

**March  
2021**

# Edgefield Baptist Association

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Making History with His Story



GameChangers, a God-inspired vision of local businessman Will Dalzell, is a 150-acre wooded refuge for men seeking to break free from the chains of alcohol and drug addiction. In addition to daily Bible study and spiritual counseling, the program provides residents life coaching and trade training on a 50-acre tree nursery. Located in Plum Branch, SC, our remodeled Sober Living Home is ready to receive residents. With the generosity of the EBA Men's Ministry, plans are underway to construct an additional home. This endeavor will require building materials, and the team is asking anyone who feels led to support our Life Development Program to send contributions to the EBA GameChangers Building Fund. In addition, the EBA Missions Development Team will recommend at the Executive Committee meeting on 3/22 that this year's EBA Missions Offering be for the GameChangers Building Fund. If you would like more information on how you can help or a personal tour of the facility, please contact Will Dalzell (803-634-3301), Rusty Bethune (803-640-5385), or Wayne Miller (803-637-3667).



Starting March 7th, Little Stevens Creek Baptist Church will be hosting GriefShare. This national program is for people grieving the death of a family member or friend. GriefShare groups meet weekly to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life. This program is free and open to the community. Please register at <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/131866> or call Pastor David Lyda at (864) 201-9869.



## **Disaster Relief Training April 17 - Brushy Creek Church, Easley**

For new volunteers (\$50) or returning volunteers (\$35) – attendance will be limited so register early!

Go to [www.scbaptist.org/dr](http://www.scbaptist.org/dr) for more information on classes or to register.

Please contact Jackie Ridings at 864-941-7225 if you have any questions about training or badge renewal.

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**Ministry Assistant**  
Ms. Faye Usry

**Treasurer**  
Mrs. Terri Miller

**Clerk**  
Ms. Faye Usry

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

**Scheduled meetings at  
the Association Office:**

**Dolls on Mission**  
Tuesday, March 2 & 16  
10 AM – 12 PM

**Prayer Team**  
Wednesday, March 3  
9:30 AM

**Nominating Committee**  
Monday, March 8  
6 PM

**Executive Committee**  
Monday, March 22  
7:00 PM

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

## **Annie Armstrong Easter Offering**

March 7 – 14 Week of Prayer

Find resource information at:  
[www.anniearmstrong.com](http://www.anniearmstrong.com)

## **GA/CA Day at Camp La Vida**

April 10 from 10 AM – 3 PM

Meet a missionary  
Make new friends  
Learn a new skill to use for God's glory  
Learn how to share Christ and His love  
Enjoy skits  
Meet camp staffers

\$15 includes lunch, snack, craft

For more information and to register:  
[www.scwmu.org/shakeitup](http://www.scwmu.org/shakeitup)

## **Volunteers Needed: Dolls on Mission**

The doll workshop meets 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Tuesday each month from  
10 AM – 12 PM.

Your help is needed!

No sewing experience required.  
These dolls open many doors to the  
Good News of Christ.  
Call the association office for details on  
how you can help.

## **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

## **Special days March**

### **Birthdays**

17 Anna Corbin.....Sweetwater  
20 John Noblin.....Plum Branch  
22 Jon Nichols.....Republican  
30 Aaron Tripp...Edgefield First

### **Pray for Mission Trip Team**

Please pray for the mission trip  
team now in Africa. Pastor  
Craig McDaniel (Parksville) is  
leading a group that is drilling a  
well and building a church in  
Ewaso Ngiro, a village in  
Kenya. They are also engaging  
in personal evangelism and  
church support. Please pray for  
Camelback Ministries, Pastor  
Craig, Christie Weidenhof,  
Dwight Herring, Bubby Bizzell,  
and Allen Fanning as they bring  
the gift of clean water, leading  
people to the Living Water.

**Thank you to Antioch, Big  
Stevens Creek, Edgefield  
First, First Bethany, Gilgal,  
Plum Branch, Red Oak  
Grove, and Republican!**

1,182 undergarments and 58  
pairs of socks collected on  
Children's Ministry Day for the  
"I declare people need  
underwear" event.

### **Plan to attend**

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

**WMU Spring Meeting**  
Antioch Baptist  
April 20 at 6:30 PM

Church Contributions	MTD Jan	YTD 2021
Antioch	681.27	681.27
Berea	75.00	75.00
Big Stevens Creek	300.00	300.00
Ebenezer	0.00	0.00
Edgefield First	5,000.00	5,000.00
First Bethany	2,364.00	2,364.00
Gilgal	0.00	0.00
Little Stevens Creek	0.00	0.00
Modoc	0.00	0.00
Mountain Creek	0.00	0.00
Mt. Zion	0.00	0.00
Parksville	0.00	0.00
Peace Haven	680.92	680.92
Plum Branch	506.20	506.20
Providence	0.00	0.00
Red Hill	0.00	0.00
Red Oak Grove	2,700.00	2,700.00
Rehoboth	0.00	0.00
Republican	0.00	0.00
Sweetwater	0.00	0.00
Various Donations	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>12,307.39</b>	<b>12,307.39</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>4,558.13</b>	<b>4,558.13</b>
<b>Designated Accounts</b>		<b>Balance Jan</b>
Block Party Trailer		187.09
CCC		15,075.54
Hispanic Missions		1,216.43
Disaster Relief		9,993.50
Men's Ministries		12,818.69
WMU		3,565.32
EBA Missions Offering		3,429.62
<b>Investments</b>		
Money Market #1		13,361.06
Money Market #2		10,370.52
Baptist Foundation		13,545.22

## Worship is Not Optional by Tim Shull

Whether it be corporate or family or private, whether it be online or in-person, whether it be outdoors or indoors, whether it be physically distanced or close gatherings, now more than ever, **we need worship**. Plus, our Sovereign Lord deserves our adoration and devotion. *"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!"* Revelation 4:8. *"Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker."* Psalm 95:6.

Worship delights our Father, develops our Family, declares our Faith, defeats our Foe, and dethrones our Flesh. Worship is placing my mind's attention and my heart's affection on the Lord in response to who He is and what He has done. When we worship, God's presence is experienced, God's pardon is offered, God's purposes are revealed, God's power is displayed. In Isaiah 6:1-8, we see that When I worship...

### 1. I See God for who He is. He is High and He is Holy.

*"In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one cried to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!'"* Isaiah 6:1-3. *"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," says the Lord. 'For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.'* Isaiah 55:8-9. *"Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him, all the earth."* Psalm 96:9

### 2. I See Myself for who I am. I need Confessing and Cleansing.

*"And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke. So I said: 'Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts.'"* Isaiah 6:4-5. *"Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth with it and said: 'Behold this has touched your lips; your iniquity is taken away, and your sin is purged.'"* Isaiah 6:6-7. *"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."* 1 John 1:9. *"Though your sins are like scarlet, they can be as white as snow."* Isaiah 1:18.

### 3. I See Others and their need. God issues a Call and invites Commitment.

*"And I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?'"* Then I said, *'Here am I! Send me.'* Isaiah 6:8. *"The Son of Man has come to seek and to save those that are lost."* Luke 19:10. *"You will be My witnesses..."* Acts 1:8. *"As the Father has sent me, so send I you."* John 20:21. While evangelism produces worshipers, real worship of God provides the proper motivation for evangelism and missions. *Jesus said, "An hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth. Yes, the Father is seeking such people to worship Him."* John 4:23. What does God want? What does the King of the universe desire? People. Our Lord wants people who will worship Him with spiritual passion, honest authenticity, and heartfelt gratitude. Let us renew our efforts to reach one more for Jesus, until the whole world hears and responds.

*"Give thanks to the Lord and proclaim His greatness. Let the whole world know what He has done. Sing to Him; yes, sing His praises. Tell everyone about His miracles. Exult in His holy name; O worshippers of the Lord, rejoice!"* Psalm 105:1-3.

# Looking Ahead

*"It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; to declare Your lovingkindness in the morning and Your faithfulness every night!" Psalm 92:1-2*

Event	Date	Location
Executive Committee	March 22, 7 PM	EBA
Evangelism Training	March 29, 7 PM	Facebook
WMU Leadership	April 6, 5:30 PM	EBA
Spring Meeting	April 11, 3 PM	Peace Haven
WMU Spring Meeting	April 20, 6:30 PM	Antioch

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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 sessions taught on January 25 and February 22 and can be viewed here: <https://fb.watch/3fMT8BhS-K/> or on the EBA Facebook page.

The last session of *The Best News* will be streamed live on the EBA Facebook page at 7 PM on Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. You are invited and encouraged to view the January and February sessions and then join us LIVE for the March lesson. Subsequent months will feature other evangelism models and methods. Please contact Pastor John Alexander at [revjohnalexander@gmail.com](mailto:revjohnalexander@gmail.com) if you have questions.