April 2022

Spring Semi-Annual Association Meeting

Sunday, April 3 at 3 PM Host church: Modoc Baptist Church Association Sermon: Rev. Larry Ford

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

Berea receives SC WMU Triple A Award!

Cheryl Long, WMU Director at Berea receives the SC WMU Triple A Award from Rev. Charles Bodie during a special program on "Focus on WMU Sunday."

Members include Penny Byran, Brenda Nicholson, Patricia Griffis, Barbara Langley, Joye Bodie, Nancy Noble, and Suzanne Rangel.



Working together with a common goal of helping those in need. Stay tuned for May's newsletter with all the details and how you can be a part of this year's EBAMO project.





American Red Cross

Blood Drive

Edgefield First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

April 11 from 1:00 – 6:00 PM

Register for your appointment time at <u>www.redcrossblood</u>

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Making History with His Story

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

Scheduled meetings at the Association Office:

Fold Newsletters Wednesday, April 27 9 AM Youth Apologetics Conference April 22-23, 2022

"From Chaos to Clarity" presented by Stand to Reason at 1st Baptist North Augusta

Go to realityapologetics.com/ga/ and get tickets and plan to go with a group of students from EBA churches.

EBA WMU Spring Meeting

Tuesday, April 12 Berea Baptist Church Snack supper from 6:30 - 7:00 PM Meeting from 7:00 - 8:30 PM

> **Ministry Health Kits** due April 19th

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

*Toothbrush *Individually packaged toothpaste (6 oz or larger) *Large size soap (boxed/unwrapped) *Comb or brush *Wash cloth *Bath towel (no white)

Save the date! We will deliver the ministry health kits to the migrant camps on May 19. More details in the May 2022 newsletter.

Send Relief Serve Tour

Invitation from Randy Jackson: Churches from all over SC coming together to serve the Greater Charleston Area. It is free and we would love to have some churches from Edgefield come. Contact Randy at (910)352-4337 if you have any questions.

Information Video: https://vimeo.com/670286165/0ab58a8ba8

<u>Early access registration</u>: https://www.sendrelief.org/serve-tour/charleston

Special days April

Birthdays

08 Tim Shull......EBA 10 Renee Griswold.....Rehoboth 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 Anniversaries

07 Helen & Jerry Garvin Gilgal 18 Renee & Patrick Griswold Rehoboth

Pastoral Anniversaries

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

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

Patrick Griswold......Rehoboth April 25, 2021

Church News

Ebenezer: Community Easter Egg Hunt on Friday, April 15 at 4 PM; Easter Sunrise Service at 8 AM (outside, weather permitting); Regular Worship Service at 11 AM

Plum Branch: Egg Hunt on April 10 from 4:00 – 6:00; Easter Sunrise Service at 7 AM; Regular Worship Service at 11 AM

Red Oak Grove: Easter Sunrise Service at 7 AM

News for the May 2022 newsletter is due by April 19, 2022.

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"Tears of Christ" by Tim Shull

On the Sunday before Jesus was crucified, He made His way into Jerusalem from the east. The crowds spread out their garments on the road ahead of Him. When he reached the place where the road started down the Mount of Olives, the people began to shout and sing, praising God for all the wonderful miracles they had seen. "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the LORD! Peace in heaven, and glory in highest heaven!" But some of the Pharisees among the crowd said, "Teacher, rebuke your followers for saying things like that!" He replied, "If they kept quiet, the stones would cry out!" Jesus entered the city riding a donkey. Five centuries earlier Zechariah declared: "Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout! Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your King comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey." Zechariah 9:9.

Passover reminded the people of liberation from slavery in Egypt. For the Jews in Jesus' day, Passover was freedom season. "Hosanna!" means Save Us Now! The palm branch was used as a symbol of independence. The last brief time the Jews were free and independent from a foreign oppressor was 164 - 63 BC, after Judas Maccabeus led a liberation revolt and purified the temple. Coins from the Maccabean period had palm branches stamped on them. Palm branches represented freedom, not peace. The pharisees heard the shouts of the people and feared the danger of the revolutionary fervor. Like today, scripture was politicized.

This Sunday was lamb selection day for Passover. On Lamb Selection Day, God was saying, "Here is The Lamb! Will you choose Him?" But the people were making a political statement. They were looking for a military and political messiah. They could not imagine that Jesus was, as John the Baptist declared, "*the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world*." John 1:29. The scripture foretold it, but the people could not fathom the possibility that their Messiah would be "*wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and with His stripes we are healed*." Isaiah 53:5. Like many today, they had their own version of who Christ is supposed to be. Many today reject the real Jesus in favor of the one their depraved and corrupt imagination invents.

As He approached and saw the city, He wept over it, saying, "If you knew this day what would bring peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. For the days will come on you when your enemies will build an

embankment against you, surround you, and hem you in on every side. They will crush you and your children within you to the ground, and they will not leave one stone on another in you, because you did not recognize the time of your visitation." Luke 19:41-44. Jesus cried for Jerusalem. His tearful prophecy came true only 40 years later.

There are two places in the Bible where we are told that Jesus cried. 1) In Luke 19, Jesus cried for Jerusalem because they refused the Lamb of God in favor of their own idea of messiah. They rejected the idea of messiah being the suffering servant. They chose their own plan of deliverance and did not recognize God when He became flesh. *"He came unto His own, and His own did not receive Him."* John 1:11. 2) The other time that Jesus cried is found in John 11. Jesus had already decided to raise Lazarus from the dead, John 11:23. Yet he still cried for his friends. *"Jesus wept"* John 11:35, as He empathized with them in their pain and grief. *"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die."* John 11:25-26.

So the question: How does Jesus weep for you? In your life, in your family, what is the reason for the Tears of Christ? Is He crying for you because you have refused Him, His Word, His Way? Is he weeping because you reject Him in favor of your own idea of who Jesus should be? Or does He weep for you because you are His much-loved friend, having placed your faith and trust in Him? What a friend we have in Jesus! He knows your pain, grief and stress, and He cares deeply. *"Cast all your cares upon Him, for He cares for you"* 1 Peter 5:7.



Event	Date/Time	Place
Heart4Schools	Мау 10/ 10:30 ам	EBA
Training	— 12:30 рм	
CCC	July 10 – 15	EFBC

"This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." Psalm 118:24

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Heart4Schools Training

Edgefield Baptist Association

May 10, 2022 10:30 am - 12:30 pm Lunch Provided

Edgefield Baptist Association Building 985 Highway 25 North Edgefield, SC 29824

Call to Register: 803-637-3309



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Topics

Understanding Student and Teacher Needs Serving with Intentionality and Purpose Getting Started (Or Starting Over) Serving Creatively during the Pandemic

> Presented by Angela McNeal Community Ministry Strategist South Carolina Baptist Convention



Golf Tournament Fundraiser

Friday, May 13 from 8 AM – 2 PM Pine Ridge Country Club

This tournament will raise money for Blessed Beds, a ministry providing beds and bedding for needy children in Edgefield County! Cost is \$240 per foursome which includes lunch. Door prizes, raffle items, and more! Register by May 6 at <u>https://tinyurl.com/EFBCGolf</u>

Happy Easter