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Edgefield Baptist Association

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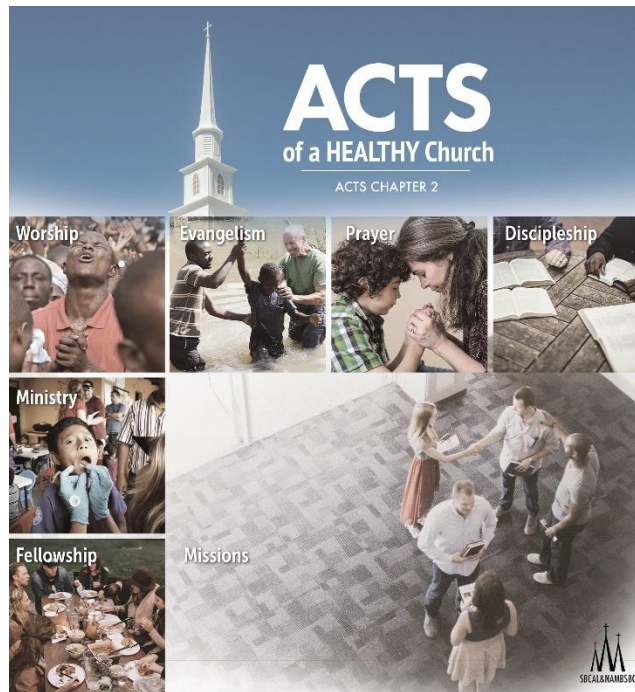
Making History with His Story

Noblins Honored by Plum Branch Members



On April 9 Rev. John Noblin was honored by a celebration for serving 10 years as pastor of Plum Branch Baptist Church. He is quick to point out that God is the one who is faithful and has worked in spite of him rather than because of him. He is the longest serving pastor of this church since 1850, according to reports. John and his wife of 32 years, Lori, reside in Abbeville where he was born and raised. They have 4 grown children and 5 grandchildren.

John has a great burden for revival. He also has a burden for missions; he believes that this is the one thing that small churches like PBBC can do in carrying out the Great Commission. "We may never have large congregations, but we can have a large vision. A small church doesn't have to be a small-minded church. Together, we can reach every part of the world by giving to, and participating in, missions."



Associational Missions Emphasis Season of Prayer May 21-28

Offerings may be designated for Edgefield Baptist Association Missions Offering (EBAMO) which will be used for our missions endeavors and missionary partnerships.

Bulletin covers, prayer cards, posters, etc. are available as downloads or in print. Please contact Jackie by May 15.



Churches Changing Communities July 9-14

Host Church: Antioch
Churches submit registrations by June 14

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Association
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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, May 29
for Holiday.

Scheduled meetings at
the Association Office:

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

CCC Construction
Coordinators
Tuesday, May 23
4:00 P.M.

Executive Committee
Tuesday, May 23
7:00 P.M.

May 22
Deadline for June/July
Newsletter

National Day of Prayer **Thursday, May 4** **Services**

First Bethany, McCormick
6:30 P.M.
Bethlehem Baptist, Edgefield
7:00 P.M. with a Community Choir

Horns Creek Church Celebration **Saturday, May 20** **5:30 P.M.**

Gospel Music by Jeff Barnes

Barbeque Dinner
Adults - \$20; Children - \$10

Oldest church building in Edgefield
located at 443 Old Stage Road

Clear glass jars (baby food, pimento,
etc.) are needed by **Providence BC**
for the Peach Blossom Festival. You
may bring to office by May 2 or
contact Brian Hipp at 803-941-2486.

Churches Changing **Communities** **July 9-14**

Antioch Baptist Church will be the
host church again this year.
Registration packets are available for
each church.

The deadline for church registrations
to be at the EBA office is June 14.
Teams will be put together for both
construction and ministry projects
based on registrations received.
Plan ahead – don't miss out on this
wonderful opportunity to be On
Mission in Your Community!

Parksville Baptist Church is building a
home for one of its members. If you are
willing to volunteer, contact Todd Self at
864-391-1910 or to contribute, make
your check payable to Parksville Baptist
Church, PO Box 4838, Parksville, SC
29844 and earmark it "Helping Hands
Mission".

Church Events

Antioch: Rev. Andy Hunter is
serving as the Interim Pastor.

Parksville: Jewel Quarles was
honored March 19 on her 95th
birthday and as church pianist
serving since 1976.

Plum Branch: Ladies Banquet on
Friday, May 12 at 6:30 for meal and
7:15 for program featuring Melanie
Ratcliff, Adjunct Professor of
Women's Ministry at Charleston
Southern University.

Rehoboth: Homecoming Service
on May 7 at 11 A.M. with lunch
following service. Revival Services
at 7 P.M. Sunday-Wednesday, May
7-10, with Dr. Phillip Burden.

Republican: Youth Minister Drew
Brogden resigned effective April 16.
Jon Nichols began serving as
Minister of Youth, Children, and
Music on April 23.

Sweetwater: Free Senior Adult
Luncheon Monday, May 15 at noon
with Dr. Bob Pitman. Dr. Pitman
will also lead Senior Adult Revival
Services at 11 A.M. on Monday and
Tuesday and on Wednesday at 6:30.
Call 803-279-2821 for lunch
reservations.

Summer Migrant Ministry

Services will be held at Providence
Baptist Church beginning on Sunday,
May 7 at 6 P.M. This also includes a
meal and English classes.

Financial Report March 2017

Church Contributions	MTD	YTD
Antioch	841.00	841.00
Berea	75.00	225.00
Big Stevens Creek	600.00	900.00
Ebenezer	2000.00	2000.00
Edgefield First	0.00	6200.00
First Bethany	0.00	1070.00
Gilgal	0.00	1000.00
Little Stevens Creek	0.00	0.00
Modoc	0.00	0.00
Mountain Creek	89.37	320.55
Mt. Zion	0.00	150.00
Parksville	406.10	785.83
Peace Haven	0.00	0.00
Plum Branch	1350.30	1350.30
Providence	575.00	575.00
Red Hill	1172.64	1957.44
Red Oak Grove	0.00	2580.00
Rehoboth	0.00	689.00
Republican	3955.44	3955.44
Sweetwater	0.00	1201.22
Various Donations	1550.00	1650.00
TOTAL	12614.85	27450.78
Receipts	12614.85	27450.78
Expenses	9681.13	20376.37
Designated Accounts		Balance
AAA		51.15
CCC		4752.79
Hispanic Missions		2720.29
Disaster Relief		5582.52
Men's Ministries		1855.60
WMU		0.00
EBAMO		2281.79
TOTAL		17244.14
Investments		Envelopes are available at the EBA office for designated contributions.
Money Market #1	13339.34	
Money Market #2	10353.66	
TOTAL	23693.00	
Baptist Foundation	12457.70	

Summer of '17

Before you know it, the month of May will come and go and we'll be into the summer of '17. We had an earlier start to our ministry to migrant workers and English classes. As of this writing our plan is to meet with workers at Titan Farms camp the last two Sundays in April and then start our regular schedule at Providence on May 6. Thank you for your flexibility and excellent ministry.

Many of the churches in EBA have Vacation Bible Schools planned for this summer. I need to know when your church's VBS is taking place. We'll communicate a list from the association office. If I have a complete list I can share it with the newspaper and with organizations that work with children and families. So please send us your VBS dates and times and the title or theme of the VBS. Let us know about any other special events like revivals, homecomings, block parties, family fun days, Independence Day celebrations, etc. that you may have on your church calendar.

A big event for all EBA churches is Churches Changing Communities, which will be July 9-14. Each summer the churches of EBA come together to do local construction and repair and ministry projects together. By doing so, we serve and bless hundreds of people in our communities, all the while celebrating our kinship, friendship and fellowship among the churches. Construction Coordinators and other leaders have been getting ready for months, and now is the time to encourage members in our churches to pray, support, give, prepare and participate.

Now is the time to promote CCC in your church and help people register. Each church should have a CCC Church Coordinator. The Church Coordinator gets an information packet from the EBA office. The packet includes a new DVD and all the checklists and forms to register CCC participants from your church. Do you know who your Church Coordinator is? Find out. Talk with your pastor and leaders to make sure your church is included in this marvelous local cooperative missions opportunity. The deadline for registration is June 14, which will be upon us before you know it.

"Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of His return is drawing near." Hebrews 10:24-25.

As I am looking for the soon return of our Lord, I realize that the summer of '17 might be our last chance to share the love of Christ and draw men, women, boys and girls to Him. Let us give our Lord our best attitudes and efforts in the summer of '17.

Humbly His,
Tim Shull

Looking Ahead

Event	Date	Location
Unexpected Moments: SC Baptist Ministry Assistants Conference	May 18-19	Rock Hill FBC
Embrace the Nations Conference	May 19-20	Fort Mill FBC
SEND Conference www.sendconference.com	July 25-26	Orlando
Expanding God's Kingdom: Church Growth Rally with simultaneous Youth Event	August 14,15,16	Clearwater FBC
Youth Event at Connie Maxwell Children's Home. Register by September 7 at www.scwmu.org	Sept 16	CMCH Greenwood

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)
- Share news and events with your church

"Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen." Ephesians 3:20-21

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Return Service Requested

South Carolina Baptist Ministries of Aging Mother's Day Annual Offering May 1-30

Your gift will provide housing and care in our retirement communities for retired missionaries, pastors and lay leaders who obediently served the Lord and now need our help. **They Obeyed. Will You?**

"Let us not grow weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Galatians 6:9

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



The Edgefield Association Disaster Relief Chainsaw Unit deployed for 2 days assisting with clean up in Johnston following the tornado on April 5.



The **Summer Migrant Ministry** began with a visit to the camps at Titan Farms on April 23. After a picnic supper, the group had fun playing Bingo. Then Pastor Cris Negrete brought a message and led in prayer.



Unit Leader for the team on April 13 was Fisher Miller with Tim Shull as Chaplain. Jim Miller served as Unit Leader on April 14. Wendy Gable served as Administration Leader both days. Thank you to all volunteers who were able to help.