

June/July
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Edgefield Baptist Association

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Making History with His Story



Edgefield Baptist Association Ramp Ministry

"Thank you all for putting up the ramp, so I could get in and out of my house after my surgery. I will be forever grateful" was written in a thank you card addressed to Edgefield Baptist Association. This is a recent example of the cards and monetary donations that are received from grateful recipients and family members who have benefited from the volunteer work done by the two ramp building teams led by Wayne Miller and Jimmy Painter.

Wayne Miller, past director of the association's Men's Ministry, can't tell you how many ramps have been built since 2004, but he can tell you about individuals that have been helped and how the love of Jesus has been demonstrated through this ministry. It all began when he and his son, Tucker, built a few ramps for neighbors and then began receiving requests from others in the area. So, when he became a leader in the Brotherhood, as it was known then, it was natural for him to put together a group of men interested in building ramps. Then equipping an enclosed trailer with the necessary tools followed in 2006. His team of volunteers from at least 6 association churches not only enjoy helping others, but enjoy the fellowship of working together.



Jimmy Painter, men's ministry leader at Edgefield First Baptist, leads a crew that began their ramp ministry in 1998 by working on Saturdays to build ramps for those in the community. Their crew consists mainly of their church members, but also includes a few others in the area. There are some guys who work with both crews and there are times when the two crews work together to build some of the more complicated ramps. Jimmy can tell you that his crew has built about 300 ramps since 1998 and that the average cost of a ramp can be from \$550 to \$1300.



Several portable ramps were acquired 5 years ago to be used for those who need a ramp on a temporary basis. Even though the initial costs seemed high, these have proven to be very cost effective for this ministry.

Volunteers donate their labor and skills, but homeowners must fund the costs of materials. However, Wayne and Jimmy offer assistance with that also by directing them to several agencies and organizations, primarily Edgefield County Senior Citizens Council, Upper Savannah Council of Governments and Aiken Electric Cooperative's Operation Round Up.

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8:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.
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Scheduled meetings at the Association Office:

Prayer Team
 Wednesday, July 1
 10 A.M.

Newsletter Folding
 Wednesday, July 29
 9 A.M.

“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.”
 Psalm 33:12

“Righteous exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.”
 Proverbs 14:34

It is exciting to see our churches find ways to carefully reopen. Some will continue having outdoor or drive-in worship. Some will worship indoors with many adjustments for safety. Those who have been streaming or recording or writing and posting online will likely continue those practices since there is clearly a wider audience that can be reached.

Let us know how your summer plans, such as Vacation Bible School and revival, are affected.

At our meeting on May 19, the EBA Executive Committee affirmed these decisions:

Cancel CCC for 2020
 After ten years of working together in CCC, we are forced by the pandemic to cancel it for this summer. Each year in order to be ready for CCC, we begin our preparation in February. Our construction team leaders visit potential homes needing repair to assess whether that job can be done in CCC. It takes all of February through May for us to be ready. We do the specifications and budgets and order materials so that the week of CCC is organized mass chaos instead of just mass chaos. Similarly, advance planning and arrangements for ministry sites are made in the spring as well. But the pandemic has prevented these vital preparatory activities. Perhaps we can carefully choose a couple of Saturdays in the fall to conduct Days of Service. We could invite our churches to survey needs in their communities and suggest & host projects and then encourage all to participate.

Migrant Ministry
 Similarly, our normal ministry to Migrant workers must be changed this year. We will not pick up and transport workers to a time of ESL, meal and worship. Instead ministry health kits and Bibles will be delivered to the camps for the workers; Cris Negrete will minister at the camps; and perhaps a special event will be planned near the end of the summer.

Nominating Committee
 Report from the committee was presented and accepted for 2020-2021.

Special Days
June and 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..... Retired
 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 1, 2006 Robert Patton
 Modoc

June 9, 2004 Eric Bruton
 Big Stevens Creek

July 1, 2019 Corbin Herron
 Sweetwater

July 1, 2009 Brian Ayers
 Sweetwater

July 5, 2015 Tim Sanders
 Peace Haven

July 19, 2015 Mark Abbott
 Sweetwater

July 28, 2019..... Rob Cohen
 Red Hill

Financial Report April 2020

Church Contributions	MTD	YTD
Antioch	767.23	1564.09
Berea	75.00	300.00
Big Stevens Creek	300.00	1200.00
Ebenezer	0.00	0.00
Edgefield First	0.00	0.00
First Bethany	0.00	0.00
Gilgal	2000.00	2000.00
Little Stevens Creek	0.00	0.00
Modoc	0.00	377.32
Mountain Creek	132.00	320.00
Mt. Zion	200.00	200.00
Parksville	848.82	2877.82
Peace Haven	718.46	718.46
Plum Branch	498.63	1450.53
Providence	575.00	1150.00
Red Hill	0.00	1018.40
Red Oak Grove	0.00	2700.00
Rehoboth	484.00	961.00
Republican	5430.52	10028.77
Sweetwater	0.00	904.57
Various Donations	0.00	948.24
Total Receipts	12029.66	28719.20
Total Expenses	6453.52	26981.87
Designated Accounts	Balance	
Block Party Trailer		187.09
CCC		15075.54
Hispanic Missions		1616.43
Disaster Relief		9582.17
Men's Ministries		12318.69
WMU		2710.61
EBA Missions Offering		1438.62
Investments	Balance	
Money Market #1		13359.63
Money Market #2		10369.41
Baptist Foundation		13355.06

Prison Ministry Update

EBA Men's Ministry and Missions Development Committee has donated \$300 and Ron and Brenda Creswell purchased 40 square yards of cotton fabric for Trenton Correctional Institution. TCI inmates will make masks under the direction of a certified chaplain and will donate these to senior life centers, children's hospitals, Ronald McDonald House, etc.

9-1-1 by Tim Shull

We Edgefield Association Baptists are known for planning our work and then working our plan. This year we must be more flexible. As we proclaim that Jesus, not our calendar, is Lord, may we daily experience His power and provision that comes in His all-sufficient grace. May God bless and protect you and the ones with whom you serve. When the pandemic and shutdown began, we encouraged one another with the word of God. We wrote and published and posted and live-streamed and recorded and proclaimed the truth of scripture in many ways. We found ways to worship together even as we kept our physical distance. Now as we minister to each other in days of turmoil and uncertainty, let us continue to find our help in our loving Lord and in His word. Psalm 91 has been a relevant passage to many. Here it is from the New Living Translation:

Psalm 91 (NLT)

- ¹ Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty.
- ² This I declare about the LORD:
He alone is my refuge, my place of safety;
he is my God, and I trust him.
- ³ For he will rescue you from every trap and protect you from deadly disease.
- ⁴ He will cover you with his feathers.
He will shelter you with his wings.
His faithful promises are your armor and protection.
- ⁵ Do not be afraid of the terrors of the night,
nor the arrow that flies in the day.
- ⁶ Do not dread the disease that stalks in darkness,
nor the disaster that strikes at midday.
- ⁷ Though a thousand fall at your side,
though ten thousand are dying around you,
these evils will not touch you.
- ⁸ Just open your eyes,
and see how the wicked are punished.
- ⁹ If you make the LORD your refuge,
if you make the Most High your shelter,
- ¹⁰ no evil will conquer you;
no plague will come near your home.
- ¹¹ For he will order his angels
to protect you wherever you go.
- ¹² They will hold you up with their hands
so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.
- ¹³ You will trample upon lions and cobras;
you will crush fierce lions and serpents under your feet!
- ¹⁴ The LORD says, "I will rescue those who love me.
I will protect those who trust in my name.
- ¹⁵ When they call on me, I will answer;
I will be with them in trouble.
I will rescue and honor them.
- ¹⁶ I will reward them with a long life
and give them my salvation."

Looking Ahead

Event	Date	Location
Disaster Relief Training Statewide	Oct 10	White Oak Conference Center
EBA Fall Meeting	Oct 18	Little Stevens Creek BC
ONWARD One Day Worship Leader Conference	Nov 9	Trinity BC Cayce

*“Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”
The LORD of hosts is with us; The God of Jacob is our refuge.” Psalm 46:10-11*

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Remember to be faithful in giving to your local church during these unusual days.

Edgefield Baptist Association Missions Offering – EBAMO

We heard a wonderful presentation from Rev. Craig McDaniel about his mission trip to Kenya and his vision for a well and church building in the village of Ewaso Ngiro. We have prescribed that this year’s Edgefield Baptist Association Missions Offering go to this endeavor.

We can reflect upon Acts 1:8 and the multi-location commission of our Lord, “You will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the ends of the earth”, and recall that in recent years our EBAMO has been for a local venture, a regional cause, a cross-cultural opportunity, and a national partnership. What’s missing from our ‘here, there and everywhere’ Acts 1:8 obedience is an international project. The well in Ewaso Ngiro, Kenya is that opportunity, so we invite churches and individuals to give through the EBAMO to this cause.



WMU Duffle Bag & Bible Project

Children’s mission organizations in EBA churches raised enough money for 20 duffle and diaper bags for local DSS. Bags were packed with age appropriate underwear, socks, pajamas, personal care items, diapers, pacifiers, bottles, sippy cups, stuffed animals and Bibles. Susan Keck stated that they also were able to buy 10 gift cards to McDonalds and Burger King.

