

November
December
2023

Edgefield Baptist Association

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Making History with His Story

EBAMO 2023: GameChangers Scholarships



Would you like to join our team at Gamechangers? We need your help and you can provide it by contributing to the EBAMO for this year! Funds will go for scholarships to incoming residents who otherwise do not have the financial resources to participate in our ministry. If you would like to help reach those burdened by addiction, to lift them up through faith and purpose, please consider donating to the EBA Missions Offering. -- *Rusty Bethune*

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



GameChangers Leadership Team

Like & follow on Facebook to see the fruit of your contributions.

Visit
www.gamechangersfoundationsc.org
for more information.



Fall CCC 2023.....

Thank you to all the volunteers and donors who made it a success!



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After



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After

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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

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Mr. Ron Creswell

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Mrs. Terri Miller

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Mrs. Vickie Allen

Scheduled meetings at the Association Office:

Executive Committee

Tuesday, November 28
7 PM

Edgefield Baptist Association will be closed Nov 22, Dec 18 – 29, 2023, January 1, 2024.

Please email

office@ebamissions.org if you need assistance.

News for the January 2024 newsletter is due by December 29, 2023.

Youth News

4:12 Winter Youth Retreat

Look Up Lodge, Travelers Rest, SC
February 2 – 4, 2024

\$157 (includes lodging, food, activities)

\$80 deposit due by Nov 1 to your church youth leader

At least 1 chaperone from each church group is needed

Church youth leader: Submit all names and deposits to Brandi Miller by Nov 2

Contact Brandi Miller at 803.384.0075 for more information.

WMU News

Prisoner Packs

Due November 28

All items must fit in a one-gallon size zipper bag (no slider mechanisms)

ONE black non-retractable pen (no wire clips, no other color ink)

ONE standard size writing tablet approx. 6”x 9” (no wire bound, composition books, post-it notes, or colored paper)

ONE adult toothbrush (individually factory-sealed, no multi-packs)

ONE 4 oz- 6 oz toothpaste (no travel size)

ONE 3.2 oz – 6 oz bar of soap (no travel size, no unwrapped or unboxed bars)

TWO rolls of hard candy like LifeSavers, Mentos, Breath Savers

THREE first-class #10 stamp-embossed envelopes from USPS (no regular stamps or other size envelopes)

3 ways to receive the newsletter:

paper copy, email, or view on our website at www.ebamissions.org. Call/email us if you wish to change the way you receive the newsletter.

Special days

Birthdays

November:

09 Jean Rogers.....Mt Zion

28 Jane Ayers.....Sweetwater

December:

16 Tammy Nichols.....Republican

18 Karen Sanders.....Peace Haven

29 Terri Miller.....EBA

31 Cindy Nichols.....Providence

Wedding Anniversaries

November:

26 Joye & Charles Bodie.....Berea

December:

05 Tonya & Lance Thomas.....

Republican

06 Gabriela & Cristobol Negrete.....

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29 Teresa & Robert Patton....Modoc

Pastoral Anniversaries

Rev. Skip Myers...Big Stevens Creek
November 5, 2017

Rev. John Alexander...First Bethany
November 16, 2014

Rev. Tim Shull.....Red Oak Grove
December 3, 2017

Rev. Charles Bodie.....Berea
December 13, 2020

Rev. Aaron Trip.....Edgefield First
December 14, 2016

Church News

Modoc Baptist: Homecoming

Nov 5 • 11 AM - Concert after lunch

Plum Branch: Fall Festival

Nov 4 • 4 PM - Hot dogs, hayride, games

Mountain Creek: Grateful

Gathering Nov 5 • 3-5:30 PM – festive time of food, fun & fellowship

JOY Gathering Women's Ministry

Nov 16 • 6:30 PM

Hanging of the Greens

Nov 26 • 6 PM - decorate the Crismon Tree, sing Christmas carols, and refreshments.

Church Contributions	MTD Sept 2023	YTD 2023
Antioch	0.00	2,764.15
Berea	100.00	900.00
Big Stevens Crk	0.00	2,700.00
Ebenezer	0.00	2,000.00
Edgefield First	0.00	5,000.00
First Bethany	0.00	4,090.00
Gilgal	0.00	2,500.00
Little Stevens Crk	0.00	1,000.00
Modoc	0.00	881.96
Mountain Creek	0.00	1,547.00
Mt. Zion	0.00	600.00
Parksville	605.68	6,650.75
Peace Haven	0.00	1,965.78
Plum Branch	0.00	1,713.07
Providence	0.00	1,150.00
Red Hill	0.00	3,151.33
Red Oak Grove	0.00	2,700.00
Rehoboth	0.00	3,022.00
Republican	0.00	12,000.00
Sweetwater	2,001.50	5,436.14
Various donations	0.00	94.55
Total Receipts	2,707.18	61,866.73
Total Expenses	8,776.30	67,102.10
Designated Accounts		Balance Sept 2023
Block Party Trailer		145.50
CCC		8,369.07
Hispanic Missions		2,216.43
Disaster Relief		14,777.27
Men's Ministries		13,905.88
WMU		3,678.56
EBA Roof Account		8,330.32
EBA Missions Offering		3,811.69
EBAMO Blessed Bedzzz		100.00
EBAMO GameChangers		4,673.83
Investments		
Money Market #1		10,386.11
Money Market #2		13,381.08
Baptist Foundation		14,499.97

Prayer Team Schedule

You are invited and encouraged to join us!
Our only purpose is prayer.
We will meet at 10 AM:

- November 1 – Mountain Creek
- November 8 – Mt Zion
- November 15 – Parksville
- November 29 – Peace Haven
- December 6 – Plum Branch
- December 13 - Providence

“Ready for Thanksgiving” by Tim Shull

Between now and December 25, some people will ask me, “Are you ready for Christmas?” Not many people will ask the more Biblical question, “Are you ready for Thanksgiving?”

“What shall I render to the Lord in response to all His benefits to me? I will take the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people.” Psalm 116:12-14. When I hear the word, ‘render’, it makes me remember my grandparents Shull rendering the lard in the butcher shop. I think of my Grandmother Brickle making soap from lye and renderings. I think of a jury after much deliberation rendering a verdict. What shall I render? Are you ready for Thanksgiving?

I think of our spiritual forefathers and foremothers who, after a devastatingly deadly Massachusetts winter in which more than half of their settlement population died, decided in 1621 to hold a season of thanksgiving rather than a day of mourning. I read about how in England in 1665, 70,000 people died from the plague. And in the next year the great fire destroyed 4/5 of London. In response Thomas Ken wrote, *“Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below, praise Him above ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.”* I think about how, during the darkest days of the War Between the States, President Abraham Lincoln declared and established Thanksgiving Day as a national holiday. Thanksgiving in all circumstances is a Biblical mandate for God’s people. *“Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”* 1 Thessalonians 5:18.

Promote real thanksgiving in your home and church. Be careful to praise God from whom all blessings flow and not be like the hogs that eat the acorns off the ground and never look up to see where they came from. Here is a painful but profitable exercise: Think of the people, possessions, resources, and blessings in your life. Imagine that something threatened to take them away from you. How hard would you pray for God to save those people or allow you to keep those blessings? Pray that hard now. Thank God for your blessings with that kind of fervor, intensity, and passion.

One more thing. In November the signs are everywhere that Christmas is coming with not much about Thanksgiving. Decorations and advertisements announce that Christmas is coming soon. But those who know the calendar know that Thanksgiving will come first. If Christmas is near, then Thanksgiving must be very close. Jesus said that the signs for His coming again will be like birth pains, increasing in intensity and frequency. While there are many such signs today that the tribulation and 2nd Coming of Christ are near, there are no signs for the rapture, which will come first and could happen at any moment. (1 Cor. 15:51-58, 1 Thess. 1:10, 4:13-18, 5:1-11, Matt. 24:36-44). If the 2nd coming is near, then the rapture must be very close. *“Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.”* Matthew 25:13. “Are you ready for Thanksgiving?”

Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 28 • 7 PM

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



2023 BAPTIST WOMEN'S WORLD
DAY of PRAYER

November 6

Community Worship Service

Dec 31 • 6:00 PM

Little Stevens Creek Baptist

"It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; to declare Your lovingkindness in the morning, and Your faithfulness every night." Psalm 92:1-2.

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8AM**

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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HARVESTFEST '23

**SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 5TH
4PM - 6:30PM**

**FIRST BETHANY
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