

February
2021

Edgefield Baptist Association

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Making History with His Story

Christmas Meal served to Inmates

I would like to thank the churches, WMU groups, and individuals that helped with a meal for the 120 inmates on December 14th. May God bless you each and thanks, again.

-Barbara Langley



Top pic – left: Brenda & Ron Creswell deliver meal to Chaplain Hankerson at Trenton Correctional Institute.

Top pic – right: Barbara Langley & Rev. Tim Shull load drinks to be delivered with meal.

Bottom left: inmates receiving meal prepared by EBA.



“I declare people need underwear!”

We are collecting packages of new, unopened children’s & teen’s underwear for Foster Care children and others in the community.

Drop off on Saturday, February 13th from 9:30 – 11:00 AM under the portico at Edgefield First Baptist Church.

Children’s Ministry Day
Edgefield Baptist Association WMU

Thank you, EBA!

To all the wonderful people that make up Edgefield Baptist Association, please know that I am deeply grateful for the privilege of serving alongside you for the past 11 years. You all have blessed me in so many ways and I treasure the friendships that have been made. I have learned so much from both Robert Williamson and Tim Shull and appreciate their spiritual guidance and leadership.

Thank you to each individual and church that sent cards and letters for the appreciation book that Tim put together. Reading those gives me pleasure and makes me smile. And then on January 8th Tim, Faye and Terri took me to lunch and surprised me with a love offering from the Association. I am humbled by your generosity.

Love you all, Jackie

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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:**

Dolls on Mission
Tuesday, February 2, 16
10 AM – 12 PM

Missions Development
Tuesday, February 2
7:00 PM

Prayer Team
Wednesday, February 3
9:30 AM

Nominating Committee
Monday, February 15
7:00 PM

**News for the March
newsletter is due by
February 15.**

Disaster Relief

If your badge expires in 2021, you are urged NOT to register and attend classes this year, to help keep class sizes down. You may drop by the training to get a badge made, or renew by emailing debbieroysen@scbaptist.org. Those with long-expired badges should attend training classes to renew.

Next training: April 17, 2021 at Brushy Creek Baptist Church, Easley.

**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.

Planning ahead

**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

**Annie Armstrong Easter
Offering**

March 7 – 14 Week of Prayer
Find resource information at:
www.anniearmstrong.com

**Special days
February**

Birthdays

05 Savannah Fuller.....Big
Stevens Creek
15 Corbin Herron..Sweetwater
26 Helen Garvin.....Gilgal

Wedding Anniversary

15 John & Lori Noblin...Plum
Branch

Pastoral Anniversary

Richard Nichols – Providence
February 10, 2019

Church Event

Antioch: Revival services
Sunday, February 21 –
Wednesday February 24.
Sunday morning service 11 AM,
Sunday evening service 6 PM
and weeknight services at 7 PM.
Rev. Tim Shull will bring the
message for each service.
Special music each service.

Dolls on Mission

Doll workshops resume on
Tuesday, February 2nd & 16th
from 10 AM – 12 PM. New
participants are encouraged.
Your help is needed! No
sewing experience required.
These dolls open many doors to
the Good News of Christ.

Plan to attend

**Executive Committee
Meeting**
Monday, March 22 at 7 PM

Spring Semi-Annual Meeting
Peace Haven Baptist Church
Sunday, April 11 at 3 PM

Church Contributions	MTD Dec	YTD 2020
Antioch	0.00	3,067.48
Berea	75.00	900.00
Big Stevens Creek	300.00	3,900.00
Ebenezer	0.00	0.00
Edgefield First	0.00	5,000.00
First Bethany	0.00	2,165.00
Gilgal	0.00	4,000.00
Little Stevens Creek	0.00	2,500.00
Modoc	0.00	947.22
Mountain Creek	203.00	1,166.00
Mt. Zion	0.00	600.00
Parksville	943.74	7,115.78
Peace Haven	0.00	2,308.21
Plum Branch	0.00	2,708.15
Providence	575.00	2,875.00
Red Hill	1,621.68	8,672.86
Red Oak Grove	0.00	2,700.00
Rehoboth	0.00	2,249.00
Republican	4,911.07	26,242.74
Sweetwater	0.00	5,182.73
Various Donations	308.49	2,256.73
Total Receipts	8,947.70	86,842.39
Total Expenses	8,259.46	81,121.59
Designated Accounts		Balance Dec
Block Party Trailer		187.09
CCC		15,075.54
Hispanic Missions		1,216.43
Disaster Relief		9,493.50
Men's Ministries		12,818.69
WMU		3,565.32
EBA Missions Offering		838.62
Investments		
Money Market #1		13,360.95
Money Market #2		10,370.43
Baptist Foundation		13,557.56

Trust His Heart

by Tim Shull

Not long ago I saw a sign outside of a church: "Prophecy class canceled due to unforeseen circumstances." That seems emblematic of our last 12 months. Not many well-made plans stood up to the onslaught of changes. What calendar did not undergo constant erasures or white-outs or strike-throughs? Services, ministries, trips, parties, graduations, weddings, family reunions, vacations, revival meetings, homecomings, surgeries, even some funerals have been altered, postponed, or canceled. Public health officials published inconsistent information and directives about the COVID 19 pandemic. And, of course, the disease itself has been devastating for many. The election season was the most polarizing ever. News media contributed hype and spin, giving rise to fear in some of us and uncertainty in all of us. Politics, sports, schools, hospitals, churches, pastors, families and communities have struggled through an unusual year of uncertainty. It has made many believers return to using that conditional phrase, "Lord willing..."

Yet be reminded today and every day that our Sovereign Lord God is still on His throne and that none of this caught Him off guard. He does not sleep, nor slumber, and He is not surprised. His "good and acceptable and perfect will" (Romans 12:2) is woven through the threads of what we see as ever-changing uncertainties. When Christ our Lord said to the storm, "Peace! Be still!", the torrential winds and waves obeyed. When He said to the blind man, "Open your eyes," the man's sight was restored. When He said to the lepers, "Be cleansed," they were transformed from carrying a dreaded disease to health and wholeness. When He called to His friend, "Lazarus, come forth!", life was restored to the man who was four days dead.

In our ever-changing, uncertain world, our Lord is certain and changeless. "The grass withers and flowers fade, but the Word of our God shall stand forever." Isaiah 40:8. Hebrews 13:8 says, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." His love

for us does not change. His word does not change. His purposes for us do not change. James 1:17 says, "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of heavenly lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning." Our hope is built upon the sure foundation of our Lord Jesus Christ, His word, His blood. "Everyone who hears these words of mine and does them is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rains descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock." Matthew 7:24-25.

We may not understand it, and we certainly can't predict what will happen next, but we can be sure and secure that God is in control. "Blessed are those who trust in the Lord and have made Him their hope and confidence." Jeremiah 17:7.

I love the song written by Babbie Mason and Eddie Carswell:

"God is too wise to be mistaken. God is too good to be unkind.
So when you don't understand, when you don't see His plan,
When you can't trace His hand, trust His heart."

Looking Ahead

Event	Date	Location
Executive Committee	March 22, 7 PM	EBA
WMU Leadership	April 6, 5:30 PM	EBA
Spring Meeting	April 11, 3 PM	Peace Haven
WMU Spring Meeting	April 20	Antioch

“When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you...Do not be afraid, for I am with you.” Isaiah 43:2,5

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Evangelism Training – Streaming Live and Archived

This exciting training is for all followers of Christ who said, “Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men.” Matthew 4:19. Each session is taught on the last Monday of each month by Rev. John Alexander, pastor of First Bethany Baptist Church and Evangelism Director for Edgefield Baptist Association. The curriculum comes from

The Best News evangelism kit. This training will equip you and your fellow church members for sharing the saving truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Your friends, family, neighbors and co-workers need to hear about God’s love for them demonstrated in that “while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8. This training will simplify the process of engaging in gospel conversations and will help us become less timid and more confident in sharing our faith. The first session was taught on January 25 and can be viewed here: <https://fb.watch/3fMT8BhS-K/> or on the EBA Facebook page.

The next two sessions of *The Best News* will be streamed live on the EBA Facebook page at 7 PM on Monday, February 22nd and on Monday March 29th. You are invited and encouraged to view the January session and then join us LIVE for the February and March lessons. Subsequent months will feature other evangelism models and methods.

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



SAVE THE DATE

July 11 – July 16
 Details forthcoming.