

September  
2017

# Edgefield Baptist Association

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Making History with His Story

Executive  
Committee Meeting

Tuesday  
September 19  
7:00 P.M.

## E.B.A. Boston Area Mission Trip

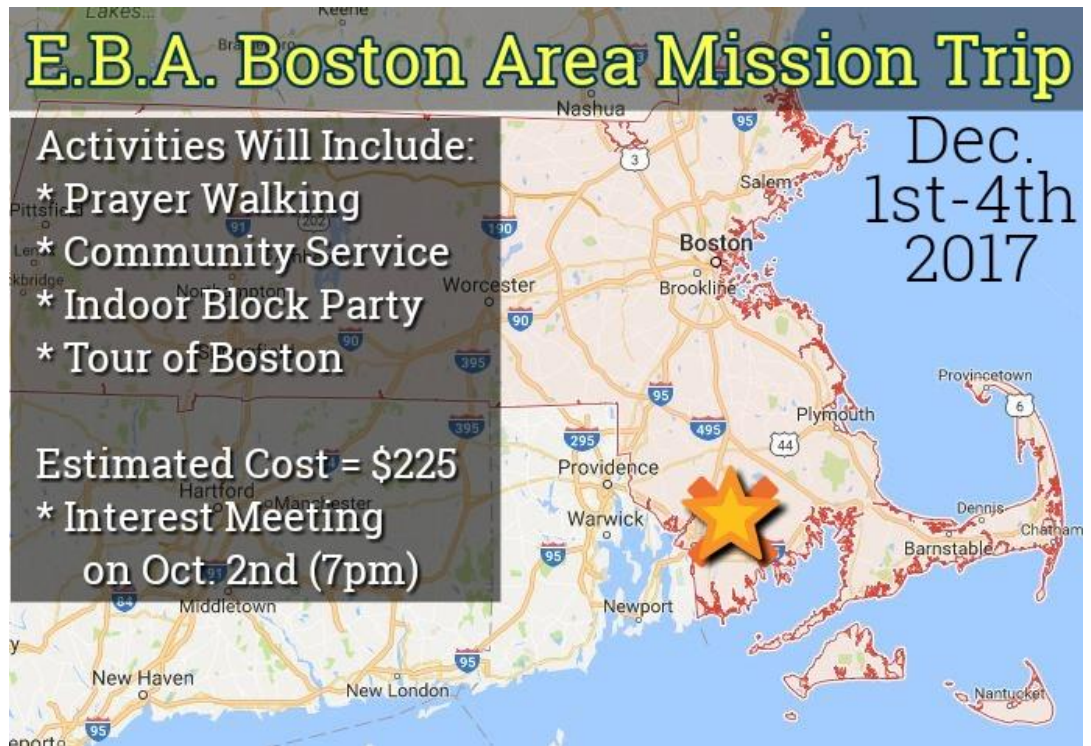
Dec.  
1st-4th  
2017

Activities Will Include:

- \* Prayer Walking
- \* Community Service
- \* Indoor Block Party
- \* Tour of Boston

Estimated Cost = \$225

- \* Interest Meeting  
on Oct 2nd (7pm)



- \* Pastors will receive information packet about the mission trip on September 19th at the Executive Committee Meeting.
- \* An Interest Meeting will be held on Monday, October 2nd at 7 P.M. at the EBA Office. Registration will open at the conclusion of this meeting and a deposit secures the registration.
- \* An update concerning the registration will be given during the Semi-Annual Meeting on October 15th at Antioch Baptist Church.
- \* Registration will close at noon on Tuesday, October 31st.
- \* Updated costs and other information will be given to registrants in early November. The remainder of trip costs will be due at that time.

### Save The Date! Association Fall Meeting Sunday, October 15, 3 P.M. at Antioch

We will celebrate the 125<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Connie Maxwell Children's Home and the 210<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of EBA! We'll recognize and thank former moderators and celebrate our heritage. We'll hear from Boston church planter Jonathan Moseley and a stirring message by Rev. Tim Sanders. We'll adopt our budget and enjoy a fellowship meal prepared by the host church.



### Summer Migrant Ministry

Our numbers may have been smaller this summer but the faithfulness of our group and volunteers was huge. Thanks to Javier, Noe, Christian, Erasmus, and Francisco for attending each Sunday, and thanks to Carol Bryan, Velda Livingston, and Faye Usry for teaching ESL. Thanks to those who provided transportation and meals, and to

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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**  
**Monday, September 4**  
**Labor Day Holiday**

**Scheduled meetings at  
the Association Office:**

**Tuesday, September 5**  
Doll Makers at 9 A.M.  
Missions Development at 6  
History Committee at 6:30

**Monday, September 11**  
Budget Committee at 6:30  
Prayer Team at 6:30

**Tuesday, September 19**  
Doll Makers at 9 A.M.  
Executive Committee at 7

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

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

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

### **Ministry to Prisoners**

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

- One BLACK non-retractable pen (no wire clips, no other color)
- One writing tablet no larger than 5" x 8" (no wire bound, no composition books)
- One ADULT toothbrush (individually factory-sealed)
- Five first-class #10 stamp-embossed envelopes (from US Post Office-no regular stamps)
- Two rolls of hard candy like LifeSavers, Mentos, Breath Savers (No Smarties, Rolos, Sweetarts, Starburst, Tic-Tacs)
- One 3.2 oz. to 6 oz. bar of soap (no travel size, must be in box or wrapped)
- One 4 oz. – 6 oz. toothpaste (no travel size)
- One-gallon size slider zipper bag (no other size bags)

Please do not include any other items.

**December 5:** Distribution of Christmas Prisoner Packets at Trenton Correctional Institute

**December 10:** Serving of Christmas Meal at Trenton Correctional Institute

Volunteers who wish to participate in the distribution of packets or to help serve the meal must contact Ron Creswell at [roncreswell@outlook.com](mailto:roncreswell@outlook.com) or call 678.787.2291 by **September 8.**

A background check must be completed on all volunteers even if you have volunteered in the past year.

## **Special Days September**

### **Pastoral Anniversaries**

Robert Huffman (6 years) .Mountain  
Creek  
Paul Noe (5 years) .....Sweetwater  
Tom Rogers (4 years) .....Mt. Zion  
Tim Shull (3 years) .....EBA

### **Church Events**

**Mountain Creek:** "What A Wonderful Change!" is the theme for Homecoming Service at 11 A.M. on Sunday, September 24 with Rev. Tim Shull; Revival Services with Rev. Shull on September 24 at 6 P.M. with the Faith Home Choir; and September 25-27 at 7 P.M. Guest pianist is Wallace Watkins.

**Mt. Zion:** Homecoming Service on September 24 at 11 A.M. Revival Services September 24 at 6 P.M. and 25-26 at 7 P.M. with Rev. John Myer, Pastor of Belvedere First Baptist.  
**Plum Branch:** Joint Revival Services "Heaven's Help for Hurting Homes" with First Bethany and Buffalo with Rev. Carl Willis of Woodland Park in Chattanooga on September 24-27 at 7 P.M.

**Providence:** Revival Services with Dr. Lynn Kirkland of Impact Ministries, Aiken on Sunday September 17 at 11 A.M. and September 17-19 at 7 P.M.

**Rehoboth:** The Bunkley Family Singers will perform on Sunday, September 17 at 6 P.M. A love offering will be taken and there will be a covered dish supper. Contact Lucretia Major at 637-3635 for more information.

### **Operation Christmas Child**

Drop off week for shoeboxes is **November 13-19.** Hours for EBA will be in the October Newsletter.

## Financial Report July 2017

| Church Contributions       | MTD             | YTD             |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Antioch                    | 0.00            | 1694.00         |
| Berea                      | 75.00           | 525.00          |
| Big Stevens Creek          | 300.00          | 1850.00         |
| Ebenezer                   | 0.00            | 2000.00         |
| Edgefield First            | 0.00            | 6200.00         |
| First Bethany              | 1177.00         | 3347.00         |
| Gilgal                     | 2000.00         | 3000.00         |
| Little Stevens Creek       | 0.00            | 1250.00         |
| Modoc                      | 0.00            | 0.00            |
| Mountain Creek             | 0.00            | 573.75          |
| Mt. Zion                   | 0.00            | 450.00          |
| Parksville                 | 0.00            | 2629.23         |
| Peace Haven                | 486.95          | 917.25          |
| Plum Branch                | 0.00            | 2493.50         |
| Providence                 | 0.00            | 1150.00         |
| Red Hill                   | 1243.11         | 3864.90         |
| Red Oak Grove              | 0.00            | 2580.00         |
| Rehoboth                   | 689.00          | 2067.00         |
| Republican                 | 3939.47         | 7894.91         |
| Sweetwater                 | 288.51          | 3220.70         |
| Various Donations          | 0.00            | 1650.00         |
| <b>Total Receipts</b>      | <b>10199.04</b> | <b>49357.24</b> |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>      | <b>5130.83</b>  | <b>42389.04</b> |
| <b>Designated Accounts</b> |                 | <b>Balance</b>  |
| AAA                        |                 | 51.15           |
| CCC                        |                 | 6378.05         |
| Hispanic Missions          |                 | 2720.29         |
| Disaster Relief            |                 | 5458.14         |
| Men's Ministries           |                 | 1837.13         |
| WMU                        |                 | 0.00            |
| EBAMO                      |                 | 3854.89         |
| <b>Investments</b>         |                 | <b>Balance</b>  |
| Money Market #1            |                 | 13341.57        |
| Money Market #2            |                 | 10355.39        |
| Baptist Foundation         |                 | 12694.06        |

## First and Second Coming

*The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. Acts 8:34*

The man was reading from Isaiah 53. Even though it was written 700 years before Jesus was born, Philip knew that the Old Testament prophecy was about Jesus the Messiah.

The Bible predicted events and people and rising and falling of empires hundreds of years before they happened. Isaiah 44:28 – 45:1-13 predicts the fall of Jerusalem, the destruction of the temple, and that a man named Cyrus would rebuild the temple. One hundred years later, the Lord told the prophet Jeremiah that the Babylonians would come and take the Jewish people captive. He also told Jeremiah that after 70 years of captivity they would be released to come back to the land of Israel. (Jeremiah 25:11-12 and 29:10) Just as Jeremiah prophesied, God brought the Jewish people home from exile back to Israel right on schedule. And just as Isaiah prophesied 125 years before Cyrus was born, Cyrus was precisely the name of the Persian king who defeated the Babylonians and helped the Jews go back home.

*"Can your idols make such claims as these? Let them try to tell us what has happened long ago or what the future holds. If you are gods, then tell us what will occur in the days ahead!" Isaiah 41:22-23*

The best Bible prophecies are about Christ. Many people think that the entire Bible was written all at once after Jesus lived on earth. They miss the astounding truth that hundreds of years before Christ, the Bible clearly predicts so many things that only Christ fulfills. Isaiah 53 describes the death of the Messianic Suffering Servant hundreds of years before Christ was born. Psalm 22 describes His death by crucifixion and was written 600 years before crucifixion was invented.

The Old Testament contains 108 separate and distinct prophecies concerning the First Coming of Jesus. Every aspect of the life of Jesus was prophesied — the place of His birth, the nature of His birth, the quality of His ministry, the purpose of His life, and the agony of His death; and all of those prophecies were literally fulfilled. The literal fulfillment of so many prophecies in the life of one individual transcends any coincidence. And the literal fulfillment of so many prophecies of the first coming of Christ should make us take notice and take seriously the prophecies about His second coming.

Although we are most familiar with the first coming of Christ, it is the Second Coming that gets the most ink in the Bible, by a ratio of more than six to one. Scholars count 1,845 Biblical references to the Second Coming, including 318 in the New Testament. Christ's return is emphasized in 17 Old Testament books and in 7 out of every 10 chapters in the New Testament. The Lord Himself refers to His return 21 times. My dad, Lonnie Shull, said it this way, "Christ's first advent was prophesied and forecast all through the Old Testament. References to His return, His second advent are found throughout both the Old and New Testaments. It will be the climax of human history, and the completion of our redemption. The Blessed Hope, the return of Christ, is central in God's Word. We speak and sing of God's amazing Grace and know we are saved by grace through faith. Grace is mentioned 125 times in the New Testament. We preach repentance as necessary if one is to be right with God. Repentance is mentioned 70 times in the New Testament. But listen, in the New Testament alone, the Blessed Hope, the second coming of Christ is mentioned 318 times."

*I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. — Jesus, in John 14:2-3.*

Christ came the first time as foretold. He is coming again just as He promised.

Humbly His, **Tim Shull**



# Looking Ahead

| Event  | Date    | Location                   |
|--|---------|----------------------------|
| 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             |
| Advance: Join the Conversation with Mark Aderholt  | Oct 24  | SCBC                       |
| 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)).

### 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

**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:** Association Mission Team, December 1-4

**Season of Prayer for State Missions and Janie Chapman Offering**  
September 10 - 17

### 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, September 30 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.

### Dove Shoot

**The Men's Ministry will hold a dove shoot for youth of John de la Howe and Connie Maxwell at the NWTF Shooting Complex. Saturday, September 23 at 11 o'clock**

**Contact: Ricky Miller 803-215-5500**

*For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words. 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18*

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## Women's Bible Study

Monday nights- September 11-October 23  
6:30 pm

# EPHESIANS

Childcare  
Provided

By Tony Merida

\$10 Bible  
Study Book

Fellowship Hall at

Edgefield First Baptist Church



Seafarer's caps and devotional literature are due at the Association Office by October 17.

The Women's World Day of Prayer is November 6 at 7 p.m. at Edgefield First Baptist.

Christmas Prisoner Packets are due at the Association Office by November 14.