

October 2018

Edgefield Baptist Association

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Making History with His Story

October is Pastor Appreciation Month
We thank God for our pastors.
1 Thess. 5:12-13

Antioch Welcomes Dale & Constance Ellenburg



Dr. Dale Ellenburg has accepted the call to become the next pastor of Antioch Baptist Church. His first Sunday will be October 7. Raised in Easley, he attended Anderson University and Southern Wesleyan University where he earned a B.A. in Christian Studies. He later enrolled in Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary where he earned the M. Div. and Ph. D. Degrees in New Testament and Preaching. Constance grew up in Anderson County and graduated from Wren High School. She was active in Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church where she was saved and baptized. They married in October 1977. They have two children, Ashley and Jonathan, and four grandchildren: Tyler, Hunter, Preston and Sidney.

Association Fall Semi-Annual Meeting

Sunday, October 21, 3:00 P.M.
Edgefield First Baptist Church

Association Sermon by Rev. Aaron Tripp

Meal following the worship service.



Rev. Aaron Tripp assists Rev. Cris Negrete in putting up a sign on the property where Getsemani Baptist Church will build. Aaron is Senior Pastor at Edgefield First Baptist Church. Cris is the Pastor of Iglesia Bautista Getsemani. We hope to have a Groundbreaking service soon!

The Mission Trip to South Coast New England is Friday Nov. 30 to Monday Dec. 3. We'll leave very early Friday morning and return very late Monday night. We will work with church planters Chad & Jodi Hartis of South Coast Church near Dartmouth, Mass. Come hear more! Registration opens at the end of the 10/1 Interest Meeting with \$150 deposit.



EDGEFIELD BAPTIST ASSOC.
NEW ENGLAND MISSION TRIP
INTEREST MEETING
Monday, Oct 1st 6:30pm



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:**

**New England Mission
Trip Interest Meeting**
Monday, October 1
6:30 P.M.

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

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

Executive Committee
Monday, Nov. 26, 7 PM

News for
November/December
EBA Newsletter
is due
by **October 22**

Seafarer's Ministry **Due: October 17**

Caps, devotional literature, Open
Windows, adult Bible study material,
and Readers Digest.

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
zipper bag.

Community Choir Rehearsals

Rehearsals (2 hours) in October:

Saturday, October 13 at 10 A.M.
Sunday, October 28 at 5:30 P.M.
Location: Edgefield First Baptist

Music and CDs are provided. Please
contact Travis Brian at 637-3139.
Performances will be on December 1
and December 2.

198th Annual
SC Baptist Convention
November 13 & 14
at Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist
Church and Emmanuel AME Church
in Charleston "Building Bridges"

Annual Church Profile **Completion Date: October 10**

Faye Usry, Association Clerk, is
available to assist churches with the
ACP. She will be at the association
office on October 1 and October 8
during office hours.
Call her at 803-480-2994 or email
her at usryfaye@gmail.com if you
have questions or need assistance
with entering data online.

Special Days **October**

Pastoral Anniversaries

Bruce Cooley (18 years).....Berea
Jerry Garvin (8 years).....Gilgal

Church Events

Ebenezer: Trunk or Treat Festival,
October 31, 6:00 PM

Edgefield First: Welcome to
Hatcher Geary our Associate Pastor
of Youth and Family as of
September 3.
Wednesday, Oct. 31, Trunk or Treat
in the town in Edgefield

Gilgal: Fall Festival Saturday,
October 20, 2:00 - 4:00 PM Jump
House for Children, Cotton Candy,
Games and so much more
5:00 PM - Shealy's Catering
6:00 PM - Kingsmen Quartet
Please Call Sharon Bartley 803-270-
9412 for free tickets!

Little Stevens Creek: Rev. George
Johnson is serving as Interim Pastor.

Plum Branch: Revival Services
October 21-24 at 7 PM with Dr. Paul
Noe preaching and Earl Hartley
guest musician.

Plum Branch: Fall Festival, with
games and bouncy houses, 4:00 PM

Red Oak Grove: Trunk or Treat
Festival, Saturday, Oct. 27, 5 PM

Republican: Fall Festival, Saturday
November 3

Looking Ahead

- New England Mission Trip –
Nov. 30 through Dec. 3
- Hand out the Prisoner Packets
at Trenton Prison – Dec. 4
- Christmas Meal & Service at
Trenton Prison – Dec. 9

American Holocaust by Tim Shull

Our Lord Jesus was not Grace without Truth, winking at sin. Neither was He Truth without Grace, offering no mercy. He was Glory, full of Grace and Truth. To the woman caught in adultery He said, “Neither do I condemn you.” And He said, “Go and sin no more!” He calls us also to be salt and light in our culture and, in a context of grace, speak the truth in love.

I strongly believe in the sanctity of human life. The Bible is clear that all human life is precious to God. Our Declaration of Independence declares that we are endowed by our Creator “with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of happiness.” The Fifth Amendment to our Constitution states that no person shall “be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law.” Historically, we failed to follow this ideal by pretending that some people aren’t really persons. We said that the American Indian was not a person, so we deprived him of his property. We said that the African slave was not a real person, so we deprived him of his liberty. Today many say that the human baby growing in the womb is not really a person, so we deprive her of LIFE!

The 14th Amendment, a clear override of the infamous 1856 Supreme Court’s Dred Scott Decision (that asserted that some human beings are merely property), provides that “[No] State [shall] deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.” But in 1973, the Supreme Court made a decision that is startlingly similar to Dred Scott in its irrational denial to human beings of the rights and protections of legal personhood. **Roe v. Wade is the Dred Scott Decision of our lifetime.** What has followed is unfathomable. Over 60 million pre-born babies have been brutally put to death, many for reasons of convenience or money. And since 2009, taxpayer funding for abortions has been the law, making us all culpable and complicit in the American Holocaust.

Roe v. Wade, distilled to its most basic holding, says that the baby in the mother’s womb is not a “person” within the meaning of the 14th Amendment, and is therefore not entitled to equal protection of the law. Justice Harry Blackmun, writing for the majority, acknowledged the tenuous nature of this determination, noting that if “personhood is established, the appellant’s case, of course, collapses; for the fetus’ right to life would then be guaranteed specifically by the [14th] Amendment.”

Given the tremendous advancement of prenatal medical knowledge in the last half century, it is impossible to deny the humanity of the unborn child. From the moment of fertilization, there exists within the woman

Financial Report August 2018		
Church Contributions	MTD	YTD
Antioch	0.00	1465.60
Berea	0.00	600.00
Big Stevens Creek	300.00	2400.00
Ebenezer	0.00	2000.00
Edgefield First	0.00	6600.00
First Bethany	0.00	2265.00
Gilgal	0.00	2500.00
Little Stevens Creek	0.00	1250.00
Modoc	0.00	176.45
Mountain Creek	78.48	783.38
Mt. Zion	0.00	550.00
Parksville	451.00	4416.30
Peace Haven	0.00	1052.55
Plum Branch	0.00	2419.23
Providence	0.00	1150.00
Red Hill	0.00	4970.85
Red Oak Grove	0.00	2580.00
Rehoboth	0.00	2160.00
Republican	0.00	13505.19
Sweetwater	313.60	2792.06
Various Donations	411.05	3807.50
Total Receipts	1554.23	59638.43
Total Expenses	6071.70	48490.13
Designated Accounts	Balance	
Block Party Trailer	-12.91	
CCC	6522.98	
Hispanic Missions	1616.43	
Disaster Relief	9411.05	
Men’s Ministries	10935.78	
WMU	2325.61	
EBA Missions Offering	10591.65	
Investments	Balance	
Money Market #1	13348.81	
Money Market #2	10361.01	
Baptist Foundation	12965.94	

a genetically distinct organism, with 46 chromosomes and an unalterable, unique DNA that doesn’t change over a lifetime. Within 22 days of conception, this unborn human being has her own circulatory system with her own beating heart pumping her own blood—blood sometimes of a completely different ABO type than the mother’s blood. By six weeks, the embryo has eyes, eye lids, a nose, and a mouth complete with lips and tongue. She will often have detectable brain functioning by this time, as well. A week later, the fetus has a complete set of organs. My son was born at 25 weeks gestation, before we made it to the third trimester. I can tell you from watching him fight for his life that the fetus is clearly a human person with a will to live! The person in the womb is: historically protected (pre 1973), affirmed by biology, confirmed by genetics, included in laws concerning harm to pregnant mother & baby, marvelously demonstrated by ultrasound, proclaimed by the Bible, expected by common sense, cherished by parents, and known by God. Yes, let us PRAY that the American Holocaust ends soon. Let us speak the truth in love surrounded by grace. Teach boys and girls that God made them special, male and female. Teach them to learn and live by God’s prescription for sex. Be kind, merciful and redemptive to those who have an unplanned pregnancy. Help them. Show them good choices. Then love that baby and show her/him the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Looking Ahead

Event	Date	Location
Mission Trip Info Meeting	Oct. 1, 6:30	EBA Office
Getty SING! Workshop and Free Concert Contact Janet Altman at 800-723-7242.	Oct 18	Columbia FBC
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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"For you formed my inward parts; You wove me together in my mother's womb. I will praise you, O God, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are your works, and that my soul knows very well." Psalm 139:13-14

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Return Service Requested

Pray for our EBA Disaster Relief Team, led by Clay Thompson, leaving Wednesday morning 9/26 to help with clean-up in the areas flooded by Hurricane Florence. They return Sunday. There will be need for additional mud-out teams to go, and you can give to DR through EBA.

Men's Ministry Supper/Meeting

Tuesday, October 16
6:30 P.M.

Plum Branch Baptist Church

For more information please contact
Ricky Miller at 803-215-5500



Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer Prayer & Peanuts

Sunday, November 4th at 3:30 PM
 Edgefield Baptist Association



Peanut Butter Pie
 Peanut Butter Cookies
 Peanuts



Nut-free Zone, too!

Bring 88¢

Come and discover how your 88¢ will be used!!

Operation Christmas Child Shoe-Box Gifts

Collection Week: Nov. 12-19

New Drop Off Location:
Edgefield First Baptist Church

Call 803-637-6139 for Drop Off Times

