

June/July 2019

Edgefield Baptist Association

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Making History with His Story

Church Registrations

Due on
Monday, June 17 or
Tuesday, June 18

Call 637-3309 to set up
an appointment time if
you wish.

No late registrations.



Vacation Bible Schools 2019 Across Edgefield Baptist Association			
Church	Dates	Time	Theme
Antioch – Children	June 17-21	6:00-8:00	In the Wild
Antioch - Youth	June 23-27	6:00-8:00	5 Days of Fun
Berea	June 17-21	6:15-8:30	In the Wild
Big Stevens Creek	June 17-21	5:00 meal 6:00-8:15	In the Wild
Ebenezer	June 9 June 9-13	5:00 Parade 6:00-8:30	
Edgefield First	June 10-13	5:30-8:30	In the Wild
First Bethany	June 2-6	5:30-8:00	In the Wild
Getsemani at Providence	June 17-20	6:15-8:30	In the Wild
Little Stevens Creek	June 10-13	6:00-8:30	In the Wild
Modoc	June 1	10:00-3:00	Hee Haw
Mt. Zion	July 28-31	6:00-8:30	ROAR
Parksville	July 18-19	5:30-8:30	Noah and the Big Boat
Peace Haven	July 18-19 July 20	5:30-8:30 9:00-1:00	In the Wild
Plum Branch	June 17-21 June 24	5:30-8:30 5:30-8:00	ROAR
Providence	June 17-20	6:15-8:30	In the Wild
Red Hill	June 10-14	9:00-Noon	In the Wild
Red Oak Grove	July 15-19	5:30-8:30	In the Wild
Rehoboth at Berea	June 17-21	6:15-8:30	In the Wild
Republican	June 9-13	6:00-8:30	The Armor of God

August 30 to September 2 : The Big Move Mission Trip

Thousands of college students will be moving into apartments in the Mission Hill neighborhood of Boston on Sunday, September 1st. Join the EBA Mission Team to assist Jonathan & Chelsea Moseley and King's Hill Church in helping people move in, giving out gift bags, and sharing the love of Jesus. EBA has applied for grants to help defray expenses. Pray about being a part of this short, but important mission trip.

Limited spots are secured with a **\$100 deposit** at the time of registration. Registration is now open – call the EBA office at 803-637-3309.



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Director of Missions
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Rev. John Alexander

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Rev. Tom Rogers

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Mrs. Jackie Ridings

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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:**

Water Day

Saturday, June 1
9:30 – 11:00 A.M.

**CCC Ministry Team
Leaders**

Tuesday, June 4
6:30 P.M.

Prayer Team

Wednesday, June 5
Wednesday, July 3
10 A.M.

Dolls on Mission

Tuesday, June 4 & 18
Tuesday, July 2 & 16
10 A.M.

**CCC Construction
Coordinators**

Tuesday, June 25
5:30 P.M.

**Churches Changing
Communities**

Each year you have been so generous in donating supplies for CCC that we now have a large supply of paper products and other essentials.

This year we have a special request:
Homemade Pimento Cheese

If you are able to make and donate this for sandwiches, or if your church is able to provide a meal, please contact Lynn Rearden at 637-9899 or 804-614-8059 or by email at lrearden@myech.org

Good News Club

The Good News Club will be returning to W. E. Parker Elementary during the 2019-2020 school year. Antioch Baptist Church is seeking volunteers from all EBA churches. GNC will be held on Mondays beginning in mid-September. This is a great opportunity to impact the lives of children and families in Edgefield County.

If you would like to help, please email the Antioch Church office at antiochofedgefield@outlook.com

**Men's Ministry
Supper/Meeting**

Tuesday, July 16
6:30 P.M.

Rehoboth Baptist Church

Call Ricky Miller at 803-215-5500.

**Volunteer Nurses Needed
FREE Mobile Medical Clinic**

Saturday, July 13
At the MACK in McCormick
Noon to 5 P.M.

Primary care visit with doctor
Full Lipid Profile
A1c Measurements
Blood Pressure and O2 Sat.
18 years and older

**Special Days
June/July**

Birthdays

June

01 Brian Ayers.....Sweetwater
10 Cris Negrete.....Getsemani
23 Robert Huffman.....Mountain Creek
27 Travis Brian.....Edgefield First

July

05 Tim Sanders.....Peace Haven
09 Ann Cohen.....Red Hill
17 Mark Abbott.....Sweetwater
20 Robert Williamson.....Retried
26 Paul Noe.....Sweetwater

Wedding Anniversaries

June

02 Terri & Fisher Miller.....EBA
11 Craig & Kathy McDaniel..Parksville

July

10 Mark & Alyson Abbott...Sweetwater
16 Tom & Jean Rogers.....Mt. Zion
22 Robert & Trish Huffman....Mountain
Creek
23 Aaron & Kathryn Tripp....Edgefield
First
30 Brian & Jane Ayers.....Sweetwater

Pastoral Anniversaries

June 9, 2004.....Eric Bruton, Big Stevens
Creek
June, 2006.....Robert Patton, Modoc
July 1, 2009.....Brian Ayers, Sweetwater
July 5, 2015...Tim Sanders, Peace Haven
July 19, 2015...Mark Abbott, Sweetwater

Church Events

Edgefield First: Summer Music Camp
August 5-7 from 9 A.M. to noon. Free.

Little Stevens Creek: Graduation
service on June 2 at 11 A.M.

Plum Branch: Operation Outpour,
training for Gospel Conversations and
Outreach on June 2 & 5 at 7 p.m.
Jamie Murphy, Director of Proactive
Parenting Initiative will lead a special
service at 10:45 on June 16.

Mountain Creek: Christmas in July
OCC Packing Party at 6 P.M. on
Wednesday, July 31.

Red Oak Grove: Revival July 29-31.
Wallace Watkins on piano.

Financial Report April 2019

Out of the Box, Part 2 by Tim Shull

Church Contributions	MTD	YTD
Antioch	714.28	1421.92
Berea	75.00	300.00
Big Stevens Creek	300.00	900.00
Ebenezer	2000.00	2000.00
Edgefield First	0.00	6600.00
First Bethany	0.00	0.00
Gilgal	1500.00	1500.00
Little Stevens Creek	0.00	725.00
Modoc	0.00	0.00
Mountain Creek	166.00	303.00
Mt. Zion	150.00	300.00
Parksville	582.45	1922.63
Peace Haven	661.05	1192.65
Plum Branch	0.00	1803.71
Providence	0.00	1150.00
Red Hill	1544.86	3370.78
Red Oak Grove	0.00	2700.00
Rehoboth	645.00	1287.00
Republican	5511.36	10679.65
Sweetwater	0.00	1482.92
Various Donations	859.06	1347.13
Total Receipts	14709.06	40986.39
Total Expenses	5584.87	26826.87
Designated Accounts	Balance	
Block Party Trailer		187.09
CCC		11942.86
Hispanic Missions		1616.43
Disaster Relief		9906.50
Men's Ministries		10935.78
WMU		3248.52
EBA Missions Offering		1974.59
Investments	Balance	
Money Market #1		13353.23
Money Market #2		10364.44
Baptist Foundation		13142.62

For 230 years, citizens of our country have been blessed to live under the protections of the Constitution of the United States of America. This Constitution, originally comprising seven articles, delineates the national frame of government. The original did not include specific protections of individual liberty and justice and restrictions on the powers of government. Preachers and leaders in Baptist churches, particularly in Virginia and New England, made it clear to their elected representatives that they would not support the ratification of a constitution that did not include a Bill of Rights. Promises were made and accepted. The Constitution came into force in 1789 and the Bill of Rights, the first ten amendments, was ratified in late 1791. The first amendment states, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

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Most people incorrectly think that the phrase, "separation of church and state," is in the constitution. It is not. The phrase, "wall of separation between the church and the state," was originally coined by Thomas Jefferson in a letter to the Danbury Baptists on January 1, 1802. His purpose in this letter was to assuage the fears of the Danbury, Connecticut Baptists, and so he told them that this wall had been erected to protect them. The metaphor was used exclusively to keep the state out of the church's business, not to keep the church out of the state's business.

Some today will declare incorrectly that the First Amendment promises freedom of worship. But "freedom of worship" and "the free exercise of religion" are not the same thing. Freedom of worship is a dilution, a watering down of our First Amendment rights. Our adversary the devil would love nothing better than for churches to stay inside the walls of their buildings, content to be free to worship as they please. Baptists who brought influence upon our founding fathers knew that true Christianity is not just gathering for worship. The free exercise of our faith means getting out in our communities and engaging people with the love of Jesus. The Christian citizen is not withdrawn, cloistered inside church walls, afraid of offending someone with the good news of Christ. A Christian citizen is out of the box,

looking for ways to engage in community and civic life and thereby share the love of God which is in Christ Jesus.

Last month I wrote about the beautiful buildings that are used by the churches of Edgefield Baptist Association, and that these buildings must be viewed as instruments rather than monuments. I asked, 'Does your building enable a sentimental journey, preserving the past? Or does it facilitate and empower your church to be who you are called to be and do all that you are called to do?'

Today I ask, 'Does your building keep you boxed in, enjoying the security of unhindered worship? Are we, the people of God, sons and daughters of Calvary and of the empty tomb, willing to be kept in a box and kept out of public discourse and ministry in the communities where Christ called us to be salt and light?' With Churches Changing Communities, we get out there. I encourage each church to look for ways to minister where the people are, out of the box.

Looking Ahead

Event	Date	Location
Gospel Above All: SBC Annual Meeting	June 11-12	Birmingham, AL
SummerSalt Global www.summersalt.org	July 14-19	Horry County
Literacy Missions Conference	Aug 24	Fort Mill FBC
Bring-A-Kid Race Day at Darlington-ticket deadline is August 2.	Aug 31	Darlington Raceway

On this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. Matthew 16:18

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Give to the
Edgefield Baptist Association
Missions Offering

Prayer for Mission Trips

Be prayerful for spiritual preparation for the teams, for God to be glorified, and for safe travel.

June 11-19: Republican Youth – Morganton, GA
 June 11-19: Ben Thompson, Republican – Costa Rica
 July 13-20: Big Stevens Creek – Kentucky
 July 14-20: John Noblin & Plum Branch – Boston
 July 26-28: Little Stevens Creek – Hi Hat, KY
 August 30-September 2: Association Mission Trip –
 The Big Move, Boston.

Edgefield Community Choir Presents:

TRUTH IS MARCHING ON

Edgefield First Baptist Church
Sunday, June 30
6:30 P.M.

Don't be late – this will be a wonderful way to begin your Independence Day celebrations.

Summer Migrant Ministry



This ministry got off to a great start on May 14 when 33 volunteers delivered health kits, invitations to services, and Bibles to 12 camps. Each Sunday, June 2-August 25, English classes, a meal, and worship service will be available at Providence Baptist for the migrant workers who are able to come. Volunteers are needed, please contact the EBA office (637-3309) for more information.