayer event.

Men's Ministry/NWTF Event
Saturday, November 9

To volunteer to help at this event for children at Connie Maxwell, John de la Howe, and "at risk" children, please contact Jeff Hughes at 480.2631 or Tal Mims at 221.3661.

Christmas Prisoner Packets
EBA Goal: 450
Due November 18

Please see approved list in September newsletter or under Ministries on website at www.edgefieldbaptistassoc.org. Volunteers are needed to check packets in Columbia on December 2. Please contact Carol Bryan at 637.1293 if you would like to help.

Distribution of Christmas Packets
Trenton Correctional Institution
Tuesday, December 3 at 6:30 P.M.

Police Background Checks are required for those who deliver Christmas Packets at TCI. Forms are available at the EBA, but must be completed by Tuesday, November 12.

For more information, please call the EBA office.

Prison Ministry
Worship and Christmas Dinner
Trenton Correctional Institution
Sunday, December 8

A Christmas dinner will be served to those inmates attending the regular worship service sponsored by the EBA Men's Ministry. If your church would like to provide food, please contact Barbara Langley at 637.5570 by November 25th.

Special Days
November and December

Birthdays

November

09 Jean Rogers.....Mt. Zion
15 Judy Bray.....Retired Pastor's Wife
19 Brittany Walden.....Sweetwater
27 Glenn Mosteller.....Providence
28 Roy Cleveland.....Providence
28 Jane Ayers.....Sweetwater

December

18 Sue Ford.....Ebenezer
18 Julie Walton.....Red Oak Grove
26 Jenny Jackson.....Antioch
27 Jeremy Walden.....Sweetwater
28 Michael Hatfield.....Retired Pastor
29 Lloyd Prince.....Retired Pastor
29 Terri Miller.....EBA
29 Floyd Harrison.....Peace Haven

Wedding Anniversaries

November

19 Matt & Laura Herring.....Edgefield First

December

05 Lance & Tonya Thomas.....Republican
06 Cris & Gabriela Negrete.....Hispanic
18 Glenn & Sandra Mosteller.....Providence
20 Larry & Sue Ford.....Ebenezer
29 Robert & Teresa Patton.....Modoc

Pastoral Anniversaries

December

Gary Powell (8 years).....Sweetwater

Ministers and Spouses
Christmas Fellowship

Monday, December 2 at 6:30 P.M.
Providence Baptist Church

All pastors, associate pastors, youth pastors and spouses are encouraged to attend.

Church Events

First Bethany: Performance by "Holy City" on November 24 at 6 P.M. Christmas play on December 8 at 5 P.M.

Mount Zion: Installation Service for Pastor Tom Rogers led by Dr. Robert Williamson on November 10 at 11 A.M.

Mountain Creek: Hanging of the Greens on December 1 at 6 P.M. Refreshments following.

Edgefield Baptist Association
Missions Offering

It has been suggested that the EBAMO be named for an individual who is recognized for promoting or carrying out mission work within the association. Nominations are being accepted. For more information, ask your pastor, or call Margaret Ann Thompson (637.3248).

Financial Report September 2013

Church Contributions	MTD	YTD
Antioch	220.00	2229.00
Berea	62.50	580.00
Big Stevens Creek	375.00	1687.50
Ebenezer	0.00	2000.00
Edgefield First	0.00	6500.00
First Bethany-McCormick	0.00	2607.00
Gilgal	1000.00	3320.00
Little Stevens Creek	475.00	2425.00
Modoc	224.20	1059.20
Mountain Creek	0.00	744.73
Mt. Zion	0.00	600.00
Parksville	176.55	1340.95
Peace Haven	0.00	930.46
Plum Branch	512.17	1595.05
Providence	575.00	1770.00
Red Hill	365.71	4046.31
Red Oak Grove	0.00	3550.00
Rehoboth	250.00	1000.00
Republican	0.00	8356.00
Sweetwater	139.01	1384.74
SCBC	0.00	2497.50
Various Donations	900.00	2026.00
TOTAL	5275.14	52249.44

Designated Accounts	Beginning Balance	MTD Revenues	MTD Expenses	Ending Balance
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Missions				
---AAA	184.55	0.00	0.00	184.55
---CCC	2559.86	100.00	720.70	1939.16
---IMB	0.00	160.00	0.00	160.00
---NAMB	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
---Hispanic	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
Disaster Relief	1900.00	3877.79	0.00	5777.79
Men's Ministries	1336.19	0.00	0.00	1336.19
WMU	122.34	936.59	1058.93	0.00
EBAMO	4168.79	0.00	0.00	4168.79
TOTAL	10321.73	5074.38	1779.63	13616.48

	MTD	YTD
Beginning Balance	38260.92	
Receipts	5275.14	52249.44
Expenses	7718.94	54790.44
Sub Total	35817.12	(2541.00)
Designated Revenues	5074.38	
Designated Expenses	1779.63	
Ending Balance	39111.87	

Investments	
Money Market	13316.01
Money Market	10335.55
TOTAL	23651.56
Baptist Foundation	11549.91

Thank you for supporting Associational Missions.

Robert's Reflections



What a wonderful time of year. Certainly, God has blessed us in the past and will again in the future. Of course, my reference is to the Father's free gift of salvation to all people through His Son, Jesus. When looking back over history as recorded in the Bible, we know that God, the Father, went out of His way to tell His created people that He loves them. He spoke to them. He sent leaders, priests, kings, and prophets to tell them. Finally, He sent His own Son so the people might hear!!

This is the time of year when the Christian community celebrates the birth of Jesus over 2000 years ago. We are truly blessed that God, the Father, loves us this much to send His one and only Son to convey the Father's message of love and point us to the heavenly home where the Father wants us to one day live forever. (In my theological studies, I learned that is a really, really long time – eternity).

As we celebrate this season together, let's remember the basis for the gifts we give and receive. That basis is built on love as seen through the gift of Jesus. In fact, as we celebrate this season, let's remember to share the message of God's love to others so they too might be saved. It is only through confessing with our mouth that Jesus is Lord, and believing in our heart that God raised Him from the dead, that one can be saved (cf. Rom. 10:9).

What a wonderful time of year for the Christian community! What a wonderful time of the year to respond to God's faithful love! Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas to each of you!!

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In His Love,

Robert

Your DOM

For All Ages-Looking Ahead

Event	Date	Location
Hunting Retreats: Bow Hunts	Nov 4-6; 11-13	White Oak
Country Christmas	Dec 5	White Oak

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).



The Edgefield Association is a Collection Site for the Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes during the third week in November. The dates and times to bring your shoeboxes to the Disaster Relief area at the rear of the association building are:

Nov. 18, 19: 9:00 – 11:00 A.M.
Nov. 20, 21, 22: 6:00 – 7:30 P.M.
Nov. 23: 9:00 – 11:00 A.M.
Nov. 24: 5:00 – 7:30 P.M.
Nov. 25: 8:00 – 9:00 A.M.

To volunteer, please contact
 Donna Parker at 480.5303 or 637.6514.

And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord” (Luke 2:10-11, ESV).

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Wishing You a Blessed Thanksgiving and Joyous Christmas Filled With Peace and Love

Your EBA Staff – Robert, Jackie, Faye, and Terri

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 HEART, HANDS, VOICE

Matthew 22:34-39

Association-Wide Week of Prayer
For International Missions
Sunday, December 8, 2013
3:00 P.M.
EBA Office

Program led by Lynn Rearden



Lynn Rearden has traveled to Peru four times on mission trips, and loves working with the indigenous people, the Quechua Indians. She has seen firsthand the WMU Pure Love, Pure Water project at work when she went on the SC Baptist Disaster Relief trip to Ica, Peru after the earthquake. On two of her trips the mission teams stayed high in the Andes and were hosted by the Wycliffe Bible translators who were translating the Bible into the Quechua language – but first they had to make their language a written language.

Lynn’s focus for the Week of Prayer Program will be for the missionaries who are working in Peru, that the language barrier will be lifted so the Gospel can be shared.