

May 2023

Edgefield Baptist Association

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2023 Edgefield Baptist Association Missions Offerings (EBAMO)

Scholarships for Residents

GameChangers is a sober-living home and long-term stay facility in which men recovering from substance abuse can take control of their lives and build the foundation for future success through faith in Christ.

Scholarships to fund stays in this facility will uplift men, rooted in recovery.

The 2021 EBAMO Offering went to the construction of a second residence at GameChangers, which opened in summer 2022. Both residences are full.

To read more about GameChangers, visit [www.gamechangersfoundationsc.org](http://www.gamechangersfoundationsc.org)

*“Have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind.” 1 Peter 3:8*

Give to the EBA Missions Offering –  
GameChangers  
through your church to Edgefield Baptist Association,  
or you may send your donation directly to  
Edgefield Baptist Association  
985 Hwy 25 N, Edgefield, SC 29824  
or use Venmo code:



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### Calling all Prayer Warriors!

We are building an association prayer team and want every church to be a part of it. Pastors, please send us a representative from your church who understands the power of prayer and is willing to serve on this team. Please provide the name & contact information to the association office. Our target date for the first meeting is Wednesday, May 24 at 10 AM at the association office. We plan to meet 6 times a year. Thank you in advance to everyone who will give of themselves in this indispensable ministry.

-Rev. Chuck Keller

*“Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving; meanwhile praying also for us, that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ...”*

Colossians 4:2-3 (NKJV)

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 www.ebmissions.org  
**Contact us:**  
 office@ebmissions.org  
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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:**  
**Executive Committee Meeting**  
 Tuesday, May 23  
 7 PM  
**Fold Newsletters**  
 Wednesday, May 24  
 9 AM  
**Prayer Team**  
 Wednesday, May 24  
 10 AM

**News for the June 2023 newsletter is due by May 16, 2023.**

**CHURCH NEWS**  
**Antioch** is hosting *National Day of Prayer Service* on Thursday, May 4 at 6:30 PM.  
**Plum Branch Baptist** called Rev. Jerry Dalton as full-time pastor on March 19. He has served as interim pastor since December 2022.  
**Mountain Creek** is having an “aMAYzing Fling” on Sunday, May 21 from 4:30 – 6:30 PM. Bible skits, games, wagon rides, hot dogs.  
**Rehoboth** will have Homecoming on May 7 at 11 AM and revival services May 8 - 10 at 7 PM nightly with Rev. Chuck Keller of Mountain Creek Baptist preaching and Rev. Tim Shull leading the music.

**Special days: May Birthdays**  
 06 Chuck Keller.....Mountain Creek  
 08 Alyson Abbot.....Sweetwater  
 10 Vickie Allen.....EBA  
 23 Joye Bodie.....Berea  
**Wedding Anniversaries**  
 10 Karen & Tim Sanders.....  
 Peace Haven  
 16 Cheryl & Eric Bruton.....  
 Big Stevens Creek

**Congratulations** to Edgefield Baptist Association WMU for achieving the 2021-2022 TRIPLE A Recognition.

Edgefield Baptist Association will be closed Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day.

**VBS 2023**

Antioch	June 11- 15	6 – 8:10 PM	Twists & Turns
Big Stevens Creek	June 19 - 22	Family Meal 5:00 VBS 6 – 8:15 PM	Twists & Turns
Ebenezer	June 11- 16	6 – 8:00 PM	Twists & Turns
Edgefield First	June 12 – 16	5 – 8:00 PM	Twists & Turns
Little Stevens Creek	June 4 – 8	6:00 PM	God’s Game Plan
Mt Zion	June 12 – 14	6 – 8:30 PM	Rocky Railway
Plum Branch	June 19 – 23	5:30 – 8:30 PM	Wilderness Escape
Red Oak Grove/Parksville	June 26 – 30	5:30 – 8:15 PM	Twists & Turns

**4:12 Youth Events Planned**  
 (1) Sunday, May 7 • 4:30-7:30 PM\*  
 Edgefield Gym  
 Basketball, pizza, Bible study and Dodgeball tournament  
 (2) Weekend of Fun for middle and high school youth (6th-12th)\*  
 Friday, July 28 • 5:00 - 8:00 PM  
 Saturday, July 29 • 2:00 - 8:00 PM  
 Old Timber Lodge Edgefield, SC  
 Join us for fellowship, food, friends, fishing, swimming and more as we gather together for a weekend of fun!  
 \*Please contact Brandi Miller or the association office to register so we can plan accordingly.  
 Sign up for upcoming events/activities and get your church youth involved by contacting Brandi Miller 803-384-0075 • clemsontigergrad@gmail.com

Church Contributions	MTD Mar 2023	YTD 2023
Antioch	0.00	851.66
Berea	200.00	300.00
Big Stevens Crk	300.00	900.00
Ebenezer	0.00	0.00
Edgefield First	0.00	5,000.00
First Bethany	0.00	0.00
Gilgal	0.00	0.00
Little Stevens Crk	500.00	500.00
Modoc	0.00	666.26
Mountain Creek	382.00	514.00
Mt. Zion	0.00	0.00
Parksville	788.00	1,555.44
Peace Haven	0.00	613.42
Plum Branch	0.00	1,213.07
Providence	575.00	575.00
Red Hill	0.00	0.00
Red Oak Grove	2,700.00	2,700.00
Rehoboth	0.00	1,160.00
Republican	0.00	0.00
Sweetwater	0.00	1,420.98
Various donations	94.55	94.55
Total Receipts	5,539.55	18,064.38
Total Expenses	8,638.86	22,571.15
<b>Designated Accounts</b>		Balance Mar 2023
Block Party Trailer		145.50
CCC		5,151.52
Hispanic Missions		2,216.43
Disaster Relief		16,138.34
Men's Ministries		16,768.69
WMU		3,678.56
EBA Roof Account		8,330.32
EBA Missions Offering		3,811.69
EBAMO Blessed Bedzzz		10,055.44
<b>Investments</b>		
Money Market #1		10,376.98
Money Market #2		13,369.31
Baptist Foundation		14,140.31

## New EBA Prayer Team by Tim Shull

When it is all said and done concerning prayer, there is more said than done. Do you pray, or do you just talk about prayer? Does your church have an active prayer ministry? Do you make your plan and your daily to-do list and then ask God to bless it, or do you go to our God first? Do you stress and worry over your needs and the needs of your church, or do you first “take it to the Lord in prayer”? Do you get deep into problem solving and project management without first consulting our Heavenly Father? Do you follow the last resort mantra: “When all else fails, pray.” Or is prayer your first resort?

We need a renewed commitment to pray for one another, pray for our churches, pray for our pastors, pray for our Acts 1:8 witness, pray for the lost, and pray for our nation. When we look at the ever-increasing speed with which our country and our society are degrading into deeper and deeper depravity, we must consistently, regularly, and fervently pray. Let us not get to the end of America and realize that we could have / should have prayed more earnestly.

Have you ever heard someone say, “I wish I could do more than just pray,” as if connecting with the plan and purpose and power of the Sovereign of the universe – who deeply loves us and cares about us – is a small thing? We can do more after we have prayed, but **we can never do more until we have prayed.** Prayer must be our first resort, not our last resort.

Our problems and our challenges are innately spiritual, every one of them. And if a problem is spiritual, its solution must be spiritual as well. We must humbly call upon our God and pray. We must not only talk about prayer, but pray. Not only agree on the importance of prayer, but pray. Not only preach on the power of prayer, but pray. As Billy Graham once said, “To get our nation on its feet, we must get on our knees.” The same is true for our churches, our families, our lives. **That is why I am encouraging each pastor and each church to connect with our new EBA prayer team, led by Rev. Chuck Keller,** the new pastor at Mountain Creek Church. I’m asking each church to select a member to join the EBA prayer team, then call the EBA office and let us know who represents your church. Support and encourage your representative on the prayer team, as they will be doing important work. Feed the prayer ministry with your requests and items of praise, so that with confidence we will know that our deeds of kindness and words of witness are saturated with God’s power and marvelous love.

*“Rejoice always; Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”*

1 Thessalonians 516-18

### Ministry Health Kits

Due by May 2

Place items in a 2-gallon bag:

- \*1 toothpaste (6 oz)
- \*1 soap (4.5 oz)
- \*1 bath towel (no white)
- \*1 toothbrush
- \*1 washcloth
- \*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.

## 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.

*“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.”*

Philippians 4:6

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**July 9 – 13**

### Meals Needed for CCC

If your church or group can prepare a breakfast or supper during CCC, or if you can assist in packing lunches, please call Barbara Langley at 803.637.5570.

### CCC 2023 Important Facts

- Host church: Edgefield First Baptist
- Dorms are open this year for the youth!
- Registration packets now available – see your Church Coordinator
- Pastors who are participating & Construction/Ministry Coordinators should complete registration forms, but do not pay a registration fee.
- Deadline for completed registrations at EBA - June 13

### Items Needed for CCC

Donations of bottled water and Gatorade (or monetary donations) needed. Drop off at EBA during regular business hours.