

May 2019

2019 Association Missions Emphasis and Week of Prayer for EBAMO

Edgefield Baptist Association

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Making History with His Story



Edgefield Baptist Association Is Your Missions Partner

The 2019 Edgefield Baptist Association Missions Offering is dedicated to providing funds to cover the \$5 per person surcharge at the NAMB medical clinic in McCormick on Saturday, July 13. By covering the surcharge to be seen in the clinic we believe that more who need the benefits of this service will be able to participate.

Plan now to promote the EBA Missions Emphasis and Week of Prayer for EBAMO in your church in May or at a date of your choice. Contributions may be made to EBA and designated for EBAMO. Consider gifts in honor of or in memory of someone.

CHURCHES CHANGING COMMUNITIES



MY STORY

SHARE YOUR STORY

JULY 7-13

Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, May 20 7:00 P.M.

**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.

**The Office will be
closed on Monday,
May 27.**

**Scheduled meetings at
the Association Office:**

Prayer Team
Wednesday, May 1
10 A.M.

Dolls on Mission
Tuesday, May 7 & 21
10 A.M.

Deliver Ministry Kits
Tuesday, May 14
6:30 P.M.

Executive Committee
Monday, May 20
7 P.M.

Mission Trip Information
Tuesday, May 28
6:30 P.M.

Migrant Ministry

Health Kits Due May 6 - 7

Kits will be delivered to migrant camps on **Tuesday, May 14** – meet at EBA office at 6:30 P.M.

We will be adding a camp this year and may need more volunteers.

The summer program will be at Providence Church in Johnston beginning the first Sunday in June. We will offer ESL classes, a meal, and Pastor Cris Negrete will lead a worship service.

Churches with vans are asked to contact Ricky Miller (803-215-5500) to assist with transportation. If you can provide a meal on Sunday evening, please contact Margaret Ann Thompson at 803-341-4716.

Churches Changing Communities

Are you getting ready for CCC 2019? It is **July 7 – 12.**

Church registrations are due in the EBA office on Monday and Tuesday **June 17 & 18.** No late registrations.

Lynn Rearden is coordinating the meals. If your church or a group is interested, please contact Lynn at 804-614-8059.

Need to Borrow??

- 14' enclosed SEND RELIEF trailer
- 2 sets of 4 step choral risers
- LCD projector and screen
- Block party trailer with inflatables
- Books and other resources

Contact the EBA office at 637-3309 to make a request or to schedule.

Special Days May

Birthdays

08 Alyson Abbott.....Sweetwater
26 Bruce Cooley.....Berea

Wedding Anniversaries

10 Tim & Karen Sanders....Peace Haven
16 Eric & Cheryl Bruton.....Big Stevens
Creek

Church Events

Ebenezer: Celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the music ministry of Mrs. Teddie Jean Musgrave Sunday, April 28th. April of 1969 Teddie Jean was voted to be Ebenezer's music director. Over the years she has helped with the youth, vacation bible school and many choir programs. Ebenezer is blessed to have Teddie Jean Musgrave. May the Lord continue to bless her in her ministry.

Edgefield First: Registration is now open for 2K, 3K and 4K for the 2019/2020 school year. God's Little Angels uses a Christian-based curriculum.

Registration is \$50. Please bring a copy of immunization record. GLA admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. For more information, please call 637-6139.

First Bethany: BBQ Fundraiser for Missions on Saturday, May 25. For details contact John at 864-992-4756.

Plum Branch: Anyone interested in joining the July 14-20 Boston Mission Trip, please contact John by May 20th at 864-828-0051.

Rehoboth: The date for Homecoming has been moved from May 5 to September 15.

Coming in the June Newsletter – a listing of Vacation Bible Schools at all the EBA churches. Please send your information to us, so we can include everyone.

Financial Report March 2019

Church Contributions	MTD	YTD
Antioch	0.00	707.64
Berea	75.00	225.00
Big Stevens Creek	0.00	600.00
Ebenezer	0.00	0.00
Edgefield First	0.00	6600.00
First Bethany	0.00	0.00
Gilgal	0.00	0.00
Little Stevens Creek	0.00	725.00
Modoc	0.00	0.00
Mountain Creek	0.00	137.00
Mt. Zion	0.00	150.00
Parksville	0.00	1340.18
Peace Haven	0.00	531.60
Plum Branch	1803.71	1803.71
Providence	575.00	1150.00
Red Hill	0.00	1825.92
Red Oak Grove	2700.00	2700.00
Rehoboth	0.00	642.00
Republican	0.00	5168.29
Sweetwater	358.62	1482.92
Various Donations	119.80	488.07
Total Receipts	5557.13	26277.33
Total Expenses	7282.37	26092.53
Designated Accounts	Balance	
Block Party Trailer		-12.91
CCC		12142.86
Hispanic Missions		1616.43
Disaster Relief		9941.35
Men's Ministries		10935.78
WMU		2325.61
EBA Missions Offering		2081.43
Investments	Balance	
Money Market #1		13352.69
Money Market #2		10364.02
Baptist Foundation		13069.62

Out of the Box

by Tim Shull

Years ago, Gloria and I were called by our Lord to put together a team that would start a new church in Northwest Columbia, between Irmo and Chapin. We started in a home, then met in a restaurant. We grew into a community center and then met for three and a half years in the cafeteria and adjacent classrooms of Dutch Fork Middle School. We grew a large congregation, with many coming to Christ and being baptized in the pools at the YMCA and in local neighborhoods. God blessed us with 16 acres at an ideal corner location, so we constituted into an autonomous Baptist church and then built a large multi-purpose building. The church building did allow us to bless our community by hosting homeowners' association & crime-watch meetings, job fairs, medical screenings, constituent meetings with our county councilman, and training meetings – everything from CWP training to couponing and quilting. The building was used as the polling place for the local precinct. Blessing the community with the building brought us credibility with our neighbors and opened the door for reaching more people. But I have to say that pure evangelism was accomplished easier before we had a building. And many who had served in ministries and evangelistic events before the building were needed instead to maintain the building & grounds. We tried to avoid it. When we cut the ribbon on the new building, we called it a 'starting line' and not a 'finish line'. But the building drew our attention and money off who we were called to be and what we were called to do.

On a long wall in the Edgefield Baptist Association office are framed photographs of the buildings of the churches that make up EBA. Notice how I said that: the buildings of the churches. Regardless of the old children's rhyme using both hands with interlocked fingers: "This is the church; this is the steeple. Open the doors and there's all the people," we know full well that the church is not a building. The church is people redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ – sons and daughters of Calvary and of the empty tomb. As these churches organized themselves in this area over the past 257 years, each has seen fit to construct and maintain some sort of building. (Our newest congregation, Iglesia Getsemani, will soon build.)

I love these beautiful buildings, these meeting houses for the worship of almighty God and the preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Many are quite old. Some are built with materials and techniques not used today. And most are not the original building. All the church buildings have been updated or modernized in some way in order to be a better instrument for worship, fellowship, discipleship, ministry and evangelism.

As we devote our lives to following our Lord, we tend to love our church buildings. This is good up to a point. Some changes and upgrades that would help the church of today reach people are not accomplished for fear of dishonoring the past. The church building must always be an instrument for the present-day church to obey the Great Commandment and the Great Commission of Christ, not a monument to the past and those who lived in the 'good old days.' Is your church building a monument or an instrument? Does your building enable a sentimental journey, strolling down memory lane, preserving the past? Or does your building facilitate and empower your church to be who you are called to be and do all that you are called to do?

Human beings have tried for centuries to put God in a box, to contain Him in our words or creeds or buildings. But God will not be contained. *"The God who made the world and everything in it—He is Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in shrines made by hands. Neither is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives everyone life and breath and all things."* Acts 17:24-25.

I'm happy to say that today that church we started is out of the box, sharing and caring. Their building is still used as an instrument to bless the community and to draw people to the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Looking Ahead

Event	Date	Location
Ministry Assistants Annual Meeting	May 17	Newberry FBC
ESL Workshop	May 30- June 1	Charleston Southern Univ
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

More information is available at the EBA Office (803.637.3309) or the South Carolina Baptist Convention (1.800.723.7242 or www.scbaptist.org).

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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.

To learn more about this opportunity come to the information meeting on at 6:30 on **Tuesday, May 28** at the association office. Registration opens at the end of the meeting. Limited spots are secured with a **\$100 deposit** at the time of registration.

[YouTube Video - EBA Mission Trip / EBA Promo](#)



Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?
 1 Corinthians 6:19

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Dolls On Mission



Will your church be working with children as part of your next mission trip? If so, then put in your request for some Dolls on Mission to use to help share the salvation story. Please call Carol Bryan at 637-1293 or contact the EBA office.

And if you would like to join the group and help make the dolls, check the meeting times on page 2.