

April 2018

Edgelyield Baptist Association

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Making History with His Story



Churches Changing Communities 2018



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Construction Coordinators are evaluating projects and gearing up for assisting homeowners in communities served by our churches. Any suggestions for projects are needed before April 9th. Please talk with one of the coordinators or call Jackie at 637-3309.

Spring Semi-annual Association Meeting Sunday, April 15 at 3:00 P.M.

Host Church: Gilgal Baptist Church
Association Sermon: Rev. Lance Thomas

Church Pastors, elected messengers, association officers and leaders and church members are encouraged to attend.

Mission New England

5th Sunday Night Community Service – April 29

Hear Chad Hartis, Church Planter in Dartmouth, Massachusetts and rejoice in the presentation from our Mission Dartmouth Team on Sunday, April 29 at 6 P.M. at Berea Baptist Church. A fellowship meal follows. RSVP to 637-3309 or jackie@ebamissions.org by April 23 for the meal only. All churches are invited!

Pastor's Luncheon – April 30

Pastors and church leaders are invited to a Missions Luncheon to talk with Chad Hartis, pastor and planter of South Coast Church, on Monday, April 30 at noon at the Association Office. Spend time around the table in fellowship with local pastors who have led their churches to partner with church planters like Chad and his wife Jodi. Please RSVP to the association office by noon on April 23. Call 803-637-3309 or email jackie@ebamissions.org

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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.

Scheduled meetings at the Association Office:

Dolls on Mission
Tuesday, April 3 & 17
9:30 A.M.

CCC Construction Coordinators
Monday, April 9
6:00 P.M.

Church Technology & Social Media Marketing Strategies
Saturday, April 14
9 – 11 A.M.

Pastor's Luncheon
Monday, April 30
Noon

News for May Newsletter is due by April 16

CCC 2018 Important Facts

- Week of July 8-13
- Host Church -Edgefield First
- Registration Packets available now-see your church coordinator
- Deadline for completed registrations is June 13
- Sign up for either a Ministry or Construction team
- Youth will have a special event on Wednesday evening
- Promotion video available online
- Block Party on Friday

Men's Ministry Supper/Meeting
Tuesday, April 10
7:00 P.M.
Host Church: Parksville

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

EBA WMU Spring Meeting
Thursday, April 19
Refreshments at 6:30 P.M.
Meeting at 7:00 P.M.
Guest Missionary: Linda Dilworth
Host Church: Red Oak Grove

For more information, please call Susan Keck at 803-480-1852.

Ministry Health Kits Due May 9

Place one of each item in a 2 or 2 ½ gallon plastic bag with slider zipper:

- ✓ Adult-size Toothbrush
- ✓ Toothpaste (6 oz. or larger)
- ✓ Bath Soap (3.8 oz. or larger)
- ✓ Wash Cloth
- ✓ Bath Towel
- ✓ Comb or Brush

Ministry Health Kits will be delivered to the Migrant Camps on Tuesday, **May 15**. Volunteers will meet at 6 P.M. at the Association Office. For more information, please contact Jackie at 637-3309.

Special Days
April

Wedding Anniversaries
07 Jerry & Helen Garvin.....Gilgal
15 Bruce & Vonda Cooley.....Berea

Pastoral Anniversaries
John Noblin (11 years)..... Plum Branch
Jon Nichols (1 year)Republican
Craig McDaniel (7 years)..... Parksville
Andy Hunter (1 year) ..Interim, Antioch

Church Events

Edgefield First: Registration for **God's Little Angels Preschool** will begin April 11 for 2K, 3K and 4K for the 2018/2019 school year at Edgefield First Baptist Church, 212 Church Street. Registration is \$40 for 2K and \$50 for 3/4K. GLA admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. For more information, please call 637-6139.

Plum Branch: Events coming up include Disciple Cycle D-Groups begin April 8; Annual Ladies Banquet on May 12. Registration is required; and Fishers of Men Bass Tournament Trail dinner/meeting will be June 15.

2017 Association Annual

The annual is now available. The annual includes 2017 statistics provided by each church as well as church and association leadership information for 2018. Each church receives several print copies and may request more if needed.

If you prefer an electronic copy, please contact Faye Usry at 637-4620 or email usryfaye@gmail.com

Financial Report February 2018

House of Prayer by Tim Shull

Church Contributions	MTD	YTD
Antioch	0.00	0.00
Berea	75.00	150.00
Big Stevens Creek	300.00	300.00
Ebenezer	0.00	0.00
Edgefield First	6600.00	6600.00
First Bethany	0.00	0.00
Gilgal	0.00	0.00
Little Stevens Creek	625.00	625.00
Modoc	0.00	176.45
Mountain Creek	164.39	266.90
Mt. Zion	0.00	150.00
Parksville	350.75	843.75
Peace Haven	0.00	0.00
Plum Branch	0.00	0.00
Providence	0.00	0.00
Red Hill	616.90	616.90
Red Oak Grove	0.00	2580.00
Rehoboth	0.00	708.00
Republican	0.00	4370.34
Sweetwater	339.32	339.32
Various Donations	100.00	119.64
Total Receipts	9171.36	17846.30
Total Expenses	4933.02	10764.63
Designated Accounts	Balance	
Block Party Trailer		150.00
CCC		4137.74
Hispanic Missions		2470.29
Disaster Relief		8767.66
Men's Ministries		11767.45
WMU		2325.61
EBA Missions Offering		4389.72
Investments	Balance	
Money Market #1		13345.44
Money Market #2		10358.00
Baptist Foundation		12878.07

"Jesus went into Jerusalem and into the temple complex. After looking around at everything, since it was already late, He went out to Bethany with the Twelve." Mark 11:11. On Palm Sunday, Jesus walked into the temple area, looked around, and walked out. So we know what he did on Monday was no rash impulsive act.

First, coming from Bethany, He cursed a fig tree. (Mark 11:12-14 and Matthew 21:18-19) *"Now in the morning, as He returned to the city, He was hungry. And seeing a fig tree by the road, He came to it and found nothing on it but leaves, and said to it, "Let no fruit grow on you again." The fig tree withered away."* Matthew 21:18-19. The fig tree represents the nation of Israel and the vision and purpose God had for it. (Hosea 9:10, Jeremiah 24:1-10, Joel 1:7, Luke 13:6-9). Jesus cursed the fig tree as an object lesson to His disciples. Israel was supposed to be a light and a blessing to the nations. *"The Lord says, 'You will do more than restore the people of Israel to me. I will make you a light to the Gentiles, and you will bring my salvation to the ends of the earth.'"* Isaiah 49:6. But they were fruitless.

"They came to Jerusalem, and He went into the temple complex and began to throw out those buying and selling in the temple. He overturned the money changers' tables and the chairs of those selling doves, and would not permit anyone to carry goods through the temple complex. Then He began to teach them: "Is it not written, My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations? But you have made it a den of thieves!" Then the chief priests and the scribes heard it and started looking for a way to destroy Him. For they were afraid of Him, because the whole crowd was astonished by His teaching." Mark 11:15-18.

It was Passover week. The Passover was the highlight of the Jewish calendar. People came from all regions and many countries to be present for the celebration. Upon arriving they were obligated to meet two requirements: 1. An animal sacrifice, usually a dove, 2. A temple tax in temple currency. But buyers and sellers were haggling and arguing and turning the temple courtyard into a crass commercial market. Jesus was outraged that the outer court of the temple, the only place at the temple for Gentiles, was filled with money changers and traders. Furthermore, worshipers were being cheated on the inspection of animals and subsequent sale of approved animals for sacrifice and on the exchange of their money to temple currency. The temple complex was supposed to

draw people to inquire about the One True God. The Court of the Gentiles should have been an arena for evangelism. Instead it was a marketplace that displaced, abused and cheated would-be worshipers.

In Mark 11:17, Christ quoted Isaiah 56:7, *"House of Prayer for all nations"*. God wants all people to come to Him. Christ also quoted Jeremiah 7:11, *"Den of Thieves"*, a judgment over the first temple. *"Has this house, which is called by My name, become a den of thieves in your eyes? Behold, I, even I, have seen it," says the Lord."*

Israel and its Temple had failed to be fruitful in bringing the nations to God. Using the fruitless fig tree as a parable, Jesus pronounced judgment upon them.

What about us? Have we ceased to be fruitful? Do we focus on our buildings or money or activities or traditions or security or comfort or survival instead of shining the marvelous light of Christ to our country and to the nations? Are we still Acts 1:8 witnesses, Great Commission followers of Christ bringing people to the Lord?

Looking Ahead

Event	Date	Location
Ministry Assistants Annual Meeting	May 17-18	Mt. Pleasant FBC
The Leader I Want to Be: Conference for Pastors and Church Leaders with Johnny Hunt	Aug 7	Lexington BC

More information is available at the EBA Office (803.637.3309 or jackie@ebamissions.org) or the South Carolina Baptist Convention (1.800.723.7242 or www.scbaptist.org).

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Visit us at www.ebamissions.org

Email us at either jackie@ebamissions.org or tim@ebamissions.org

“Lord, my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all peoples; A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel.”
Luke 2:32

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EBAMO 2018 Offering

This year’s Edgefield Baptist Association Missions Offering will help in the Building Fund of our Spanish Language Church Iglesia Bautista Getsemani. Hear more about this at the Spring Semi-annual Meeting.

Prayer for Mission Trips

Be prayerful for spiritual preparation for the teams, for God to be glorified, and for safe travel.

Costa Rica: Ben Thompson (FCA)-Republican, June 17-21

Toronto: John Michael Alexander-First Bethany, June & July

Kentucky: Big Stevens Creek, July 21-28

Boston: John Noblin-Plum Branch, July 22-28

GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life’s most difficult experiences. You don’t have to go through the grieving process alone.



New Sessions starting in May at First Bethany Baptist Church

Associational Missions Offering and Week of Prayer Theme: PARTNERSHIPS



Acts 16:9

**Local
State
National
Global**

Acts 1:8

Church Technology and Social Media Marketing Strategies

Saturday, April 14

9:00 – 11:00 A.M. at the EBA Office

Do you want to know more about using technology effectively in communication and worship?

Bring your tablet, smart phone, or laptop to this workshop facilitated by Rev. Travis Brian.

Reserve your spot by contacting Jackie by April 11 at 637-3309 or email jackie@ebamissions.org