

February  
2018

Edgefield Baptist Association

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Making History with His Story

Executive  
Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 13  
7:00 P.M.

## Outdoor EXPO Saturday, March 10



Noon – 4:00 P.M.  
Lunch Provided  
Collier's Community Center

Sponsored by the Men's Ministry for the youth at Connie Maxwell, John de la Howe, and EBA Churches, Outdoor EXPO is designed to introduce young people to enjoyable outdoor activities – archery, fishing, hunting, shooting, inflatables and games – and to share the gospel.

To volunteer or to sign up youth (ages 10 & up) from your church, please contact Ricky Miller at 803-215-5500.

### Local Church Combines Fire Safety and Outreach

Using resources available from South Carolina Disaster Relief, NAMB Send Relief, and the South Carolina Fire Safe program, First Bethany made home visits in their church community to share God's love as well as to provide smoke detectors and fire extinguishers.

This service was offered by the church for one month to homeowners who scheduled an appointment with church volunteers. One team member, who loves visiting people, said that this was a wonderful way to introduce yourself and share about your church. There were witnessing and prayer opportunities as a result. First Bethany plans to offer another fire safety outreach in April.

Pastor John Alexander stated "This was an awesome way to serve the community and the Kingdom at the same time. If you or your church would like to know more about how to do this, feel free to contact me."

To read the complete article by Julie Bell on the South Carolina Baptist Convention website go to: [Rural Church Provides Fire Safety and Outreach](#)

### Spring Semi-annual Association Meeting

Sunday, April 15 at 3:00 P.M.

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

**Edgefield Baptist  
Association**  
985 Hwy 25 N  
Edgefield, SC 29824

**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.

**Scheduled meetings at  
the Association Office:**

**Dolls on Mission**  
Tuesday, February 6 & 20  
9:30 A.M.

**WMU Leadership**  
Thursday, February 1  
7:00 P.M.

**Nominating Committee**  
Tuesday, February 6  
6:30 P.M.

**Missions Development**  
Tuesday, February 27  
6:00 P.M.

**News for March  
Newsletter is due by  
February 19**

## **AU Serve**

Anderson University Christian  
Ministry has a program to reach out  
and serve the way Christ served by  
offering the following to churches:

- Discipleship Teams for Youth
- Assisting with Children Events
- Helping with Community Events
- Drama Teams
- Worship Bands
- Support for Mission Events

For more information or to book AU  
Serve please contact Becky Walker at  
863.933.0892

## **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

Please let Jackie at the association  
office know if you are interested in  
going to any of the training sessions.

## **The SC Baptist Singing Churchmen**

Tuesday, March 6 at 7:00 P.M.  
Belvedere First Baptist Church

## **Literacy Missions and Hunger Ministries Conference**

Saturday, March 3  
8:45 – 2:45  
Lexington Baptist Church

Join with others to improve skills for  
teaching English. And new this year  
is a dedicated Hunger Ministry Track  
for churches who have a food pantry  
or other type hunger ministry.

Cost is \$20 which includes lunch.  
Register at [scbaptist.org/missions-mobilization](http://scbaptist.org/missions-mobilization) or call 803.227.6064.

## **Special Days February**

### **Wedding Anniversaries**

John & Lori Noblin (Plum Branch)  
celebrate on February 15.

Eleazer & Nina Benenhaley (Red  
Hill) celebrate on February 25.

### **Church Events**

**Edgefield First:** Men's Fellowship  
Breakfast is Tuesday, February 6 at  
6:30 a.m. All men are welcome.

**First Bethany:** The church is  
hosting a live stream conference  
"Marriage: What Did You Expect?"  
with Dr. Paul David Tripp on  
February 2-3. Email Pastor John at  
[revjohnalexander@gmail.com](mailto:revjohnalexander@gmail.com)

**Mt. Zion:** A free CPR/First Aid  
Class is being offered on Saturday,  
February 17 beginning at 8 A.M. If  
interested, please contact Jay Smith  
at 803.640.4411 by noon on  
Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Parksville:** Joyful Sound from North  
Greenville will be in concert on  
Friday, March 2 at 7 P.M.

**Peace Haven:** A Beth Moore Bible  
Study on 2 Timothy is being offered  
beginning February 11 from 3-5 P.M.  
for six weeks.

**Plum Branch:** March Manna will  
be Sundays in March at 7 P.M. with  
testimonies, special music and guest  
speakers with Brad Whitt on the 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Red Oak Grove:** Focus on WMU on  
February 18<sup>th</sup> will feature 2 team  
members of the Mission Dartmouth  
Trip sharing their experiences.

**Sweetwater:** The Annual Wild  
Game Supper on Saturday, March 10  
at 5 P.M. will feature guest speaker,  
David Blanton.

## Financial Report December 2017

Church Contributions	MTD	YTD
Antioch	0.00	3298.00
Berea	75.00	900.00
Big Stevens Creek	600.00	3650.00
Ebenezer	0.00	2000.00
Edgefield First	0.00	6200.00
First Bethany	0.00	5202.00
Gilgal	0.00	4000.00
Little Stevens Creek	1250.00	3125.00
Modoc	0.00	0.00
Mountain Creek	153.66	1100.91
Mt. Zion	0.00	750.00
Parksville	367.95	4697.46
Peace Haven	0.00	2052.60
Plum Branch	0.00	5010.50
Providence	575.00	2300.00
Red Hill	0.00	7846.65
Red Oak Grove	0.00	2580.00
Rehoboth	0.00	2756.00
Republican	0.00	11962.17
Sweetwater	963.91	5683.73
Various Donations	0.00	2360.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>9421.27</b>	<b>77475.02</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>7212.83</b>	<b>72527.79</b>
<b>Designated Accounts</b>	<b>Balance</b>	
Block Party Trailer	150.00	
CCC	4137.74	
Hispanic Missions	2470.29	
Disaster Relief	7667.66	
Men's Ministries	10667.45	
WMU	2325.61	
EBA Missions Offering	4389.72	
<b>Investments</b>	<b>Balance</b>	
Money Market #1	13344.37	
Money Market #2	10357.56	
Baptist Foundation	12610.23	

## Worthy of Worship – by Tim Shull

I know that our churches engage in meaningful and purposeful activities and ministries. In order for good work to endure, a high priority must be given to Worship, both private and corporate. One of the most important things that a church can do, for its members and for its outreach, is to make sure that the Sunday morning worship time is a powerfully relevant meeting of worshipers with the King of the universe. Sunday morning worship, the preaching of the Word and singing of hymns and spiritual songs, should be a high priority. Worship is placing my mind's attention and my heart's affection on the Lord in response to who He is and what He has done. "Worship delights our Father, develops our Family, declares our Faith, and dethrones our Flesh" God is pleased when our worship is accurate, authentic, thoughtful and thankful. In Luke 7:36-50, a sinful woman anointed Jesus's feet at the home of Simon the Pharisee. From her act and Jesus's response we learn that "Worship is activated by bold initiative, demonstrated by costly sacrifice, and motivated by a grateful heart."

Isaiah 6:1-8 shows us that when we worship almighty God, God's presence is experienced, God's pardon is offered, God's purposes are revealed and God's power is displayed. Like Isaiah, when we have an experience with God, we see God for who He is, we see ourselves for who we are, and we see others the way God sees them. When I worship...

**1. I see God for who He is.** (Isaiah 6:1-3) He is a High God.

*"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," says the Lord. 'For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.'"*

Isaiah 55:8-9. He is a Holy God. *"Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him, all the earth."* Psalm 96:9. God is God and I am not.

**2. I see Myself for who I am.** (Isaiah 6:4-7) Isaiah realized that he was a sinner. I had a car that I thought was white until I saw it up against the snow. Then I realized that my car was not white. When I see myself in light of who God is, I realize that I am a miserable sinner. Worship provides the opportunity by grace for Confessing and Cleansing.

*"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."* 1 John 1:9. *"Though your sins are like scarlet, they can be as white as snow."* Isaiah 1:18.

**3. I see Others the way God sees them.** (Isaiah 6:8) Once we see God for who He is and see ourselves for who we are, we are able to see others as God sees them. They are, like me, sinners in need of a Savior. In worship God calls us to join Him in His redemptive mission. *"And I*

*heard the voice of the Lord, saying: 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' Then I said, 'Here am I! Send me.'"* Isaiah 6:8. In worship God invites us to commit ourselves to bringing people to know Him, love Him and worship Him. Jesus said, *"An hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth. Yes, the Father is seeking such people to worship Him."* John 4:23. What does God want? He wants people. He desires passionate and authentic worshipers. He is worthy of our worship and God knows that worshiping Him is the best thing for us. While evangelism produces worshipers, real worship of God provides a proper motivation for evangelism and missions. The more we love God, the more we want to give Him what He wants. We have many good reasons for engaging in soul-winning evangelism and gospel-spreading missions. Put this one on your list: Heaven rejoices and God is pleased when we bring people to faith in Christ and to worship the true and living God.

*"Give thanks to the Lord and proclaim his greatness. Let the whole world know what he has done. Sing to Him; yes sing His praises. Tell everyone about His miracles. Exult in His holy name; O worshipers of the Lord, rejoice!"*

Psalm 105:1-3 (NLT)

# Looking Ahead

Event	Date	Location
IMPACT: Creating a Sending Culture	Feb 22	Riverland Hill BC Columbia
Literacy Missions/Hunger Ministries 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 is available at the EBA Office (803.637.3309 or [jackie@ebamissions.org](mailto:jackie@ebamissions.org)) or the South Carolina Baptist Convention (1.800.723.7242 or [www.scbaptist.org](http://www.scbaptist.org)).

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Visit us at [www.ebamissions.org](http://www.ebamissions.org)

Email us at either [jackie@ebamissions.org](mailto:jackie@ebamissions.org) or [tim@ebamissions.org](mailto:tim@ebamissions.org)

*Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.  
Psalm 95:6*

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## Churches Changing Communities 2018 – July 8-13 Host Church: Edgefield First Baptist



2018  
SC WMU Missions Encounter &  
Annual Meeting  
March 23-24  
First Baptist Church, North Augusta



### Learn how to be a Ship-tastic VBS Leader

**Saturday, March 3**  
**8:30 – 12:30**

Belvedere First Baptist Church  
421 Edgefield Road, Belvedere, SC

For more information contact Susan Meyer at  
Belvedere FBC at 803-640-3685

Register online: [www.group.com/vbsfunshop](http://www.group.com/vbsfunshop)

Early Bird Rate \$20 by February 19



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