

July 2022

Edgefield Baptist Association

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Making History with His Story



Parksville calls new Pastor, Gary Self, Jr.



Rev. Self writes: "What an honor and privilege it is to be named the new Pastor at Parksville Baptist Church. Like many of the members here, my family has been a part of this church for generations and my earliest memories of being in church are right here. In addition to spending thirty-five years in sales as a Business Manager, my wife Teresa and I, along with our two kids (Sydney, 25 and Will, 19) have led children's ministry for most of those years at various churches in Greenville, SC. I also served on the Chapel team at the Boys Home of the South in Belton, SC ten years prior to its closing. In 2017 God led me to Seminary where I recently graduated from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary with a Masters in Christian Ministries. In addition to serving in Parksville, I plan to continue as a Volunteer Pastor leading chapel services, teaching, counseling, and mentoring men in recovery at Miracle Hills Overcomer Center. In addition to reading and studying the Scriptures and sharing what I learn with others, I enjoy spending time with my family and our three dogs, working in the yard, and playing guitar. For many reasons, my calling to Parksville Baptist Church serves to remind me of Proverbs 3:5-6 because God's plan for us is always better than we could ever dream or imagine. All we have to do is believe and trust in Jesus and he will lead us home."

Favorite Bible Verse: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, Soul and Mind and You shall love your neighbor as yourself."
Matthew 22:37-38



CHURCHES CHANGING COMMUNITIES

July 10 – 14

CCC is back in action!

Check in on Sunday - 4 PM
at Edgefield First Baptist

One example of the work that is planned for CCC: A project that was put on hold due to the pandemic is now going to make these homeowners very happy. Greg and Michelle Gordy have needed repairs for several years. With their help, the assistance of their church family at Mountain Creek, a grant from Aiken Electric Operation Roundup, and qualified labor from CCC volunteers they are excited to see this project happening.



Glenn Herlong & Tim Glover discuss project with homeowner, Michelle Gordy.

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

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 Rev. David Lyda
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Scheduled meetings at the Association Office:
Fold Newsletters
 Wednesday, July 27
 9 AM

News for the August 2022 newsletter is due by July 19, 2022.

Email us:
 office@ebamissions.org
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CCC 2022
 Donations of bottled water and Gatorade (or monetary donations) needed. Drop off at EBA during our regular business hours.
 If your church or group can prepare breakfast on Wednesday, July 13, or if you can volunteer to assist in packing the lunches, please call Barbara Langley at 803.637.5570.

Migrant Ministry
 If you can provide a meal on Sunday evening of July 10, July 24, or August 28, please call Margaret Ann Thompson at 803.341.2342.
 Continue to pray for Rev. Cris Negrete, Iglesia Bautista Getsemani, and the migrants they minister to.
There have been 23 professions of faith so far this summer!

WMU News
 Church WMU Leadership Development
 Saturday, August 6
 Fairview Baptist, Spartanburg
 or
 Saturday, August 13
 St. George Baptist in Orangeburg
 Registration will end July 28.
 \$25 per person, includes lunch.
 For more details or to register online, visit www.scwmu.org.

Edgefield Baptist Association will be closed on July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

Special days: July
Birthdays
 05 Tim Sanders.....Peace Haven
 09 Ann Cohen.....Red Hill
 17 Mark Abbott.....Sweetwater
 20 Robert Williamson..retired EBA
 26 Paul Noe.....Sweetwater
Wedding Anniversaries
 10 Alyson & Mark Abbott
 Sweetwater
 16 Jean & Tom Rogers
 Mt Zion
 22 Trish & Robert Huffman
 Mountain Creek
 23 Kathryn & Aaron Tripp
 Edgefield First
 30 Jane & Brian Ayers
 Sweetwater
Pastoral Anniversaries
 Brian Ayers.....Sweetwater
 July 1, 2009
 Corbin Herron.....Sweetwater
 July 1, 2019
 Tim Sanders.....Peace Haven
 July 5, 2015
 Mark Abbott.....Sweetwater
 July 19, 2015
 Rob Cohen.....Red Hill
 July 28, 2019

Homecoming & Revival at Red Oak Grove
 Homecoming July 31 at 11 AM
 Rev. Tim Shull preaching
 Revival August 1 – 3 at 7 PM
 Rev. Jerry Garvin preaching
 Wallace Watkins, pianist

Missed something??
 All newsletters are posted on our website: www.ebamission.org

VBS in July!

Berea	July 23	10 AM – 3 PM	Concrete & Cranes
Edgefield First	July 17 – 21	5:30 – 8:30 PM	Spark Studios
Peace Haven	July 25 – 29	5:30 – 8:00 PM	Zoomerang
Parksville/Red Oak Grove (at Red Oak Grove)	July 17 – 21	5:30 – 8:15 PM	Spark Studios

Church Contributions	Jan – May 2022
Antioch	663.78
Berea	500.00
Big Stevens Creek	900.00
Ebenezer	2,000.00
Edgefield First	5,000.00
First Bethany	3,225.00
Gilgal	0.00
Little Stevens Creek	600.00
Modoc	466.01
Mountain Creek	374.00
Mt. Zion	200.00
Parksville	2,688.96
Peace Haven	1,153.56
Plum Branch	349.37
Providence	575.00
Red Hill	2,225.00
Red Oak Grove	2,700.00
Rehoboth	1,969.00
Republican	12,641.51
Sweetwater	3,495.05
Total Receipts	41,726.24
Total Expenses	36,128.64
Designated Accounts	Balance May 2022
Block Party Trailer	145.50
CCC	11,452.71
Hispanic Missions	1,316.43
Disaster Relief	15,612.40
Men's Ministries	16,168.69
WMU	3,700.32
EBA Missions Offering	2,702.36
EBA GameChangers	400.00
EBA Blessed Bedzzz	870.00
Investments	
Money Market #1	10,371.89
Money Market #2	13,362.83
Baptist Foundation	13,723.58

Choose Life by Tim Shull

The incredible Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision of January 1973 flew in the face of 4,000 years of Western civilization. It violated the fundamental tenets of America's Judeo-Christian heritage and the U.S. Declaration of Independence. Roe ignored the many laws on the books that consider a baby in the womb to be a person. Roe contradicted the Hippocratic Oath that guided the medical profession for centuries. The ruling also violated the 5th and the 14th Amendments to the United States Constitution. The 5th Amendment declares no person shall "be deprived of **life, liberty, or property** without due process of law." The 14th Amendment sets forth: "Nor shall any State deprive any person of **life, liberty, or property**, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws." The majority seven justices in 1973 got around this Constitutional prohibition by declaring a baby in the womb to be a non-person, just as the Court ruled in 1856 in the notorious Dred Scott decision that Negroes were nonpersons. **Roe v. Wade is the Dred Scott Decision of our lifetime, and even worse.** 63 million innocent babies were put to death. The denial of personhood has been a historic rationalization for atrocities: **We said the African wasn't a human person, so we deprived him of Liberty. We said the American Indian wasn't a human person, so we deprived him of Property. We say the person growing in the womb isn't a human person, so we deprive her of Life.** Life, Liberty and Property denied because the victim was/is deemed not to be a human person. Hitler's Nazi holocaust against Jews used the same "non-person" rationale. Abortion is the American Holocaust. In all the wars the United States has fought since the Revolutionary War, the number of Americans killed totals 1,354,675. We kill more preborn babies than that every year in America.

Declare it clearly: The baby growing in the womb is most certainly a human person, as all expectant parents well know. With modern ultrasound, it could not be clearer. It's a precious baby! a boy or a girl! not a blob of tissue! Anyone can see this. Help Crisis Pregnancy Centers afford HD Ultrasound. When a young woman or girl can see the baby within her, her heart melts with love and she is willing to receive the help that is offered to her. In the first trimester, preborn babies have beating hearts, can suck and swallow, have unique fingerprints, develop right or left-hand dominance, possess unique DNA, react to touch, and have detectable brainwaves. There can be no doubt: It's a baby! She sucks her fingers, has her own ABO blood type, and can most certainly feel pain.

The Word of God: The Bible clearly conveys to us God's view of the human person growing in his/her mother's womb. To Jeremiah He said, "*I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb. Before you were born I set you apart and appointed you as my prophet to the nations.*" Jeremiah 1:5. David worships our creator and how He made each one of us. "*You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful; I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from You when I was made in the secret place...*" Psalm 139:13-15. Paul writes in Galatians 1:15 "*It pleased God to sanctify me in my mother's womb and call me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might*

preach Him among the gentiles." Consider the marvelous occasion when Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth, several months pregnant with John the Baptist. When the good news of the Messiah's coming was declared, the Bible says: "*The babe leaped in her womb...*" Luke 1:41,44. Luke further declares that John was "*filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb*" Luke 1:15. The Holy Ghost fills people, not tissue or cells. The New Testament Greek word for baby is (βρεφος) brephos. It is the same word used here in this passage for the unborn baby in Elizabeth's womb. The Thayer Greek Lexicon defines brephos as "embryo, fetus, newborn child, young child or nursing child." This same word is used to describe Jesus in the manger (Luke 2:16) and Timothy as a "child" learning the scriptures. 2 Timothy 3:15. There is simply no doubt that the Bible teaches the personhood of the baby in the womb. The Bible says that we are to "*choose life*" Deuteronomy 30:19. The abortionists choose death. The politicians who advocate for abortion on demand choose death. The citizens who vote for them choose death. I call on you today to choose life.

Yes, **celebrate and thank God**; it's been a long 49 ½ years with much work and prayer. Thank God for our SC legislators, Attorney General and Governor. Know that last Friday's Supreme Court decision nullifying Roe will not change human hearts. We need revival. Pray for a Great Awakening. Teach, Encourage, Support, Minister, Redeem. We must faithfully teach Biblical and responsible sexuality and proclaim the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death. Boys must be taught respect for girls and appropriate conduct. It is the irresponsible sexual conduct of boys/men that causes the crisis pregnancy. If men had sex only with their wife, whom they love, nurture and support, the decreased demand for abortion would put the supply side out of business. We must generously support Crisis Pregnancy Centers and promote adoption. We must be accepting and helpful and gentle to those who face an unplanned pregnancy and minister redemptively to all. Preach and share the Gospel: When you confess your sin and repent, God forgives, no matter who you are or what you've done. Rejoice in the promise that "*there is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.*" Romans 8:1. Choose the abundant life and eternal life that comes only through Christ Jesus.

Planning ahead....



Visit www.scwmu.org/christmasbackpacks for items to include and how to label the backpacks. Due date will be mid-October.



Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child

Edgefield First Baptist will serve as your local Shoebox Drop Off Location November 14 - 21, 2022

We would not have the success that we have had without all of you! Last year, we all submitted 781 Shoeboxes and this was a Covid year! This is an effort to lead children to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Let's do it again! - Donna Whitlock
Contact person: donna Whitlock@aol.com

*"I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore **choose life**, that both you and your descendants may live." Deuteronomy 30:19*

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2022 Edgefield Baptist Association Missions Offering (EBAMO)

Many children in our area do not have a bed and we are hoping to change that. It is not too late to give. This ministry project will begin in earnest when school starts in August.

Give to the EBAMO – Blessed Bedzzz through your church to Edgefield Baptist Association, or you may send your donation directly to Edgefield Baptist Association, 985 Hwy 25 N, Edgefield, SC 29824 or use the Venmo code below:

Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."
Matthew 11: 28

