

November
December
2019

Edgefield Baptist Association

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Making History with His Story

Sharing at the Association Fall Meeting at Berea



At the Fall Meeting we enjoyed an excellent time of hearing testimonies offered by EBA church members who told about their experiences on Disaster Relief trips, mission trips and mission projects. Rev. John Noblin, Michelle Gordy and Greg Gordy told us about “The Big Move” mission trip. Disaster Relief volunteer, Terri Miller, shared with us about the gratitude expressed by people who were helped by “angels from Edgefield”. Send Dartmouth missionary Jesse Bryant told about helping South Coast church there. Rev. Brian Hipp conveyed his excitement about the marvelous work being done in our prison and jail ministries. Plus, Dr. Danny Nicholson, preached his testimony and brought a stirring challenge to all in attendance.



Passing the Gavel - We have great appreciation for out-going Moderator, Rev. John Alexander, who passes the gavel to Rev. Tom Rogers, Moderator for 2019-2021.

Executive
Committee
Meeting

Tuesday,
November 19
7 o'clock



**You are invited to ARISE, SHINE:
Women's World Day of Prayer
Monday, November 4 Drop In from 5:00 – 7:00 P.M.
Edgefield Association Building**

This annual event is for all women – invite your friends. Stay for 2 minutes or 2 hours, but stay long enough to taste some international foods, pray for a few moments, and watch virtual updates on Baptist women around the world.

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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.

Holiday Closings
November 27
December 23-January 1

Scheduled meetings at the Association Office:

Prayer Team

Wednesday, November 6
Wednesday, December 4
10 A.M.

Women's Day of Prayer

Monday, November 4
Drop in 5 – 7 P.M.

WMU Leadership

Thursday, November 7
5:30 P.M.

Missions Development

Monday, November 18
6:30 P.M.

Executive Committee

Tuesday, November 19
7:00 P.M.

First Bethany Go
Mission Trip to Dartmouth, MA
December 6 – 9

Eight team members will be assisting Chad & Jodi Hartis at South Coast Church. Please pray for safety and God's blessings for this mission work.

Hygiene Items for Kentucky

Janice & Roy Cleveland, Little Stevens Creek, will deliver needed items to the children at Hi Hat on November 27. If you wish to make a contribution, please bring items to the Association office by November 13 or contact Janice at 803-334-2507.

Needed: Shampoo (regular & baby), deodorant, soap, maxi pads, shaving cream, razors, and lotion.

Christmas Prisoner Packets
Due November 12
EBA GOAL: 350

Giving out packets to inmates at Trenton Correctional Institute will be Tuesday, December 10 at 6:30 P.M. If you wish to be added to the approved list of visitors, contact Ron Creswell at 678-787-2291.

Backpacks for Appalachia may be brought to the office by November 13. Go to scwmu.org/christmasbackpacks or contact Joye Bodie at 803-685-5473 for more information.

IMPACT 2020 is February 20 at Shandon Baptist Church, Columbia

Impact is a one-day SCBC gathering dedicated to creating a vibrant environment for networking and resourcing with nearly 1,000 like-minded pastors, church planters, staff, and church leaders.

EBA has secured 10 tickets for pastors, leaders. Contact us to claim yours free.

Block Party Trailer

To reserve the block party trailer, please contact Edgefield First Baptist Church at 637-6139.

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 5, 2017.....Skip Myers,
Big Stevens Creek
November 16, 2014.....John Alexander,
First Bethany
December 14, 2016.....Aaron Tripp,
Edgefield First

Church Events

Ebenezer: Joint Thanksgiving Service with Trenton Methodist at 7 P.M. at Ebenezer. Christmas Program on December 22 at 7 P.M.

Little Stevens Creek: Hanging of the Greens Service on December 1 during the morning worship service.

Modoc: Homecoming with Brother Nick Lackey speaking at the morning service on November 3. The Church Thanksgiving Feast follows the worship service on November 24. The musical JOY will be presented by the Modoc Church Choir on December 22 at the morning worship service, followed by the Christmas Feast.

Mountain Creek: Hanging of the Greens program on December 1 at 6 P.M.

Peace Haven: "Mary Remembers", a children's Christmas play is December 14 at 6 P.M. followed by dinner.

Red Oak Grove: The Children's Christmas Program is December 15 at 7 P.M.

Financial Report September 2019

Church Contributions	MTD	YTD
Antioch	0.00	2048.91
Berea	0.00	675.00
Big Stevens Creek	300.00	2556.00
Ebenezer	0.00	2000.00
Edgefield First	0.00	6600.00
First Bethany	5430.00	5430.00
Gilgal	1500.00	5000.00
Little Stevens Creek	625.00	1975.00
Modoc	0.00	0.00
Mountain Creek	0.00	617.00
Mt. Zion	150.00	450.00
Parksville	424.03	4030.66
Peace Haven	586.40	2347.09
Plum Branch	1985.78	3789.49
Providence	575.00	2300.00
Red Hill	753.43	6508.75
Red Oak Grove	0.00	2700.00
Rehoboth	0.00	1922.00
Republican	0.00	16259.11
Sweetwater	1208.58	3768.86
Various Donations	100.00	2013.02
Total Receipts	13638.22	72990.89
Total Expenses	9978.22	60811.90
Designated Accounts		Balance
Block Party Trailer		187.09
CCC		9395.54
Hispanic Missions		1616.43
Disaster Relief		10228.68
Men's Ministries		12318.69
WMU		2350.61
EBA Missions Offering		-2214.38
Investments		Balance
Money Market #1		13355.48
Money Market #2		10366.19
Baptist Foundation		13233.60

Thanksgiving – by Tim Shull

Notice the advertisements and stores with Halloween displays, decorations and merchandise. Right after Halloween they go straight to promoting Christmas. There are few Thanksgiving displays and merchandise. Thanksgiving is not very marketable. It's as if the sellers don't want to promote gratitude because they don't want to take a chance that potential buyers might be grateful or even content with what they have and consequently do not spend more money on more stuff.

But our nation was settled by thankful, sincere followers of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Pilgrims were a group of Christian separatists (not Puritans, they came later) that broke with the Church of England. On September 16, 1620 they sailed from Plymouth, England to America on the Mayflower. Before they landed, they penned and signed a covenant document that came to be known as the Mayflower Compact. While still on board the small ship they set forth their intent and purpose that they wanted to establish a colony that was based on Biblical principles. They acknowledged God's sovereignty in their lives and their need to obey Him; they documented and declared that they were establishing the colony "for the glory of God and for the advancement of the Christian faith." After the harvest of 1621, Governor Bradford proclaimed a day of thanksgiving and prayer.

But don't miss the dramatic context. That little band of separatists had set out for northern Virginia, only to get blown off course and finally came to shore hundreds of miles to the north at Cape Cod. For many weeks they bounced around on the rough Atlantic until, at last, they landed at Plymouth. They had hardly established themselves when the cold Massachusetts winter was upon them. They faced that bleak winter without adequate provisions, and it wasn't long before there were more crosses in the cemetery marking new graves than there were pilgrims alive remaining. Only 50 of the original 102 had survived! They strongly considered giving up and going back to England, but they decided to stay on and plant a few acres of corn and barley. When the time of the first anniversary of their landing rolled around, discussion arose as to how it should be observed.

"Let us focus on our blessings, not our adversity nor what we have lost."

Some proposed a Day of Mourning when attention would be focused on all those who had died. But others said, "No, let us have a season of

thanksgiving! After all, 50 of us have survived. We have gathered a good harvest; the Indians have been our friends. Let us focus on our blessings, not our adversity nor what we have lost." Had those Pilgrims chosen to mourn rather than give thanks to God, I doubt that they would have found the courage to hold out as they did!

"Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:18. Psychologists tell us that sincere gratitude, thanksgiving, is the healthiest of all human emotions. Sir John Templeton, billionaire investor, was once asked the secret for wealth. Without hesitation Templeton said, "Gratitude. If you're not grateful, you're not rich, no matter how much you have." Our custom of thanksgiving and prayer in the midst of adversity has continued through the years. During the dark days of the War between the States, President Lincoln declared Thanksgiving Day as a national holiday, yet we know true thanks to God must be given every day.

"What shall I render to the Lord in response to all His benefits to me? I will take the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people." Psalm 116:12-14.

Looking Ahead

Event	Date	Location
ONWARD: Worship Leader Conference www.scbaptist.org/worship	Nov 11	Poplar Springs BC, Moore
Connie Maxwell Christmas Lights	Dec 5-7 6-8:30	Connie Maxwell Greenwood
Community Christmas Cantata	Dec 7 & 8	Edgefield FBC
Restoration: A Solemn Assembly	Jan 28	Columbia FBC



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EBA Tours Cargo Ship with Seafarer's Ministry
 On October 28 a group of 11 including Susan Keck, WMU Director, and Pastor John Noblin, were given a tour of the Seafarer's Ministry at Charleston and were able to deliver 578 caps and 19 boxes of Bible Study material from our churches.



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

1 Chronicles 16:34

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*Happy Thanksgiving
 and
 Merry Christmas
 From your EBA Staff
 Tim Jackie Faye Terri*



Edgefield First Baptist Church is the Drop Off Location the week of **November 18 – 25**. You may take your shoeboxes during these times:

Monday & Tuesday, Nov. 18 & 19	10:00 – Noon
Wednesday & Thursday, Nov. 20 & 21	3:00 – 5:00
Friday & Saturday, Nov. 22 & 23	10:00 – Noon
Sunday, Nov. 24	3:00 – 5:00
Monday, Nov. 25	8:00 – 10:00

Please contact Donna Whitlock at 803-275-3366 for more information.

Christ With Us

A Community Choir Christmas Cantata
 December 7 at 4 P.M. and December 8 at 6:30 P.M.

Edgefield First Baptist Church
 Director, Rev. Travis Brian