

April 2023

Edgefield Baptist Association

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Making History with His Story

Spring Semi-Annual Meeting

Sunday, April 16 • 3 PM

Host church: Mt Zion Baptist Church

Association Sermon:
Rev. Patrick Griswold

Pastors, elected messengers, association officers, and church members are encouraged to attend.



Easter Sunrise Services

Mountain Creek Baptist

7:30 AM Sunrise Service • 8:30 AM Breakfast • 9:30 AM Worship Service

Mt Zion Baptist

7 AM – Breakfast following service • 10 AM Worship Service

Plum Branch Baptist at the Yacht Club

7 AM – Coffee & pastries following service
Bring chair.

Red Oak Grove Baptist

7 AM – Breakfast following service

South Carolina WMU

God's mission. Our passion.

EBA Association Spring WMU Meeting

Tuesday, April 18 • 6 – 8 PM

Big Stevens Creek Baptist

Guest speaker will be a Journeyman who recently returned from a 2-year assignment in North Africa.
SCBC Representative will be Cindy Skelton.

Snack supper will be served – no cost.



Men's Ministry

Meeting & Supper

Thursday, April 20

7 PM

Red Hill Baptist Church



Migrant Ministry Summer Meals

If you can provide a meal on a **SATURDAY evening**, please call Faye at the association office at 803.637.3309.



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

We will deliver the kits to the camps on Thursday, May 11.

Please meet at the association office at 6 PM to load the kits and be ready to leave by 6:30 PM.

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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:

Fold Newsletters
Wednesday, April 26
9 AM

News for the May 2023 newsletter is due by April 18, 2023.

SAVE THE DATE

CCC
(Churches Changing Communities)
July 9 – 13
October 2 - 5

CHURCH NEWS

Berea Baptist

5th Sunday Community Service with Gilgal, Little Stevens Creek, Mountain Creek

April 30 • 6 PM
Light meal afterwards

Edgefield First Baptist

200th Year Celebration

April 23 • 10 AM

Special Guest:

Rev. Derry Billingsley

Lunch afterwards at Palmetto Shooting Complex

Little Stevens Creek Baptist

Easter Egg Hunt with Lunch

April 1 • 12 PM

Good Friday Sunset Service

April 7 • 7:15 PM

Mountain Creek Baptist Easter Season

Passion Thursday Service

April 6 • 7 PM

Church will be open for prayer.

April 7 • 4:00 – 8:00 PM

Plum Branch Baptist

Easter Egg Hunt

April 1 • 4:00 – 6:00 PM
Hot dog supper following

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

Special days: April

Birthdays

03 George Gardin.....Antioch
08 Tim Shull.....EBA
10 Renee Griswold.....Rehoboth
11 Skip Myers.....Big Stevens Creek
14 Kathryn Tripp.....Edgefield First
19 Larry Ford.....Ebenezer
20 Beth Lyda.....Little Stevens Creek
24 Jerry Dalton.....Plum Branch

Wedding Anniversaries

03 Roxie & Chuck Keller.....
Mountain Creek
07 Helen & Jerry Garvin.....Gilgal
18 Renee & Patrick Griswold.....
Rehoboth

Pastoral Anniversaries

Gary Self – Parksville
April 10, 2021
Jon Nichols – Republican
April 23, 2017
Patrick Griswold – Rehoboth
April 25, 2021

Disaster Relief Training

April 1 • Northwood Baptist
North Charleston

This event provides training for SC Baptists interested in meeting needs after a disaster. Register at:
www.scbaptist.org/events/disasterrelieftraining-2/

Information Needed

Send us your **VBS** dates, times, and themes and your **REVIVAL** and **HOMECOMING** dates and times. We will publish in the newsletters!

Available for your use

Choir risers, keyboard, patient lift, projector, and Send Relief trailer. Call the association office at 803.637.3309 to reserve. For the Block Party trailer, call Edgefield First 803.637.6139

Church Contributions	MTD Jan 2023	MTD Feb 2023	YTD 2023
Antioch	851.66	0.00	851.66
Berea	0.00	100.00	100.00
Big Stevens Crk	300.00	300.00	600.00
Ebenezer	0.00	0.00	0.00
Edgefield First	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
First Bethany	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gilgal	0.00	0.00	0.00
Little Stevens Crk	0.00	0.00	0.00
Modoc	666.26	0.00	666.26
Mountain Creek	0.00	132.00	132.00
Mt. Zion	0.00	0.00	0.00
Parksville	0.00	767.44	767.44
Peace Haven	613.42	0.00	613.42
Plum Branch	0.00	1,213.07	1,213.07
Providence	0.00	0.00	0.00
Red Hill	0.00	0.00	0.00
Red Oak Grove	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rehoboth	1,160.00	0.00	1,160.00
Republican	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sweetwater	1,420.98	0.0	1,420.98
Various donations	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Receipts	10,012.32	2,512.51	12,524.83
Total Expenses	5,890.46	8,241.31	14,131.77

Designated Accounts	Balance Jan 2023	Balance Feb 2023
Block Party Trailer	145.50	145.50
CCC	5,131.52	5,151.52
Hispanic Missions	2,216.43	2,216.43
Disaster Relief	16,038.34	16,038.34
Men's Ministries	16,768.69	16,768.69
WMU	3,678.56	3,678.56
EBA Missions Offering	3,811.69	3,811.69
EBA Blessed Bedzzz	12,412.24	9,755.44
EBA Roof Account	8,330.32	8,330.32
Investments		
Money Market #1	10,375.78	10,376.98
Money Market #2	13,367.77	13,369.31
Baptist Foundation	14,091.96	14,058.72

Camelback Ministries Update (2020 EBAMO Offering)

Camelback Ministries and Narok Baptist Hands of Love work jointly to build God's kingdom through the building of churches, supplying fresh water, feeding the hungry, and sharing the Gospel.

Rev. Sam Moonka, pastor of Narok Baptist Church in Kenya, and his family will visit in the states in April.

Rev. Moonka will speak at Republican Baptist on April 26 at 6:30 PM and at Parksville Baptist on April 27 at 7:00 PM.

"Three Trees" by Tim Shull

In the early verses of the Bible, we are introduced to the tree of decision and the tree of life.

"Then the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there He placed the man He had created. And the Lord God planted all sorts of trees in the garden – beautiful trees that produced delicious fruit. At the center of the garden, He placed the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil." Genesis 2:8-9. "The Lord placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and care for it. But the Lord God gave him this warning; 'You may eat freely any fruit in the garden except fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat of its fruit, you will surely die.'" Genesis 2:15-17.

God gave one prohibition to remind the man and woman that He is God, and we are not. But Adam and Eve did as we do. We choose to rebel against God. *"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23. "The woman was deceived. The fruit looked so fresh and delicious, and it would make her so wise! So she ate some of the fruit. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her. He ate it, too. At that moment, their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness." Genesis 3:6-7. "After banishing them from the garden, the Lord God stationed mighty angelic beings to the east of Eden. And a flaming sword flashed back and forth, guarding the way to the tree of life." Genesis 3:24.* As a result of sin, death became part of the human condition as we are separated from the tree of life. *"The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23.*

Yes, in the final pages of our Bibles, we read about the tree of life again. *"Anyone who is willing to hear should listen to the Spirit and understand what the Spirit is saying to the churches. Everyone who overcomes will eat from the tree of life in the paradise of God." Revelation 2:7. "And the angel showed me a pure river with the water of life, clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb, coursing down the center of the main street. On each side of the river grew a tree of life bearing twelve kinds of fruit with a fresh crop each month. The leaves were used for medicine to heal the nations." Revelation 22:1-2.*

Our sin at the **tree of decision** results in our banishment from the **tree of life**. That separation is remedied, and we are reunited only by what Jesus did on the **tree in the middle**. *"So they took Jesus and led Him away. Carrying the cross, Jesus went to the place of the skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha. There they crucified Him. There were two others crucified with Him, one on either side, with Jesus in the middle." John 19:16-18. "When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride." "They washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb and made them white..." Revelation 7:14. "Blessed are those who wash their robes so they can enter through the gates of the city and eat the fruit from the tree of life." Rev 22:14.*

The tree in the middle is the center of history, the crux of humanity, and the divider of eternity. *"God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God." 2 Corinthians 5:21. "He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed." 1 Peter 2:24.* So, I'll cherish and cling to the old rugged cross.

Celebrate the resurrection of our Lord!

Happy
EASTER



“God forbid that I should boast about anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.”
Galatians 6:14

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Attention all churches:
Please call or email the association office to inform us who your CCC Church Coordinator will be so we can distribute the church packets this month.



Salvation Dolls Available
Salvation Dolls are a great way to share the salvation story. Call the association office to request dolls for your VBS, mission trips, and other outreach programs.

Edgefield First Baptist
Clothes Closet

- ▶ 212 Church Street
- ▶ Open Tuesday 9 a.m. to Noon

FREE clothing for children sizes birth to teen and some adult sizes available.

Pastor's Wife Appreciation Month Celebrated

On March 19 Berea Baptist presented their pastor's wife, Joye Bodie with a throw.



On March 19 Red Oak Grove Baptist WMU presented their pastor's wife, Gloria Shull with red roses and a gift card.





Stand to Reason
Apologetics Conference

First Baptist Church
North Augusta

To purchase tickets:
realityapologetics.com/ga/