

June
2021

Rehoboth welcomes Interim Pastor, Rev. Patrick Griswold & Family

Edgefield Baptist Association

Organized 1807

Making History with His Story



Rev. Griswold writes, "I was born and raised in Phenix City, Alabama and attended Lakewood Baptist Church. I made my way to Auburn University where I received a degree in Building Construction and then followed my passion of large industrial projects in several cities in the Southeast. This led me to Greenwood in 1989 where I met Renee. She and I were married in 1992 and that is when I began calling Greenwood home. My work kept me on the go but my roots remained in Greenwood. After 16 years of marriage, God blessed us with a daughter, Paterson who was born in 2008 (yep, she just became a teenager - uh oh). My ministry calling came through our membership at First Mount Moriah in Greenwood, where God slowly took me places I never dreamed of being. Even though I knew I loved the Lord and I married someone with that same love, He began something in my life that looking back I never would have imagined. I started in the choir, then on a couple of committees, then serving as a deacon. Then the call came for me to teach a new Sunday School class born out of a small group Bible study called the Diaper Bag Group made up of parents with young children. Renee and I weren't young parents, but we did have a young child. We had life experiences but we were also experiencing being new parents. This was an incredible experience seeing the growth in these young parents and in me and Renee was so fulfilling. As time went on, I became involved in the children's ministry which led me to be the Family Ministry Leader at First Bethany and then a lay supply speaker at Rehoboth. As I continue my work in the construction industry, I look forward to what God will do in my ministry and at Rehoboth and look to lead in obedience to the Great Commission, Discipleship and Fellowship."



Dolls on Mission

Dolls are available for you to use during VBS, Sunday School, etc. to tell the salvation story.

Call EBA at 803.637.3309 to request a doll.



Ministry Health Kits delivered

27 volunteers delivered 507 kits and boxes of food donated by Women in Unity.

See our Facebook page for more pictures.

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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:

Prayer Team
 Wednesday, June 2
 10 AM

Dolls on Mission
 Will resume Sept 7

News for the July newsletter is due by June 14.

EBAMO collected for **GameChangers**
 \$10,655 so far.

Don't miss your opportunity to be blessed by being a part of this important ministry.

Migrant Ministry

If you can **provide a meal** on a Sunday evening, please contact Margaret Ann Thompson at 803.341.2342 or 803.637.3248.

Guitarist Needed

If you can play the guitar on a Sunday evening, please call Rev. Cris Negrete at 803.998.7337 or the EBA office at 803.637.3309.

632 completed Ministry Health Kits received.

Free Pianos available

Ebenezer Baptist has 4 pianos available. No cost/must pick up. Stairs involved.

Please contact George Whittle at 803.275.3729 to arrange time to pick up.

Special days
June

Birthdays

- 1 Brian Ayers.....Sweetwater
- 10 Cris Negrete.....Getsemani
- 21 Alisha Justice.....Antioch
- 23 Robert Huffman.....
 ...Mountain Creek
- 27 Travis Brian.....
 ...Edgefield First

Wedding Anniversary

- 2 Terri & Fisher Miller....EBA
- 11 Kathy & Craig McDaniel....
Parksville

Pastoral Anniversary

- June 1, 2006.....Robert Patton
 Modoc
- June 9, 2004.....Eric Bruton
 Big Stevens Creek

Vacation Bible Schools around EBA

Church	Date/Time	Theme
Antioch – Children	June 13-16 / 5:45 – 8:00 PM	Lava Lava Luau
Berea/Rehoboth	June 21-23 / 6:00 – 8:30 PM	Anchored
First Bethany	June 13-15 / 6:00 – 7:30 PM	Concrete & Cranes
Modoc	June 19 / 10 AM– 4 PM	Rainforest Explorers
Peace Haven	June 21-25 / 5:00 – 7:30 PM	Destination Dig
Plum Branch	June 25-26 / Fri 5:30-8:30 PM, Sat 9 AM- 4 PM	Rocky Railway
Providence	June 21-24 / 6:00 – 8:30 PM	Concrete & Cranes
Red Oak Grove	July 12-16 / 6:00 – 8:15 PM; snack supper 5:30	Concrete & Cranes

Church News

Berea: In conjunction with Gilgal, Little Stevens Creek, Mountain Creek, and Rehoboth – 5th Sunday Community Service on May 30 at 6 PM. Meal afterwards.

Plum Branch Revival: June 13 – 16 with Dr. Alvin Hodges preaching. Sunday morning at 11 AM and nightly at 7 PM.

Plum Branch: Sunday, June 27 IMB Missionary Michael McVey at 11:00 AM.

Providence: Homecoming, Sunday, June 27 at 11 AM. Rev. Tim Shull preaching.

Church Contributions	MTD April	YTD 2021
Antioch	663.52	1,344.79
Berea	75.00	300.00
Big Stevens Creek	300.00	1,200.00
Ebenezer	0.00	2,000.00
Edgefield First	0.00	5,000.00
First Bethany	0.00	2,364.00
Gilgal	0.00	1,500.00
Little Stevens Creek	0.00	600.00
Modoc	0.00	166.94
Mountain Creek	109.00	467.00
Mt. Zion	400.00	400.00
Parksville	596.80	2,913.40
Peace Haven	591.80	1,272.72
Plum Branch	780.84	1,287.04
Providence	0.00	575.00
Red Hill	0.00	1,924.40
Red Oak Grove	0.00	2,700.00
Rehoboth	516.10	1,029.10
Republican	0.00	6,631.49
Sweetwater	0.00	1,949.81
Total Receipts	4,033.06	35,625.69
Total Expenses	6,643.07	27,228.48
Designated Accounts		Balance April
Block Party Trailer		187.09
CCC		15,075.54
Hispanic Missions		1,216.43
Disaster Relief		10,867.90
Men's Ministries		12,818.69
WMU		3,565.32
EBA Missions Offering		10,084.62
Investments		
Money Market #1		13,361.38
Money Market #2		10,370.77
Baptist Foundation		13,682.60

Advance Anyway by Tim Shull

Each year, just as we promote an offering for North American Missions (Annie Armstrong), just as we encourage an offering for SC Missions (Janie Chapman), and just as we support an offering for International Missions (Lottie Moon), most Baptist Associations receive an offering for associational missions. This year's **EBAMO** (Edgefield Baptist Association Missions Offering) will go to support the building program at **Game Changers**, a new local recovery ministry that houses and teaches Christian sobriety and life skills. The campus near Plum Branch is building new residence houses. Our EBA Men's Ministry is involved. EBA churches will soon be invited to invite residents to your worship and teach Bible and discipleship at Game Changers. **Send your EBAMO** to the association office or give to the EBAMO through your church. Learn more at gamechangersfoundationsc.org. Contact Rusty Bethune at rustyb@gamechangersfoundationsc.org or 803-640-5385 for more information.

Many attended a special **CCC – 365** meeting on May 11 to talk about CCC (Churches Changing Communities). Due to circumstances not unlike last year, we are not able to have our classic CCC event this summer. **CCC, in the traditional way, is canceled for 2021.** Much preparatory work at potential work sites must be done in order for a proper week of CCC to take place. That simply wasn't possible this year.

But we are taking the initiative to do the things that we do in **CCC – and more – all throughout the year.** We are seeking to carry out the benevolence, repair projects, and ongoing outreach ministries at any time of the year rather than just a week of the summer. We need many hands and feet, so get a CCC-365 volunteer form and sign up. Drop by the EBA office or write to us at office@ebamissions.org and we will send you the form. Many of our churches had representatives at the May 11 meeting or at the May 24 Executive Committee Meeting, and we have emailed it to church representatives and pastors, so you should be able to find the CCC-365 form at your church.

In the spirit of CCC, let us join together in doing deeds of kindness together and sharing words of witness together. There are many opportunities. Contact **Joel Jolly**, joeljolly803@gmail.com or 803-275-7404, to learn more or to have Joel come and talk about it with your

church or mission group or deacons. Once you sign up, you will be notified of outreach ministries and projects. You will choose which ones you can help with and which ones you can't. Perhaps an idea that was born in your church could find more hands and feet to carry it out in a cooperative effort. The multi-generational and multi-church fellowship that we enjoy in CCC will be experienced as we attach a dinner to a project every now and then. The youth ministry dynamic that sets CCC apart will be regained in part by our youth directors and ministers planning some events for all the teenagers from all our churches. See the announcements in this newsletter.

Our ministry to **Migrant Workers** has begun. We distributed over 500 health and hygiene kits and a large amount of food to migrant worker camps last week. Rev. Cris Negrete will lead our ministry at several camps each Sunday evening starting June 6, and needs volunteer helpers each Sunday. Margaret Ann Thompson is organizing the food, so let her know when your church can help.

Send us your dates and times for **Vacation Bible School** at your church. Tell us what curriculum/theme you are using. I'll publish a comprehensive list of all of our church Vacation Bible Schools, and I'd like for your church to be included.

"Whatever you do, do it from the heart, as something done for the Lord and not for people, knowing that you will receive the reward of an inheritance from the Lord. You serve the Lord Christ." Colossians 3:23-24

Looking Ahead

“Assuredly I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.” Matthew 25:30

Event	Date	Location
Disaster Relief Unit Leader Update	August 24	TBD
Executive Committee Meeting	September 20	EBA
State Disaster Relief Training	October 9	Lake Murray Baptist Church
Fall Semi-Annual Meeting	October 17	Big Stevens Creek Baptist

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Attention All Youth!

SUN LUAU NIGHT **4 D**
DAY 4 DAYS OF FUN **OF**
JUNE 13TH

6:30-8:30PM

Come out to Edgefield First Baptist Church dressed out in your dad's best Hawaiian shirt, a grass skirt, and lei. We're going to smoke a pig and give out our best island vibes! Invite your friends for these Summer vibes.

MON REDNECK **4 D**
DAY 'LYMPICS **OF**
JUNE 14TH

6:30PM-8:30PM

Bring your cousins and 'em out to Antioch Baptist Church 4 da Redneck 'Lympics! Wear your best overalls, straw hat, mullet, flannel, and (appropriate) cut off jeans. Y'all should already know its gonna get messy and we gonna eat something' good!

TUES TEAM **4 D**
DAY NIGHT **OF**
JUNE 15TH

6:30PM-8:30PM

Clemson Tigers? USC Gamecocks? Strom Thurmond Rebels? Whoever your team, we just hope you can dodge a ball. Come out to the JET Middle School gym decked out in your team colors for a dodgeball tournament. Most creative and spirited team will win a prize. We're gonna eat Pizza and have a blast!

WEDNES POOL **4 D**
DAY NIGHT **OF**
JUNE 16TH

6:30PM-8:30PM

It's been a busy 3 Days Of Fun already! Let's have one final night of fun at The Old Timber Ridge Lodge & Venue. We're gonna cookout, hang out by the pool, give away some prizes and enjoy an evening together.