

April
2021

Edgefield Baptist Association

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Making History with His Story



Disaster Relief Responds to Call in Kentucky



South Carolina Disaster Relief received a request for assistance with flood relief in Floyd County in eastern Kentucky. Fisher Miller volunteered to lead a mud-out team and we called for volunteers. A team of 7 trained and 1 untrained traveled to Floyd County on Sunday, March 14 and returned home on Thursday, March 18th. While there they completed 2 jobs each day and made a number of ministry contacts. Team members were: (front row) Wendy Gable, Robert Loar; (back row) Charles Bodie, Fisher Miller, Bud Parker, David Morris, Barbara Langley; not pictured, Scott Kierstead.



Established 1931

EBA Spring Semi-Annual Meeting

Sunday, April 11 at 3:00 PM
Peace Haven Baptist Church
3181 N Martintown Road, Edgefield

Join us for a wonderful time of fellowship and worship.
Rev. David Lyda from Little Stevens Creek Baptist will bring the sermon.

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

**Edgefield Baptist
Association**
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Rev. Tim Sanders

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Mrs. Vickie Allen

Office Hours
Monday-Tuesday
8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Wednesday
8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

**Scheduled meetings at
the Association Office:**

WMU Leadership
Tuesday, April 6
5:30 PM

Dolls on Mission
Tuesday, April 6 & 20
10 AM – 12 PM

Prayer Team
Wednesday, April 7
10 AM

**News for the May
newsletter is due by
April 12.**

Ministry Health kits

Due May 4

Place ONE of each item in a 2-gallon
slider zipper bag:

Toothbrush, individually packaged
Toothpaste, large size
Soap, bath size boxed or unwrapped
Wash Cloth
Bath towel (no white)
Comb or brush

Church Events

Little Stevens Creek

April 3 at 3:00 PM
Easter Egg Hunt

April 11 at 10:00 AM
Sunday School Relaunch

Ebenezer

April 4 at 10:00 AM
Easter Morning Service
Weather permitting, service will be
outside.

Red Oak Grove

April 4 at 7:00 AM
Easter Sunrise service
Weather permitting, service will be
outside.

Edgefield First

April 11 from 6 – 8 PM
Youth Kickball at Edgefield
Softball fields

Job Opening

Full-time Office Manager/ Association
Clerk needed at Aiken Baptist
Association.

For more information, contact Mike
Catoe at 803-507-6065 or email
inc3927@aikenbaptistassociation.org.

Mail resume to:
Aiken Baptist Association
Attn: Mike Catoe
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Special days

April

Birthdays

8 Tim Shull.....EBA/Red Oak
Grove
11 Skip Myers.....Big Stevens
Creek
14 Lori Noblin....Plum Branch
14 Kathryn Tripp....Edgefield
First
19 Larry Ford.....Ebenezer
20 Beth Lyda.....Little Stevens
Creek

Wedding Anniversary

7 Jerry & Helen Garvin..Gilgal

Pastoral Anniversaries

April 8, 2007.....John Noblin
Plum Branch

April 23, 2017.....Jon Nichols
Republican

April 24, 2011.Craig McDaniel
Parksville

Men's Ministry

Supper

Thursday, April 15
7 PM

Red Oak Grove
Baptist Church

New Association Clerk

Vickie Allen of Antioch
Baptist Church will assume the
role of Association Clerk,
effective April 2021.

2020 Annual

If you would like an electronic
copy of the 2020 Edgefield
Baptist Association annual, call
the office at 803.637.3309 or
email office@ebamissions.org.

Church Contributions	MTD Feb	YTD 2021
Antioch	0.00	681.27
Berea	75.00	150.00
Big Stevens Creek	300.00	600.00
Ebenezer	0.00	0.00
Edgefield First	0.00	5,000.00
First Bethany	0.00	2,364.00
Gilgal	0.00	0.00
Little Stevens Creek	600.00	600.00
Modoc	166.94	166.94
Mountain Creek	140.00	140.00
Mt. Zion	0.00	0.00
Parksville	478.00	478.00
Peace Haven	0.00	680.92
Plum Branch	0.00	506.20
Providence	0.00	0.00
Red Hill	0.00	0.00
Red Oak Grove	0.00	2,700.00
Rehoboth	513.00	513.00
Republican	0.00	0.00
Sweetwater	0.00	0.00
Various Donations	0.00	0.00
Total Receipts	2,272.94	14,580.33
Total Expenses	6,237.01	10,795.14
Designated Accounts		Balance Feb
Block Party Trailer		187.09
CCC		15,075.54
Hispanic Missions		1,216.43
Disaster Relief		10,993.50
Men's Ministries		12,818.69
WMU		3,565.32
EBA Missions Offering		3,429.62
Investments		
Money Market #1		13,361.16
Money Market #2		10,370.59
Baptist Foundation		13,592.34

Little is Much by Tim Shull

Do you ever feel small, remote, or insignificant? Do you measure your service to God in comparison to the big ministries, large churches, or your own un-fulfilled dreams? Some churches or pastors become convinced that, if God is going to do anything special, He will do it somewhere else, not here. I call this the Bethlehem Syndrome. I can imagine those shepherds outside of Bethlehem, just before the angel of the Lord stood before them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, saying to one another, "Nothing ever happens on this job!". Even though Micah 5:2 had prophesied that a great Ruler would come from Bethlehem, expectations there were low. *"Who hath despised the day of small things? The Lord rejoices to see the work begin."* Zechariah 4:10

Remember: You are **not too small** for God to use you in great ways. Christ told the parable of the mustard seed. He used an unnamed boy's two fish and five loaves and with it fed thousands. You are **not too common or ordinary** for God to use you in great ways. The whole Bible is God's story of using ordinary people in extraordinary ways. God takes ordinary things, like the shepherd's staff of Moses, to accomplish His purposes. You are **not too young** for God to use you. *"Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you teach, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity!"* 1 Timothy 4:12. You are **not too old** for God to use you. *"Today I am eighty-five years old. I am as strong now as I was when Moses sent me on that journey, and I can still travel and fight as well as I could then."* Caleb, in Joshua 14:10-11. You are **not too stained by your past** for God to use you. Consider Jonah who disobeyed God and tried to run away. Think of Peter who denied that he even knew Jesus. What about 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; Mary Magdalene who was possessed by demons; Sarah who was old; Lazarus who was dead. Is there any situation that God cannot overcome in order to use you as He chooses? He designed you and He chooses how you will serve. Just be faithful. *"But who are you, O man, to talk back to God? Shall what is formed say to him who formed it, "Why did you make me like this?" Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for noble purposes and some for common use?"* Romans 9:20-21. **Don't let Satan** leverage your ego to get you to carnally think that your ministry is about you or about size. God's ministry

through you is important, no matter how big or how small, how isolated or how urban. Bloom where He plants you. Remember, **you are serving Christ Himself** (Matt. 25:40, Col. 3:23) and that can be done anywhere. And remember that any ONE of the people you serve or reach could be one that reaches thousands for Christ. Edward Kimball was a Sunday School teacher who committed himself to visit each student in his small class and lead each of them to faith in Christ. One of those boys, working in a shoe store, was Dwight L. Moody, who grew to become one of the greatest preachers and evangelists of all time. Moody influenced Frederic Brotherton Meyer, who preached to J. Wilbur Chapman, who taught Billy Sunday, who inspired Mordecai Ham, who preached night after night in the 1934 Charlotte Crusade that brought Billy Graham to the altar where he was led to the Lord by an immigrant tailor, J.D. Prevatt. Billy Graham has communicated the gospel to more people than any other person in history. And it all started with a faithful Sunday School teacher named Kimball. Millions have been affected by his decision to go into a shoe store and share Christ with one person. Millions more will continue to feel his impact. **Do not ever underestimate the power and influence** you have by investing your life and sharing your faith with just ONE, no matter where you are.

"Does the place you're called to labor seem so small and little known? It is great if God is in it, and He'll not forget His own. When the conflict here has ended and our race on earth is run, He will say, if we've been faithful, "Welcome home, My child, well done!" **Little is much when God is in it!** Labor not for wealth or fame. There's a crown, and you can win it if you go in Jesus' name."

Looking Ahead

Jesus said, "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed planted in a field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but it becomes the largest of garden plants and grows into a tree where birds can come and find shelter in its branches." Matthew 13:31-32

Event	Date	Location
The Best News Evangelism Training	March 29, 7 PM	EBA Facebook
Cooperative Program Sunday	April 25	
National Day of Prayer	May 6	
Executive Committee	May 24, 7 PM	EBA

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Disaster Relief Trainings

April 17 – Easley If you or your friends are interested in becoming DR volunteers, please register soon. Due to COVOD-19 precautions, space is limited.

Returning volunteers are asked to wait until fall or next year to attend training, unless you had planned to take classes in an area that is new to you.

DR Chaplain Training is back!
 May 14-15, 2021 at the SC Baptist Convention Building.
 Starts at 1 PM Friday/ends 4 PM Saturday

Attendance is limited, but space is still available. (Register only if you have completed the required pre-requisites.)

To register or for more information about these trainings: www.scbaptist.org/dr/

A Relentless Pursuit

WMU Spring Meeting
 Tuesday, April 20
 6:30 PM
 Antioch Baptist Church