

March  
2024

Edgefield Baptist Association

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Making History with His Story

## Ebenezer and Parksville welcome Interim Pastors



Ebenezer Baptist called Rev. Danny Hedgepeth as Interim Pastor on September 30, 2023. He has served thirty-two years as a full-time pastor of Southern Baptist churches and ten years as a transitional interim pastor at five churches. Rev. Hedgepeth has authored thirty-four articles since 2016 that have been featured in *Mature Living*, *Open Windows*, and *Deacon*.

He and his wife of forty-seven years, Sherry, moved back home to North Augusta in February 2023 with the intent and call to continue serving as an interim and transitional pastor. They have one daughter, Sarah, who is married to Hagan Lee.



Parksville Baptist named Rev. Charles Drummond as Interim Pastor on January 14<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Drummond served as a Georgia Baptist State Missionary for the Georgia Baptist Mission Board from 2005 -2020. He has been active in leadership roles in the Georgia Baptist Mission Board, serving as an Executive Committee member and a Vice President.

He is a 6 E- Evangelism and Church Revitalization Facilitator and led seven Pastor Roundtables for Church Revitalization. Being a trained Intentional Interim Pastor and Transitional Interim Pastor, he has served as Interim Pastor for 13 Churches since 2005.

Rev. Drummond began his pastoral ministry in 1973 and served four churches over 32 years in Georgia and Tennessee. Prior to his pastoral ministry he served in the United State Marine Corps.

He and his wife, Lawana, have been married for 52 years and reside in Evans, GA.



### GameChangers

Director of Missions  
Tim Shull (right)  
presents check for  
\$18,006.34 to  
Rusty Bethune

for scholarships to fund stays in the facility.

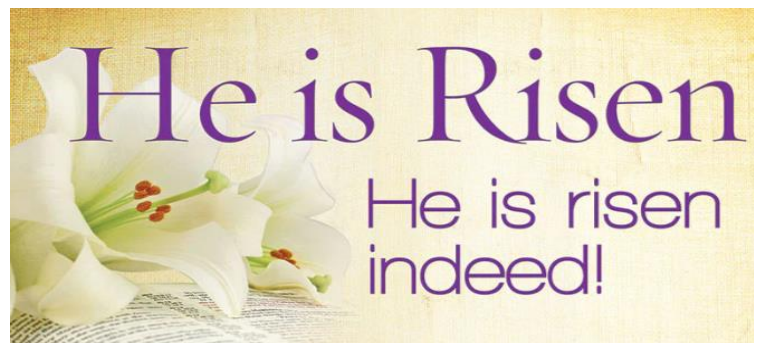
*Thank you to all who gave in 2023!*

The need is still great. We will continue to receive contributions for GameChangers.



Ebenezer Baptist participated in a Church Retreat:  
“Where Do We Go From Here?” led by  
Rev. Danny Hedgepeth and Rev. Tim Shull

Annie  
Armstrong  
Easter  
Offering



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**Office Hours**

**Monday-Tuesday**

8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

**Wednesday**

8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

**Director of Missions**

Rev. Tim Shull

**Moderator**

Rev. David Lyda

**Vice Moderator**

Mr. Ron Creswell

**Treasurer**

Mrs. Terri Miller

**Clerk**

Mrs. Vickie Allen

**Ministry Assistant**

Ms. Faye Usry

**Scheduled meetings at the Association Office:**

**Missions Development Meeting**

Mon, March 18 • 2 PM

**Executive Committee Meeting**

Tues, March 19 • 7 PM

**Fold Newsletters**

Wed, March 27 • 9 AM

**News for the April 2024 newsletter is due by March 21.**

**Are you planning for Fall CCC? October 6 - 10**

**Church News**

**Ebenezer** will present "*Christ in The Passover*" on Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. This time of worship will include an overview of the Passover (Seder) Meal and the 1300-year-old connection between the Book of Exodus and the Gospel of Luke. Members of the Ebenezer Church family will participate in the presentation. The service will conclude with the observance of the Lord's Supper. The entire presentation will be approximately 30 minutes. Our community is invited to attend.

**Mountain Creek: JOY Group** – March 31 • 6:30 PM. All women are invited to attend as we fellowship and Roxie Keller leads in a study of Women of the Bible.

*Easter Sunday:* Sunrise Service 7:30 AM, Breakfast 8:30 AM, Worship Service 9:30 AM

**Plum Branch: Easter Egg Hunt** March 23 • 4:30 PM

*Easter Sunrise Service* March 31 • 7 AM at Fishing Village Lakeside Shed

**Philippi:** Be in prayer for their mission team as they travel to Nicaragua on April 6.

**Red Oak Grove: Easter Sunrise Service** – March 31 • 7 AM

**Sweetwater: Wild Game Supper** March 9 at 4 PM

**Prayer Team Schedule**

You are invited and encouraged to join us! Our only purpose is prayer. We will meet at 10 AM:

March 6 – Big Stevens Creek

March 13 – Ebenezer

March 20 – Edgefield First

March 27 – First Bethany

**Special days -March**

**Birthdays:**

22 Mr. Jon Nichols.....Republican

30 Rev. Aaron Tripp.....Edgefield First

**Wedding Anniversaries:**

08 Vickie & Jerry Allen.....EBA

18 Bethany & Joshua Rushing.....Edgefield First

**Pastoral Anniversaries:**

Rev. Jerry Dalton.....Plum Branch

March 19, 2023

**WMU News**

**Annie Armstrong Easter Offering:**

Week of Prayer March 3 – 10. Find

videos and resources at

AnnieArmstrong.com.

**2024 WMU Missions Encounter & Annual Meeting** is March 22- 23 at

First Baptist Church, Boiling Springs.

No cost to attend and no reservation

required, except for lunch. Lunch

registration deadline is March 8<sup>th</sup>. Visit

www.scwmu.org/pursuehispassion.com

for details.

**EBA-WMU Spring Meeting** is

Tuesday, April 23 at Ebenezer Baptist.

Snack supper at 6:00 PM; meeting 6:30

– 8:00 PM.

**Ministry Health Kits:** We have kits left from last season. We only need 1/2 of the amount you contributed last year.

**Upcoming events**

**Prayer Vigil:** Sat, April 6 • 10 AM –

2 PM (drop-in) at association office

**Disaster Relief Unit Leader Training:**

April 12 – 13. Details/register at

scbaptist.org/events/disasterrelieftraining-4/

**Men's Ministry Supper:** April 18 •

7 PM at Red Oak Grove

**Church Security & Safety Meeting:**

April 30 • 7 PM at association office.

Come share/learn about vulnerabilities

in our churches and best practices to

keep us safe.

<b>Church Contributions</b>	<b>MTD Jan 2024</b>	<b>YTD Jan 2024</b>
Antioch	902.21	902.21
Berea	200.00	200.00
Big Stevens Crk	300.00	300.00
Ebenezer	0.00	0.00
Edgefield First	5,000.00	5,000.00
First Bethany	0.00	0.00
Gilgal	5,000.00	5,000.00
Little Stevens Crk	0.00	0.00
Modoc	460.02	460.02
Mountain Creek	293.00	293.00
Mt. Zion	0.00	0.00
Parksville	741.92	741.92
Peace Haven	618.75	618.75
Plum Branch	0.00	0.00
Providence	575.00	575.00
Red Hill	1,648.54	1,648.54
Red Oak Grove	0.00	0.00
Rehoboth	1,385.00	1,385.00
Republican	0.00	0.00
Sweetwater	1,537.07	1,537.07
Various donations	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total Receipts	19,661.51	19,661.51
Total Expenses	9,403.29	9,403.29
<b>Designated Accounts</b>		Balance Jan 2024
Block Party Trailer		145.50
CCC		9,694.59
Hispanic Missions		2,216.43
Disaster Relief		17,626.63
Men's Ministries		13,905.88
WMU		3,678.56
EBA Roof Account		8,330.32
EBA Missions Offering		5,058.24
EBAMO Blessed Bedzzz		300.00
EBAMO GameChangers		0.00
<b>Investments</b>		
Money Market #1		10,390.04
Money Market #2		13,386.14
Baptist Foundation		14,799.53

## Points of Emphasis by Tim Shull

- The **Spring Meeting** of our association **has been moved** from Mountain Creek BC to Rehoboth BC, as Mountain Creek must engage in an unexpected repair project that might prevent our gathering there on April 7. Thanks to them and thanks to Rehoboth BC for being willing to host the Spring Meeting. Our Spring Meeting will feature our Nominating Committee nominations for service, the association sermon by Rev. George Gardin, and a vote to officially receive Philippi Baptist Church into our membership.
- The **Prayer Team** has been a marvelous blessing to our churches and to me. Remember that we want a representative from each church on our team. Perhaps you could be that member. Anyone is welcome at any of our Wednesday morning traveling prayer meetings and our quarterly prayer vigils. See page 2 for our March schedule.
- **Safety and Security.** What procedures and practices does your church have to protect your gatherings from an intruder who means to do harm to innocent people? What procedures do you follow to screen volunteers who work with children and youth? Our moderator has taken the initiative to call a meeting for us to discuss these important matters and share best practices. You'll hear more about this, but for now save the date, Tuesday, April 30 at 7 PM at the EBA office.
- Make plans to participate in **Spring CCC**, Churches Changing Communities, which will be May 3-5. See the flyer on page 4 and be sure to register by April 17. Information has been sent to each church for publicity.
- There are **Four Easters**: 1. The one that happened, a certain and verifiable event in history, when Christ rose from the dead. 2. The one that comes once a year on the first Sunday after the full moon after the vernal equinox. We celebrate that Jesus rose from the dead. 3. The one that happens every Sunday. We worship together on Sunday because of the resurrection of Christ. He lives! 4. The Easter that exists in the heart of each believer who has embraced and accepted the risen Lord and His redemptive salvation. "He lives within my heart."

**From the Prayer Team:** February 21<sup>st</sup> marked a special moment in the life of the Associational Prayer Team and the Edgefield Baptist Association. We have prayed our way through the association church by church on Wednesday mornings at 10 AM. The journey began again with prayer time at Antioch Baptist Church. This is a team that is always open to new members! Just check the newsletter or the association's website for the schedule and show up and pray!

Also, please remember the prayer vigil opportunity on Saturday, April 6, at the associational office. The office will be open from 10 AM until 2 PM. Come when you can. Pray as long as you can. And watch God do even more amazing things for His Glory through this sisterhood of praying churches!

# SPRING CCC

Hosted by EBA Men's Ministry  
Youth & Adults Needed!

**MAY 3 – 5, 2024**

**PEACE HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH**

**AGES 10 – 18 ARE ENCOURAGED  
TO STAY OVERNIGHT.  
CHAPERONES PROVIDED.**

**\$25 REGISTRATION FEE DUE APRIL 17**

CHILDREN UNDER AGE 10 ARE WELCOME TO  
PARTICIPATE WITH A PARENT/GUARDIAN.

QUESTIONS? CALL EBA OFFICE 803.637.3309

*"Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked  
with us on the road, and while He opened the  
Scriptures to us?" Luke 24:32*

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## Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 19 • 7 PM • Association Office

## Spring Association Meeting

Sunday, April 7 • 3 PM • Rehoboth Baptist

## 2024 Big Stevens Creek Ichmul Mission Trip



A team of fifteen spent six days in Ichmul Mexico January 3-9. Ichmul is a small village located four hours southwest of Cancun. The team worked in conjunction with Mission House Partners International. The team consisted of a Medical Team, a Home Visitation Team, and a Children's Ministry Team.

The Medical Team saw approximately 100 patients in three different villages. They also performed wellness checks in the High School and Middle School.

The Children's team did VBS in three villages ministering to over 200 children. They also distributed clothes and salvation dolls.

The Home Visitation Team had numerous evangelistic contacts distributing materials and Bibles. Three of the residents in Ichmul gave their lives to Christ.