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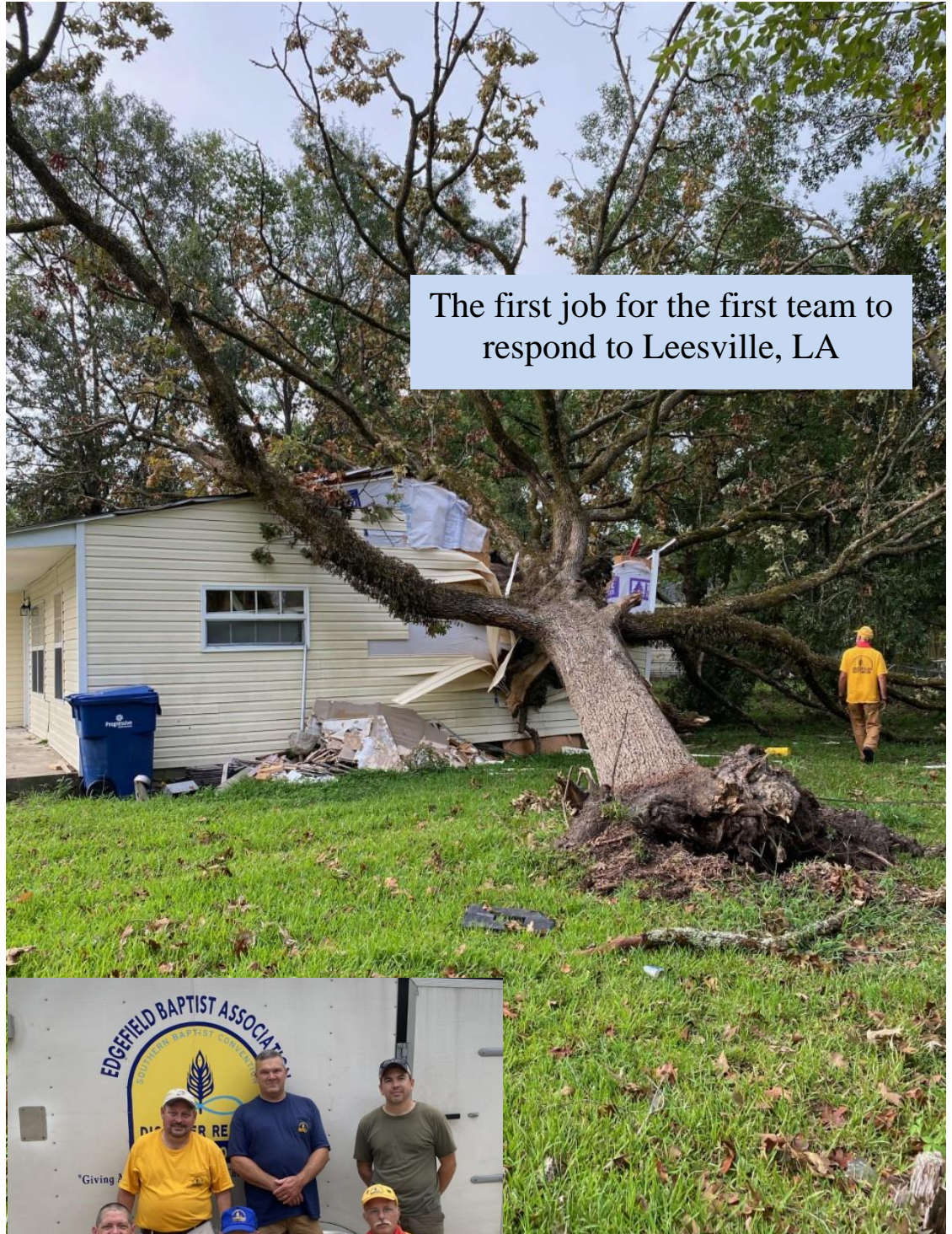
Edgefield Baptist Association

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Making History with His Story

Donations for Disaster Relief made be sent to Edgefield Baptist Association.
Gifts may be designated for Edgefield Association Disaster Relief or for South Carolina DR Teams

“An answer to prayer.” Edgefield Association Chainsaw Unit Responds Quickly to Hurricane Laura



The first job for the first team to respond to Leesville, LA



This team traveled on Sunday to the Incident Command Site at East Leesville Baptist Church. They will return on Friday. Prayers requested.
Front row: Doug Kierstead, Fisher Miller and Bud Parker
Back row: Scott Kierstead, Ricky Miller (Unit Leader) and Josh McClendon

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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.

Office Closed
Monday, September 7

Scheduled meetings at the Association Office:

WMU Leadership
Tuesday, September 1
5:30 P.M.

Prayer Team
Wednesday, September 2
9:30 A.M.

Executive Committee
Tuesday, September 22
7:00 P.M.

Newsletter Folding
Wednesday, September 30
9 A.M.

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

Share the gift of love and the gospel with a child in need this Christmas.

Completed backpacks should be packed and labeled following the directions provided in August Newsletter. This quality gift could be the only Christmas present this child receives, and will be a witness of Christ’s love. If you need more information or have questions, please contact Susan Keck at 803-637-3906 or 803-480-1852.

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

Operation Christmas Child
November 16 – 23

Shoebboxes will be collected during the week at Edgefield First Baptist Church. Dates and times will be published in the October Newsletter.

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
September

Birthdays
01 Gloria Shull.EBA/Red Oak Grove
01 John Alexander..... First Bethany
04 Preston Creech..... Retired
09 Craig McDaniel Parksville
21 Eleazer Benenhaley Retired

Pastoral Anniversaries
Paul Noe at Sweetwater
September 9, 2012
Robert Huffman at Mountain Creek
September 11, 2011
Tim Shull at Edgefield Association
September 15, 2014
Tom Rogers at Mt. Zion
September 23, 2013

Church News/Events

A number of churches are beginning to gather inside and some are having Wednesday evening activities and Sunday School. If your church posts these events on Facebook, we try to share them on the Edgefield Association Facebook page. The October Newsletter is scheduled to be printed on September 28. If you have fall events that you wish for us to include, please send to us by email.

Executive Committee Meeting

All pastors, lay representatives, committee chairs, and officers are encouraged to attend the meeting on Tuesday, September 22. The budget committee will have a report. Physical distancing will be observed and wearing a face covering is encouraged.

Financial Report July 2020

Jars of Clay by Tim Shull

Church Contributions	MTD July	YTD
Antioch	806.51	2370.60
Berea	0.00	525.00
Big Stevens Creek	600.00	2700.00
Ebenezer	0.00	0.00
Edgefield First	0.00	0.00
First Bethany	2165.00	2165.00
Gilgal	0.00	2000.00
Little Stevens Creek	0.00	1250.00
Modoc	366.46	743.78
Mountain Creek	0.00	590.00
Mt. Zion	0.00	200.00
Parksville	419.04	4721.01
Peace Haven	0.00	718.46
Plum Branch	743.96	2194.49
Providence	0.00	1725.00
Red Hill	3100.04	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	500.00	1448.24
Total Receipts	7957.05	51906.07
Total Expenses	5524.08	46449.34
Designated Accounts	Balance	
Block Party Trailer	187.09	
CCC	15075.54	
Hispanic Missions	1616.43	
Disaster Relief	9021.13	
Men's Ministries	12818.69	
WMU	3565.32	
EBA Missions Offering	1828.62	
Investments		
Money Market #1	13360.39	
Money Market #2	10369.99	
Baptist Foundation	13419.76	

God uses regular folks like us. He delights in doing extraordinary things through ordinary people...shepherds, farmers, fishermen, outcasts. He knows we are but clay. He takes the willing and shapes us into the vessels He wants us to be. *Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay and you are our potter; we all are the work of your hands.* Isaiah 64:8. He knows us before we are even born. *For You formed my inward parts; You wove me together in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well.* Psalm 139:13-14.

We are never too young, never too old, never too small, never too ordinary, never too remote, never insignificant and never useless! *There is a lad here with two fish and five loaves, but what is that among so many?* John 6:9. Little is much when God is in it!

He has a plan and a purpose for each one of us, no matter who we are or what we have done. *The word which came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying: "Arise and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause you to hear My words." Then I went down to the potter's house, and there he was, making something at the wheel. And the vessel that he MADE of clay was MARRED in the hand of the potter; so he MENDED it again into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to make.* Jeremiah 18:1-4.

Can God use you as a vessel to carry the gospel of Jesus Christ? Think about Jonah who disobeyed God and tried to run away. Consider Peter who denied that he even knew Jesus. Consider Paul who pursued, arrested and persecuted Christians. Did God use these men? Do you really think that there is something in your past that keeps you from serving God? Consider Moses who couldn't speak well. Remember Mary Magdalene who was possessed by demons. Consider Sarah who was old; Lazarus who was dead. Is there any situation that God cannot overcome in order to use people who could have felt useless? Did this pandemic catch God by surprise? Do you believe He has a plan and a purpose for each person and every church that are willing to be His ambassadors in extraordinary times? I do.

For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made His light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. 2 Corinthians 4:5-7. We are ordinary jars of clay who are not only forgiven and mended; we are given the privilege to carry the extraordinary treasure of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, especially in extraordinary times!

The Lord said to Moses, "What is in your hand?" He said, "A rod." God said, "Lay it down." Exodus 4:2-3. When we are willing to lay down all that we have and all that we are for God's use, He does extraordinary things!

So give it all to Him and don't quit. Don't let politics or fake news keep you from acting on what you know. Send a card, write an email or text, make a call, bake a cake, make a meal, take someone to the doctor, share encouraging words and help others in Jesus' name. *Whatever you do, do it with all your heart, as if you were doing it for the Lord and not for people. Remember it is the Lord Christ we are serving.* Colossians 3:23-24. Does it help to remember that you are actually serving Christ, especially when you are under-appreciated by people? Jesus declared, *"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."* Matthew 25:40. So serve Him faithfully and at His judgment seat you'll hear Him say, *'Well done, good and faithful servant...Enter into the joy of your lord.'* Matthew 25:21. My parents used to sing a wonderful duet: "It will be worth it all when we see Jesus. Life's trials will seem so small, when we see Christ! One glimpse of His dear face all sorrow will erase! So bravely run the race, 'til we see Christ."

Looking Ahead

Event	Date	Location
EBA Executive Committee	Sept 22	EBA Office
EBA Fall Meeting	Oct 18	Little Stevens Creek BC
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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Remember to be faithful in giving to your local church during these unusual days.

September 13-20 - Season of Prayer for State Missions, Missions Education and Kingdom ADVANCE in South Carolina and Janie Chapman Offering



Incident Command Site Leaders

Charles and Joye Bodie were headed north to Pennsylvania on August 27 to assist with Hurricane Isais relief when they were asked to go south instead. They were put in charge of setting up the incident command site for South Carolina Disaster Relief in Leesville located in Vernon Parish, Louisiana. Rev. Bodie is serving as interim pastor at Berea Baptist Church and he and his wife have many years of experience with Disaster Relief. He commented on Monday that it has been a very smooth start up – even with no power, no internet communication, cold showers, and just portable fans powered by generators. In addition to the Edgefield team, other SC chainsaw units are expected to arrive Wednesday and next week. A food truck arrived on Tuesday and hopefully a feeding team will soon be there.