

June 2023

## Churches Changing Communities 2023 July 9 -13

Not everyone can or will go on a mission trip to another state or country. Here's your opportunity! Churches Changing Communities (CCC) – a week of local missions where you can serve and sleep on the floor or cot just like a foreign mission trip.

See your CCC Church Coordinator for a registration packet. There are opportunities to serve on construction/repair projects or ministry projects. Call the EBA office if you have questions.

Host church: Edgefield First Baptist  
Camp Pastor: Rev. Joshua Rushing

Dorms are open this year!

Deadline for completed registrations at EBA – June 13



### Meals needed for CCC

If your church or group can prepare a breakfast or supper during CCC, please call Barbara Langley at 803.637.5570. (Consider partnering with another church.)

### Items needed for CCC

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

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Making History with His Story



### Message from Prayer Team Director

Thanks to all of the churches who have selected your representative to participate on the Associational Prayer Team!

It's not too late if your church still needs to choose a representative. We are excited! God moves when His people humble ourselves and pray! As wonderful as the Edgefield Baptist Association is now, we believe He has new heights for us to ascend! Our purpose as a team could be best described by the words of Charles W. Deweese in his book, *Prayer in Baptist Life a Historical Survey*: "Three objectives of prayer are to seek God, to cultivate fellowship with God, and to discover and act within God's will." If we attain this definition of prayer, amazing kingdom victories will follow!

-Rev. Chuck Keller

Happy  
Father's  
Day

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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 Team Leaders Meeting**  
 Monday, June 19  
 9 AM  
**Fold Newsletters**  
 Wednesday, June 28  
 9 AM

**News for the July 2023 newsletter is due by June 20, 2023.**

**4:12 Youth Events Planned**  
 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

**Pastor Ordination**  
 Rehoboth Baptist Church has called Patrick Griswold to be their pastor.  
 Ordination Service is 3 PM on Sunday, June 4.  
 Reception following.  
 Everyone is invited.

**Have you completed your CCC registration packet?**

**Special days: June Birthdays**  
 01 Brian Ayers.....Sweetwater  
 10 Cris Negrete.....Getsemani  
 13 Roxie Keller.....Mountain Creek  
**Wedding Anniversaries**  
 02 Terri & Fisher Miller.....EBA  
**Pastoral Anniversaries**  
 Rev. Eric Bruton – Big Stevens Creek  
 June 9, 2004  
 Rev. Robert Patton – Modoc  
 June 1, 2006  
 Rev. Joshua Rushing – Edgefield First  
 June 20, 2022

**Dolls on Mission**  
 Will not meet June – August.  
 Restart in September.  
 If you need salvation dolls for your VBS, Children’s Church, or mission trips, please call the association office.

**Women’s Joy Group**  
 Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday monthly  
 6:30 PM – Mountain Creek Baptist  
 This gathering will give us an opportunity to share openly with other women and create lasting friendships. With the amount of negativity that surrounds us on a daily basis, this will be one place we can come to re-center our focus and remember where our TRUE joy comes from.

**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

<b>Church Contributions</b>	MTD Apr 2023	YTD 2023
Antioch	1,037.00	1,888.66
Berea	0.00	300.00
Big Stevens Crk	300.00	1,200.00
Ebenezer	2,000.00	2,000.00
Edgefield First	0.00	5,000.00
First Bethany	0.00	0.00
Gilgal	0.00	0.00
Little Stevens Crk	0.00	500.00
Modoc	0.00	666.26
Mountain Creek	0.00	514.00
Mt. Zion	200.00	200.00
Parksville	1,000.72	2,556.16
Peace Haven	696.50	1,309.92
Plum Branch	0.00	1,213.07
Providence	0.00	575.00
Red Hill	1,808.59	1,808.59
Red Oak Grove	0.00	2,700.00
Rehoboth	954.00	2,114.00
Republican	6,000.00	6,000.00
Sweetwater	0.00	1,420.98
Various donations	0.00	94.55
Total Receipts	13,996.81	32,061.19
Total Expenses	6,167.44	28,738.59
<b>Designated Accounts</b>		Balance Apr 2023
Block Party Trailer		145.50
CCC		7,801.52
Hispanic Missions		2,216.43
Disaster Relief		16,338.34
Men's Ministries		16,868.69
WMU		3,678.56
EBA Roof Account		8,330.32
EBA Missions Offering		3,811.69
EBAMO Blessed Bedzzz		7,679.20
<b>Investments</b>		
Money Market #1		10,378.30
Money Market #2		13,371.02
Baptist Foundation		14,140.31

## Passing the Baton by Tim Shull

CCC is July 9 – 13 with the registration deadline fast approaching. The followers of Christ who make up the churches of the Edgefield Baptist Association enjoy a rich heritage of faithfulness, love and devotion. Those who have gone before us set for us examples of selfless service and faithful ministry. Furthermore, we are still surrounded by authentic believers who, in the midst of adversity of advancing years, still find ways to demonstrate the love of Christ. They work hard to perform a myriad of deeds of kindness, and they persevere in being witnesses for our Savior.

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin which so easily entangles us and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:1-2.*

Our Lord began this race for us, and He will complete it. He is the starting leg and the anchor leg. He has called each of us to run our leg of the race marked out for us. We keep our eyes on Jesus and remember all that He endured. His example in Holy Scripture, the empowerment of the Holy Spirit and the encouragement of the people of God give us all we need to run our race with patient endurance. One day soon Jesus will run the anchor leg and bring it all to the finish. (Maranatha!) Until that happens, we run, not just for our generation but also for those who have gone before us and those who run after us. Each generation must pass the baton, the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to the next. Each generation must train up those who will evangelize and disciple and teach and preach and sing and lead.

In more than one Olympic Games, relay teams from the U.S. dropped the baton or otherwise failed to make the exchange. They were the fastest men and the fastest women on the planet, yet they did not win. For us, passing the baton of the Gospel of our Lord to the next person is of supreme importance. Think of people who invested in you, in your coming to Christ and being discipled and equipped for service. So, in whom are you investing? Who will do your ministry when you can no longer do it? Who is next? Don't just spend your summer. Invest your life in another. Pray, give, work, go, share, reach, teach, love...in your Vacation Bible School, retreat, camp, mission trip, Sunday School and other ways you can make disciples and help equip them for service.

One of the best ways to pass the baton is to participate in **Churches Changing Communities, CCC**. We will deliberately engage in deeds of kindness so that people will listen as we share words of witness. We will intentionally show young people how to communicate the Gospel, how to teach a Bible lesson, how to lead a learning activity or a game or a craft or a song. We will bless many neighbors with construction and repair projects. We won't just do some good in our communities, we'll also help to equip the next leaders.

Remember to **register for CCC** through your church coordinator/representative, who has the proper forms. The only way to get the T-shirt is to register. The church coordinator/representative should hand-deliver the registration forms and one church check to the EBA office on **Monday or Tuesday June 12-13**. No registrations can be received after four on June 13<sup>th</sup>. While the activities, projects, ministries, and meals of CCC are for those who register, I invite anyone to attend our nightly worship at 7 p.m. on Sunday Monday Tuesday or Thursday at Edgefield First Baptist Church wherein Rev. Joshua Rushing will bring an inspiring message.



## June 4: Disaster Relief Sunday

Disaster Relief strives to bring help, hope, and healing after a crisis. With 11 different ways to serve, there's a place for everyone and every church.

Call the association office if you would like a Disaster Relief volunteer to speak at your church or group meeting.

*"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time for us to do."*

Ephesians 2:10

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## 2023 Association Missions Offering (EBAMO)

### Scholarship for Residents

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

Give to EBAMO through your church or send directly to the association office.



## Attention VBS Directors!

Send us a group picture for the newsletter.



## Migrant Ministry



Led by Rev. Cris Negrete, 21 volunteers distributed over 300 ministry health kits to 6 migrant camps on May 11.

If you can provide a meal on a SATURDAY evening for the summer migrant ministry, please call the association office at 803.637.3309.

## SC Baptist Foundation Certificates of Growth offered to individuals



The Baptist Foundation of SC, through its subsidiary Seed Financial Services, is now able to offer Certificates of Growth (COG) to individuals. COGs are instruments similar to bank Certificates of Deposit. COGs provide competitive rates of return for 1-year, 3-year, and 5-year terms. Interest can be received monthly, annually, or at maturity. The invested funds provide resources to help SC Baptist Churches. Visit [www.mybfsc.org/cog](http://www.mybfsc.org/cog) to learn more.