

April 2024

Edgefield Baptist Association

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**Do not miss your opportunity to participate in local missions!**

**SPRING CCC • May 3 – 5, 2024  
Peace Haven Baptist**

Ages 10 – 18 are encouraged to stay overnight.  
Chaperones provided.  
(Children under age of 10 are welcome to participate  
with a parent/guardian.)

**\$25 registration fee due by April 17.**  
(You can pay online using the Venmo code on the back page.  
Specify “Spring CCC” in the notes field.)

All churches have registration forms or register online at  
[www.ebamissions.org](http://www.ebamissions.org). Go to the Ministries page and  
scroll down to CCC.

**2024 Edgefield Baptist Association Missions Offering (EBAMO)**



What an amazing response to these ministries!  
Thank you for giving to Blessed Bedzzz and  
GameChangers. The needs are still great, so this  
year's EBAMO will focus on these ministries.

Where children do not have a place to sleep, we  
provide a quality bed with bedding and a Bible. Call  
Joel Jolly at 803.275.7404 to speak to your group.

At GameChangers, men learn to rely on Christ while  
recovering from addictions. Call Rusty Bethune at  
803.640.5385 to speak to your group.

Give through your church, or send your offering  
directly to the association office, or use Venmo  
code on the back page and specify which ministry  
in the notes field.



**GameChangers**  
*Hope. Heal. Grow.*

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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:**

**Prayer Vigil**

Sat, April 8 • 10 AM – 2 PM

**Fold Newsletters**

Wed, April 24 • 9 AM

**Church Security & Safety**

Tues, April 30 • 7 PM

**News for the May 2024 newsletter is due by April 17<sup>th</sup>.**

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

**Prayer Vigil**

Saturday, 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/

**EBA-Men’s Ministry Supper**

Thursday, April 18

7 PM at Red Oak Grove Baptist

**EBA-WMU Spring Meeting**

Tuesday, April 23

Ebenezer Baptist

Snack supper at 6:00 PM;

meeting 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Guest missionary: Peter Copeland with Impact Ministries and oversees resort ministries at Myrtle Beach

WMU Representative: Hannah Smith, Adult Consultant

**Church News**

First Bethany: Rev. John and Stephanie Alexander were married on March 23. Congratulations!

**Prayer Team Schedule**

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

April 3 – Gilgal

April 10 – Getsemani

April 17 – Little Stevens Creek

April 24 - Modoc

**Special days - April**

**Birthdays:**

03 Rev. George Gardin.....Antioch

08 Rev. Tim Shull.....EBA

10 Mrs. Renee Griswold.....Rehoboth

11 Rev. Skip Myers.....Big Stevens Crk

14 Mrs. Kathryn Tripp...Edgefield First

20 Mrs. Beth Lyda...Little Stevens Crk

24 Rev. Jerry Dalton.....Plum Branch

30 Rev. Danny Hedgepeth.....Ebenezer

**Wedding Anniversaries:**

03 Roxie & Chuck Keller.....Mountain Crk

07 Helen & Jerry Garvin.....Gilgal

18 Renee & Patrick Griswold....Rehoboth

**Pastoral Anniversaries:**

Rev. Patrick Griswold.....Rehoboth

April 25, 2021

**Migrant Ministry**

Health kits due by May 7

Place items in a 2-gallon bag:

\*1 toothpaste (6z)                      \*1 toothbrush

\*1 soap (4.5 oz)                        \*1 washcloth

\*1 bath towel (no white)           \*1 comb

We have ministry health kits left from last season. We only need 1/2 of the amount you contributed last year.

We will deliver to the camps on May 16. Meet at association office at 6 PM to load; leave at 6:30 PM.

**If you can provide a meal on a Saturday evening for the summer migrant ministry, please call the association office.**

**Send us your VBS, homecoming, and revival dates to publish in the newsletter.**

**Baptist Nursing**

“Congratulations to 16 Newberry and 40 PTC Nursing graduates!! Region 3 BNF would like to thank each of for choosing nursing “ ---Darlene Lovette

<b>Church Contributions</b>	MTD Feb 2024	YTD 2024
Antioch	0.00	902.21
Berea	150.00	350.00
Big Stevens Crk	300.00	600.00
Ebenezer	0.00	0.00
Edgefield First	0.00	5,000.00
First Bethany	0.00	0.00
Gilgal	0.00	5,000.00
Little Stevens Crk	500.00	500.00
Modoc	0.00	460.02
Mountain Creek	247.00	540.00
Mt. Zion	0.00	0.00
Parksville	539.92	1,281.84
Peace Haven	0.00	618.75
Plum Branch	250.00	250.00
Providence	0.00	575.00
Red Hill	0.00	1,648.54
Red Oak Grove	3,000.00	3,000.00
Rehoboth	0.00	1,385.00
Republican	0.00	0.00
Sweetwater	0.00	1,537.07
Various donations	0.00	1,000.00
Total Receipts	4,986.92	24,648.43
Total Expenses	3,829.79	13,233.08
<b>Designated Accounts</b>		Balance Feb 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		1,500.00
EBAMO GameChangers		200.00
<b>Investments</b>		
Money Market #1		10,390.41
Money Market #2		13,386.61
Baptist Foundation		14,964.08

## **Do Not Eclipse!** by Tim Shull

A rare event occurs on Monday, April 8, in the early afternoon. A total solar eclipse will be viewed by millions across North America. While the path of totality will stretch from east central Texas through Buffalo, NY, we in western South Carolina could experience a 75% partial eclipse if the day is not too cloudy. Remind friends and family – **Do Not Look at the Eclipse** without special protective glasses or shield.

Christ is like the sun shining in great power and glory. We are like the moon; we have no power of our own and we do not shine. The moon does not shine; it reflects the light of the sun and illuminates the darkness. We, the followers of Christ, the church of Christ, must **be like a full moon** and reflect the glorious light of the Son.

Eclipses get in the way of the light from the sun or keep it from being reflected. In American culture today, many people are like the moon in an eclipse rather than shining full and bright. As in a lunar eclipse, some Christians let the Earth come between us and the Son and therefore we don't reflect the Son the way we should. Instead of "being in the world but not of the world", we go dark in the world's shadow. Or sometimes the church is like the moon in a solar eclipse. We make ourselves the point or we try to get the glory and we come between the Son and the world He wants us to reach. Though we are called to reflect the light of the Son, we get in the way. Please do not eclipse the light of the world, Jesus!

*"In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it."* John 1:4-5. Our world is lost in the darkness of sin, yet the Light of the world is Jesus. His light shines in the night and overcomes the darkness. Like sunshine at noonday His glory shines and He calls us to reflect His light and to resonate His glory so that the dark places can be changed.

Jesus said, *"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."* Matthew 5:14-16

Make sure that you and the young people of your church **sign up for Spring CCC**, May 3-5. The deadline for signing up is soon...**April 17.**

In Churches Changing Communities I observe churches that are committed to reflecting the light of Christ into dark places and thereby changing those places. I am impressed by the cooperative, compassionate and creative spirit that prevails. Thanks go out to so many followers of Christ who invest money, time, sweat, patience, worship, work and witness into our communities so that the light of Christ can be reflected into the night. We are called to be like a full moon, brightly reflecting the marvelous light of our Lord.

*"But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."* 1 Peter 2:9

## Spring Association Meeting

Sunday, April 7 • 3 PM

Host church: Rehoboth Baptist Church  
Association Sermon: Rev. George Gardin

Pastors, elected messengers, association officers, and church members are encouraged to attend.



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## Church Security & Safety Meeting

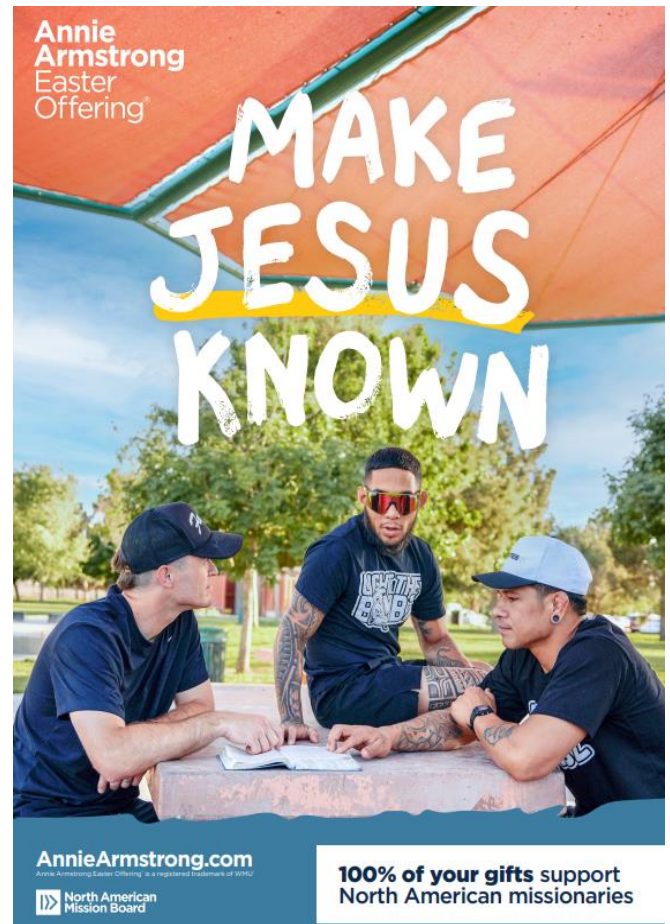
April 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM  
Association Office

Come, share, learn about vulnerabilities in our churches and best practices to keep us safe.



Topics will include **general safety** (handicap, fire, inclement weather, etc.); **security** (cameras, active shooter, de-escalation, etc.); **medical** (injuries, medical episodes, CPR, etc.); and **child protection** (background checks, reporting, etc.)

*We need you and your church's knowledge and expertise! Be ready to share about your security team, challenges faced, available resources, and concerns you may have.*



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