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Edgefield Baptist Association

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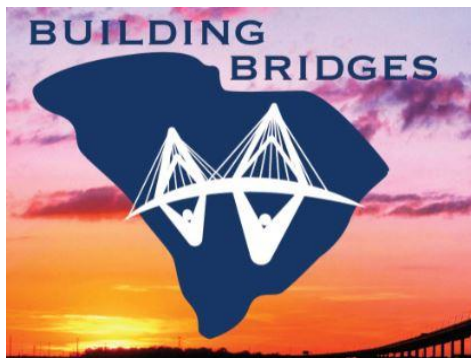
Making History with His Story

Fall semi-annual Meeting of the Association – A Time of Challenge, Celebration and Thanksgiving



Moderator John Alexander welcomed Tim Rice, Missions Mobilization Leader for the South Carolina Baptist Convention; DOM Tim Shull presented our EBAMO Offering for the Iglesia Bautista Getsemani building program to Pastor Cris Negrete, and Pastor Lance Thomas, Republican, (sponsor church) led in a prayer of thanksgiving. Travis Brian, Association Music Leader, led in both congregational worship and presentations by the choir at Edgefield First Baptist. Pastor Aaron Tripp, Edgefield First Baptist, brought the association sermon from 2 Timothy 2:2. An excellent meal was enjoyed by all.

Association Executive
Committee
Monday, November 26
at 7 P.M.
Church Pastors and Lay
Representatives, EBA
Officers, Program
Leaders and Committee
Chairpersons



198th Annual
SC Baptist Convention
November 13 & 14

At Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church and
Emmanuel AME Church
in Charleston

Information: scbaptist.org/annualmeeting

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.

Holiday Closings

November 21
December 24 – January 1

Scheduled meetings at the Association Office:

WMU Leadership
Thursday, November 1
7:00 P.M.

World Day of Prayer
Sunday, November 4
3:30 P.M.

Prayer Team
Monday, November 5
6:30 P.M.

Executive Committee
Monday, November 26
7:00 P.M.

News for EBA January Newsletter is due by December 17

Christmas Prisoner Packets **Due: November 14** **Goal: 400**

Approved list of items: 1 black non-retractable pen; one writing tablet no larger than 5" x 8"; 1 adult toothbrush, factory-sealed; 2 rolls of hard candy like Mentos; 1 bar of soap 3.2- 6 oz.; one toothpaste 4-6 oz.; 5 first-class #10 stamp-embossed envelopes. Place in a one-gallon slider-zipper bag. No substitutions.

Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer *Prayer & Peanuts* **Sunday, November 4 at 3:30 P.M.** **Edgefield Baptist Association**

Bring 88 cents and discover how it will be used.

Disaster Relief

- A mud-out team led by Clay Thompson responded to Hurricane Florence and worked in Dillon, SC
- A chainsaw team led by Fisher Miller responded to Hurricane Michael and worked near Bainbridge, GA

Volunteers and more trained unit leaders are needed to bring help, healing, and hope by meeting needs after a disaster.

Training in various ministry areas will be offered on **Saturday, April 27** at South Main Baptist Church in Greenwood. Registration is required. Go to scbaptist.org/dr for more information.

Ladies Christmas Coffeehouse with Ruth McWhite of North Greenville
Saturday, December 8 from 7-9 P.M.
Edgefield First Baptist Church
Call 637-6139 for ticket information.

Looking Ahead to 2019

- **April 7:** Spring semi-annual Meeting at Plum Branch at 3 o'clock
- **July 7-12:** Churches Changing Communities
- **October 20:** Fall semi-annual Meeting at Berea at 3 o'clock

Special Days **November/December**

Wedding Anniversaries

December

05 Lance & Tonya Thomas..Republican
06 Cris & Gabriella Negrete..Getsemani
20 Larry & Sue Ford.....Ebenezer
29 Robert & Teresa Patton.....Modoc

Pastoral Anniversaries

November

John Alexander (4 years)...First Bethany
Skip Myers (1 year)...Big Stevens Creek

December

Aaron Tripp (2 years).....Edgefield First

Church Events

Big Stevens Creek: Register for Upwards Basketball, Cheer, and Middle School Fellowship by November 9 at bigstevenscreek.com or the office.

Ebenezer: Thanksgiving Community Service at Trenton Methodist on November 21 at 7 P.M.
"Hope Has Hands" Christmas Program on December 16 at 7 P.M. Refreshment afterwards.

Edgefield First: Chapel will be open for Baptist Women Day of Prayer on Monday, November 5 from 11 A.M. to 1 P.M. for any who wish to join others in praying for Unity & Justice.

Mountain Creek: Hanging of the Greens service "Peace Has Come" on Sunday, November 25 at 6 P.M. Refreshments afterwards.

Republican: Fall Festival, Saturday November 3 from 10-2 at Colliers Community Center.

Financial Report September 2018

Thanksgiving and Christmas Thoughts

Tim Shull

Dr. Ben

On behalf of Edgefield Baptist Association, I wish to extend our gratitude and thanksgiving for the ministry of Dr. Eleazer Benenhaley, who retired again after serving as pastor of Red Hill Baptist Church for the past 12 years. Dr. Ben, as he is affectionately known, has been a follower of Christ since he was 14 years old and has served in the ministry for 60 years.

When Eleazer was called to preach at the age of 22, his formal education only extended to 10th grade. But God opened the door for him to enter the Clear Creek Baptist School in Pineville, Kentucky, where he graduated at the top of his class. He received a four-year scholarship to Cumberland College in Williamsburg, KY and went on to earn a Master of Divinity at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, NC and later the Doctor of Ministry degree at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY. He pastored churches in Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia. He retired in 2002 after serving as pastor of Sweetwater Baptist Church for 21 years. Soon thereafter he began pastoring Silvercrest Baptist Church in Augusta and in September 2006 came to Red Hill. Dr. Benenhaley wrote lessons for Discipleship Training for the South Carolina Baptist Convention and is the author of four books, yet he is best known in our association as a devoted husband, compassionate pastor, and faithful preacher and teacher of the word of God. He remains an example for us all.

Silent Night

One of the most beloved songs of any season is celebrating its 200th anniversary this Christmas Eve. This song has the soul of the good news it brings, the stunning revelation that the King of Glory would be born in a stable and placed in a humble manger. Much the same, the true story of how Christmas's most cherished carol was created is unconventional and surprising.

In Salzburg, Austria in 1792, a young woman named Anna gave birth out of wedlock to a baby boy. His soldier father had deserted the army and Anna before he was born. Still she gave her son Joseph the surname of his father, Mohr. The local vicar and music leader at the Salzburg Cathedral, Johann Hiernle, assisted the impoverished boy and enabled the talented Joseph Mohr to have an education and encouraged him in music. After seminary Joseph returned to Salzburg, then to Oberndorf to serve as an associate minister for a local congregation. There he befriended church organist Franz Gruber.

In December 1818, when it was discovered that the organ at St. Nicholas Church would not function and the music planned for the Christmas Eve service could not be used, Gruber and Mohr produced a blessed collaboration. On Christmas Eve 1818, Gruber's simple yet timeless melody was presented by guitar accompaniment to carry Mohr's poetic lyrics, the song we know as "Silent Night". When the organ repairman heard about the Christmas Eve service, he secured a copy of the carol and began spreading it through the region. The popularity of the song grew rapidly for the time. It was first used in America by German-speaking congregations. The English version translated by John Freeman Young was published by 1863.

On Christmas Eve in 1914, the cacophony of trench warfare in Northern France was briefly replaced by the soothing strains of the familiar carol. As the German soldiers sang, "Stille Nacht", the British soldiers recognized the tune and returned the singing with their own "Silent Night".

My favorite verse: "Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light Radiant beams from thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth."

Church Contributions	MTD	YTD
Antioch	0.00	1465.60
Berea	150.00	750.00
Big Stevens Creek	300.00	2700.00
Ebenezer	0.00	2000.00
Edgefield First	0.00	6600.00
First Bethany	0.00	2265.00
Gilgal	2500.00	5000.00
Little Stevens Creek	0.00	1250.00
Modoc	0.00	176.45
Mountain Creek	106.00	889.38
Mt. Zion	0.00	550.00
Parksville	514.55	4930.85
Peace Haven	599.52	1652.07
Plum Branch	0.00	2419.23
Providence	0.00	1150.00
Red Hill	688.40	5659.25
Red Oak Grove	0.00	2580.00
Rehoboth	0.00	2160.00
Republican	5121.00	18626.19
Sweetwater	447.56	3239.62
Various Donations	1030.00	4837.50
Total Receipts	11457.03	70901.14
Total Expenses	7013.06	55349.14
Designated Accounts	Balance	
Block Party Trailer		-12.91
CCC		9573.98
Hispanic Missions		1616.43
Disaster Relief		9345.58
Men's Ministries		10935.78
WMU		2325.61
EBA Missions Offering		10458.92
Investments	Balance	
Money Market #1		13349.36
Money Market #2		10361.43
Baptist Foundation		12974.86

Looking Ahead

Event	Date	Location
Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer: Prayer & Peanuts	Nov 4 3:30 P.M.	Edgefield Baptist Association
SCBC Annual Meeting	Nov. 13-14	Charleston and North Charleston
2019 Churches Changing Communities	July 7-12	Edgefield FBC
2019 Impact Conference	Feb. 21 8:30 - 4	Shandon BC Columbia

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).

Visit us at www.ebamissions.org

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

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*Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!
His faithful love endures forever!*

1 Chronicles 16:34

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NEXT – Share Your Story
Churches Changing Communities
July 7-12, 2019

Prayer for Mission Trips: *Be prayerful for spiritual preparation for the teams, for God to be glorified, and for safe travel.*

November 30 - December 3: SERVE Dartmouth (EBA New England Mission Trip)

December 1-2: Little Stevens Creek Christmas Outreach to Weeksbury and Hi Hat, Kentucky

Disaster Relief Teams Respond to Hurricane Florence and Hurricane Michael – see page 2 for information.



THE SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 1ST 4:00PM
DECEMBER 2ND 7:00PM
EDGEFIELD FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
A COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS
CANTATA

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Music & Worship

**Operation Christmas Child
Collection Week: Nov. 12-19**

**Drop Off Location:
Edgefield First Baptist Church**

Collection Times:

November 12 & 13: 9 a.m. – Noon

November 14 & 15: 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

November 16 & 17: 9 a.m. – Noon

November 18: 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.

November 19: 8 a.m. – 10 a.m.

Contact Donna Whitlock: 803-275-3366