

January 2017

Edgefield Baptist Association

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Making History with His Story

Mark your 2017
Calendar:

Churches Changing
Communities

July 9 - 14

Providence Baptist Calls Hipp as Pastor



On the first Sunday in November, Providence Baptist Church was led in worship by their new pastor, Rev. Brian Hipp. The 39 year old pastor brings a variety of ministry and missions experience to the work at Providence. He previously served as a youth minister, a minister of children and outreach, a minister of students and families, a church planter, an associate pastor, and an interim pastor.

He is a graduate of Charleston Southern University and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and was ordained to the ministry by FBC Ninety Six.

Rev. Hipp's missions experiences include mission trips to Kentucky, Ukraine, Moldova, Portland, ME and Key West, FL. He recently stated to our Director of Missions that he looks forward to joining in the work in Edgefield Baptist Association. He shares his life verse: "My heart's cry is that my life through every gift, talent, and ability be used to glorify my Father in heaven; and that I may seek to please Him in every way; bearing fruit in every good work; and continue to grow in the knowledge of God." Colossians 1:10.

Tripp Called as Senior Pastor at Edgefield First Baptist

When Aaron Tripp majored in biology at the College of Charleston he thought he would have a career in the medical field. However, after a mission trip to Argentina, he discovered that God had a different plan for his life. He and Kathryn, both originally from Columbia, were married in 2011 and moved to Wake Forest to attend Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He earned his Masters of Divinity in 2014, receiving the Warren Poe Award for Rural Church Ministry and the John H. Clifford Evangelism Award.

He served as senior pastor in North Carolina and recently as Family Pastor at New Heights Baptist Church in Columbia.

He and Kathryn have two children, Connor, almost 3, and Emma, almost a year old.



Connor, Aaron, Kathryn, and Emma

We Preach Christ Crucified – Tim Shull

I was standing in the checkout line at Bi-lo. A lady behind me in the line saw my Edgefield Baptist Association shirt and asked me a question, "Does folks at your church still talk 'bout being saved? I've been in some churches lately and didn't hear nobody talkin' 'bout gettin' saved." I explained to her that Edgefield Baptist Association was a group of churches that voluntarily cooperate to engage in local missions and to help each other in all of our missionary endeavors, and that **Yes**, we talk a great deal about being saved.

We recognize that Jesus came "to seek and to save that which was lost" and that having a relationship with Christ is the only way to be saved. When each of us called upon the name of the Lord, repented of our sins and asked for forgiveness, we were redeemed by the blood of the Lamb. We were converted and born again. With our conversion we received justification and began our sanctification and transformation that will culminate in our glorification.

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Monday-Tuesday

8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

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8:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

Office Closed

January 16

**Meetings at the
Association Office:**

Dolls on Mission Workshop

Tuesday, January 3

Tuesday, January 17

Tuesday, January 31

9:30 A.M.

Prayer Team

Monday, January 9

6:30 P.M.

Missions Development

Tuesday, January 17

Soup at 6; Meeting at 6:30

WMU Leadership Team

Thursday, February 2

7:00 P.M.

January 23

**Deadline for February
Newsletter**

Prison Ministry Update

On Monday, December 5th a total of 452 Christmas Prisoner Packets were delivered to Columbia by Bubba and Jean Wells and Linda Dale Shaver, who also spent the day helping check, add gospel materials and bag the packets. Thanks to the 18 churches who helped EBA exceed their goal of 450.

The following evening 14 men and women joined Prison Chaplain Victor Thomas in distributing packets to the inmates at Trenton Correctional Institution. They shared the love of Jesus with each one and sang carols.

A Christmas meal was served on Sunday, December 11th to the 91 inmates attending the Worship Service. Rev. Tim Shull preached, and the meal was coordinated by Barbara Langley. Barbara wishes to thank all the churches who provided the food and those who assisted with serving. They were even able to serve second helpings which were very much appreciated.

By All Means February 13-19 Focus on WMU

Material is available to help you promote WMU and share how missions and WMU are connected in your church:

www.scwmu.org

800.723.7242

Children's Ministry Day Love Your Neighbor February 18

Contact Susan Keck at 803-637-3906 for information on an association event.

Special Request: Dolls on Mission needs to have 50-75 dolls completed for a mission trip in March. If you can help by coming to the workshops at the office or by working at home, please contact Carol Bryan at 637-1293 or 803-341-5392.

Pastoral Anniversaries

Lance Thomas (11 years).....Republican

Travis Brian (1 year).....Edgefield First

Church Events

Big Stevens Creek: Gary Dickson is serving as Interim Pastor.

First Bethany: Disciple's Path Small Group will meet each Wednesday at 6:30 beginning January 4th.

Friends & Family Day is January 29th with a fellowship lunch following worship service.

Spring Revival will be March 12-15 with Rev. Bryant Sims as guest evangelist.

Peace Haven: Revival Services at 7 P.M. January 29-31 with Chet Lowe preaching and Bobbi Oerman leading the music.

Men's Ministry

**Supper/Meeting
Thursday, January 17
7:00 P.M.
Antioch Baptist Church**

An **Outdoor Expo** is being planned for February for those at Connie Maxwell Children's Home and John De la Howe. This event will probably be held at the Collier's Community Center.

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

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**Financial Report
October/November 2016**

Church Contributions		MTD OCT	MTD NOV	YTD		
Antioch		0.00	0.00	2766.00		
Berea		75.00	75.00	825.00		
Big Stevens Creek		600.00	0.00	3000.00		
Ebenezer		0.00	0.00	2000.00		
Edgefield First		0.00	0.00	6700.00		
First Bethany-McCormick		0.00	1233.00	5295.00		
Gilgal		0.00	0.00	4000.00		
Little Stevens Creek		0.00	0.00	1707.50		
Modoc		0.00	0.00	839.27		
Mountain Creek		63.27	112.89	956.78		
Mt. Zion		0.00	0.00	600.00		
Parksville		368.20	431.15	2970.40		
Peace Haven		0.00	0.00	1787.67		
Plum Branch		0.00	0.00	3112.84		
Providence		0.00	0.00	1725.00		
Red Hill		963.17	684.42	7440.32		
Red Oak Grove		0.00	0.00	2580.00		
Rehoboth		1250.00	0.00	3200.00		
Republican		3363.01	0.00	11102.50		
Sweetwater		328.64	0.00	3552.84		
Various Donations		0.00	230.00	2453.56		
TOTAL		7011.29	2766.46	68614.68		
Designated Accounts	Beginning Balance	Revenues		Expenses		Ending Balance
		OCT	NOV	OCT	NOV	
Missions						
---AAA	51.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	51.15
---CCC	2287.21	250.00	0.00	0.00	34.42	2502.79
---IMB	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
---NAMB	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
---Hispanic	3320.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3320.29
Disaster Relief	7127.02	538.07	680.52	806.65	869.48	6669.48
Men's Ministries	993.16	0.00	0.00	238.23	0.00	754.93
WMU	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
EBAMO	2805.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	2051.73	753.43
TOTAL	16583.99	788.07	680.52	1044.88	2955.63	14052.07
Balances	MTD OCT	MTD NOV	YTD			
Beginning Balance	55797.26	57626.82				
Receipts	7011.29	2766.46	67381.68			
Expenses	4924.92	4618.17	63273.25			
Sub Total	57883.63	55775.11	4108.43			
Designated Revenues	788.07	680.52				
Designated Expenses	1044.88	2955.63				
Ending Balance	57626.82	53500.00				
Investments	OCT	NOV				
Money Market	13336.01	13336.01				
Money Market	10351.52	10351.52				
TOTAL	23687.53	23687.53				
Baptist Foundation	12363.00	12262.70				

We rejoice in our salvation that is past present and future. We are saved from the **penalty** of our **past** sins. We are forgiven and cleansed. We are saved from the **power** of sin in the **present**. "Sin no more hath dominion over us" as the Holy Spirit helps us "yield not to temptation". We will one day in our **future** be saved from the **presence** of sin in our glorified bodies.

The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but it is God's power to us who are being saved. For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and I will set aside the understanding of the experts." Where is the philosopher? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Hasn't God made the world's wisdom foolish? For since, in God's wisdom, the world did not know God through wisdom, God was pleased to save those who believe through the foolishness of the message preached. For the Jews ask for signs and the Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to the Jews and foolishness to the Gentiles. Yet to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ is God's power and God's wisdom, because God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

We don't preach worldly wisdom. We don't preach social justice. We don't preach humanism. We don't preach pop culture trivia. We don't preach politics. We don't preach self-help. We preach Christ and His cross, the only way to be saved. In and among the churches of EBA, we help each other to live out that salvation. Yes, we talk about being saved. As the Christmas trees are taken down, we remember that one tree stands above the rest. 1 Peter 2:24.

God forbid that I should boast in anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Galatians 6:14

May God bless you and your family and His churches in this new year.

Humbly His,
Tim Shull

Looking Ahead

Event	Date	Location
Senior Adult Choir Festival	Feb 20-21	Springmaid Myrtle Beach
VBS Expo	Mar 4	Brushy Creek Greenville
Embracing All: Literacy Missions Conference	Mar 11	Trinity BC Columbia
Creative Ministries Festival	Mar 10-11	Rawlinson Road Rock Hill
VBS Expo	April 1	North Trenholm Columbia

More information on all events is available at the Association Office (803.637.3309 or <http://edgefieldbaptistassoc.org>), or the SC 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 (keep us updated on address changes)

**South Carolina WMU
Missions Encounter & Annual Meeting
March 24-25
First Baptist Church, Boiling Springs
Friday Lunch Reservations due by March 10**

A detailed schedule will be posted by the end of January at www.scwmu.org/annualmeeting

Sunday School Training Led by Rev. Ryan Vaughan



**Training for Teachers
Tuesday, February 7
6:30 – 8:00 P.M.**

**Training for Directors
Tuesday, February 21
6:30 – 8:00 P.M.**

**Edgefield Baptist Association Office
Light Refreshments Provided**

"I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes..." Romans 1:16

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RESTORE: Pastor & Wife Retreat **Sonesta Resort, Hilton Head Island** **February 24-26, 2017 Cost: \$300**

Register at www.scbaptist.org

Enjoy a weekend away together seeking God and meeting pastors and their wives from all over South Carolina. Conference leader is Dr. Charles Lowery, pastor and psychologist. Meals included except for Saturday evening for your "date" night.



Wanted: Anyone 18 or older who is willing to give of their time and energy to help others during times of crisis. Training is required for deployment with any SBC DR team.

One Day Training Events

Saturday, March 18 in the Florence Area
Saturday, April 22 at Taylors FBC
Training is 8 A.M. to 4 P.M.

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