

March
2018

Edgefield Baptist Association

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Making History with His Story

Executive
Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 13
7:00 P.M.

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

Your opportunity to “go on a mission trip” close to home is coming again in July. Please set aside the week of July 8-13, so that you will be able to participate.

Who will serve as your church coordinator? Who will ensure that everyone in your church knows how to pray, donate, or sign up for Churches Changing Communities?

Information packets with registration materials will be available at the Executive Committee meeting on March 13.



Disaster Relief Training for 2018

March 17: Walterboro FBC

April 21: Mt. Airy BC, Easley

More volunteers are needed to be trained for our flood recovery unit and to be certified as Unit Leaders.

Please let Jackie at the association office know if you are interested in training – must be 18 or older.

For more information or to register go to:

www.scbaptist.org/dr/unit-leaders/



2018

SC WMU Missions Encounter &
Annual Meeting

March 23-24

First Baptist Church, North Augusta

Edgefield WMU members have been asked to furnish 40 dozen homemade cookies for Saturday morning. If you are able to help with this, please contact Susan Keck at 803-637-3906, 803-480-1852 or email skeck60@gmail.com by March 10.

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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, March 6
Tuesday, March 20
9:30 A.M.

CCC Construction Coordinators
Tuesday, March 13
6:00 P.M.

Executive Committee
Tuesday, March 13
7:00 P.M.

News for April Newsletter is due by March 19

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

Hosted by:
Parksville Baptist Church

WMU EBA Spring Meeting
Thursday, April 19
6:30 P.M.
Hosted by:
Red Oak Grove Baptist Church

Ministry Health Kits Due May 9

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

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

Outdoor EXPO

Saturday, March 10
Noon – 4:00 P.M.

Lunch Provided
Collier's Community Center

Sponsored by the Men's Ministry for youth both at Connie Maxwell and John de la Howe as well as for the youth in EBA churches. Please contact Ricky Miller for more information at 803-215-5500.

Dolls on Mission

Join with others on the first and third Tuesday mornings of the month to make salvation dolls to be used in sharing the gospel story. All materials are furnished and the group meets at the Association Office.

Special Days
March

Pastoral Anniversaries
Ryan Vaughan (4 years) at Little Stevens Creek

Church Events

Antioch: Children's Easter Program at 11 A.M. on March 25 and Easter Resurrection Celebration and Egg Hunt from 5 to 7 P.M.

Edgefield First: Rob Williams has announced his resignation effective March 25th.

First Bethany: Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Celebration at 1 P.M. on Saturday, March 31. Easter Sunrise Service at 7:30 A.M. on April 1st followed by breakfast and morning worship at 11 A.M.

Mountain Creek: Easter Sunrise Service at 7:30 A.M. on April 1st followed by breakfast and morning worship at 10 A.M.

Parksville: "Twas the Night Before Easter" musical on Sunday, March 25th at 7 P.M.

Plum Branch: March Manna will be Sundays in March at 6:30 P.M. with testimonies, special music and guest speakers. Brad Whitt (Abilene BC) on March 4; Matt Moore (Trinity BC) on March 11; Jerry Garvin (Gilgal BC) on March 18; Bryant Sims (1st Mt. Moriah BC) on March 25. Guest pianists are Wallace Watkins on March 4 & 11 and Earl Hartley on March 18 & 25.

Sweetwater: The Annual Wild Game Supper on Saturday, March 10 at 5 P.M.

Financial Report January 2018

Church Contributions	MTD	YTD
Antioch	0.00	0.00
Berea	75.00	75.00
Big Stevens Creek	0.00	0.00
Ebenezer	0.00	0.00
Edgefield First	0.00	0.00
First Bethany	0.00	0.00
Gilgal	0.00	0.00
Little Stevens Creek	0.00	0.00
Modoc	176.45	176.45
Mountain Creek	102.51	102.51
Mt. Zion	150.00	150.00
Parksville	493.00	493.00
Peace Haven	0.00	0.00
Plum Branch	0.00	0.00
Providence	0.00	0.00
Red Hill	0.00	0.00
Red Oak Grove	2580.00	2580.00
Rehoboth	708.00	708.00
Republican	4370.34	4370.34
Sweetwater	0.00	0.00
Various Donations	19.64	19.64
Total Receipts	8674.94	8674.94
Total Expenses	2232.70	2232.70
Designated Accounts	Balance	
Block Party Trailer	150.00	
CCC	4137.74	
Hispanic Missions	2470.29	
Disaster Relief	8267.66	
Men's Ministries	11667.45	
WMU	2325.61	
EBA Missions Offering	4389.72	
Investments	Balance	
Money Market #1	13344.93	
Money Market #2	10358.00	
Baptist Foundation	12610.23	

Exponential by Tim Shull

The purpose of an apple tree is not to make apples. That's a by-product that blesses the rest of us. The purpose of an apple tree is to make more apple trees!

Edward Kimball was concerned about one of his young Sunday School students who worked at a shoe store in town. One day Kimball visited him at the store, found the student in the back stocking shelves, and led him to Christ then and there. Dwight L. Moody left the shoe store to become one of the greatest preachers and evangelists of all time.

Moody, whose international speaking took him to the British Isles, preached in a little chapel pastored by a young man named Frederic Brotherton Meyer. In his sermon Moody told an emotionally charged story about a Sunday School teacher who personally went to every student in his class and led each of them to Christ.

That message changed Pastor Meyer's ministry, inspiring him to become an evangelist like Moody. Over the years Meyer came to America. While speaking in Northfield, MA a young preacher heard Meyer say, "If you are not willing to give up everything for Christ, are you willing to be made willing?" That remark led J. Wilbur Chapman to respond to the call of God on his life.

Chapman went on to become one of the most effective evangelists of his time. A volunteer by the name of Billy Sunday helped set up his crusades and learned how to preach by watching Chapman. Sunday eventually took over Chapman's ministry becoming one of the most dynamic evangelists of the 20th century. Billy Sunday's preaching brought thousands to Christ.

Inspired by a 1924 Billy Sunday crusade in Charlotte, NC a group of Christians dedicated themselves to reaching their city for Christ. The group invited the evangelist Mordecai Ham to come and hold a series of evangelistic meetings in 1932. A lanky teenager sat in the huge crowd one evening, spellbound by the message the white-haired preacher gave. Each evening the preacher seemed to be shouting and waving his finger at the young man. Night after night the teen came and finally went forward to give his life to Christ.

That teenager was Billy Graham. Billy Graham communicated the gospel to more people than any other person in history. And it all started with a Sunday School teacher named Kimball. Millions have been affected by his decision to go into a shoe store and share Christ with one person. Millions more will continue to feel his impact. I can only imagine the millions in heaven who greeted Dr. Billy Graham with heartfelt gratitude when he arrived last week. Edward Kimball did not preach to millions of people, yet through his faithfulness to witness, millions upon millions have come to Christ!

Do not minimize the effect of one faithful witness. It is multiplication rather than addition. One seed can grow a tree that produces thousands of seeds and many more trees, like compound interest and exponential growth. That deed of kindness or that word of witness is one small pebble tossed into the ocean of life that creates a ripple. But that ripple goes forth and becomes a wave, and we will not know the full effect of that act until the waves lap upon the shores of eternity! God wants to use you to change the world. Make an eternal difference by sharing the gospel with those around you and by supporting others who do God's work around the world.

Looking Ahead

Event	Date	Location
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) or the South Carolina Baptist Convention (1.800.723.7242 or www.scbaptist.org).

New website and new email addresses:
Visit us at www.ebamissions.org

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

For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline. So never be ashamed or embarrassed to tell others about our Lord. 2 Timothy 1:7-8

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Spring Semi-annual Association Meeting

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

Host Church: Gilgal Baptist Church

Association Sermon: Rev. Lance Thomas

CHURCH TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIAL MEDIA MARKETING STRATEGIES

APRIL 14TH
9AM-11AM
ASSOCIATION OFFICE

Facilitated by Travis Brian From Edgefield FBC

Vimeo... Adobe Spark...Facebook...and more!

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

Bring your tablet, smart phone, or laptop to this workshop on April 14 led by Travis Brian.

Reserve your spot by contacting jackie@ebamissions.org or at 637-3309.

Ladies Spring Brunch

Bloom Where You Are Planted

March 24, 2018

10 am — Noon

EBC Fellowship Hall

Tickets \$5 each



Speaker and Comedian Cherie Nettles is from West Columbia, SC. She is described as a knee slapping, belly laughing, people magnet. She draws from her life experiences to teach her audiences that the Bible is the inerrant Word of God, and she places her focus on the truth of Proverbs 17:22, "Laughter is medicine to your soul."

This invitation is extended to all ladies in the association.

Tickets go on sale March 4. Please contact the church office at Edgefield First Baptist at 637-6139 to reserve your ticket.

VBS – Time to choose curriculum and set dates. Please let us know your plans. Email jackie@ebamissions.org.