

January
2021

Edgefield Baptist Association

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Making History with His Story

Berea welcomes Rev. Charles & Joy Bodie



Rev. Charles Bodie, who has been serving as interim pastor at Berea Baptist Church, accepted the call as pastor on December 13, 2020. He and his wife, Joye, live in Ward. Charles was baptized in 1953 at Red Bank Baptist Church in Saluda, SC. He was licensed to preach in June 1974 at Richland Springs Baptist Church and served as lay speaker and pulpit supply from 1974 – 2010. Charles was called to full-time ministry in October 2010 and was ordained and preached at Ward Baptist Church until retirement in May 2019. He is a 1984 honor graduate with 2 letters of

commendation from US Army Chaplain School as Chaplain Assistant; served 4 years as Chaplain Assistant with Edgefield National Guard; and is a certified Chaplain by SC Baptist Convention and SC Baptist Disaster Relief. Charles is currently serving as American Legion Chaplain for Post 133 and was appointed American Legion Chaplain for District 17 in 2019.

Joye was a GA and YMA at Ridge Spring Baptist Church as a youth. She continues to be involved in WMU and has served as WMU Director for Ridge Association since 2011.

Charles and Joye have been married for 53 years and have 3 children, 7 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren. They live in Ward, SC.



Join us on the last Monday of each month at 7 PM for Associational Evangelism Training.

Pastors, use this monthly training to augment the training you are already doing in your church! Each session will be streamed live on the EBA Facebook page, and will archive there for future use.

We will begin this training with a three month exploration of The Best News evangelism kit. This training will equip you and your church members for sharing the saving truth of the gospel with friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers. Although the thought of having gospel conversations with others can be intimidating, this training will help us to become less apprehensive. This 3-month training module will simplify the process and give us the confidence we need to do what Jesus called us to do!

Subsequent months will explore other evangelism models.

Please join us LIVE on the EBA Facebook page at 7 PM on the following dates:

Monday, January 25th Monday, February 22nd Monday, March 29th

Please contact Pastor John Alexander if you have questions at revjohnalexander@gmail.com.

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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.

Scheduled meetings at the Association Office:

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

Newsletter Folding
Wednesday, January 27
9 A.M.

Prayer Team
Wednesday, February 3
9:30 A.M.

News for the February newsletter is due by January 18.

Commissioning Service
February 14

Rev. Craig McDaniel is leading a group of five missions volunteers to Kenya on February 15. Three of the group will be there for over a month drilling wells and two of the group will travel around to the churches that have been built recently. They will share the Gospel in each village they visit. You are invited to a Service of Commissioning for this group, conducted by Rev. Tim Shull, at Parksville Baptist Church on Sunday February 14, at 11:00 AM.

- 2020 Numbers of Joy**
- ❖ 120 Christmas Backpacks
 - ❖ 600 Caps for Seafarer’s Ministry
 - ❖ More than a ton of literature for Seafarer’s Ministry
 - ❖ 767 Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Gifts
 - ❖ 383 Christmas Prisoner Packets
 - ❖ 120 Christmas Meals served to Trenton inmates

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
January 17

From the child in the womb to advanced old age, every person matters to God. Be sure to read the January issue of The Baptist Courier.

2020 Operation Christmas Child Shoebox

The Edgefield Baptist Association and other supportive churches in the community provided 767 shoeboxes to children in many countries around the world. Each shoebox is a tangible expression of God’s love. For some children, especially in areas of poverty and worn-torn areas, it may be their first Christmas gift and may be the first time they have heard about Jesus. Thank you for sharing Good News and Great Joy with children around the world!

-Donna Whitlock

Special Days
January

Birthdays

13 Tom Rogers.....Mt. Zion
14 David Lyda.....Little Stevens Creek

15 Bobbi Noe.....Sweetwater
16 Charles Bodie.....Berea
25 Kathy McDaniel...Parksville
28 Gabriella Negrete.Getsemani
31 Teresa Patton.....Modoc

Pastoral Anniversaries

Lance Thomas - Republican
January 1, 2004
Travis Brian - Edgefield First
January 1, 2016
David Lyda – Little Stevens Creek
January 5, 2020

Church Event

Peace Haven is holding “Revival Of Hope” services January 24-26, 6 PM on Sunday, 7 PM on Monday & Tuesday. Rev. Tim Shull will be teaching/preaching on Bible prophecy and the certainty of the hope that we share.

History Challenge

The 200th anniversary of the SC Baptist Convention is in 2021. All churches and associations were encouraged to update their written histories and send them to the SCBC. Send copies to the Edgefield Baptist Association, also.

Men’s Ministry Supper

Thursday, January 21
7 PM
Antioch Baptist Church

Financial Report October & November 2020

Church Contributions	MTD Oct	MTD Nov	YTD
Antioch	696.88	0.00	3,064.48
Berea	75.00	75.00	825.00
Big Stevens Creek	300.00	0.00	3,600.00
Ebenezer	0.00	0.00	0.00
Edgefield First	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
First Bethany	0.00	0.00	2,165.00
Gilgal	0.00	0.00	4,000.00
Little Stevens Creek	0.00	1,250.00	2,500.00
Modoc	0.00	0.00	947.22
Mountain Creek	101.00	0.00	963.00
Mt. Zion	0.00	400.00	600.00
Parksville	0.00	707.56	6,172.04
Peace Haven	0.00	0.00	2,308.21
Plum Branch	0.00	0.00	2,708.15
Providence	0.00	0.00	2,300.00
Red Hill	1,924.32	0.00	7,051.18
Red Oak Grove	0.00	0.00	2,700.00
Rehoboth	1,288.00	0.00	2,249.00
Republican	0.00	0.00	21,331.67
Sweetwater	0.00	350.43	5,182.73
Various Donations	0.00	0.00	1,948.24
Total Receipts	9,385.20	2,891.81	77,894.69
Total Expenses	5,791.58	6,006.92	72,862.13
Designated Accounts	Balance Oct	Balance Nov	
Block Party Trailer	187.09	187.09	
CCC	15,075.54	15,075.54	
Hispanic Missions	1,216.43	1,216.43	
Disaster Relief	9,285.37	9,396.10	
Men's Ministries	12,818.69	12,818.69	
WMU	3,565.32	3,565.32	
EBA Missions Offering	838.62	1,413.62	
Investments			
Money Market #1	13,360.72	13,360.83	
Money Market #2	10,370.25	10,370.34	
Baptist Foundation	13,439.43	13,548.05	

Real Hope in 2021 by Tim Shull

*"This I call to mind and therefore I have **hope**: because of the Lord's great love, we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning."* Lamentations 3:21.

The human spirit needs hope to survive and to thrive. You can live about 40 days without food, about 6 days without water, about 7 minutes without air, but you cannot live at all without hope. One expert said, "Since my early years as a physician I learned that taking away hope is for most people like pronouncing a death sentence. Their already hard-pressed will to live can become paralyzed and they may give up and die."

King Solomon wrote in Proverbs 13:12 *"Hope deferred makes the heart sick but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life."* One paraphrase captures the essence: *"When hope is crushed the heart is crushed."*

There are 95 references to hope in the Old Testament. There are another 85 references in the New Testament. This theme of hope is woven all throughout scripture. I declare again today that God of the Bible is the source of hope, and His plan to give us hope was fulfilled when He gave us Jesus. His hope is so powerful that it can transform a human being's life and it can rewrite a person's eternity. *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you **hope** and a future."* Jeremiah 29:11. Real hope is not wishful thinking, blind optimism or ambitious dreams. These are poor substitutes, worldly counterfeits for real hope. For most people, hope is something they do, but the Bible talks about hope as something we can have. *"We have this **hope** as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure."* Hebrews 6:19. Real hope is the confident expectation that God is willing and able to fulfill His promises to us. It is tied to faith in God, for *"Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."* Hebrews 11:1. *"Having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and **rejoice in hope** of the glory of God. We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that tribulation produces endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and*

*character strengthens our **confident hope** that does not disappoint."* Romans 5:1-5. *"In God's great mercy He has given us new birth into a **living hope** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil, or fade, kept in heaven for you."* 1 Peter 1:4. In times like these, may the world see your confident living hope and the difference Christ makes in your life. This puts you in a position to share hope with others. *"God comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any kind of affliction, through the comfort we ourselves receive from God."* 2 Corinthians 1:4. *"I expect and **hope** that I will have the courage now, as always, to show the greatness of Christ in my life here on earth."* Philippians 1:20. *"Be ready at all times to answer anyone who asks you to explain the **hope** you have in you."* 1 Peter 3:15.

In a pandemic, employment layoff, financial stress, relationship woes, sickness, death of a loved one or any other crisis or calamity, real hope makes all the difference. Charles Haddon Spurgeon preached, "God is too kind to be cruel; God is too wise to make a mistake. When we cannot trace the hand of God, we must trust the heart of God." It is my prayer that you can trust the heart of God so that the God of all hope will fill you with His hope in 2021.

*"May the **God of hope** fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may **overflow with hope** by the power of the Holy Spirit."* Romans 15:13

Looking Ahead

Event	Date	Location
The Best News Evangelism Training	Jan 24, 7 PM	Facebook
Doll Makers	Feb 2, 10 AM	EBA
Prayer Team	Feb 3, 9:30 AM	EBA
The Best News Evangelism Training	Feb 22, 7 PM	Facebook

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Welcome Faye Usry


As reported to the Executive Committee on December 1, in consultation with the Personnel Committee, we have invited Ms. Faye Usry to be our new Ministry Assistant and she has accepted. Faye has been a member of Red Oak Grove Baptist Church for 17 years. She has been our Association Clerk for 14 years and is involved in WMU leadership in both her church and association. She is a graduate of Strom Thurmond High School and Lander University. She retired last month from a 31-year career serving the people of South Carolina. Faye began her work as our Ministry Assistant on January 4. Welcome Faye!



CHURCHES CHANGING COMMUNITIES

SAVE THE DATE

July 11 – July 16
 Details forthcoming.



IMPACT
 February 18, 2021
 Shandon Baptist Church, Columbia

In times of crisis, we need healthy leaders. This year, Impact will focus on helping leaders advance the gospel by being healthier in their families and personal lives.
 For details and to register: www.scbaptist.org/impact.