

May  
2021

## Antioch welcomes Rev. Brent and Alisha Justice

Edgfield Baptist Association

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Making History with His Story



Brent and Alisha recently moved back to the United States after living and ministering for four years in Bundibugyo, Uganda, as missionaries with the mission-sending agency Serge.

While they appreciated the opportunity to serve in holistic ministry with the gifts and skills God had given them, they felt a strong passion in their hearts from God during their time

overseas toward discipleship and pastoral ministry specifically in their own language and culture. With a desire to communicate the beauty and transformative power of the gospel at the heart-level, in faith, they decided to return from the mission field and, with much prayer, began to prepare for pastoral ministry.

After moving back to the US in late 2019, they celebrated the birth of their first child, Lilah in December. Since then, God has called them to the Augusta area by providing an opportunity for Alisha to work for Children's Hospital of Georgia as a pediatric outpatient dietitian.

They moved to the Augusta area in September 2020 and began patiently praying and seeking a church to belong to. Brent says in all honesty, he can't fully retrace and connect the dots that led him to Antioch, but he does find himself drawn here.

Brent says the passion, desire and vision he has for pastoral ministry is by loving, serving, teaching, equipping, edifying, and shepherding the congregation entrusted to him as he fosters a people so deeply rooted and founded in the gospel that it overflows into and expresses itself as a deep abiding love; first for God, secondly for one another, and thirdly unto others.

Brent is 34 years old. He and Alisha have been married for six years. Lilah is 15 months old. He is from South Georgia and Alisha is from Virginia.

Brent received an Associate in Psychology Degree and an Associate in Middle Grades Education Degree from Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Biblical and Theological Studies from Liberty University where he graduated Magna Cum Laude.

### Emma Cover Honored

April 18 was Emma Cover Day at Berea. Emma retired as church treasurer after 42 years of faithful service. She was presented a cut crystal engraved vase by Ernest Bryan, chairman of deacons.



CCC 365

See Rev. Shull's  
article!!

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**Vice-Moderator**

Rev. Tim Sanders

**Ministry Assistant**

Ms. Faye Usry

**Treasurer**

Mrs. Terri Miller

**Clerk**

Mrs. Vickie Allen

**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, May 4 & 18

10 AM – 12 PM

**Prayer Team**

Wednesday, May 5, 10  
AM

**Missions Initiative  
Meeting**

Tuesday, May 11, 7 PM

**Executive Committee**

Monday, May 24, 7 PM

**News for the June  
newsletter is due by  
May 17.**

**Migrant Ministry**

**Health kits due May 4**

Kits will be delivered to the migrant camps on **Tuesday, May 18**. Meet at the association office at 6:00 PM.

If you can **provide a meal** on a Sunday evening, please contact Margaret Ann Thompson at 803.341.4716.

**Guitarist Needed**

If you can play the guitar on Sunday evenings for the Migrant Ministry, please call Rev. Cris Negrete at 803.998.7337 or the EBA office at 803.637.3309.

**Music Leader Needed**

Parksville Baptist Church is seeking a Music Leader.

Contact Rev. Craig McDaniel at 864.941.1629 for more information.

**Minister of Music and Youth Needed**

Gilgal Baptist Church, Edgefield, SC is seeking a part-time Minister of Music and Youth who will be responsible for leading the congregation into the presence of God in worship through choir direction & congregational music; leading our youth in Christian growth, and providing a meaningful ministry to engage the youth of our church and community. The candidate must have a strong belief in Jesus Christ as their Savior and have the desire to lead others to Christ through music and work with the youth of the church. Qualified and interested candidates should send their resumes to Gilgal Baptist Church, P.O. Box 42, Edgefield, SC 29824.

**Missions Initiative Meeting**

Come, hear about and discuss **CCC 365**. All interested are invited to attend this meeting on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 7 PM at the association office.

**Special days**

**May**

**Birthdays**

8 Alyson Abbott...Sweetwater

10 Vickie Allen.....EBA

23 Joye Bodie.....Berea

**Wedding Anniversary**

10 Brent & Alisha Justice .....

Antioch

10 Tim & Karen Sanders .....

Peace Haven

16 Eric & Cheryl Bruton .....

Big Stevens Creek

**WMU News**

Thank you to Ebenezer Baptist and Plum Branch who donated items for the "I declare people need underwear" event. This brings the total number of garments collected to 1,332.

New officers elected at the Spring meeting:

Director – Debra Armstrong;

Assistant Director – Jean

Rogers; Mission Friends

Consultant – Casey Miller;

GA/RA Consultant – Susan

Keck; Prayer Coordinator –

Lisa Turner; Secretary –

Cheryl Long; Treasurer – Terri

Miller.

**Edgefield Baptist  
Association  
will be closed Monday,  
May 31  
in observance of  
Memorial Day.**

Pastors and Lay  
Representatives are  
encouraged to attend the  
Executive Committee Meeting  
on Monday, May 24 at 7 PM.

Church Contributions	MTD March	YTD 2021
Antioch	0.00	681.27
Berea	75.00	225.00
Big Stevens Creek	300.00	900.00
Ebenezer	2,000.00	2,000.00
Edgefield First	0.00	5,000.00
First Bethany	0.00	2,364.00
Gilgal	1,500.00	1,500.00
Little Stevens Creek	0.00	600.00
Modoc	0.00	166.94
Mountain Creek	218.00	358.00
Mt. Zion	0.00	0.00
Parksville	1,838.60	2,316.60
Peace Haven	0.00	680.92
Plum Branch	0.00	506.20
Providence	575.00	575.00
Red Hill	1,924.40	1,924.40
Red Oak Grove	0.00	2,700.00
Rehoboth	0.00	513.00
Republican	6,631.49	6,631.49
Sweetwater	1,949.81	1,949.81
Various Donations	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>17,012.30</b>	<b>31,592.63</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>9,113.06</b>	<b>19,908.20</b>
Designated Accounts		Balance March
Block Party Trailer		187.09
CCC		15,075.54
Hispanic Missions		1,216.43
Disaster Relief		11,528.48
Men's Ministries		12,818.69
WMU		3,565.32
EBA Missions Offering		5,034.62
Investments		
Money Market #1		13,361.27
Money Market #2		10,370.68
Baptist Foundation		13,592.34

## CCC – 365 by Tim Shull

I have good news and bad news. First, the bad news. Due to circumstances not unlike last year, we are not able to have our classic CCC (Churches Changing Communities) 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.

Now the good news. What if we could do the things that we do in **CCC – and more – throughout the year?** What if we could carry out the benevolence, repair projects, and ongoing outreach ministries at any time of the year rather than just a week of the summer?

Not all things that happened in 2020 were bad. Some of our churches have responded to the pandemic with assertive outreach ministries and compassionate care projects. These churches are asking for other churches to join in doing deeds of kindness together and sharing words of witness together. There are many opportunities. Perhaps the idea that was born in your church could find more hands and feet to carry it out in a cooperative effort. We could print T-shirts like CCC; participants get one with their first **CCC-365** project or event each year. The multi-generational and multi-church fellowship that we enjoy in CCC could be experienced if we attach a dinner to a project every now and then. The youth ministry dynamic that sets CCC apart could be regained in part by our youth directors and ministers planning some events for all the teenagers from all our churches.

Toward that end we are holding a meeting on **Tuesday May 11 at 7 PM at the association office.** You can hear about what's taking shape, give your input, and see how you and your church can participate. I'd like to have a representative from each church present, and all who are interested are welcome. Yes, we will have our classic CCC in the future. But CCC-365 could be even better.

### Other Vital Points:

**Craig McDaniel** is available to come to your church to give a **presentation about Camelback Ministries**, the work he and his team are doing in Kenya drilling wells and building churches and reaching the lost. You can reach him at [stephenmcdaniel@yahoo.com](mailto:stephenmcdaniel@yahoo.com) or 864-941-1629.

**Michael McVey** and his wife Annette are **IMB missionaries** for 8 years. They use a goat agriculture program and water filter program to help and reach people in Indonesia. They and their five children are on temporary furlough nearby in Aiken. Michael is available to come and speak at your church. He also can teach an evangelism class. You can reach him at [MJ\\_McVey@live.com](mailto:MJ_McVey@live.com) or 803-226-4904.

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](http://gamechangersfoundationsc.org). Contact Rusty Bethune at [rustyb@gamechangersfoundationsc.org](mailto:rustyb@gamechangersfoundationsc.org) or 803-640-5385 for more information.

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.

Our ministry to **Migrant Workers** begins soon. See the notice in this newsletter. In these unusual times, let us Advance Anyway.

# Looking Ahead

Event	Date	Location
Disaster Relief Chaplain Training	May 15-15	SCBC
Summer Migrant Ministry begins	June 6	Migrant camps
Baptist Men's Emphasis Sunday	June 20	
Disaster Relief Unit Leader Update	August 24	TBD
Executive Committee Meeting	September 20	EBA

*"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 2:23-24

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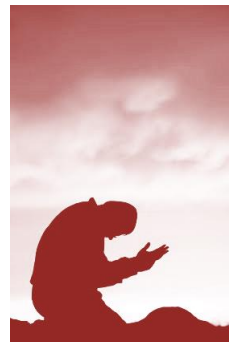
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### Homecomings, Revivals, Vacation Bible Schools

We would love to know your Homecoming, Revival, and VBS dates.

Please email [office@ebamissions.org](mailto:office@ebamissions.org) or call the office at 803.637.3309.



### National Day of Prayer

Antioch Baptist Church invites you to join them for a National Day of Prayer Service on Thursday, May 6 at 6 PM. The service will be held outside. In case of rain, service will be held inside. Masks recommended, but not required.

## God's Little Angels



### God's Little Angels Preschool

Registration is now open for God's Little Angels Preschool which includes 2K, 3K and 4K classes, located at Edgefield First Baptist Church for the 2021/2022 school year. GLA uses a Christian-based curriculum.

Registration is \$50. GLA admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, program and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. For more information, please call 803.637.6139.