

November  
December  
2017

# Edgely Baptist Association

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Making History with His Story

Executive  
Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 28  
7:00 p.m.

Association Office

## Big Stevens Creek Calls Myers as Pastor



Skip Myers was born and raised in Greensboro, NC. He accepted Christ as his Savior in the fifth grade and was an active member of Lawndale Baptist Church. Skip received his call to ministry at the beginning of his junior year of high school. At the age of nineteen, he was called to his first staff position as Minister of Youth at his home church while he attended the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Skip has a B. A. from UNC-G, a Master of Divinity from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, and a Doctorate of Christian Counseling from Andersonville Theological Seminary. He served nine years as a Youth Minister in churches in North Carolina and North Augusta, SC. As a pastor he has served churches in North Carolina, Alabama, and Georgia.

Skip and his wife, Janet, have been married for 36 years. They have two daughters, Erin and Laura, and five grandchildren. Their first Sunday at Big Stevens Creek Baptist Church is November 5.

## Some Highlights from the Fall Association Meeting at Antioch



Brian Darrah presents awards to Rehoboth and Republican for being in the top 125 giving churches for Connie Maxwell Children's Home. Jonathan Mosley, NAMB church planter in Boston, tells about the work being done there.



Rev. John Alexander accepts gavel from Rev. John Noblin and Rev. Tim Sanders preached a challenging association sermon entitled "Learning to Lead."

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**Director of Missions**  
**Rev. Tim Shull**

**Moderator**  
**Rev. John Alexander**

**Vice-Moderator**  
**Rev. Tom Rogers**

**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.

**Holiday Closings**  
**Thanksgiving**  
**November 22**  
**Christmas**  
**December 25-January 1**

**Scheduled meetings at the Association Office:**  
**WMU Leadership Team**  
Thursday, November 2  
7 P.M.  
**EBA Boston Area Mission Trip Meeting**  
Monday, November 13  
6:30 P.M.  
**Executive Committee**  
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**News for January Newsletter is due by December 20**

## **Christmas Prisoner Packets**

**November 14:** Packets are due at EBA Office

**December 4:** Deliver packets to St. Andrews BC in Columbia

**December 5:** Distribute packets at Trenton Correctional Institution

## **Christmas Party for Pastors and Wives**

Thursday, December 14  
6 – 8 P.M. at Edgefield First

## **Help Puerto Rico**

River Springs Church has partnered for 9 years with a sister church in Puerto Rico. A group from RSC just returned from a relief and assessment trip. You can help with the ongoing relief and rebuild projects at [www.givesendgo.com/GEUG](http://www.givesendgo.com/GEUG).

## **Disaster Relief Training 2018**

More volunteers trained in Disaster Relief are needed in Edgefield as well as more trained Unit Leaders. The dates and locations for 2018 are:

**March 17:** Walterboro FBC

**April 21:** Mt. Airy BC, Easley

**May 18-19:** Chaplain Training at White Oak Conference Center

**August 28:** Unit Leader Update Meeting at SCBC in Columbia

## **A Day of Service**

**Saturday, November 4**

Volunteers meet at 7:30 A.M. at Antioch Church, to be assigned to a team for ministry projects in the community. Call Ricky Miller at 803-215-5500 for more information.

## **EBA Men's Ministry Supper and Meeting**

**Tuesday, January 9 at 7:00 P.M.**  
**Providence Baptist Church**

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

## **Special Days November & December**

### **Pastoral Anniversaries**

#### **November**

John Alexander (3 years) at First Bethany Baptist Church, McCormick

Brian Hipp (1 year) at Providence Baptist Church, Johnston

#### **December**

Aaron Tripp (1 year) at Edgefield First Baptist Church, Edgefield

### **Church Events**

**Berea:** Fall Festival on Saturday, November 4 from 11 A.M. until 2 p.m. Games and Food!

**Ebenezer:** Thanksgiving Service on Wednesday, November 22 at 7 P.M. Also, the Christmas Program is on December 17 at 7 P.M. with refreshments following the program.

**Edgefield First:** Community Christmas Cantata performances are December 2 at 4 P.M. and at 7 P.M. on December 3.

**Mountain Creek:** Hanging of the Greens Service on Sunday, November 26 at 6 P.M. Help decorate the Chrismon Tree and enjoy wonderful refreshments after the program.

*The Staff at Edgefield Baptist Association wishes you a Happy Thanksgiving and a Joyous Christmas!*

*Faye, Jackie, Terri, and Tim*

## Financial Report September 2017

Church Contributions	MTD	YTD
Antioch	826.00	2520.00
Berea	0.00	675.00
Big Stevens Creek	600.00	2750.00
Ebenezer	0.00	2000.00
Edgefield First	0.00	6200.00
First Bethany	0.00	3347.00
Gilgal	1000.00	4000.00
Little Stevens Creek	625.00	1875.00
Modoc	0.00	0.00
Mountain Creek	188.64	947.25
Mt. Zion	0.00	600.00
Parksville	405.45	3957.94
Peace Haven	0.00	917.25
Plum Branch	0.00	2493.50
Providence	575.00	1725.00
Red Hill	0.00	5448.49
Red Oak Grove	0.00	2580.00
Rehoboth	0.00	2067.00
Republican	4067.26	11962.17
Sweetwater	0.00	3903.31
Various Donations	0.00	1850.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>8267.35</b>	<b>61818.91</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>6036.90</b>	<b>55085.21</b>
<b>Designated Accounts</b>	<b>Balance</b>	
CCC		3811.74
Hispanic Missions		2470.29
Disaster Relief		7964.53
Men's Ministries		2337.13
WMU		2325.61
EBA Missions Offering		3854.89
<b>Investments</b>	<b>Balance</b>	
Money Market #1		13342.68
Money Market #2		10355.83
Baptist Foundation		12749.85

## Blessed

Gloria and I have been in the ministry together for 35 years, even longer than we've been married. After college at Charleston Southern University, we were blessed to go to New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary shortly after we got married. During college and seminary days I served in church staff positions, principally music and youth. Since graduation from seminary in 1987 I have been a senior preaching pastor. The call of God to *Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; rebuke, correct, and encourage with great patience and teaching* (2 Timothy 4:2), has been a priority for me in the midst of the myriad of all of a pastor's duties.

In the mid 90's God began to impress upon me that we should start a new church, so I began preparing. In 1998 we moved to the midlands. I learned more about starting new churches and Gloria served in the Missions Mobilization Group of the South Carolina Baptist Convention for 13 years. In 2000, we began doing the ground work to plant a new church. The next year we assembled a planting team. Upon the direction of Lexington Baptist Association, we selected an area that needed a new church. Our team first met in a home in the mission area. Then we met in a restaurant and then a community center. We gathered more people, had our first Baptisms in a community pool in August of 2001, and then began meeting every Sunday at Dutch Fork Middle School. Our congregation grew as we reached people who did not go to any church and many who had no church background.

In 2003 River Springs Church was constituted as an autonomous church. We ordained my Associate Pastor Jimmy Parris that year. We broke ground on 15.6 acres between Irmo and Chapin, and we entered our new multi-purpose church building in 2005. We had many baptisms as the Gospel changed lives and produced "springs of living water who each take the Gospel to our dry and thirsty world." I have been stretched in every possible way in the 17 years that I have been planter and pastor of River Springs. Gloria and I have been blessed to see many lives committed to Christ and many strengthened for His service.

When I became Director of Missions for Edgefield Baptist Association, River Springs Church made Rev. Jimmy Parris a Co-Pastor with me, knowing that the day would come that I would step aside and Jimmy would be the senior pastor. That day has come, as I announced at the EBA Fall Meeting.

My resignation from River Springs Church is effective November 17<sup>th</sup> so that I can devote more time and energy to EBA. This will mean that I will be available to be interim pastor when needed and be in the churches more on Sunday mornings when I am not serving as an interim. While Gloria and I look forward to this new chapter in our life, we are also sad to leave the church we started. So, as you pray for Gloria and me, and our family, also pray for River Springs Church and their Pastor Jimmy Parris and his wife Davii and their sons, Judah and Simon.

Our God who calls us and blesses us will be glorified in this.

Humbly His,  
Tim Shull

# Looking Ahead

Event	Date	Location
SCBC Pastor's Conference	Nov 6	Shandon BC Columbia
SCBC Annual Meeting	Nov 7-8	Shandon BC Columbia
Christmas at Camp LaVida Register at <a href="http://www.scwmu.org">www.scwmu.org</a>	Dec 5	Camp LaVida
IMPACT: Creating a Sending Culture	Feb 22	Riverland Hill BC Columbia
Literacy Missions Conference	Mar 3	Lexington BC Lexington
SC WMU Missions Encounter & Annual Meeting	Mar 23-24	North Augusta FBC
Ministry Assistants Annual Meeting	May 17- 18	Mt. Pleasant FBC

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)).

*Be diligent to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who doesn't need to be ashamed, correctly teaching the word of truth.*  
2 Timothy 2:15

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## Season of Prayer for International Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering December 3 – 10, 2017 · Invest in Eternal Impact

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

**Dartmouth, Massachusetts:** EBA Boston Area Mission Team, December 1 - 4

Leaders: Tim Shull and John Alexander  
Berea: Barbara Langley

Edgefield First: Fisher & Terri Miller

First Bethany: Wendy Gable, Kathy Hollingsworth,  
Holly & William Newman

Mountain Creek: Greg Gordy & Michelle Moorhead  
Red Hill: Jesse Bryant

Chad Hartis, Church Planter and South Coast Church



The Edgefield Association serves as a Collection Site for Operation Christmas Child. Please deliver shoe boxes to the Disaster Relief Area at the right rear of the building. The dates and times that the building will be open to receive the shoe boxes are:

<b>Nov. 13, 14:</b>	<b>9:00 - 11:00 A.M.</b>
<b>Nov. 15, 16, 17:</b>	<b>6:00 - 8:00 P.M.</b>
<b>Nov. 18:</b>	<b>9:00 - 11:00 A.M.</b>
<b>Nov. 19:</b>	<b>5:00 - 7:30 P.M.</b>
<b>Nov. 20:</b>	<b>8:00 - 10:00 A.M.</b>

If you would like to volunteer during the above hours, please contact Donna Parker at 480.5303.

NOTE: This year toothpaste and candy are not allowed and the contribution for shipping is \$9 per shoe box.

## Women's World Day of Prayer

**Monday, November 6**

**7:00 P.M.**

**Edgefield First Baptist Church**

Please join us as we pray for women and for the growth of believers and churches all over the world, so that lives can be transformed.