

June/July 2017

# Edgefield Baptist Association

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Making History with His Story

Connie Maxwell is celebrating 125 years!

Special events throughout the year. Call 800-868-2624 for more information.



CHURCHES CHANGING COMMUNITIES

## Churches Changing Communities July 9-14

Churches submit registrations  
by June 14

Churches may make donations to CCC by bringing any of the items listed below by Wednesday, July 5:

- Paper Plates, large 10.5"
- Paper Plates, small 8.75"
- Paper Dessert Plates
- Plastic Forks
- Assorted small bags of chips
- Small boxes of cereal
- Gatorade or PowerAde
- Bottled Water, 12 oz.

Antioch Baptist Church is the host church.

Teams will be put together for construction and ministry projects based on registrations received. See your Church Coordinator for Registration Information or call the EBA office.

Plan ahead – don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to be On Mission in Your Community!



Providence Baptist Church sponsored a Good News Club tent at the Peach Blossom Festival in Johnston. Each child that visited the tent layered colored sand in a jar to represent the Gospel. Rev. Brian Hipp reported that over 110 children came and heard the Gospel story.

**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  
Tuesday, July 4  
for Holiday.**

**Scheduled meetings at  
the Association Office:**

**History Committee**  
Tuesday, June 6  
6:30 P.M.

**Missions Development**  
Tuesday, June 20  
6:00 P.M.

**Prayer Team**  
Monday, July 3  
6:30 P.M.

**July 17  
Deadline for August  
Newsletter**

**Men's Ministry  
Supper/Meeting**  
Tuesday, July 18  
7:00 p.m.

**Republican Baptist Church**

Please contact Ricky Miller at  
803-215-5500 for more information.

### **Making Disciples Who Make Disciples**

Please join us in working to create D-groups within the churches in 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.

Our association training will be held at Antioch Baptist Church on Sunday evenings at 6:00 PM on August 20, 27, September 10, 17 by Tucker & Brandi Miller. We will be reading and studying Growing Up: How to be a Disciple that Makes Disciples by Robby Gallaty, and would like to have at least one male and female participant from each church.

Please email your representatives' names and contact information to Tucker Miller at [tigergrad@hughes.net](mailto:tigergrad@hughes.net) by July 9th to sign up for this study. Contact Tucker for more information.

### **History Challenge**

The 200<sup>th</sup> 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!

## **Special Days June/July**

### **Pastoral Anniversaries**

#### **June**

Eric Bruton (13 years)...Big Stevens Creek  
Robert Patton (11 years).....Modoc  
Rob Williams (2 years).....Edgefield First

#### **July**

Mark Abbott (2 years) .....Sweetwater  
Brian Ayers (8 years) .....Sweetwater  
Eleazer Benenhaley (11 years)..... Red Hill  
Tim Sanders (2 years).....Peace Haven

### **Church Events**

**First Bethany:** Fifth Sunday Worship on July 30 at 5 P.M. with guest musicians.

**Gilgal:** Ben Thompson, a student at North Greenville, is working with the youth this summer.

Homecoming is August 6 with Rev. Dennis Campbell and Revival Services are August 7-9 at 7 P.M.

**Red Oak Grove:** Homecoming on July 30 and Revival Services July 31-August 2 at 7 P.M. with guest preacher, Jerry Garvin.

## Financial Report April 2017

Church Contributions	MTD	YTD	
Antioch	0.00	841.00	
Berea	75.00	300.00	
Big Stevens Creek	0.00	900.00	
Ebenezer	0.00	2000.00	
Edgefield First	0.00	6200.00	
First Bethany	1100.00	2170.00	
Gilgal	0.00	1000.00	
Little Stevens Creek	0.00	0.00	
Modoc	0.00	0.00	
Mountain Creek	0.00	320.55	
Mt. Zion	0.00	150.00	
Parksville	494.25	1280.08	
Peace Haven	430.30	430.30	
Plum Branch	0.00	1350.30	
Providence	0.00	575.00	
Red Hill	0.00	1957.44	
Red Oak Grove	0.00	2580.00	
Rehoboth	689.00	1378.00	
Republican	0.00	3955.44	
Sweetwater	1011.00	2212.22	
Various Donations	0.00	1650.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3799.55</b>	<b>31250.33</b>	
Receipts	3799.55	27450.78	
Expenses	5118.52	25494.89	
Designated Accounts	Balance		
AAA	51.15		
CCC	4752.79		
Hispanic Missions	2720.29		
Disaster Relief	5227.30		
Men's Ministries	2055.60		
WMU	0.00		
EBAMO	2129.79		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16936.92</b>		
Investments	Envelopes are available at the EBA office for designated contributions.		
Money Market #1			13339.89
Money Market #2			10354.08
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>23693.97</b>
Baptist Foundation	12537.90		

## The Thirst Quencher

People living in our world today are thirsting for the Living Water. *“O God, you are my God; I earnestly search for You. My soul thirsts for You; my whole body longs for You in this parched and weary land where there is no water.”* Psalm 63:1. People are so thirsty for the fulfillment that comes only from Christ that they will drink the sand of modern relativism and ever-changing ethics. But the Sovereign Lord of the universe promised to provide the exact complement for that “God-shaped vacuum” that is within every human person. *“I will open rivers in desolate heights, and fountains in the midst of valleys; I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of rivers.”* Isaiah 41:18.

You and I know that the one Thirst-Quencher is Jesus. *“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”* John 4:13-14. We must lead people to the only water that satisfies. Commercial slogans like, “the real thing” and “Is it in you?” come to mind. Only Jesus saves and satisfies, so “accept no substitutes.” *“My people have done two evil things: They have forsaken me – the fountain of living water. And they have dug for themselves cracked cisterns that can hold no water at all!”* Jeremiah 2:13. Never substitute religion for relationship, a vital intimate and daily experience with our Risen Lord.

Yes, we must lead people to the Living Water so that they can be saved and satisfied, and if we are “Disciples who make Disciples”, we will actually become springs and help them to become springs of Living Water in our dry and thirsty land. *“Jesus stood and shouted to the crowds, “If you are thirsty, come to me! If you believe in Me, come and drink! For the Scriptures declare that rivers of living water will flow from the heart of those who believe in me”* John 7:37-38. We are to be His springs in our dry and thirsty land. Wherever you go this summer and whatever you do, be a spring of Living Water and lead thirsty people to the Thirst-Quencher.

*For I will pour water on him who is thirsty, and floods on the parched ground. I will pour out My Spirit on your descendants, and My blessing on your children. They will spring up and thrive like watered grass, like willows on a riverbank.* Isaiah 44:3.

Humbly His,  
**Tim Shull**

# Looking Ahead

Event	Date	Location
SEND Conference <a href="http://www.sendconference.com">www.sendconference.com</a>	July 25-26	Orlando
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 <a href="http://www.scwmu.org">www.scwmu.org</a>	Sept 16	CMCH Greenwood

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

*And He also said, "It is finished! I am the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts."*  
Revelation 21:6

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**Your Opportunity to participate in Local Missions**  
**Churches Changing Communities – July 9-14**  
**Register before June 14 with your Church Coordinator**

## Prayer for Mission Trips

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

Africa: John Michael Alexander-First Bethany,  
June & July  
Daytona Beach: Alejandro "Alex" Negrete-Iglesia  
Getsemani, June 5-July 28  
Alaska: Edgefield First Baptist, July 23-29  
East Asia: Big Stevens Creek, Brian Vining  
September 28-October 7

Brian Vining at Big Stevens Creek has room for 1-2 people on a mission trip to East Asia, September 28-October 7. Please contact Brian right away for more information at 706-294-3765 or [viningblt@gmail.com](mailto:viningblt@gmail.com).

Both Rev. John Noblin and Rev. John Alexander visited Boston on a NAMB Send City Vision Trip. They are available to share with your church about the needs of the church planters in Boston.

## Vacation Bible Schools Across Edgefield Baptist Association

Church	Date	Time	Theme
Antioch	June 4-8	6:00-8:15	A Mighty Fortress
Berea	June 5-9	6:15-8:30	Passport to Peru
Big Stevens	June 19-23	6:00-8:15	Galactic Starveyors
Ebenezer	June 4-8	6:00-8:30	Galactic Starveyors
Edgefield First	June 11-15	5:30-8:30	Galactic Starveyors
First Bethany	June 11-15	5:30-8:00	Galactic Starveyors
Little Stevens	June 25-29	5:30-8:30	Maker Fun Factory
Modoc	June 3	10am-4pm	
Mt. Zion	June 11-14	6:00-8:30	Galactic Starveyors
Parksville	July 17-20	5:30-8:30	Galactic Starveyors
Peace Haven	July 13-14 July 15	5:30-7:00 9am-Noon	Galactic Starveyors
Plum Branch	June 25-30	5:30-8:30	Maker Fun Factory
Providence	June 26-30	6:00-8:00	Galactic Starveyors
Red Hill	June 12-16	9am-Noon	Galactic Starveyors
Red Oak Grove	July 17-21	6:00-8:00	Maker Fun Factory
Rehoboth with Berea	June 5-9	6:15-8:30	Passport to Peru
Republican	June 5-8	5:45-8:00	Search & Rescue
Sweetwater	June 12-16	9am-Noon	Maker Fun Factory