

April 2017

Edgefield Baptist Association

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Making History with His Story

Association Acquires a SEND Relief Trailer



Edgefield Baptist Association recently received this 7 x 14 ft. trailer from the North American Mission Board. It is available to our association teams such as Disaster Relief, Men’s Ministries, CCC and other projects. Churches may also borrow the trailer for mission trips, projects, etc. Contact the EBA office to reserve the SEND Relief trailer for your event.



Gable Receives Tommy Thompson Award

At the recent Disaster Relief Training Wendy Gable was surprised to hear her name called as the winner of the Tommy Thompson Award given to associational DR volunteers. Her pastor, John Alexander, nominated Wendy for demonstrating Christian living and outstanding service in DR. He stated that “her greatest asset has been encouraging others to take part in DR. After her recent testimony, our pool of DR workers in our church (First Bethany) increased from 4 to 15.”

Southern Baptist Disaster Relief is celebrating 50 years (1967-2017) of helping people throughout North America and the world when disasters occur. Edgefield Baptist Association Disaster Relief is celebrating 25 years (1992-2017) – help us celebrate by wearing your DR apparel to the Spring Meeting.



Mark your Calendar:

Churches Changing
Communities

July 9 – 14

Host Church: Antioch

**Association Semi-annual Spring Meeting
Sunday, April 2 at 3:00 P.M.**

Host Church: Parksville Baptist Church

Association Sermon: Rev. Craig McDaniel

Music Leader: Rev. Travis Brian

Featured Guest: Chaplain Christopher Dale, International Seafarers Ministry

Special Recognition: All Disaster Relief Volunteers

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Moderator
Rev. John Noblin

Vice-Moderator
Rev. John Alexander

Ministry Assistant
Mrs. Jackie Ridings

Clerk
Ms. Faye Usry

Treasurer
Mrs. Terri Miller

Office Hours
Monday-Tuesday
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday
8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Scheduled meetings at the Association Office:

Dolls on Mission
Tuesday, April 4
Tuesday, April 18
9:30 A.M.

Deliver Ministry Kits
Monday, April 17
6:30 P.M.

CCC Construction Coordinators
Tuesday, April 18
4:00 P.M.

Prayer Team
Monday, May 1
6:30 P.M.

April 17
Deadline for May
Newsletter

Men's Ministry Supper and Meeting

Tuesday, April 11
7:00 P.M.

Red Oak Grove Baptist Church

For more information please contact
Ricky Miller at 803-215-5500.

Migrant Ministry

The summer migrant ministry is being adjusted to accommodate the workers that should be at a few camps for the next couple months. Kits will be delivered on Monday, April 17 to several camps. Please meet at the EBA office at 6:30 P.M.

The meal, English classes and worship service will begin on Sunday, April 23 at 6 P.M. at Providence Baptist Church. It is expected that the Sunday services will last 6 to 8 weeks. Volunteers to serve meals should call Margaret Ann Thompson at 803-637-3248.

Ministry Health Kits

Place one of each item in a 2 or 2.5-gallon slider zipper bag:

- ✓ Adult-size Toothbrush
- ✓ Toothpaste (6 oz. or larger)
- ✓ Bath soap (3.8 oz. or larger)
- ✓ Wash cloth
- ✓ Bath towel
- ✓ Comb

We need about 100 kits by April 12.
All others may be brought later.

Edgefield Association WMU Spring Meeting

Saturday, April 22
Red Hill Baptist Church

Guest: SC WMU Staff Member
Refreshments served at 9:30 A.M.
Meeting at 10:15 A.M.

For more information, please contact
Susan Keck at 803-637-3906.

Special Days **April**

Pastoral Anniversaries

08 John Noblin (10 years) Plum Branch
24 Craig McDaniel (6 years)..Parksville

Church Events

Antioch: Rev. Philip Howle resigned as senior pastor effective March 19.

First Bethany: Youth Sunday is April 9 at 11 A.M. Easter Egg Hunt on April 15 at 10 A.M. followed by a BBQ Sale for Missions from 11 A.M. to 1 P.M. Sunrise Service at the M.A.C.K. at 7 A.M. on Easter.

Gilgal: Community Worship Service hosted by Berea and Gilgal at 6 P.M.

Edgefield First: Community Easter Egg Hunt on April 9 after the worship service and lunch. Spring Fling on April 29 from 4 to 6 P.M. Includes carnival games, concessions, and live music.

Plum Branch: "ALL SUNDAYS REVIVAL" services at 7 P.M. with the following preachers: Dr. Paul Noe (Sweetwater BC) on April 2; Rev. Tim Shull (Edgefield DOM) on April 9; Rev. Chuck Sprouse (Ninety Six FBC) on April 23 and Rev. David Little (Lakelands DOM) on April 30.

Mountain Creek: Easter Sunday begins with Sunrise Service at 7:30 followed by breakfast; Sunday School at 9 and Worship at 11 A.M.

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The Anchor for the Soul

“My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness.” It is great folly to put your hope in a political party, a pundit, a professor, a preacher, a politician or a pastor. Do you hope and trust in government, the economy, the stock market, your intelligence, your strength or your wealth? “Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.” 1 Timothy 6:17. If we place our hope on anything or anyone other than Christ, the Solid Rock, we will indeed find that “all other ground is sinking sand.”

Real hope is not just wishful thinking, blind optimism or ambitious dreams. For most people, hope is something they do, but the Bible talks about hope as something we can have. Biblical hope entails assurance and substance, as it is attached to our faith relationship in Christ. “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” Hebrews 11:1. Hope is the confident expectation that God is willing and able to fulfill His promises to us. This is even more important when we go through difficult days. “We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.” Romans 5:3-5.

Even in death we have hope. “I want you to know what will happen to the Christians who have died so you will not be full of sorrow like people who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus comes, God will bring back with Jesus all the Christians who have died. I can tell you this directly from the Lord: we who are still living when the Lord returns will not precede those who have died. For the Lord Himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the call of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, all the Christians who have died will rise from their graves. Then, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air and remain with Him forever. So comfort and encourage each other with these words.” 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18.

And this hope can’t be taken away from us. “In [God’s] great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade – kept in heaven for you.” 1 Peter 1:4.

So, whatever your trial, sorrow, burden or storm, remember “We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.” Hebrews 6:19.

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” Romans 15:13.

Humbly His,
Tim Shull

Financial Report February 2017		
Church Contributions	MTD	YTD
Antioch	0.00	0.00
Berea	75.00	150.00
Big Stevens Creek	300.00	300.00
Ebenezer	0.00	0.00
Edgefield First	0.00	6200.00
First Bethany	0.00	1070.00
Gilgal	1000.00	1000.00
Little Stevens Creek	0.00	0.00
Modoc	0.00	0.00
Mountain Creek	231.18	231.18
Mt. Zion	0.00	150.00
Parksville	379.73	379.73
Peace Haven	0.00	0.00
Plum Branch	0.00	0.00
Providence	0.00	575.00
Red Hill	784.80	784.80
Red Oak Grove	0.00	2580.00
Rehoboth	0.00	689.00
Republican	0.00	0.00
Sweetwater	0.00	1201.22
Various Donations	100.00	100.00
TOTAL	2870.71	14835.93
Receipts	2870.71	14835.93
Expenses	5016.77	9804.52
Designated Accounts		Balance
AAA		51.15
CCC		5002.79
Hispanic Missions		2720.29
Disaster Relief		5794.20
Men’s Ministries		1855.60
WMU		0.00
EBAMO		2519.72
TOTAL		17943.75
Investments		Envelopes are available at the EBA office for designated contributions.
Money Market	13338.77	
Money Market	10353.22	
TOTAL	23691.99	
Baptist Foundation	12398.47	

Looking Ahead

Event	Date	Location
VBS Expo	April 1	North Trenholm Columbia
NAMB Evangelism Training	April 25-26	Midtown Fellowship Columbia
Unexpected Moments: SC Baptist Ministry Assistants Conference	May 18-19	Rock Hill FBC
Gospel Music and Barbeque	May 20	Horne's Creek
SEND Conference www.sendconference.com	July 25-26	Orlando

More information on all events is available at the EBA Office (803.637.3309 or jackie@edgefieldbaptistassoc.org) or the South Carolina Baptist Convention (1.800.723.7242 or www.scbaptist.org).

Ways to find out what's happening in the EBA:

- Go to <http://edgefieldbaptistassoc.org> for calendar of events and archived and current newsletters
- Like us on Facebook
- Receive Newsletter by either mail or email (please keep us updated on address changes)

When you receive the newsletter or emails with information for your church, please share!

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

Jeremiah 29:11

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May 21-28: Associational Missions Emphasis Week and Season of Prayer

Prayer for Mission Trips

*Be prayerful for spiritual preparation for the teams,
for God to be glorified, and for safe travel.*

Kentucky	Big Stevens Creek	April 2-8
Alaska	Edgefield First	July 23-29

Please share mission trip information with the EBA so we can pray and include your location on the mission map.

Helping Hands Mission Parkville Baptist Church

Parkville Baptist Church is building a much-needed home for one of its members. If you have skills and are willing to volunteer to help, contact Todd Self at 864-391-1910 or tself@wctel.net. If you wish to contribute, make your check payable to Parkville Baptist Church, PO Box 4838, Parkville, SC 29844 and earmark it “Helping Hands Mission”.



Using a back-hoe to move an egg from the pile of dirt and drop it in a cup – just one example of all the fun things the youth were able to experience at the Outdoor Expo on Saturday, March 25. Thanks to the Men's Ministry for sharing Jesus, fun, and food with the young people from Connie Maxwell Children's Home and area churches.