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2020

Edgefield Baptist Association

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Making History with His Story

Thank You, Jackie Ridings!

At the Fall Meeting of the Edgefield Baptist Association, we announced that Mrs. Jackie Ridings will retire at the end of this year. Jackie became the Ministry Assistant for EBA in 2009. She served alongside Director of Missions Robert Williamson (2009-2014), Association Clerk Faye Usry, Association Treasurer Terri Miller, and Director of Missions Tim Shull (2014-present).

Jackie is much appreciated by staff, volunteers, officers, committee members, leaders and pastors of the churches of EBA. She has been known for her friendly and willing spirit of helpfulness, her consistent attention to the work of the association, and her historical knowledge of the churches of EBA. She provided essential administrative leadership to Churches Changing Communities and served in ten CCC's. Jackie diligently organized and promoted all of the cooperative work of the churches.



In addition, she set an excellent example of missionary involvement with her work in the summer migrant ministry. Jackie not only got involved in Disaster Relief, when Jimmy Painter retired, she became our association DR Coordinator. She went on many mission trips and Disaster Relief trips. Everyone knew that they could call the EBA office and get their question answered or be directed to the answer.

Join with all the members of the churches of Edgefield Baptist Association in thanking Jackie for her wonderful service. We invite letters and cards of thanks; we will combine these into an appreciation book. Thank you, Jackie Ridings! May God continue to bless you and your husband Domer.

Happy Thanksgiving
and Merry Christmas
From your EBA Staff

Tim Jackie Terri Faye



BAPTIST WOMEN'S WORLD
DAY of PRAYER

Do you believe in the power of prayer?

Do you feel our nation and world are in need of sincere prayer? Please join us in praying around the world with Baptist women from 156 countries encompassing 80 languages. Drop by the Edgefield Baptist Association office on **Sunday, November 1** between 2 and 4 and stay as long as you like. There will be an opportunity to donate funds to benefit Shelter of Love Children's Home in Cambodia that uses hydroponic greenhouses for food and for income as well as training for the kids. Sponsored by WMU.

For more information please contact
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Rev. Tom Rogers

Vice-Moderator
Rev. Tim Sanders

Ministry Assistant
Mrs. Jackie Ridings

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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:

World Day of Prayer
 Sunday, November 1
 DROP IN: 2-4 P.M.

Prayer Team
 Wednesday, November 4
 Wednesday, December 2
 9:30 A.M.

Executive Committee
 Tuesday, December 1
 7 P.M.

Dolls on Mission
 Tuesday, January 5, 19
 10 A.M.

WMU Leadership
 Tuesday, January 5
 5:30 P.M.

Newsletter Folding
 Wednesday, January 6
 9 A.M.

Prisoner Packets
Due to EBA by November 17
Goal: 350

Approved Packing List

1 black non-retractable pen
 1 junior-size legal pad
 1 adult toothbrush, factory-sealed
 1 4-6 oz toothpaste
 1 3.2-6 oz bar of soap
 2 rolls of hard candy like LifeSavers
 3 first-class #10 stamp-embossed envelopes (purchase from US Post Office)

All items must be placed in a one-gallon size zipper bag. Please no substitutions or extra items.

The packets will be delivered on December 7th to Shandon Baptist Church.

Our custom of handing out packets and providing the Christmas meal is yet to be determined by SC Dept of Corrections.

WMU News

*117 Christmas Backpacks for children in Kentucky delivered to Spartanburg.

*600 Seafarer's caps will be delivered on November 6th to Charleston.

Connie Maxwell's Christmas Store

Items Due at CMCH by November 20

Provides a way for the children to shop for family and friends. Items are priced at a minimum charge and all proceeds go to Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Suggested items include:
 *blankets
 *fun socks (for all ages)
 *devotion books & Bibles
 *umbrellas
 *flashlights
 *Christmas ornaments

Individuals and churches who wish to donate should contact Katie Troutman at 864.942.1400.

Special Days
November-December

Birthdays

November
 09 Jean Rogers.....Mt. Zion

December
 16 Tammy Nichols.....Republican
 18 Sue Ford.....Ebenezer
 18 Karen Sanders.....Peace Haven
 29 Terri Miller.....EBA
 31 Cindy Nichols.....Providence

Wedding Anniversaries

November
 26 Charles & Joye Bodie.....Berea
 26 Jefferson & Savannah Fuller.....Big Stevens Creek

December
 03 Corbin & Anna Herron.....Sweetwater
 05 Lance & Tonya Thomas...Republican
 06 Cris & Gabriella Negrete...Getsemani
 20 Larry & Sue Ford.....Ebenezer
 29 Robert & Teresa Patton.....Modoc

Pastoral Anniversaries

Skip Myers at Big Stevens Creek
 November 5, 2017

John Alexander at First Bethany
 November 16, 2014

Aaron Tripp at Edgefield First
 December 14, 2016

Prayer Team

The Prayer Team meets the first Wednesday each month at 9:30 AM. They have completed the prayer walking at all churches. Carol Bryan encourages participation by pastors and other church members. They are learning to pray with scripture, which will open your prayer life to new truths through the power of God's Word.

Season of Prayer for International Missions
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
 November 29th – December 6th

Financial Report September 2020

“If You Think, You’ll Thank”

by Tim Shull

Church Contributions	MTD	YTD
Antioch	0.00	2370.60
Berea	75.00	675.00
Big Stevens Creek	300.00	3300.00
Ebenezer	0.00	0.00
Edgefield First	0.00	0.00
First Bethany	0.00	2165.00
Gilgal	2000.00	4000.00
Little Stevens Creek	0.00	1250.00
Modoc	0.00	743.78
Mountain Creek	85.00	862.00
Mt. Zion	0.00	200.00
Parksville	743.47	5464.48
Peace Haven	804.30	2308.21
Plum Branch	513.66	2708.15
Providence	575.00	2300.00
Red Hill	0.00	5126.86
Red Oak Grove	0.00	2700.00
Rehoboth	0.00	961.00
Republican	5221.06	21331.67
Sweetwater	1176.28	4832.30
Various Donations	350.00	1848.24
Total Receipts	9843.77	65147.29
Total Expenses	8348.99	61063.63
Designated Accounts	Balance	
Block Party Trailer	187.09	
CCC	15075.54	
Hispanic Missions	1216.43	
Disaster Relief	8958.75	
Men’s Ministries	12818.69	
WMU	3565.32	
EBA Missions Offering	838.62	
Investments		
Money Market #1	13360.61	
Money Market #2	10370.17	
Baptist Foundation	13432.78	

2020 has been a difficult year to say the least. There has been much adversity; nothing is easily accomplished. There have been setbacks and losses, even the loss of loved ones. It is the perfect time to obey the Biblical prescription for the people of God: *“Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”*

1 Thessalonians 5:18.

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.”

We know the story about how after the harvest of 1621, Governor Bradford proclaimed a day of thanksgiving and prayer. Please see the dramatic and relevant context. The thanksgiving and praise that they offered up to God was the product of their hardship pounded upon the anvil of adversity. 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. 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 on as they did!

“It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; to declare Your lovingkindness in the morning, and Your faithfulness every night.” Psalm 92:1-2. 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. So think about God’s goodness, and be thankful!

“Let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. And do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.” Hebrews 13:15-16.

Looking Ahead

Event	Date	Location
ONWARD One Day Worship Leader Conference	Nov 9	Trinity BC Cayce
Legacy: 200 th Annual Meeting of the SCBC	Nov 9-10	First Baptist Church, Columbia

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Holiday Closings

Thanksgiving: Wednesday, November 25

Christmas: Monday, December 21-Friday, January 1

Office Hours

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Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! His faithful love endures forever! 1 Chronicles 16:34

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**Edgefield Chainsaw Unit Responds to
Hurricane Sally in Pensacola FL
October 19-23**



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
Love in a shoe box

Operation Christmas Child

Collection Dates: November 16 – 23

**Collection Point: Edgefield First Baptist
212 Church Street, Edgefield**

Monday	November 16	10 a.m. – 12 noon
Tuesday	November 17	10 a.m. – 12 noon
Wednesday	November 18	3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Thursday	November 19	3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Friday	November 20	10 a.m. – 12 noon
Saturday	November 21	10 a.m. – 12 noon
Sunday	November 22	3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Monday	November 23	8 a.m. – 10 a.m.

Questions or more information, please contact
Donna Whitlock at 803-275-3366 or go to:

www.samaritanpurse.org