

August 2017

Edgefield Baptist Association

Organized 1807

Making History with His Story

Connie Maxwell is celebrating 125 years!

Special events throughout the year. Call 800-868-2624 or 864-942-1405 for more information.

Praying, constructing, repairing, teaching, ministering, worshipping – a great week for youth and adults serving together and sharing the love of Jesus.



140 missions volunteers.....17 construction and repair projects.....4 ministry teams at 2 schools and 6 ministry sites.....all demonstrating commitment and cooperation by 21 churches.



**Edgefield Baptist
Association
985 Hwy 25 N
Edgefield, SC 29824**

**Director of Missions
Rev. Tim Shull**

**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.**

**Office Closed on
Monday, August 21
for Holiday.**

**Scheduled meetings at
the Association Office:**

**History Committee
Tuesday, September 5
6:30 P.M.**

**Prayer Team
Monday, September 11
6:30 P.M.**

**Executive Committee
Tuesday, September 19
7:00 P.M.**

**August 22
Deadline for
September
Newsletter**

Mentor Training

**Sunday, August 27 at 2 P.M.
NWTF Shooting Complex**

Adults who would like to serve as a mentor to youth for any shooting events are invited to this training session.

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

**Making Disciples
Who Make Disciples
Sunday, August 20 & 27
Sunday, September 10 & 17
6 P.M. at Antioch**

Please join us in working to create D-groups within churches of our association, so that we are disciples who make disciples. D-groups (discipleship groups) are gender specific groups consisting of 3-5 people in your church or community who meet together regularly to read and journal through God's word, memorize passages of scripture, practice accountability to one another, and pray for one another and the lost.

Tucker & Brandi Miller will lead in reading and studying Growing Up: How to be a Disciple that Makes Disciples by Robby Gallaty.

Please contact Brandi or Tucker Miller at tigergrad@hughes.net to sign up for this study or for more information.

History Challenge

The 200th anniversary of the South Carolina Baptist Convention is in 2021. All churches and associations are encouraged to update their written histories and send them to the SCBC.

It takes time to write or update a church's history, so the challenge is to begin now!

Material will be available to help you get started at the Fall Meeting on October 15 at Antioch.

Special Days August

Pastoral Anniversaries

Larry Ford (10 years).....Ebenezer

Church Events

First Bethany: 100 Year Anniversary at the J.A.M. House (Old Bethany Schoolhouse/Liberty Hill Coed School) on Wednesday, August 23 from 6-8 P.M. Free food, games and fun for everyone.

Little Stevens Creek: Small group Bible Study for young adults (18-30) meets on alternate Mondays at 6:30 at the Dorn Cabin on Faulkner Mountain Road. This Bible Study is open to the community. For more information, please text or call Daniel Dorn at 803-430-0258.

Association Fall Meeting Sunday, October 15 3 P.M. at Antioch

Celebrating 210 years for the BA along with 125 years for Connie Maxwell Children's Home as well as a message by Rev. Tim Sanders and a meal prepared by the host church.

Mark your calendar now!

Financial Report May/June 2017

Church Contributions	MTD May	MTD June	YTD
Antioch	0.00	853.00	1694.00
Berea	150.00	0.00	450.00
Big Stevens Creek	650.00	0.00	1550.00
Ebenezer	0.00	0.00	2000.00
Edgefield First	0.00	0.00	6200.00
First Bethany	0.00	0.00	2170.00
Gilgal	0.00	0.00	1000.00
Little Stevens Creek	0.00	1250.00	1250.00
Modoc	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mountain Creek	171.36	81.84	573.75
Mt. Zion	300.00	0.00	450.00
Parksville	513.85	835.30	2629.23
Peace Haven	0.00	0.00	430.30
Plum Branch	0.00	1143.20	2493.50
Providence	0.00	575.00	1150.00
Red Hill	664.35	0.00	2621.79
Red Oak Grove	0.00	0.00	2580.00
Rehoboth	0.00	0.00	1378.00
Republican	0.00	0.00	3955.44
Sweetwater	719.97	0.00	2932.19
Various Donations	0.00	0.00	1650.00
Total Receipts	3169.53	4738.34	39158.20
Total Expenses	5410.56	5907.40	37258.21
Designated Accounts	May Balance	June Balance	
AAA	51.15	51.15	
CCC	4702.45	11532.45	
Hispanic Missions	2720.29	2720.29	
Disaster Relief	5108.14	5108.14	
Men's Ministries	1837.13	1837.13	
WMU	0.00	0.00	
EBAMO	1549.79	1850.79	
Investments			
Money Market #1	13340.45	13341.00	
Money Market #2	10354.52	10354.95	
Baptist Foundation	12598.47	12624.25	

Eclipse

Have you made plans to see the total eclipse of the sun on August 21? Do you have eclipse-safe sun glasses that will allow you to safely view it? This kind of solar event is rare. Unfortunately, there is another kind of eclipse that is not so rare. It is when Christians or churches make themselves the point and get in the way of the world receiving the light of Christ; or when we let the world get between us and Christ and we fail to reflect His light.

Christ is like the sun shining in great power and glory. We are like the moon; we have no power of our own and we do not shine. The moon does not shine; it reflects the light of the sun and illuminates the darkness. We, the followers of Christ, the church of Christ, must be like a full moon and reflect the glorious light of the Son.

Too often we are like the moon in an eclipse rather than shining full and bright. As in a lunar eclipse, some churches let the Earth come between us and the Son and therefore we don't reflect the Son the way we should. Instead of "being in the world but not of the world", we go dark in the world's shadow. Or sometimes the church is like the moon in a solar eclipse. We make ourselves the point or we try to get the glory and we come between the Son and the world He wants us to reach. Though we are called to reflect the light of the Son, we sometimes get in the way.

Jesus said, *"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."* Matthew 5:14-16

In the 8th Annual Churches Changing Communities I observed churches that are committed to reflecting the light of Christ into dark places and thereby changing those places. I am so impressed by the cooperative, compassionate and creative spirit that prevailed. Thanks go

out to so many followers of Christ who put money, time, sweat, patience, worship, work and witness out into our communities so that the light of Christ could be reflected into the night. You did "let your light so shine before men" that saw "your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." You were like a full moon, brightly reflecting the marvelous light of our Lord.

In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it. John 1:4-5. Our world is lost in the darkness of sin, yet the Light of the world is Jesus. His light shines in the night and overcomes the darkness. Like sunshine at noonday His glory shines and He calls us to reflect His light and to resonate His glory so that the dark places can be changed.

Humbly His,
Tim Shull

Looking Ahead

Event	Date	Location
SeraphSong Retreat	Aug 11-12	White Oak
Expanding God's Kingdom: Church Growth Rally with simultaneous Youth Event	August 14,15,16	Clearwater FBC
Bring-A-Kid Race Day	Sept 2	Darlington Raceway
Youth Event at Connie Maxwell Children's Home. Register by September 7 at www.scwmu.org	Sept 16	CMCH Greenwood
EBA Men's Ministry Dove Shoot	Sept 23	Palmetto Shooting Complex

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

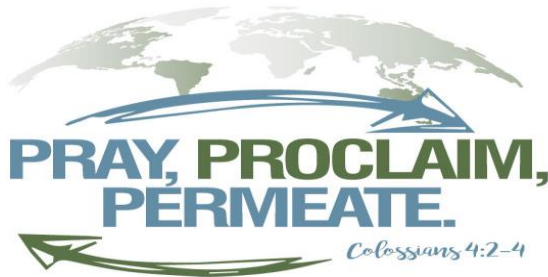
But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. 1 Peter 2:9

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Season of Prayer for State Missions and Janie Chapman Offering September 10 - 17



2017 McCormick Area
Back-To-School Bash
 Saturday, August 12th
 6pm - 8pm
 at the M.A.C.K park

- ★ Free School Supplies
- ★ Free Food
- ★ CEF of the Lakelands
- ★ Family Friendly Fun
- ★ Please join us!

Homecomings and Revivals Across Edgefield Baptist Association			
Church	Date	Time	Guest Preacher
Berea	H Aug 27 R Aug 28-30	11 a.m. 7 p.m.	Rev. Chuck Sprouse, Ninety Six FBC
Edgefield First	H Oct 1	11 a.m.	Mike Glenn & Derry Billingsley
Gilgal	H Aug 6 R Aug 7-9	11 a.m. 7 p.m.	Rev. Dennis Campbell, Saluda
Little Stevens	H Aug 13 R Aug 14-16	11 a.m. 7:30 p.m.	Rev. Ryan Vaughan Rev. John Alexander
Mountain Creek	H Sept 24 R Sept 24 Sept 25-27	11 a.m. 6 p.m. 7 p.m.	Rev. Tim Shull, Director of Missions
Parkville	H Aug 13 R Aug 14-16	11 a.m. 7 p.m.	Rev. Don Walton, Missouri
Providence	R Sept 17 Sept 17-19	11 a.m. 7 p.m.	Dr. Lynn Kirkland, Impact Ministries
Red Hill	H Aug 20 R Aug 21-25	11 a.m. 7 p.m.	Dr. Eleazer Benenhaley Rev. Jerry Garvin, Gilgal
Red Oak Grove	H July 30 R July 31-Aug 2	11 a.m. 7 p.m.	Rev. Jerry Garvin, Gilgal
Republican	H Aug 6 R Aug 7-10	11 a.m.	Rev. Lance Thomas Ministry Revival

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

East Asia: Big Stevens Creek September 28-October 7