

February 2019

Edgefield Baptist Association

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Making History with His Story

Disaster Relief Training

Saturday, April 27
8:00 A.M. – 4:15 P.M.

South Main Baptist
Greenwood



Wild Game Supper
Saturday, March 2 at 5 pm

Free Fun for the Whole Family

Speaker: Bryant Sims

Pastor of First Mt. Moriah Baptist Church
and President of the South Carolina Baptist Convention

Musical Guests: Jeff & Sheri Easter

Special Program for Children
3 years old to 3rd Grade in gym
With North Georgia Zoo

Sweetwater Baptist Church

198 Sweetwater Road – North Augusta, SC
803-279-2821

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

2019

Priority Dates

March 18: Executive Committee Meeting at 7 P.M.

April 7: Spring semi-annual Meeting at Plum Branch at 3 o'clock with Dr. Dale Ellenburg bringing the association sermon.

May 20: Executive Committee Meeting at 7 P.M.

July 7-12: Churches Changing Communities

October 20: Fall semi-annual Meeting at Berea at 3 o'clock with Dr. William "Danny" Nicholson, President of Connie Maxwell Children's Home, as guest speaker.

**Edgefield Baptist
Association**
985 Hwy 25 N
Edgefield, SC 29824

Director of Missions
Rev. Tim Shull

Moderator
Rev. John Alexander

Vice-Moderator
Rev. Tom Rogers

Ministry Assistant
Mrs. Jackie Ridings

Clerk
Ms. Faye Usry

Treasurer
Mrs. Terri Miller

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:**

Prayer Team
Wednesday, February 6
10 A.M.

**CCC Construction
Coordinators**
Tuesday, February 12
5:30 P.M.

**Missions Development
Committee**
Tuesday, February 26
Light supper at 6 P.M.
Meeting at 6:30 P.M.

WMU Leadership Team
Thursday, March 7
7:00 P.M.

Executive Committee
Monday, March 18
7 P.M.

**Medical Supplies Needed
for Samoa**

Triple Antibiotic Ointment
Hydrocortisone Cream
Anti-fungal Cream
Ibuprofen (adult & children)
Multi-vitamins (adult & children)
Band-Aids

Deadline is Monday, February 25.
Items will be collected at Edgefield
FBC or at the Association Office.
Generic brands are acceptable. Please
contact Lynn Rearden for more
information at 804-614-8059.

Food for Kentucky

Little Stevens Creek Church will
deliver 125 Family Food Boxes to Hi
Hat, Kentucky April 5-6.
If you wish to help you may donate
individual items or pack a food box.

The following items must fit in a box
(like a copy paper box) with a lid:
4 lb. sugar
5 lb. flour
5 lb. corn meal
Large bag of rice
Large bag of dried beans
Jar of peanut butter
Vegetable oil
6 cans each: corn, green beans, peas
Dishwashing liquid
Laundry detergent or bag of pods

Items or complete boxes are due by
April 3 to Little Stevens Creek.
For more information please contact
Janice Cleveland at 803-334-2507.

**Better Together!
Women's Conference**

Saturday, March 16
10:30 – 2:30

Philippi Baptist Church
Speakers: Helen Garvin, Allie Hall,
Paula Hodges, and Valerie McClendon
Cost: \$8 per person
Register online at philippibaptist.org

**Special Days
February**

Wedding Anniversaries

15 John & Lori Noblin..Plum Branch

Church Events

Antioch: Revival Services Sunday,
February 17 at 11 A.M. and 6 P.M.
and Monday-Wednesday at 7 P.M.
Pastor Dale Ellenburg will be
preaching and the music will be led
by Rev. Terry Smith.

First Bethany: Soup & Chili
Mission Fundraiser following
worship on Sunday, February 17.
New session of Grief Share will
begin on March 5.

Little Stevens Creek: "Souper
Bowl" Missions Fundraiser on
Saturday, February 2 from 5 – 7 P.M.
Eat in for \$7 per person or carry out
soup for \$7 per quart. Contact Janice
Cleveland at 803-334-2507.

Mt. Zion: Revival Services with
Rev. Tim Shull March 3-5 at 7 P.M.

Plum Branch: Sunday, February
3 Souper Bowl Tailgate & Watch
Party at 5:30 P.M.
Revival Services with Jonathan
Moseley, church planter of King's
Hill Church in Boston, March 18-20
at 7 P.M.

Red Oak Grove: Focus on
WMU Sunday on February 10 will
include a presentation on Disaster
Relief by Jackie Ridings.

**News for March Newsletter
Due by February 18**

Financial Report December 2018

Church Contributions	MTD	YTD
Antioch	0.00	2133.66
Berea	75.00	900.00
Big Stevens Creek	300.00	3300.00
Ebenezer	0.00	2000.00
Edgefield First	0.00	6600.00
First Bethany	2240.00	4505.00
Gilgal	0.00	6250.00
Little Stevens Creek	0.00	2550.00
Modoc	0.00	176.45
Mountain Creek	170.00	1121.38
Mt. Zion	0.00	700.00
Parksville	408.15	5796.73
Peace Haven	0.00	1652.07
Plum Branch	1103.95	4987.08
Providence	0.00	1725.00
Red Hill	1996.72	8514.93
Red Oak Grove	0.00	2580.00
Rehoboth	0.00	2874.00
Republican	0.00	18626.19
Sweetwater	718.23	3957.85
Various Donations	0.00	5587.50
Total Receipts	7012.05	86537.84
Total Expenses	7360.75	74024.02
Designated Accounts	Balance	
Block Party Trailer	-12.91	
CCC	9642.86	
Hispanic Missions	1616.43	
Disaster Relief	9701.36	
Men's Ministries	10935.78	
WMU	2325.61	
EBA Missions Offering	8741.99	
Investments	Balance	
Money Market #1	13351.04	
Money Market #2	10362.74	
Baptist Foundation	13069.62	

Earthen Vessels

by Tim Shull

God uses regular folks like us. He delights in doing extraordinary things through ordinary people...shepherds, farmers, fishermen, outcasts. He knows we are but clay. He takes the willing and shapes us into the vessels He wants us to be. *Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay and you are our potter; we all are the work of your hands.* Isaiah 64:8.

He knows us before we are even born. *For You formed my inward parts; You wove me together in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well.* Psalm 139:13-14.

We are never too young, never too old, never too small, never too ordinary, never too remote, never insignificant and never useless! *There is a lad here with two fish and five loaves, but what is that among so many?* John 6:9. Little is much when God is in it!

He has a plan and a purpose for each one of us, no matter who we are or what we have done. *The word which came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying: "Arise and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause you to hear My words." Then I went down to the potter's house, and there he was, making something at the wheel. And the vessel that he MADE of clay was MARRED in the hand of the potter; so he MENDED it again into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to make.* Jeremiah 18:1-4.

Can God use you as a vessel to carry the gospel of Jesus Christ? Think about Jonah who disobeyed God and tried to run away. Consider Peter who denied that he even knew Jesus. Consider 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. Remember Mary Magdalene who was possessed by demons. Consider Sarah who was old; Lazarus who was dead. Is there any situation that God cannot overcome in order to use people who could have been called useless?

For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made His light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. 2 Corinthians 4:5-7.

We are ordinary jars of clay who are not only forgiven and mended; we are given the privilege to carry the extraordinary treasure of the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

The Lord said to Moses, "What is in your hand?" He said, "A rod." God said, "Lay it down." Exodus 4:2-3. When we are willing to lay down all that we have and all that we are for God's use, He does extraordinary things!

So give it all to Him and don't quit. *Whatever you do, do it with all your heart, as if you were doing it for the Lord and not for people. Remember it is the Lord Christ we are serving.* Colossians 3:23-24. Does it help to remember that you are actually serving Christ, especially when you are under-appreciated by people? Jesus declared, *"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."* Matthew 25:40. So serve Him faithfully and at His judgment seat you'll hear Him say, *'Well done, good and faithful servant...Enter into the joy of your lord.'* Matthew 25:21. My parents used to sing a wonderful duet: "It will be worth it all when we see Jesus. Life's trials will seem so small, when we see Christ! One glimpse of His dear face all sorrow will erase! So bravely run the race, 'til we see Christ."

Looking Ahead

Event	Date	Location
2019 Impact Conference	Feb. 21 8:30 – 4:00	Shandon BC Columbia
WMU Annual Missions Encounter-Outstretched Hands	Mar 29-30	Ebenezer BC Florence
Ministry Assistants Annual Meeting	May 17	Newberry FBC
SummerSalt Global www.summersalt.org	July 14-19	Horry County

More information is available at the EBA Office (803.637.3309) or the South Carolina Baptist Convention (1.800.723.7242 or www.scbaptist.org).

Visit us at www.ebamissions.org

Email us at either jackie@ebamissions.org
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Packing Party for Bags of Love
Wednesday, February 6
6:30 p.m.
Edgefield First Baptist
Fellowship Hall

Churches Changing Communities - "Share Your Story" July 7 – 12



Edgefield Community Choir

Presents:

TRUTH

IS MARCHING ON

EDGEFIELD

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

6:30 PM SUNDAY
JUNE 30TH