

January 2023

Edgefield Baptist Association

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Making History with His Story



Antioch Baptist Calls New Pastor

Rev. George Gardin, Jr. accepted the call to become the pastor of Antioch Baptist Church. George, his wife Staci, and their children Ayden (11) and Alyssa (10) moved into the church parsonage Friday, December 23rd. His first Sunday as pastor was January 1, 2023.

The Gardin family moved to Edgefield from Alabama where he was serving as pastor in Coosa County at Providence Baptist Church for almost six years.

Staci loves singing, investing in the lives of others, and using her gift of hospitality. God chose to grow their family through adoption and blessed them with Ayden and Alyssa, who love to practice sharing the Gospel with people they know.

Rev. Gardin loves helping people grow in their faith, studying, and preaching God's Word. He enjoys talking theology and sharing the Gospel with others. He likes old cars and most sports, especially college sports. Don't worry if you are a Clemson fan, he will love you as though you are a Gamecock fan!

The Gardins are excited to begin their ministry at Antioch and look forward to what God has in store as they become active on the Westside and in Edgefield County.

2022 In Review

Edgefield Baptist Association churches working together in service and ministry.....

- ❖ 490 Ministry Health kits
- ❖ 504 Seafarers' Caps and 30 boxes of literature
- ❖ 98 Appalachian Backpacks
- ❖ 468 Christmas Prisoner Packets
- ❖ 217 Salvation Dolls distributed
- ❖ Blessed Bedzzz – 130 beds & Bibles delivered
- ❖ GameChangers 2nd residence opened
- ❖ Migrant Ministry witnessed 48 professions of faith during the summer
- ❖ CCC restarted with 53 faithful workers
- ❖ 3 Disaster Relief Deployments
- ❖ 130 meals served at Christmas at Trenton Correctional Institute

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Wednesday

8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

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Rev. David Lyda

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Scheduled meetings at the Association Office:

Dolls on Mission

Tuesday, Jan 3 & 17
10 AM – 12 NOON

Fold Newsletters

Wednesday, Jan 4 & 25
9 AM

News for the February 2023 newsletter is due by January 17, 2023.

Church News

Mountain Creek: Be in prayer for this church family during their time of transition.

Plum Branch: Rev. Jerry Dalton was called as Interim Pastor on November 27, 2022.

**Youth activities
Grades 6 – 12**

1 Timothy 4:12 “Let no one despise your youth; but be an example to the believers, in word, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.”

Join the “4:12 Remind” by texting 2hffk3 to 81010 to receive messages regarding upcoming events.

-Brandi Miller

Men’s Ministry Supper

Thursday, January 12

7 PM

First Bethany Baptist Church

Special days: January

Birthdays

- 13 Tom Rogers.....Mt Zion
- 14 David Lyda.....Little Stevens Creek
- 15 Bobbi Noe.....Sweetwater
- 16 Charles Bodie.....Berea
- 28 Gabriella Negrete.....Getsamani
- 31 Teresa Patton.....Modoc

Wedding Anniversaries

03 Teresa & Gary Self.....Parksville

Pastoral Anniversaries

Lance Thomas.....Republican
January 1, 2004

David Lyda.....Little Stevens Creek
January 5, 2020

Disaster Relief

It's exciting that so many new volunteers attended training in October and others updated their training and renewed their badges. It would be helpful if all of you would contact me so I can update my notification list. Information needed is cell number, email, birthdate, and church. Contact me by text at 864-941-7225 or email at jackieridings@gmail.com.

Little Stevens Creek Baptist invites you.....

Jan 8th at 4 PM - Cowboys for Christ: Evangelism group that offers training and plans evangelism events in the community. Open to all churches.

Jan 12th at 11 AM - Sunshine Group: Community potluck with entertainment for senior saints.

Jan 15th at 4 PM - Campfire Choir: Evangelism group that rehearses hymns, contemporary songs, and original songs to do community events. Open to all singers and acoustic players.

Jan 25th at 7 PM - Brotherhood Meal with guest speaker. Open to all churches.

RENEW: Psalm 51:10 “...renew a right spirit in me.”

Come join us at Philippi Baptist for 4 Sunday nights in January at 6 PM as we seek spiritual renewal for the coming year.

There will be a time of worship followed by a message from guest speakers.

January 8th – Josh Powell, Pastor at First Baptist Taylors SC

January 15th – Wes Church, Pastor at First Baptist Columbia SC

January 22nd – Bryant Sims, Director of Denominational Relations for SCBC

January 29th – Lee Camp, Chief Strategic Officer for SCBC

Church Contributions	MTD Nov 2022	YTD Jan – Nov 2022
Antioch	0.00	2,858.63
Berea	0.00	1,100.00
Big Stevens Crk	300.00	3,600.00
Ebenezer	0.00	2,000.00
Edgefield First	0.00	5,000.00
First Bethany	0.00	6,420.00
Gilgal	0.00	5,000.00
Little Stevens Crk	0.00	1,200.00
Modoc	0.00	466.01
Mountain Creek	97.00	1,017.00
Mt. Zion	200.00	1,000.00
Parksville	839.84	6,774.24
Peace Haven	0.00	2,762.51
Plum Branch	0.00	1,562.45
Providence	0.00	1,725.00
Red Hill	0.00	7,446.17
Red Oak Grove	0.00	2,700.00
Rehoboth	0.00	3,981.00
Republican	0.00	25,617.64
Sweetwater	0.00	5,809.16
Various donations	0.00	227.11
Total Receipts	1,436.84	88,266.92
Total Expenses	5,995.49	78,522.01
Designated Accounts	Balance Nov 2022	
Block Party Trailer	145.50	
CCC	5,131.52	
Hispanic Missions	2,216.43	
Disaster Relief	13,957.79	
Men's Ministries	16,768.69	
WMU	3,628.56	
EBA Missions Offering	2,702.36	
EBA GameChangers	860.00	
EBA Blessed Bedzzz	16,296.99	
EBA Roof Account	8,330.32	
Investments		
Money Market #1	10,372.89	
Money Market #2	13,364.12	
Baptist Foundation	13,739.54	

“Don’t Waste Your Year” by Tim Shull

Money lost can be regained or earned again, but time lost is lost forever. Like money, time can be wasted, spent, or invested. Psalm 90 encourages us to realize how finite our lives, and therefore our years and months and days, are. *“Lord, teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.”* Psalm 90:12. Time can be spent, or it can be invested. Will you spend 2023 or will you invest it?

On this side of heaven, you don’t know the impact of your faithfulness or the fruit of your service. You don’t know completely the results of your good deeds of kindness and your inspired words of witness. Each health kit you hand to a migrant worker, each senior citizen you bless with your company, each child you teach about God’s love, each nail you drive in that ramp you build or that floor you repair, every salvation doll and seafarer’s cap that you sew, each prisoner packet or shoebox that you compose, every bed or clothing or food that you give, each struggling friend that you encourage, every prayer you pray...you know it matters but you can’t know the full effect of your ministry. Maybe the person that you help will experience a life-change that will divert their life from its downward trajectory of hopelessness and anger. It could be that the life that you bless will go on to be a blessing to others. It may be that the one person you lead to Christ will in turn lead thousands to the Savior.

Edward Kimball was concerned about one of his young Sunday School students who worked at a shoe store in town. One day Kimball visited him at the store, found the student working in the back stocking shelves, and led him to Christ then and there. Dwight L. Moody eventually left the shoe store to become one of the greatest preachers and evangelists of all time.

Moody, whose international speaking took him to the British Isles, preached in a little chapel pastored by a young man with the imposing name of Frederic Brotherton Meyer. In his sermon Moody told an emotionally charged story about a Sunday School teacher who personally went to every student in his class and led each of them to Christ. That message changed Pastor Meyer's ministry, inspiring him to become an evangelist like Moody. Over the years Meyer came to America. While speaking in Northfield, MA a young preacher heard Meyer say, "If you are not willing to give up everything for Christ, are you willing to be made willing?" That remark led J. Wilbur Chapman to respond to the call of God on his life. Chapman went on to become one of the most effective evangelists of his time. A volunteer by the name of Billy Sunday helped set up his crusades and learned how to preach by watching Chapman. Sunday eventually took over Chapman's ministry, becoming one of the most dynamic evangelists of his century. Billy Sunday's preaching brought thousands to Christ.

Inspired by a 1924 Billy Sunday crusade in Charlotte, NC, a group of Christians dedicated themselves to reaching their city for Christ. The group invited the evangelist Mordecai Ham to come and hold a series of evangelistic meetings in

1932. A lanky teenager sat in the huge crowd one evening, spellbound by the message the white-haired preacher gave. Night after night the teen came and finally went forward to give his life to Christ.

That teenager was Billy Graham. Billy Graham communicated the gospel to more people than any other person in history. Yet it all started with a Sunday School teacher named Kimball. Millions have been affected by his decision to go into a shoe store and share Christ with one person. Millions more will continue to receive the blessings.

That kind of exponential outcome still happens today. Trust God and engage and invest. Every deed of kindness, every word of witness... who knows but our God the impact your service will have? Like a small pebble tossed into the ocean of life, it seems insignificant. But that splash sets in motion a ripple effect that continues outward until the waves of that deed lap upon the shores of eternity.

Thank you, EBA Volunteers! Volunteers folded and prepared over 4,400 newsletters in 2022.
 Thank you, Juanita Bartley, Carolyn Bryant, Debra Coleman, Barbara Langley.
 Thank you, Joye Bodie, Carolyn Bryant, and Jackie Ridings, for volunteering in the front office.
 We appreciate you!

GIVING ALL LIFE A CHANCE TO LIVE



SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE

SUNDAY
JANUARY 22, 2023

*“Lord, teach us to number our days,
that we may gain a heart of wisdom.”*
Psalm 90:12

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