

October  
2020

# Edgefield Baptist Association

Organized 1807

Making History with His Story

**EBA Fall Semi-annual Meeting  
Sunday, October 18 at 3:00 o'clock**



Join us for a wonderful time of fellowship and organizing for the coming year.

We will vote to adopt a 2021 Budget and we will elect nominated leaders and committee members.

We'll enjoy instrumental and vocal music provided by our host church and hear a stirring association sermon from Rev. Robert Patton, Modoc Baptist Church.

We invite everyone to keep safe distances, refrain from handshakes, and to wear a mask if you can.

Little Stevens Creek Church will provide outside amplification for those who would prefer to remain in their car and listen from there.

We will not have a meal at this meeting, but we look forward to hearing testimonies of missions or benevolence projects, mission trips, and Disaster Relief action.

We would like to make sign in safe and quick, so we are asking each church to call the EBA office (637-3309) or our clerk, Faye Usry (637-4620), and let us know who, messengers and visitors, will be attending from your church.



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  
Debra Armstrong at 706-840-4472.

**Edgefield Baptist Association**  
985 Hwy 25 N  
Edgefield, SC 29824  
803.637.3309

**Director of Missions**  
Rev. Tim Shull

**Moderator**  
Rev. Tom Rogers

**Vice-Moderator**  
Rev. Tim Sanders

**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.

**Scheduled meetings at the Association Office:**

**Prayer Team**  
Wednesday, October 7  
9:30 A.M.

**Newsletter Folding**  
Wednesday, October 28  
9 A.M.

**World Day of Prayer**  
Sunday, November 1  
2-4 P.M.

**Reminder:** Voter Registration deadline is October 4. Make sure you are registered at your current address. Go to [www.SCvotes.gov](http://www.SCvotes.gov) for more information.

**Seafarer’s Ministry Items**  
**Due to EBA by October 13**

- Seaman’s knit or fleece caps (in Christmas bag with tract)
- Adult Bible Study books
- Reader’s Digest
- Open Windows (or other small devotion books)
- National Geographic

**Prisoner Packets**  
**Due to EBA by November 17**  
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

**Special Days**  
**October**

**Birthdays**  
04 Faye Usry.....EBA  
13 Cheryl Bruton...Big Stevens Creek  
14 Jackie Ridings..... EBA  
24 Jefferson Fuller.....Big Stevens Creek

**Pastoral Anniversaries**  
Jerry Garvin at Gilgal  
October 10, 2010

**Church Events**

**Antioch:** Rev. Andy Hunter has announced that his last Sunday as pastor will be October 4.

**Little Stevens Creek:** Fall Festival is on October 25 at 5 P.M. Join us outdoors for Trunk or Treat, live music, and hot dog plates.

**Operation Christmas Child**  
**Collection Dates: November 16 – 23**  
**Collection Point: Edgefield First Baptist Church**  
**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 Samaritan’s Purse.org.

**Your Church COUNTS**  
*Annual Church Profile*

Your church has been contacted with instructions for completing your ACP either online or sending written forms to our clerk, Faye Usry. The deadline to have your ACP completed is Tuesday, October 13. If you have questions, contact Faye at 803-637-4620.

## Financial Report August 2020

| Church Contributions  | MTD July       | YTD             |
|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Antioch               | 0.00           | 2370.60         |
| Berea                 | 75.00          | 600.00          |
| Big Stevens Creek     | 300.00         | 3000.00         |
| 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        | 187.00         | 777.00          |
| Mt. Zion              | 0.00           | 200.00          |
| Parksville            | 0.00           | 4721.01         |
| Peace Haven           | 785.45         | 1503.91         |
| Plum Branch           | 0.00           | 2194.49         |
| Providence            | 0.00           | 1725.00         |
| Red Hill              | 0.00           | 5126.86         |
| Red Oak Grove         | 0.00           | 2700.00         |
| Rehoboth              | 0.00           | 961.00          |
| Republican            | 0.00           | 16110.61        |
| Sweetwater            | 0.00           | 3656.02         |
| Various Donations     | 50.00          | 1498.24         |
| <b>Total Receipts</b> | <b>3397.45</b> | <b>55303.52</b> |
| <b>Total Expenses</b> | <b>6265.30</b> | <b>52714.64</b> |
| Designated Accounts   | Balance        |                 |
| Block Party Trailer   |                | 187.09          |
| CCC                   |                | 15075.54        |
| Hispanic Missions     |                | 1216.43         |
| Disaster Relief       |                | 8038.75         |
| Men's Ministries      |                | 12818.69        |
| WMU                   |                | 3565.32         |
| EBA Missions Offering |                | 838.62          |
| Investments           |                |                 |
| Money Market #1       |                | 13360.50        |
| Money Market #2       |                | 10370.08        |
| Baptist Foundation    |                | 13428.07        |

## A Christian Heritage by Tim Shull

America was settled by people looking for religious freedom. Our spiritual forebearers came to these shores in order to worship God and practice their faith without fear of persecution.

When Columbus discovered this land, he took a cross in his hands and planted upon the newly discovered soil. He took possession of the Land for God.

When English settlers landed at Jamestown their first act was to kneel and dedicate themselves and this new continent to God who created it.

The hearty souls who sailed on the Mayflower in 1620 fled from tyranny and oppression. In the Mayflower Compact they proclaimed they had come to the new world for "THE GLORY OF GOD AND THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH." The Mayflower Compact begins with the words, "In the name of God, Amen." Faith in God was the chart and compass that brought the Mayflower through the treacherous Atlantic. The first public building our forefathers erected was a church and their first public exercise was the worship and praise of God.

As the colonies prospered the people fell away from God. The descendants of the first settlers became more concerned with increasing their wealth and comfortable lifestyles than being faithful to God and His Word. The spiritual atmosphere deteriorated. Churches were dying, and many went off in strange spiritual directions.

Then something amazing happened: In the 1740's, Jonathan Edwards, George Whitefield, John Wesley, William Screven, Shubal Stearns, and others began to preach in brush arbors, in the churches, in the streets and in the fields. The Colonies were set afire spiritually as so many people came to Christ the era was known as THE GREAT AWAKENING. God used this in the birth of this nation. The environment was undeniably spiritual at the time of the American Revolution. This focus dramatically affected the men and women who founded this nation. Daniel Marshall was one of these. He entered what is now Edgefield County in 1762 and started churches that also started churches that still proclaim the gospel today.

On July 4, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was signed, marking the birth of our nation. In declaring independence from an earthly power, our forefathers made a forthright declaration of dependence upon and commitment to Almighty God. They wrote about "the laws of nature and nature's God" as their authority. "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed **by their Creator** with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. – That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed." The closing words of this great document declares: "And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of **divine Providence**, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor."

After miraculous victory to win independence, as the Constitutional

convention reached a point of impasse in Philadelphia, at the suggestion of Benjamin Franklin, the convention stopped and knelt in fervent prayer for God's wisdom and guidance. That constitution was ratified only with the promise made to Baptists that there would soon follow a Bill of Rights, the first of which would insure that "congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

At the 1st Inaugural address, April 30, 1789, at Federal Hall in New York City, George Washington warned our nation, "The propitious smiles of Heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right, which Heaven itself has ordained." After his oath and speech, President George Washington led the entire government up Wall St., turned right on Broadway, and walked to St. Paul's Chapel. There Washington led the new government – all Senators and Congressmen and Judges and his cabinet – in a prayer of consecration for the nation to Almighty God. (On 9-11-01, St. Paul's Chapel miraculously survived, though it was very close to ground zero. I believe God spared the site to be a reminder to our wayward nation of our original consecration.)

I could go on and on, listing the historical evidence that our nation was settled and founded by people yearning for religious freedom and seeking to establish a nation upon God and His word. Let us not shrink back from this heritage.



# Looking Ahead

| Event  | Date     | Location                       |
|--|----------|--------------------------------|
| Global Hunger Relief Sunday                          | Oct 11   | SBC, SCBC                      |
| Baptist Women World Day of Prayer                    | Nov 1    | EBA Building                   |
| ONWARD One Day Worship Leader Conference             | Nov 9    | Trinity BC Cayce               |
| Legacy: 200 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the SCBC | Nov 9-10 | First Baptist Church, Columbia |



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

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**Global Hunger Relief Sunday**  
 October 11, 2020  
<https://globalhungerrelief.org>

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#praySC

Join SC Baptists on **October 21**, as we lift our voices together to petition the Lord for His mercy and grace on our state, nation, and world. We recognize that our strength and understanding pales in comparison to the strength and understanding given to us through the Holy Spirit. He is the One who can bring hope to the hopeless and peace in the chaos. The healing of our nation is unattainable by our own efforts; it will only happen through a movement of God. Gather wherever you like at a convenient time and pray together.



**2020 Christmas Backpacks**  
**Due to EBA by October 13**  
**GOAL: 50**

On Monday 9-year-old Sarah Kate brought her fully loaded backpack to the office. She hopes it goes to a 9-year-old girl since she filled it with items that she likes.

Backpacks for school children in Kentucky are a great way the share the gift of love and the gospel with a child in need this Christmas.

If you need more information or have questions, please contact Susan Keck at 803-637-3906 or call EBA.



**Response Needed to Hurricane Sally**

Alabama and Florida Disaster Relief have requested assistance in responding to Hurricane Sally. Chainsaw and mud-out units are needed.

There are many people whose lives have been turned upside down by this hurricane – we are called to be the hands and feet of Jesus to meet needs and share His love with those who are hurting.

Volunteers are asked to contact me to let me know when you are available.  
 Jackie Ridings (864-941-7225)