

January 2019

Edgefield Baptist Association

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Making History with His Story

Churches
Changing
Communities

July 7 – 12
2019



Edgefield Chainsaw Unit at work in South Georgia.

WANTED:

Men and women 18 years old or older who are willing to give of their time and energy to bring help, healing, and hope to others during times of crisis. Edgefield association has a long history of sending trained volunteers to meet the needs in the wake of natural disasters. Training is required for deployment with any South Carolina Disaster Relief Unit.

One Day Training Events

March 16 at North Conway Baptist Church, Conway
8:00 A.M. – 4:15 P.M.

April 27 at South Main Street Baptist Church, Greenwood
8:00 A.M. – 4:15 P.M.

This event provides training for those who feel called to serve the Lord by meeting needs after a disaster. Classes are offered in the various ministry areas of disaster relief: damage assessment, children's response teams, chaplains*, communications, feeding, flood response (mud-out), chainsaw, rebuild, shower/laundry, administration. Additionally, an "Introduction to Disaster Relief" class is required of all new volunteers.

This day of training will include three class times, a general session, and lunch. BONUS: An additional "Introduction to Disaster Relief" class will be available on Friday evening (at no additional charge) for those that register for the Saturday training. This will allow new volunteers to take "Intro" on Friday evening and then take three ministry-area classes on Saturday.

Registration cost is \$50 for new volunteers and \$35 for returning volunteers.

More information may be found at www.scbaptist.org/dr

Please contact either Jackie Ridings at the Association Office at 803-637-3309 or Sue Harmon, Operations Manager of SC DR at 803-227-6149.

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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:**

Missions

Development Committee

Tuesday, January 15
Light supper at 6 P.M.
Meeting at 6:30 P.M.

Looking Ahead

April 7: Spring semi-annual Meeting at Plum Branch at 3 o'clock.

July 7-12: Churches Changing Communities

October 20: Fall semi-annual Meeting at Berea at 3 o'clock.

**News for February EBA
Newsletter is due by
January 21**

Men's Ministry Supper/Meeting

Tuesday, January 8

6:30 P.M.

Hosted by First Bethany

Please contact Ricky Miller for more information at 803-215-5500.

Ministry Projects Share the Love of Jesus At Home & Around the Globe

During **2018** through associational WMU and Men's Ministry you provided:

288 Ministry Health Kits
409 Christmas Prisoner Packets
883 Christmas Child Shoeboxes
477 Seafarer's Caps
50 Dolls on Mission
84 Backpacks for Children
Many Handicap Ramps

All of these share love with people and help pave the way to sharing the Good News of salvation.

IMPACT Conference

February 21

8:30 – 4:00

**Shandon Baptist Church
Columbia**

Free tickets are available for church pastors and staff ministers as a group. Lunch is included. Please contact the office or call Tim at 803-760-8042 to reserve your ticket.

Available Resources

Just a reminder that we are available to be a resource to a church, deacons, or a pastor search committee as needed. We maintain a list of available supply preachers, which we provide upon request.

Special Days January

Wedding Anniversaries

January 7 John & Jennifer Alexander
First Bethany

Pastoral Anniversaries

January 1 Lance Thomas (15 years)
Republican
January 1 Travis Brian (3 years)
Edgefield First

Church Events

Antioch: Revival Services are scheduled for February 17-20 with Dale Ellenburg preaching and music led by Rev. Terry Smith.

Edgefield First: The Women's Christmas Coffee House has been rescheduled for Sunday, January 6 at 4 P.M. Ladies, come enjoy a time of fellowship and worship, as well as a few sweet treats and warm drinks!!!

Little Stevens Creek: Service for Sharing about Kentucky Mission Trip on Sunday, January 13 at 6 P.M. You are invited to stay for fellowship afterwards.

Mount Zion: Revival Services will be on March 3, 4, and 5 with Tim Shull preaching.

Peace Haven: Revival Services on January 27, 28, and 29 at 7 P.M. with Rev. Lance Thomas preaching and music by Bobbi Anne Oerman.

"Our greatest fear should not be of failure, but of succeeding at things in life that don't really matter."

- Francis Chan

Financial Report November 2018

Keep On Keeping On

by Tim Shull

The beginning of a new year is an excellent time to renew your commitment to Christ and to His local church.

➤ **It starts with repentance** to God through Christ. *“If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”* 1 John 1:9.

➤ It continues as we **submit to the Holy Spirit’s renewing** of our hearts and minds. *“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may be able to prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”* Romans 12:2. *“And I will give you a new heart with new and right desires, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony heart of sin and give you a new, obedient heart.”* Ezekiel 36:26.

➤ To accomplish this, the Lord **gives us power** to quit old destructive habits and **begin or renew the spiritual disciplines** of a follower of Christ: prayer, Bible reading, daily quiet time, Bible study, sharing our faith, tithing and giving, fasting, consistent participation in a small group or Sunday School class, and corporate worship in a local church. Ask Him to help you. *“You have put off the old self with its habits and have put on the new self which God is continually renewing in His own image to bring you to a full knowledge of Himself.”* Col. 3:9-10. Just as there can be eventual destruction through bad habits, there is great power in establishing and maintaining the disciplines of the Christian life. Do not consider it a small thing to do the right thing over and over. Like water cutting through rock to form a canyon, there is great power in steady consistent spiritual discipline. *“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”* Galatians 6:9.

➤ **Remember the laws of the harvest:** You get what you plant, you get more than you plant, and **it takes time!** *“But the seed in the good ground – these are the ones who, having heard the word with an honest and good heart, hold on to it and bear fruit with endurance.”* Luke 8:15.

➤ **Remember that He won’t give up on you!** *“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”* John 16:33. *“I am confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”* Philippians 1:6.

➤ He gives you the **strength, grace and power to persevere** through hardship and adversity. *“We also pray that you will be strengthened with His glorious power so that you will have all the patience and endurance you need. May you be filled with joy, always thanking the Father.”* Colossians 1:11. *“But we also rejoice in our afflictions, because we know that affliction produces endurance, endurance produces proven character, and proven character produces hope. This hope does not disappoint, because God’s love has been poured out in our hearts...”* Romans 5:3-5. In this way God prepares you for what He is preparing for you. *“Consider it a great joy, my brothers, whenever you experience various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. But endurance must complete its work, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking nothing.”* James 1:2-4

➤ So, whatever you do in 2019, **Don’t Give Up!** *“Patient endurance is what you need now, so you will continue to do God’s will. Then you will receive all that He has promised.”* Hebrews 10:36. May God richly bless you and yours and His churches in 2019.

Church Contributions	MTD	YTD
Antioch	0.00	2133.66
Berea	0.00	825.00
Big Stevens Creek	0.00	3000.00
Ebenezer	0.00	2000.00
Edgefield First	0.00	6600.00
First Bethany	0.00	2265.00
Gilgal	1250.00	6250.00
Little Stevens Creek	1300.00	2550.00
Modoc	0.00	176.45
Mountain Creek	106.00	951.38
Mt. Zion	150.00	700.00
Parksville	0.00	5388.58
Peace Haven	0.00	1652.07
Plum Branch	1463.90	3883.13
Providence	0.00	1725.00
Red Hill	0.00	6518.21
Red Oak Grove	0.00	2580.00
Rehoboth	0.00	2874.00
Republican	0.00	18626.19
Sweetwater	0.00	3239.62
Various Donations	500.00	5587.50
Total Receipts	4663.90	79525.79
Total Expenses	4705.66	65840.47
Designated Accounts	Balance	
Block Party Trailer		-12.91
CCC		9573.98
Hispanic Missions		2516.43
Disaster Relief		9062.28
Men’s Ministries		10935.78
WMU		2325.61
EBA Missions Offering		1537.77
Investments	Balance	
Money Market #1		13350.47
Money Market #2		10362.30
Baptist Foundation		12979.32

Looking Ahead

Event	Date	Location
Adult Choir Workshop	Jan 19 9 - 2	Belvedere FBC
Converge	Feb 1-3	Myrtle Beach
2019 Impact Conference	Feb. 21 8:30 - 4	Shandon BC Columbia
Ministry Assistants Annual Meeting	May 17	Newberry FBC
2019 Churches Changing Communities	July 7-12	Edgefield FBC

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Edgefield Baptist Association is pleased to be your Mission Partner. We are here to help. May our God bless you and your church in marvelous ways in 2019.

SERVE DARTMOUTH 18

a BIG thank you to all the EBA churches that sent missionaries on this trip

Seven association churches sent 15 missionaries to work with church planter Chad Hartis at South Coast Church in Dartmouth, MA the first weekend of December. The team assisted the new church with kindness evangelism projects and an outreach event. One-word comments from some of the EBA team members about the trip are: Love – Joy – Growth – Revealing – Fellowship – Confirmation – Servant – Rewarding – Encouraging.



SEND Relief Trailer

This trailer is available for use by EBA churches and church groups for mission trips, delivery of materials for ministry, or during CCC for ministry and/or construction or for Disaster Relief.

It is presently parked at Edgefield First Baptist Church. Please contact Tim or Jackie at the EBA office to schedule using the trailer.