

March 2023

Edgefield Baptist Association

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Making History with His Story

Mountain Creek calls Interim Pastor



Rev. Charles (Chuck) Keller, who has been serving as supply pastor since November, accepted the call as interim pastor on February 5.

He and his wife, Roxie, live in the Callison Community. They have been married for 35 years.

Rev. Keller previously pastored at Bold Spring Baptist Church in the Lakelands Association. He is excited for this new adventure and is thankful for the opportunity to serve. The couple looks forward to what God has in store at Mountain Creek.



Sweetwater Baptist Church Wild Game

15th Annual Wild Game Supper
March 4, 2023 - 5:00 PM

Guest Speaker:
Chuck McAlister
 North Georgia

Guest Musician:
Nick Akin
 Children's Program
 (Ages 3 - 3rd Grade)
 in the Gym!

For more information call:
 Sweetwater Baptist Church @ 803-279-2821
 198 Sweetwater Road, North Augusta, SC 29860
 Website: sweetwaterhc.church

Bring a canned good to help families in our community!
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GRAND PRIZES:

- Weatherbee Vanguard C11ber
- G.5 Creedmore & 308
- Beretta A300 Realtree
- Max5 20 Gauge
- GZ USA 12 Gauge Over/Under



March is
Pastor
Wife's
Appreciation
Month

Executive Committee Meeting Tuesday, March 14 7 PM

Pastors, lay representatives, EBA officers, program leaders, and committee chairpersons are encouraged to attend.

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Office Hours

Monday-Tuesday
8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Wednesday
8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Director of Missions

Rev. Tim Shull

Moderator

Rev. Aaron Tripp

Vice Moderator

Rev. David Lyda

Ministry Assistant

Ms. Faye Usry

Treasurer

Mrs. Terri Miller

Clerk

Mrs. Vickie Allen

Scheduled meetings at the Association Office:

CCC Construction Coordinators Meeting
Monday, March 6
9:30 AM

Executive Committee
Tuesday, March 14
7 PM

Fold Newsletters
Wednesday, March 29
9 AM

News for the April 2023 newsletter is due by March 14, 2023.

SAVE THE DATE

Spring Semi-Annual Meeting

Sunday, April 16 • 3 PM
Mt Zion Baptist Church

Men's Ministry Supper

Thursday, April 20 • 7 PM
Red Hill Baptist

CCC

(Churches Changing Communities)

July 9 – 13 & October 2 - 5

Baptist Nursing Fellowship

BNF will meet during the WMU meeting in Irmo on Friday, March 24. If you plan to attend the BNF meeting, please contact Darlene Lovette at dlovette64@yahoo.com or 864-942-7659

Disaster Relief Training

April 1 • Northwood Baptist Church
North Charleston

This event provides training for SC Baptists interested in meeting needs after a disaster.

Register at:
www.scbaptist.org/events/disasterrelieftraining-2/

Dolls on Mission

Effective February 21, the Doll Makers will meet at Plum Branch Baptist Church the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays each month at 10 AM.

Volunteers needed!!

No sewing experience needed.

Clear, plastic comforter/blanket bags with zippers are needed to store and transport the dolls. Drop off of at association office.

Yarn Needed

Plum Branch Baptist will take your unused yarn (any colors) to make Seafarers' Caps. Drop off at the association office.

Special days: March

Birthdays

17 Anna Corbin.....Sweetwater
22 Jon Nichols.....Republican
30 Aaron Tripp.....Edgefield First

Wedding Anniversaries

08 Vickie & Jerry Allen.....EBA
18 Bethany & Joshua Rushing.....
Edgefield First

WMU News

Missions Encounter/Annual Meeting

March 24 – 25

Riverland Hills Baptist Church
Irmo, SC

WMU Team from EBA will attend. If you wish to carpool, contact Debra Armstrong at 706.840.4472 or debra.arms@gmail.com.

She will need to know how many lunches to order by March 6.

Will depart from Edgefield First Baptist on Friday, the 24th at 7:45 AM and Saturday, the 25th at 6:30 AM.

EBA Association Spring WMU Meeting

Tuesday, April 18 • 6 – 8 PM
Big Stevens Creek Baptist

Snack supper will be served – no cost.

Camp LaVida Workdays

April 1 or 15 • 8:30 AM – 5 PM
7th grade & up

April 14 • 6 PM – Worship, Work & Play for 18 & up. Overnight option.

Register at
camplavida.org/volunteering

Ministry Health Kits

Due by May 2

Place items in a 2-gallon bag:

*1 toothpaste (6 oz) *1 toothbrush
*1 soap (4.5 oz) *1 washcloth
*1 bath towel (no white) *1 comb

Church Contributions	MTD Dec 2022	YTD 2022
Antioch	0.00	2,858.63
Berea	200.00	1,300.00
Big Stevens Crk	300.00	3,900.00
Ebenezer	0.00	2,000.00
Edgefield First	0.00	5,000.00
First Bethany	3,250.00	9,670.00
Gilgal	0.00	5,000.00
Little Stevens Crk	600.00	1,800.00
Modoc	0.00	466.01
Mountain Creek	212.00	1,229.00
Mt. Zion	0.00	1,000.00
Parksville	1,300.17	8,074.41
Peace Haven	0.00	2,762.51
Plum Branch	0.00	1,562.45
Providence	575.00	2,300.00
Red Hill	0.00	7,446.17
Red Oak Grove	0.00	2,700.00
Rehoboth	0.00	3,981.00
Republican	6,298.00	31,915.64
Sweetwater	0.00	5,809.16
Various donations	194.52	421.63
Total Receipts	12,929.69	101,196.61
Total Expenses	7,810.80	86,332.81
Designated Accounts	Balance Dec 2022	
Block Party Trailer	145.50	
CCC	5,131.52	
Hispanic Missions	2,216.43	
Disaster Relief	14,057.79	
Men's Ministries	16,768.69	
WMU	3,628.56	
EBA Missions Offering	2,702.36	
EBA GameChangers	310.00	
EBA Blessed Bedzzz	15,385.06	
EBA Roof Account	8,330.32	
Investments		
Money Market #1	10,374.21	
Money Market #2	13,365.82	
Baptist Foundation	13,827.99	

Cross Training: Mind Renewing and Heart Setting by Tim Shull

In Christ's Great Commandment we are exhorted first to *"love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind,"* and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. (Matthew 22:37-40). As we look at the cross, we see a vertical pole and a horizontal beam. For followers of Christ, the vertical pole of loving God supremely is the essential prerequisite and support for the horizontal beam of loving others as ourselves. True worship of God precedes and leads to authentic missionary service and ministry. Be fully aware that we will not learn this Great Commandment behavior from our world, modern American culture, which teaches a self-centered, self-promoting quest for material gain, power-influence, comfort, and entertainment. That's why the apostle Paul admonished, *"Don't be conformed to this world, instead be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."* (Romans 12:2). Being changed by having our minds renewed means being willing to learn and practice what our Bibles teach us about loving God and loving people.

When this missionary wrote the often quoted, *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me,"* he was not the triumphant victor of a televised sports event. He was in prison explaining his example of Christian contentment no matter the circumstance and no matter the level of prosperity or adversity. (Philippians 4:11-20). *"I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content..."* Our Lord Jesus, in His "Build Back Better" parable of the rich fool in Luke 12:15-21, declared, *"A man's true life is not made up of the things he owns, no matter how rich he may be."*

Paul instructed Timothy on how this seminal truth can be learned. *"Godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. When we long to be rich, we are a prey to temptation; We get trapped into all sorts of foolish and dangerous ambitions which eventually plunge us into ruin."* (1 Timothy 6:6-9). *"Command those who are rich not to be proud and not to trust in their money which will soon be gone, but to trust in God. Tell them to use their money to do good, to give happily to those in need, always with others whatever God has given them. By doing this they will be storing up real treasure for themselves in heaven -- it is the only safe investment for eternity!"* (1 Timothy 6:17-19).

This echoes our Lord's solution: *"Don't store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves don't break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."* (Matthew 6:19-21). Notice that Jesus did not state the expected, 'get your heart right and your money will follow.' No! Jesus said we can train our hearts in the right direction. We can purposefully, intentionally place our treasure in heaven and our hearts will follow. We can lead our wayward hearts in the right direction by deliberately investing our time, talent, treasure, and testimony on things that last forever. When you give, teach, serve, clean, play, sing, help, lead, engage, cook, sew, knit, purchase, package, sacrifice, share, build, work, etc. for the kingdom of God, you are storing up treasure (people) in heaven. The more you invest in things eternal, the more your heart is set in the right place. In this way, we love God and love people.

Supplies Needed

GameChangers, the Christ-centered recovery center in Plum Branch, has a need for cleaning supplies, paper products, bottled water and Recovery Bibles. There are currently 19 full-time residents.

If you or your church would like to contribute items to this ministry, contact Rusty Bethune at 803.640.5385 or drop off at the association office.



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EVANGELISM/DISCIPLESHIP
CONFERENCE

**March 30, 2023
Sweetwater Baptist Church**

10 AM - Morning Session
1:30 PM - Afternoon Session
6:30 PM - Evening Session

*5 PM – Pastors & Wives Dinner
Call/email church office for reservations.
803-279-2821

lburdette.swbc@hotmail.com

For more information:
TomTuckerMinistries.com



“Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.” Matthew 6:33

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First Bethany Baptist is having a FREE YARD SALE on Saturday,

March the 4th, starting at 7:00 AM to benefit any of our neighbors that might be in need of something. All items are free and first-come-first-serve, including biscuits and brand-new Bibles.



Stand to Reason Apologetics Conference

First Baptist Church, North Augusta
April 21 – 22

There are limited tickets available through the association. Contact Brandi Miller at 803.384.0075.

To purchase additional tickets:
realityapologetics.com/ga/



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