

October 2013

Edgefield Baptist Association

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Making History with His Story



Republican Pastor Blessed by Mission Opportunities in Zimbabwe

In January 2014, Lance Thomas will begin his 10th year as Pastor at Republican, his first church to pastor, and he is thankful for the great group of people he works with. He especially appreciates their generosity in allowing him to be involved with international missions in the amazing country of Zimbabwe. He has been able to go 3 times in the last 7 years. While there he works with pastors and lay leaders through "Back to the Word" Bible Institute, as well as sharing the gospel in villages and schools. He had the great experience



Pastor Lance Thomas with his "bride of 25 years," Tonya, and their 3 children, Will (15), Ella June (7), and Wyatt (9).

of delivering shoeboxes from Operation Christmas Child this past May, a tremendous blessing that he will never forget. Rev. Thomas serves on the Board of Directors for R.A.M. International which has had an ongoing ministry in Africa for about 18 years. He would love an opportunity to share with anyone interested in going, giving, or praying for the ministry there. As Pastor at Republican, he is excited about what he senses the Lord doing in the midst of their fellowship, and his desire is that we see true revival not just here but throughout our association and the state.

Edgefield Baptist Association Fall Semi-Annual Meeting Sunday, October 20 3:00 P.M.

Special Guest: Dr. Ben Davis, Connie Maxwell Children's Home
Associational Sermon: Dr. Paul Noe, Sweetwater Baptist Church
Recognition of Officers and Leaders for 2013-2014
Reports from Program Leaders and Directors

Host Church: Providence Baptist Church
1701 Hwy 191, Johnston, SC 29832

A Meal Will be Served Following the Meeting



WMU members display craft items from WorldCrafts.

WorldCrafts Party

Thanks! I am grateful for all the help from the WMU for a successful party which netted over \$1000.

Jenny Banner

The vision of WorldCrafts is to offer an income with dignity and the hope of everlasting life to every person on earth. A church may host its own party. For more information go to www.worldcrafts.org.

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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
Tuesday, October 1 & 15
Tuesday, November 5
9:30 A.M. – Noon

Missions Development
Monday, October 7
9:00 A.M.

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

October 21
Deadline for
combined
November/December
Newsletter.

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes

The Edgefield Association is a Collection Site for the shoe boxes during the third week in November, and Donna and Bud Parker are serving as Coordinators.

Please use guidelines for packing your boxes with the appropriate items.

All the information is available online at www.samaritanspurse.org.

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 to assist please contact Donna at 480.5303 or 637.6514.

MEG's House Wish List

MEG's House is a shelter for abused women and children in McCormick, Edgefield, and Greenwood counties. If you wish to contribute items you may leave them at the Association Office or deliver to the shelter in Greenwood.

- Baby Wipes
- Diapers size 4, 5, 6
- Pull-ups-all sizes
- Sippy cups
- New gowns/pajamas for women and children
- Personal toiletries

International Seafarer's Ministry

These items are due by October 30th for delivery to the Charleston Port.

- ✚ Christmas Watch Caps
- ✚ Reader's Digest
- ✚ Devotional books

Christmas Prisoner Packets EBA Goal: 450

The packets are due to the EBA by November 18th. Please see approved list in September newsletter or on website at www.edgefieldbaptistassoc.org.

Packets will be delivered to Columbia on Monday, December 2. Volunteers are needed to check packets. Please contact Carol Bryan at 637.1293 if you would like to help.

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.

Special Days October

Birthdays

04 Faye Usry.....EBA
09 Stacy Williams.....Edgefield First
13 Cheryl Bruton.....Big Stevens Creek
14 Jackie Ridings.....EBA
20 Norma Powell.....Sweetwater

Wedding Anniversaries

03 Randy & Jenny Jackson.....Antioch
10 Tim & Brandy Bush....Little Stevens Creek
13 Brittany & Jeremy Walden.....Sweetwater

Pastoral Anniversaries

Bruce Cooley (13 years).....Berea
Jerry Garvin (3 years).....Gilgal
Tommy Meador (4 years)....Big Stevens Creek
Jon Maish (2 years).....Big Stevens Creek
Stacy Williams (8 years).....Edgefield First

Church Events

Edgefield First: Women's Bible Study, on Mondays September 23-November 4 at 6:30. Call 637.6139 to sign up.

Modoc: Fall Festival on October 19 at 5:30 P.M. and Homecoming on November 3.

Plum Branch: Revival Services with Dr. John Keith, Abbeville First Baptist, September 29-October 2 at 6:45 P.M.

Mt. Zion: Called Tom Rogers as Pastor on September 22 and he will preach the Homecoming Service on October 13. Revival Services October 14-16 at 7 P.M. with Dr. Darrell Thompson.

Trinity Community: Tawana Williams, author of Unarmed But Dangerous, will speak at the 10 A.M. Worship Service on Sunday, September 29. Also, the church is sponsoring a Multi-Family Yard Sale on October 12 from 9 A.M. to 2 P.M. from Jeter Street to Promise Land Road.

IMB Adopt London

Rev. Steve Cartin is facilitating a two-day Leadership Encounter with area IMB missionaries in London the end of October. If you or your church would like to assist financially in this *Adopt London* effort, you can do so by contributing \$22 to provide one packet of training materials for a missionary. Send check made to the EBA by **October 15** and note that it is for IMB Leadership Training. Please contact Steve at 803.624.6599 if you have questions or need more information.

Men's Ministry Supper/Meeting
Tuesday, October 8
6:30 P.M.
Edgefield First Baptist

Financial Report August 2013				
Church Contributions		MTD	YTD	
Antioch		321.00	2009.00	
Berea		62.50	517.50	
Big Stevens Creek		187.50	1312.50	
Ebenezer		0.00	2000.00	
Edgefield First		0.00	6500.00	
First Bethany-McCormick		867.00	2607.00	
Gilgal		0.00	2320.00	
Little Stevens Creek		0.00	1950.00	
Modoc		0.00	835.00	
Mountain Creek		136.07	744.73	
Mt. Zion		0.00	600.00	
Parksville		160.52	1164.40	
Peace Haven		0.00	930.46	
Plum Branch		0.00	1082.88	
Providence		45.00	1195.00	
Red Hill		751.61	3680.60	
Red Oak Grove		0.00	3550.00	
Rehoboth		0.00	750.00	
Republican		0.00	8356.00	
Sweetwater		161.63	1245.73	
SCBC		0.00	2497.50	
Various Donations		0.00	1126.00	
TOTAL		2692.83	46974.30	
Designated Accounts	Beginning Balance	MTD Revenues	MTD Expenses	Ending Balance
Missions				
---AAA	184.55	0.00	0.00	184.55
---CCC	16189.13	1596.19	15225.46	2559.86
---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	1900.00	0.00	0.00	1900.00
Men's Ministries	1331.19	5.00	0.00	1336.19
WMU	122.34	0.00	0.00	122.34
EBAMO	4118.79	50.00	0.00	4168.79
TOTAL	23896.00	1651.19	15225.46	10321.73
		MTD	YTD	
Beginning Balance		53929.59		
Receipts		2692.83	46974.30	
Expenses		4787.23	47071.50	
Sub Total		51835.19		
Designated Revenues		1651.19		
Designated Expenses		15225.46		
Ending Balance		38260.92		
Investments				
Money Market		13314.89		
Money Market		10334.68		
TOTAL		23649.57		
Baptist Foundation		11526.16		

Thank you for supporting Associational Missions.

Robert's Reflections



I miss my Mom. When I think of her I remember things she taught me, especially when I was growing up. Many of the things she taught me were biblical. In fact, I'd have a hard time thinking of anything she taught me that didn't glorify God in some way.

Here's one thing my Mom taught me that I often recall—"You can find something good in any person." I remember asking, "Well what about so-and-so? She'd come back and say, "Oh yes" followed by an example or two of the good things about that person. Later I'd think of someone who seemed quite a bit harder, not as kind, and I'd ask about him. She'd say, "Oh yes; him too. It's just in some people you have to look a bit deeper."

Friends, this is Pastor Appreciation Month. And looking at our group of pastors in the EBA, you really don't have to look very far to find something good. So, here's my question to you, "What are you going to do to show your appreciation to your pastor?" Even as I ask this question, you're probably thinking of *several* things that are good about this godly man. So, what are you going to do to show your deepest appreciation to him who prays for you, and teaches you, and visits you, and _____? You fill in the blank.

What are you going to do to show your appreciation to your pastor?

I'm thankful for my pastor—my friend and fellow servant, who teaches me how to glorify God. I praise God for his diligence to preach and accurately teach God's Word!! I praise God that he is concerned with the destination of the souls of mankind, and desires to help others have the same heart—the very heart of God. I am thankful _____. Well, I'll just fill in the blank and tell him myself. Together, let's enjoy showing and telling our pastors the appreciation we have for them!



In His Love,
Robert
Your DOM

For All Ages-Looking Ahead

Event	Date	Location
Connie Maxwell Senior Adult Day	Oct 10	Connie Maxwell
Pastor's Leadership Conference	Oct 10	SCBC
Girls In Action Birthday Party	Oct 12	N Augusta FBC
Glory Conference	Oct 15-17	Asheville
Hunting Retreats: Bow Hunts	Oct 21-23; 28-30; Nov 4-6; 11-13	White Oak
Women's Get-Away	Oct 25-26	Camp La Vida
We're Here for You Missions Outreach	Nov 9	Your Community
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).

“He told them: ‘The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.’”
(Luke 10:2, HCSB)

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Please join Baptists across North America in praying Luke 10:2. To discover more about TenTwo, or for prayer resources, visit www.namb.net/TenTwo



World Day of Prayer
Monday, November 4
6:00 P.M.
Edgefield First Baptist
 “If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.” Galatians 5:25



Pastors and church members are invited to learn how you can partner with church planters in the Atlanta area.

October 12 and 13 at First Bethany

Dr. Aslam Masih with the Church Mobilization Team, NAMB, will lead two sessions, one for pastors and another for church members.

On Saturday, October 12 pastors are invited to a lunch at First Bethany at 11:30 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall.

On Sunday, October 13 at 5:00 P.M. church members are invited to supper and learn how they can partner and/or even plant a church.

If you plan to attend, please contact Rev. Brian Rackley either by phone or text at 864.993.5599 by October 5.

We're Here for You Missions Outreach
Saturday, November 9



WMU age-level organizations are encouraged to take gift baskets to volunteer agencies, fire, and police departments, with a card of thanks for their hours and training to make our community a safer and more pleasant place to live. Take a photo of your group and email to jackie@edgefieldbaptistassoc.org.