

October 2017

# Edgefield Baptist Association

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Making History with His Story

EBA Boston Area  
Mission Trip  
Information Meeting

Monday, October 2  
7 P.M.  
Association Office

Disaster Relief Team Serves in Florida September 25-30



With 9 volunteers, including one from the Ridge Association, Clay Thompson, Unit Leader, headed to Jacksonville on Monday, September 25, 2017 to assist with Flood Recovery. Photo: Tyler Pasquale, Jenny Banner; Chaplain, Clay Thompson, Wendy Gable, Kathy Hollingsworth, Barbara Langley, Robert Loar, Steve Hilliard, Clifton White, and Lisa Turner.

**Antioch to Host the Association Fall Meeting**  
**Sunday, October 15, 3 P.M.**  
**A Time of Celebration**



At the Fall Meeting you will...

- Celebrate the 125th Birthday of Connie Maxwell Children's Home
- Recognize top giving churches to CMCH
- Mark the 210th Anniversary of EBA
- Recognize and thank former moderators and celebrate our heritage
- Recognize the charter churches of the Edgefield Association
- Hear from Boston church planter Jonathan Moseley
- Get update on the Boston Area EBA Mission Trip
- Adopt the 2018 budget
- Hear a stirring message by Rev. Tim Sanders
- Enjoy a fellowship meal prepared by the host church

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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.**

**Scheduled meetings at  
the Association Office:**

**EBA Boston Area Mission  
Trip Information Meeting**  
Monday, October 2  
7 P.M.

**Dolls on Mission  
Workshop**  
Tuesday, October 3  
Tuesday, October 17  
9 A.M.

The next issue of the  
Newsletter will for  
November and  
December. The deadline  
for events and news  
items is October 23.  
Send us information on  
your Christmas and  
outreach events.

### **Seafarer's Ministry Items Due to EBA by October 17**

- Seafarer's Caps wrapped or in Christmas bag with gospel tract.
- Devotional books like Open Windows and Daily Bread
- Reader's Digest
- Adult Bible Study Material

### **Christmas Prisoner Packets Due to EBA by November 14**

- One BLACK non-retractable pen
- One writing tablet no larger than 5" x 8"
- One ADULT toothbrush
- Five first-class #10 stamp-embossed envelopes from USPO
- Two rolls of hard candy like LifeSavers, Mentos
- One 3.2 oz. to 6 oz. bar of soap
- One 4 oz. – 6 oz. toothpaste
- One-gallon size slider zipper bag

Please do not include any other items and check the list in the September newsletter or call if you have any questions.

### **Operation Christmas Child November 13-19**

Have your shoeboxes ready to drop off the week of November 13-19. This year toothpaste and candy are not allowed and the contribution for shipping has increased to \$9 per box. For more information, please contact Donna Parker at 803-480-5303.

### **Community Christmas Cantata**

If you enjoy singing, please consider joining with others from the community for this year's Christmas Cantata. The next rehearsal is Saturday, October 21 at Edgefield First Baptist from 10 A.M. to noon. Performance dates are December 2 at 4 P.M. and December 3 at 7 P.M. Contact Travis at 637-3139.

## **Special Days October**

### **Pastoral Anniversaries**

Bruce Cooley (17 years)  
Pastor of Berea Baptist Church  
Jerry Garvin (7 years)  
Pastor of Gilgal Baptist Church  
Jon Maish (6 years)  
Youth Pastor of Big Stevens Creek

### **Church Events**

**Berea:** A Fall Festival is planned for Saturday, November 4 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Games and Food!  
**Edgefield First:** Homecoming on October 1<sup>st</sup> with Derry Billingsley leading music and bringing the message.  
**Gilgal:** A Fall Event on Sunday, October 22 begins with supper at 5 p.m. The Perry Family, a Southern Gospel Group, will sing at 6 p.m. A love offering will be taken. Please RSVP to Sharon Bartley at 803-270-9412 by October 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **Trunk or Treat on the Square Tuesday, October 31 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

Hosted by Antioch and Edgefield First Baptist along with the Town of Edgefield. Other churches are invited to participate by bringing one car decorated to give out candy and information about their church. For more information please contact Rob Williams at 864-426-7976.

### **Women's World Day of Prayer**

**Monday, November 6  
7:00 P.M.  
Edgefield First Baptist**

**Financial Report  
August 2017**

**500 Years**

Prior to the invention and proliferation of Gutenberg's movable type printing press in 1440, Europe was dark with ignorance and ecclesiastical oppression. The people did not have Bibles and therefore were at the mercy of a powerful institutional international Church that was rife with corruption and abuse. The printing press, widely regarded as the most important invention of the second millennium, allowed for Bibles and sermons to be mass printed and widely distributed. The availability of these materials brought about a sharp increase in literacy, which broke the monopoly of the literate elite on education and learning in all areas, including religion.

Martin Luther was a German professor, priest, friar and theologian that put mass communication to good use. He strongly disputed many of the extra-biblical teachings promoted by the Church, such as indulgences, that freedom from God's punishment for sin, even future intentional sin, could be purchased with money. He nailed a copy of his *Ninety-Five Theses* on the door of the Church in Wittenberg on October 31, 1517. His refusal to renounce all of his writings at the demand of Pope Leo X resulted in his excommunication by the Pope and condemnation as an outlaw by the Emperor. He and his contemporary reformers, such as John Calvin and Huldrych Zwingli, promoted a return to Biblical doctrine of *Sola Fide*, that salvation is by grace alone, not by works, including works by the Church. We know that the Bible teaches that salvation and, consequently, eternal life are not earned by good deeds but are received only as the free gift of God's grace through the believer's faith in Jesus Christ as Redeemer from sin. Paramount in this movement was *Sola Scriptura*, the doctrine that the Bible, not the edicts of the Pope or tradition of the church, is the final authority for all matters of faith and practice.

Luther, Calvin and Zwingli were preceded by early reformers John Wycliffe and Jan Hus. Hus was burned at the stake for heresy against the doctrines of the Roman Catholic Church. These men translated or worked with translators so that the Bible could be read by all. Other reformers and translators came after them. Many

died in prison or were executed for the crime of putting the Bible into the hands and hearts of ordinary people. Wycliffe was an advocate for translation of the Bible into the vernacular. He completed a translation directly from the Latin Vulgate into Middle English in the year 1382. The spread of Wycliffe's Bible led to the death penalty for anyone found in unlicensed possession of Scripture in English. In full recognition of the danger, William Tyndale translated the first English Bible to draw directly from Hebrew and Greek texts and the first English translation to take advantage of the printing press. It was taken to be a direct challenge to the hegemony of both the Roman Catholic Church and the laws of England maintaining the church's position. In 1536, Tyndale was strangled and burned at the stake. In 1611, the 54 scholars who produced the King James Bible drew significantly from Tyndale's translation.

When you read your Bible and exercise your priesthood of the believer, remember the brave reformers who sacrificed all so that subsequent generations may know God and His Word.

Humbly His,  
Tim Shull

<b>Church Contributions</b>	<b>MTD</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Antioch	0.00	1694.00
Berea	150.00	675.00
Big Stevens Creek	300.00	2150.00
Ebenezer	0.00	2000.00
Edgefield First	0.00	6200.00
First Bethany	0.00	3347.00
Gilgal	0.00	3000.00
Little Stevens Creek	0.00	1250.00
Modoc	0.00	0.00
Mountain Creek	184.86	758.61
Mt. Zion	150.00	600.00
Parksville	923.26	3552.49
Peace Haven	0.00	917.25
Plum Branch	0.00	2493.50
Providence	0.00	1150.00
Red Hill	1583.59	5448.49
Red Oak Grove	0.00	2580.00
Rehoboth	689.00	2067.00
Republican	3939.47	7894.91
Sweetwater	682.61	3903.31
Various Donations	200.00	1850.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>4174.32</b>	<b>53531.56</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>5768.55</b>	<b>48157.59</b>
<b>Designated Accounts</b>		<b>Balance</b>
AAA		51.15
CCC		3811.74
Hispanic Missions		2470.29
Disaster Relief		5458.14
Men's Ministries		2337.13
WMU		2323.56
EBAMO		3854.89
<b>Investments</b>		<b>Balance</b>
Money Market #1		13341.57
Money Market #2		10355.39
Baptist Foundation		12699.50

# Looking Ahead

Event	Date	Location
Annual Fall Hymn Sing	Oct 22 3:00	Spann Church Ward
Advance: Join the Conversation with Mark Aderholt	Oct 24	SCBC
Reaching the Nations in North America Conference	Oct 27-28	Southeastern Seminary
SCBC Pastor's Conference	Nov 6	Shandon BC Columbia
SCBC Annual Meeting	Nov 7-8	Shandon BC
IMPACT: Creating a Sending Culture	Feb 22	Riverland Hill BC Columbia

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)).

*"Having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand and rejoice in hope of the glory of God."*

Romans 5:1-2

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

**East Asia:** Big Stevens Creek, September 28-October 7

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



Youth from Connie Maxwell Children's Home enjoyed a Dove Shoot sponsored by Men's Ministry on September 23. Youth and the trained mentors are shown at the NWTF shooting complex.

## First Bethany Baptist Church Fall Festival '17

Come and join us as we celebrate the fall season

- 🍁 Cake Walk & other games
- 🍁 Pumpkin Painting.
- 🍁 BBQ Sale for Missions.
- 🍁 and much more.....
- 🍁 Ping Pong
- 🍁 Free Life Books
- 🍁 Trunk or Treat

**Saturday, October 28th 5pm-7pm**

**EBA Men's Ministry Supper and Meeting**  
**Tuesday, October 3 at 7:00 P.M.**  
**Little Stevens Creek**

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

Want to contribute to Hurricane and Flood Relief? Send monetary donations to the Edgefield Baptist Association and designate either for EBA Disaster Relief or for South Carolina Disaster Relief.



**Disaster Relief Training**  
**October 13-14**  
**White Oak Conference Center**  
 Register at  
[www.scbaptist.org/dr](http://www.scbaptist.org/dr)  
 (Must be 18 or older.)