

March 2017

Edgefield Baptist Association

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Making History with His Story

SHARING JESUS – MEETING NEEDS

Ministry Health Kits

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

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

With the anticipation that the peach season may begin earlier this year we are asking those churches who can to get their kits to the office by **Wednesday, April 19.**

Last year the EBA distributed over 700 kits to the local migrant workers, to flood victims in Louisiana and South Carolina, and to the Carolina Health Centers in Ridge Spring.

Children’s Ministry Day Around the EBA – Children and their leaders from Antioch, Edgefield First, and Red Hill had fun sharing with residents at the Burton Center. First Bethany made cookies and cards to show their appreciation to the public servants in McCormick.



Mark your 2017 Calendar:

Churches Changing Communities

July 9 - 14

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Office Hours

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

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

**Meetings at the
Association Office:**

Prayer Team
Monday, March 6
6:30 P.M.

Dolls on Mission
Tuesday, March 7
Tuesday, March 21
9:30 A.M.

Executive Committee
Tuesday, March 7
7:00 P.M.

**CCC Construction
Team**
Tuesday, March 14
4:00 P.M.

**March 20
Deadline for April
Newsletter**

Sweetwater Baptist Invites you to their 11th Annual Wild Game Supper

Guest Speaker: Hank Parker
Guest Musician: Chris McDaniel
Saturday, March 11, 2017
5:00 P.M.

Children's Program in the Gym with
The North Georgia Zoo

Sweetwater Baptist Church
198 Sweetwater Road, North Augusta

Embrace All Literacy Missions Conference Saturday, March 11 Trinity Baptist Church, Cayce

Anyone working with teaching English as a second language or tutoring adults will benefit by attending. Please contact Jackie at 637-3309 for more information.

WMU Missions Encounter & Annual Meeting March 24-25 First Baptist Church, Boiling Springs

Friday Lunch Reservations
due by March 10

Edgefield Association WMU will participate with Baptist Global Response to provide Hospice Care for those with HIV AIDS. One kit will cost around \$80-\$100. To donate, send a check by March 14 payable to WMU-EBA to Susan Keck at 518 Pine Ridge Road, Edgefield, SC 29824. For more information please contact Susan at 803-637-3906.

Edgefield Association WMU Spring Meeting Saturday, April 22 at 9:30 A.M. Red Hill Baptist Church

Baby Food Jars Needed

Providence Baptist Church needs baby food jars for a ministry they will be doing at the Johnston Peach Blossom Festival on Saturday, May 6. Please bring jars to the association office by May 2 or call Pastor Brian Hipp for more information at 803-941-2486.

Pastoral Anniversaries

Ryan Vaughan (3 years)
Little Stevens Creek

Church Events

Antioch: Rev. Randy Jackson resigned as worship and youth pastor effective February 26.

First Bethany: Spring revival services are March 19-22 with Rev. Bryant Sims as guest evangelist. Services will be held at Buffalo Baptist at 7 P.M.

Edgefield First Baptist: Travis Brian will be ordained to the ministry on March 19 at the morning worship service.

Plum Branch: "ALL SUNDAYS REVIVAL" services will be in April on Sunday nights (except Easter) at 7 P.M. Various preachers will lead each Sunday.

Red Oak Grove: Rev. Steve Cartin resigned as pastor effective February 19.

Rehoboth: Rev. Jack Findley began as Interim Pastor on January 29.

Executive Committee Meeting Tuesday, March 7 7:00 P.M.

All pastors, church lay representatives, association program leaders, and committee chairmen are encouraged to attend. The Audit Committee and the Nominating Committee will give reports. Visitors are welcome.

Missions Base Camp Saturday, March 4 9:00 A.M. – Noon

**First Mt. Moriah Baptist Church
Greenwood, SC**

For more information please contact Rev. Bryant Sims at 864-227-8192.

Financial Report January 2017			
Church Contributions	MTD	YTD	
Antioch	0.00	0.00	
Berea	75.00	75.00	
Big Stevens Creek	0.00	0.00	
Ebenezer	0.00	0.00	
Edgefield First	6200.00	6200.00	
First Bethany	1070.00	1070.00	
Gilgal	0.00	0.00	
Little Stevens Creek	0.00	0.00	
Modoc	0.00	0.00	
Mountain Creek	0.00	0.00	
Mt. Zion	150.00	150.00	
Parksville	0.00	0.00	
Peace Haven	0.00	0.00	
Plum Branch	0.00	0.00	
Providence	0.00	0.00	
Red Hill	0.00	0.00	
Red Oak Grove	2580.00	2580.00	
Rehoboth	689.00	689.00	
Republican	0.00	0.00	
Sweetwater	1201.22	1201.22	
Various Donations	2.73	2.73	
TOTAL	11967.95	11967.95	
Designated Accounts	MTD		Ending Balance
	Receipts	Expenses	
Missions			
---AAA	0.00	0.00	51.15
---CCC	0.00	0.00	2502.79
---IMB	0.00	0.00	0.00
---NAMB	0.00	0.00	0.00
---Hispanic	0.00	0.00	2720.29
Disaster Relief	600.00	500.00	6769.48
Men's Ministries	0.00	5.33	749.60
WMU	0.00	0.00	0.00
EBAMO	0.00	500.00	2519.72
TOTAL	600.00	1500.33	15313.03
Balances	MTD	YTD	
Beginning Balance	54842.03		
Receipts	11967.95	11967.95	
Expenses	5233.11	5233.11	
	6734.84	6734.84	
Designated Receipts	600.00		
Designated Expenses	1005.33		
Ending Balance	61171.54		
Investments			
Money Market	13337.70		
Money Market	10352.38		
TOTAL	23690.08		
Baptist Foundation	12333.52		

Full of Grace and Truth

The Omnipotent Sovereign God of the Universe revealed Himself to humankind in many ways, most perfectly in the person of Jesus Christ. *"The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. And we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only Begotten of the Father, full of Grace and Truth."* John 1:14. Christ didn't just tell us about God; He showed us. The disciples of Jesus were able to watch and listen and learn and follow. As we read what John wrote about enjoying the privilege of observing the glory of God in the flesh, we may be a bit envious. What was it like to behold the glory of the Incarnate God? The glory of the Lord was full of Grace and Truth.

Jesus lived and modeled Grace and Truth, not one without the other. Grace without truth is liberalism. Truth without grace is legalism. Jesus was not the anything goes, whatever works for you, each to his own kind of tolerance and winking at sin that our culture tries to re-make Him into being. They say, "Well I don't think Jesus would be so intolerant as to say there is a right and a wrong." I say, "You should read the Gospels and get to know the real Jesus, not the one you've made up in your revisionist caricature."

"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no one comes to the Father except by Me." John 14:6. Yes, Jesus told the truth and embodied the truth when it was unpopular and dangerous to do so. He spoke truth to power and infuriated the religious leaders. He railed against the religious establishment and was never soft on sin. Yet He ate with sinners and touched lepers and welcomed children and spoke of grace, mercy and forgiveness. The truth of Christ was filled with grace and the grace of Christ was filled with truth. To the woman caught in adultery He not only said, *"Neither do I condemn you,"* but He went on to command, *"Go and sin no more."* Grace and Truth.

In our relationships, in our conversations, with our online postings, and especially in our churches, we must follow the example of Christ: Grace and Truth. Never be afraid to tell the truth as revealed to us in the Bible. But do so within a context of grace and a heart of love.

Our churches, the local expression of the Body of Christ, must embody Grace and Truth. Both are essential, and at times they are sequential. The missionary process going back to the apostles and Christ Himself is to do deeds of kindness and share words of witness. Often it is the deed of kindness that opens the door for someone to listen to a word of witness. The old saying, 'People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care,' is often true. As we feed, clothe, help, visit, teach, comfort, encourage and speak the truth, let us also be careful to be full of grace in our online presence and in our speech. An attitude of grace will draw people to your church so they can hear the truth and be changed by the One who is the Truth. May Grace be shared, may Truth be declared.

Humbly His,
Tim Shull

Looking Ahead

Event	Date	Location
VBS Expo	Mar 4	Brushy Creek Greenville
Embrace All: Literacy Missions Conference	Mar 11	Trinity BC Cayce
Creative Ministries Festival	Mar 10-11	Rawlinson Road Rock Hill
Disaster Relief Training	Mar 18	Calvary BC Florence
VBS Expo	April 1	North Trenholm Columbia
NAMB Evangelism Training	April 25-26	Midtown Fellowship 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 (please keep us updated on address changes)

Then Jesus said to those who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:31-32

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**Outdoor Expo for Youth
Saturday, March 25
Noon – 5 P.M.**

Men's Ministry is holding a hands-on fun filled afternoon for Youth (ages 10 & up) at Colliers Community Center (just behind Peace Haven Church) on Martintown Road. Special guests will be youth from Connie Maxwell Children's Home and John de la Howe.

Lunch reservations (approximate number) are due to Ricky Miller by Monday, March 13.

It will be a great way to spend a Saturday afternoon, so invite all your friends.

For more information or to offer assistance, please contact Ricky Miller at 803-215-5500.

**March 5 – 12: Week of Prayer for
North American Missions**



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

Host Church: Parksville Baptist Church

Association Sermon: Rev. Craig McDaniel
Music Leaders: Norman Keese and Travis Brian
Featured Guest: Chaplain Christopher Dale,
International Seafarers Ministry