

May 2018

Edgefield Baptist Association

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Making History with His Story

Executive
Committee

Tuesday, May 22
7:00 P.M.

Associational Missions Emphasis Season of Prayer and EBA Missions Offering May 20 – 27, 2018



Edgefield Baptist Association's Spanish language congregation, Iglesia Bautista Getsemani, has recently purchased property and will soon begin building! Pastor Cris Negrete has led the group to take this big step of faith, and we are all excited with this wonderful news. Now we can all support the building program of our brothers and sisters of Getsemani by giving to the associational missions offering.

This year's EBAMO will be used to help Getsemani construct its new building. Churches and individuals are encouraged to give through the Edgefield Baptist Association Missions Offering and to pray for Getsemani and all of our mission partnerships.

**Edgefield Baptist
Association**
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Moderator
Rev. John Alexander

Vice-Moderator
Rev. Tom Rogers

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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.

OFFICE CLOSED
May 28

**Scheduled meetings at
the Association Office:**

Pastor's Lunch
Monday, April 30
Noon

Dolls on Mission
Tuesday, May 1
9:30 A.M.

WMU Leadership
Thursday, May 10
7:00 P.M.

Executive Committee
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7:00 P.M.

**News for June/July
Newsletter is due by
May 21**

Mountain Creek Selected for Tour of Historical Churches

The Greenwood Festival of Flowers is hosting a tour of historical churches in Greenwood County on Sunday, June 3. Mountain Creek is one of the 7 churches selected for the tour. The church sanctuary will be open from 1:30 to 4:00 that afternoon for visitors.

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

Items Needed for CCC Due June 20

- Paper Plates, 8 7/8" & 10"
- Dessert Plates
- Bowls
- Paper Towels
- Napkins
- Plastic cups, 16 oz. & 8 oz.
- Coffee Cups, 12 oz.

Meals Needed for CCC

Churches who would like to prepare a meal (breakfast or supper) for CCC may contact Lynn Rearden by calling 804-614-8059 or 803-637-9899 or by email to lrearden@myech.org

Reminder: Churches are encouraged to update or write their history in preparation of the 200th anniversary of the South Carolina Baptist Convention in 2021.

Special Days May

Wedding Anniversaries

May 10 Tim & Karen Sanders
Peace Haven

May 16 Eric & Cheryl Bruton
Big Stevens Creek

Church Events

First Bethany: Grief Share weekly support group led by Ashley Oglesby begins Tuesday, May 8 at 6:30. Guest speaker on May 20 at 11 A.M. is John Michael Alexander, President of SC BCM. BBQ for Missions is Saturday, May 26. Contact Pastor John for pick up times at revjohnalexander@gmail.com

Plum Branch: The Annual Ladies Banquet is Saturday, May 12 at 6 P.M. The meal is free, but reservations must be made by calling 864-828-0051. The program with Ruth McWhite as the guest speaker begins at 7 P.M. and the public is invited.

Rehoboth: Homecoming is Sunday, May 6 at 11 A.M. with Rev. Stanley Sprouse speaking. Revival Services are Sunday-Wednesday at 7 P.M. with Wallace Watkins, pianist. Pastors each evening are Tim Shull on Sunday, John Alexander on Monday, Jerry Garvin on Tuesday, and John Noblin on Wednesday.

National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 3

You are invited to Drop-In from 7 to 8 P.M. at Philippi Baptist Church 125 Steeple Rd. Johnston 29832
Come and pray for a few minutes or for the whole hour.

"If My people...will pray..."

Financial Report March 2018

Church Contributions	MTD	YTD
Antioch	0.00	0.00
Berea	75.00	225.00
Big Stevens Creek	300.00	600.00
Ebenezer	0.00	0.00
Edgefield First	6600.00	6600.00
First Bethany	0.00	0.00
Gilgal	1250.00	1250.00
Little Stevens Creek	0.00	625.00
Modoc	0.00	176.45
Mountain Creek	92.00	358.90
Mt. Zion	0.00	150.00
Parksville	1032.00	1875.75
Peace Haven	512.95	512.95
Plum Branch	0.00	0.00
Providence	575.00	575.00
Red Hill	665.04	1281.94
Red Oak Grove	0.00	2580.00
Rehoboth	720.00	1428.00
Republican	0.00	4370.34
Sweetwater	670.35	1009.67
Various Donations	74.83	194.47
Total Receipts	5967.17	23813.47
Total Expenses	8539.27	20140.44
Designated Accounts		Balance
Block Party Trailer		65.00
CCC		4137.74
Hispanic Missions		2470.29
Disaster Relief		9745.30
Men's Ministries		10935.78
WMU		2325.61
EBA Missions Offering		4159.92
Investments		Balance
Money Market #1		13346.01
Money Market #2		10358.84
Baptist Foundation		12878.07

Encourage One Another by Tim Shull

Twenty-five years ago, I saw/heard Rick Coram preach a sermon about courage and encouragement. He reached behind a curtain and pulled out an enormous sword. He said it was the size of the sword of Goliath and a friend had made it for him out of lightweight material so he could lift it. In the sermon he talked about how David had kept the armor of Goliath (1 Samuel 17:54, 21:9) and he wondered if, in subsequent times of failure, did David take out that sword to remind him of God's power in the successful times of his life.

...the devil's greatest weapon is discouragement.

It has been said by many that the devil's greatest weapon is discouragement. In thirty-five years of ministry I have found it to be true.

I have been blessed with a ministry/missions-minded wife and we have children who have honored, respected and helped our work. I had a deacon/wife for in-laws and a pastor/wife for parents. And I've been blessed to serve with some of the best church members and leaders a man could hope for. But even with all my blessings I still suffered from perfectionism that wrought futility and criticism that induced discouragement. And I know that many pastors have had it much worse. At scbaptist.org/church-life I see that "across the nation 1500 Pastors leave the ministry each month due to moral failure, spiritual burnout, or church contention. 90 % of Pastors work more than 46 hours a week, which can lead to burnout. 80 % of seminary graduates leave ministry within 5 years. 70 % of pastors constantly fight depression. 61 % of pastors admit they have "few close friends". 50 % of pastors' marriages end in divorce." And on top of this, some pastors feel so discouraged/depressed/defeated that they take their own lives. Though the Bible gives the church dozens of directives to encourage one another we still have an epidemic of discouragement in our leaders.

Therefore, I renew my sincere invitation to any pastor to call me any time, 803-760-8042. If I don't answer right away, leave a message and I'll call you back. Or take advantage of a Pastor Care Line from NAMB and *Focus on the Family* to counsel pastors in crisis, 1-844-PASTOR1 or 1-844-727-8671. The Pastor Care line set up by LifeWay and *Focus on the Family* is 1-844-4Pastor or 1-844-472-7867. See Care4Pastors.com or Parsonage.com. Read the helpful articles and other resources at LifeWay.com/pastors. All of these are free.

EBA pastors meet together Monday April 30 to talk with Massachusetts church planter Chad Hartis over a free lunch at noon at the EBA

building. Pastor, come and eat with brothers, whether you sent an RSVP or not.

EBA pastors will go to "*The Leader I Want To Be*", featuring Johnny Hunt, at Lexington Baptist Church 9:30 to 3:30 on August 7. Save the date and I'll get tickets.

Consider going to a *Band of Brothers* retreat August 27 or January 28-30. *Band of Brothers* gives pastors allies in their ministry. Pastors build a cluster group centered on fellowship, trust, and the sharpening of pastoral leadership skills. For more information 803.227.6124 or scbaptist.org/bandofbrothers and also see the events at scbaptist.org/church-life. Churches, consider budgeting for sending your pastor and his wife on a recuperative retreat, like *Restore*. This retreat will be at the Sonesta Resort on Hilton Head Island March 1-3, 2019. Contact tracihane@scbaptist.org to get details. Ridgecrest offers special rates for pastor or pastor & wife to get away on a personal retreat. White Oak offers free lodging accommodations for pastors and church staff members and wife for up to three nights per year. www.whiteoakconferencecenter.info/experience-it/articles/refresh-for-pastors/274/

Churches, let us do all we can to encourage your pastor, ministers and families. (Hebrews 13:7; Galatians 6:6; Hebrews 13:17; 1 Timothy 5:17-21; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13). I stand ready to help.

Looking Ahead

Event	Date	Location
Disaster Relief Chaplain Training	May 18-19	White Oak
The Leader I Want to Be: Conference for Pastors and Church Leaders with Johnny Hunt	Aug 7	Lexington BC
Band of Brothers Retreat	Aug 27	White Oak

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

Let us watch out for one another to provoke love and good works, not neglecting to gather together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging each other, and all the more as you see the day approaching.
Hebrews 10:24-25 CSB

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EBAMO – Edgefield Baptist Association Missions Offering

Posters, bulletin inserts, and prayer guide materials are available at the EBA office as well as offering envelopes for promoting Associational Missions Emphasis. Churches and/or individuals may give directly to the EBAMO.

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 11-19

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

Kentucky: Big Stevens Creek, July 21-28

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

Summer Migrant Ministry

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. A New Testament in Spanish along with an invitation to a meal, ESL classes, and worship services will be given out with the health kits.

Cris Negrete will lead the Hispanic worship services each Sunday at Providence BC beginning June 3.

Churches that wish to provide a meal should contact Margaret Ann Thompson at 803-341-4716.

For more information or to find out how you can be involved with the summer migrant ministry, please call 637-3309.



Edgefield Baptist Association Receives Recognition for Ministry to Migrant Workers

Kathy Jennings, Migrant Coordinator with Carolina Health Centers, presented a plaque to the association at the Spring Meeting held at Gilgal. The plaque reads: *Thank you for years of generosity which has helped care for the migrant patients of Ridge Spring Family Practice. Let us love not in word and speech, but in action and truth. 1 John 3.*

In the fall, kits are given to Carolina Health Centers where medical supplies are added before distribution to migrant workers by the clinic in Ridge Spring.

Photo: Cris Negrete, Tim Shull, Kathy Jennings, and John Alexander