

November &
December 2022

Edgefield Baptist Association

Organized 1807

Making History with His Story



Big Stevens Creek serves in Mexico

12 members traveled to Ichmul, Mexico October 14 – 20 where they worked alongside *Mission House International* to share the gospel with families, minister in local schools and homes by assessing and addressing medical needs, lead a community ministry for children, and encourage local believers in the Ichmul area.



WMU Director & Spouse make deliveries for EBA



Debra and Randy Armstrong delivered 504 caps and 30 boxes of literature to the Seafarer's Ministry in Charleston on October 10 and 288 Appalachian backpacks to Spartanburg on October 26: 98 from Edgefield Baptist Association, 77 from Lakelands Association, and 113 from Ridge Association.

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

Director of Missions
Rev. Tim Shull
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Rev. Aaron Tripp
Vice Moderator
Rev. David Lyda
Ministry Assistant
Ms. Faye Usry
Treasurer
Mrs. Terri Miller
Clerk
Mrs. Vickie Allen

**Scheduled meetings at
the Association Office:**

Executive Committee
Tuesday, November 29
7 PM

Operation Christmas Child

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November 14, 15, 18, 19 • 10 AM – 12 Noon
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WMU News

Christmas Prisoner Packs

Due November 29

EBA goal: 300

All items must fit in a zipper gallon bag (no slider mechanism)

ONE black non-retractable pen
ONE writing tablet no larger than 5 ½" x 8 ½" (no wire bound or composition books)

ONE toothbrush (factory sealed)

ONE toothpaste 4 oz – 6 oz

ONE bar of soap 3.2 oz – 6 oz

TWO rolls of hard candy, such as LifeSavers, Breath Savers, Mentos

THREE first class #10 stamp-embossed envelopes purchased at US Post Office

Church News

Berea reported 20 tractors and 90 – 95 people attended the “Drive Your Tractor to Church Sunday” on October 23.

Big Stevens Creek: Prayer Conference “Alone with God” November 4 – 6; special guest Rev. Jerry Garvin. Call the church office at 803.426.1606 for times & more information.

Mountain Creek: Hanging of the Greens and decorating the Crismon tree on Sunday, November 27 at 6 PM. Join them as they celebrate Advent.

Red Oak Grove: December 18 at 6 PM Candlelight & Carols Service

Special days

November – December

Birthdays

November

09 Jean Rogers.....Mt Zion

December

01 Teresa Self.....Parksville

16 Tammy Nichols.....Republican

18 Sue Ford.....Ebenezer

18 Karen Sanders.....Peace Haven

29 Terri Miller.....EBA

31 Cindy Nichols.....Providence

Wedding Anniversaries

November

26 Joye & Charles Bodie.....Berea

December

03 Anna & Corbin Herron ...Sweetwater

05 Tonya & Lance Thomas..Republican

06 Gabriella & Cris Negrete..Getsemani

20 Sue & Larry Ford.....Ebenezer

29 Teresa & Robert Patton.....Modoc

Pastoral Anniversaries

Skip Myers.....Big Stevens Creek
November 5, 2017

John Alexander.....First Bethany
November 16, 2014

Tim Shull.....Red Oak Grove
December 3, 2017

Charles Bodie.....Berea
December 13, 2020

Aaron Tripp.....Edgefield First
December 14, 2016

**Lottie Moon Christmas
Offering**

December 4 – 11 Season of Prayer
for International Missions

Baptist Women’s World Day of Prayer

November 7

Visit www.bwawomen.org/day-of-prayer/
for more information.

Baptist Nursing Fellowship

Region 3 will be gifting fall nursing graduates from Lander University, Piedmont Tech, and Newberry College.

Be in prayer for the graduating nurses.

Church Contributions	MTD Sept 2022	YTD Jan - Sept 2022
Antioch	0.00	2,166.85
Berea	100.00	900.00
Big Stevens Crk	900.00	3,000.00
Ebenezer	0.00	2,000.00
Edgefield First	0.00	5,000.00
First Bethany	0.00	6,420.00
Gilgal	0.00	5,000.00
Little Stevens Crk	0.00	1,200.00
Modoc	0.00	466.01
Mountain Creek	102.00	820.00
Mt. Zion	0.00	600.00
Parksville	582.16	5,320.48
Peace Haven	0.00	2,224.36
Plum Branch	0.00	1,562.45
Providence	0.00	1,150.00
Red Hill	0.00	5,658.92
Red Oak Grove	0.00	2,700.00
Rehoboth	0.00	3,066.00
Republican	0.00	18,928.27
Sweetwater	0.00	4,949.15
Various donations	0.00	227.11
Total Receipts	1,584.16	73,359.60
Total Expenses	9,036.46	65,791.60
Designated Accounts	Balance Sept 2022	
Block Party Trailer	145.50	
CCC	4,631.52	
Hispanic Missions	2,216.43	
Disaster Relief	12,695.74	
Men's Ministries	16,168.69	
WMU	3,628.56	
EBA Missions Offering	2,702.36	
EBA GameChangers	550.00	
EBA Blessed Bedzzz	19,784.43	
EBA Roof Account	8,330.32	
Investments		
Money Market #1	10,372.24	
Money Market #2	13,363.28	
Baptist Foundation	13,630.03	

“It Is Good to Give Thanks to the Lord” by Tim Shull

Notice the advertisements and stores with Halloween displays, decorations and merchandise. Right after Halloween they go straight to promoting Christmas. There are few Thanksgiving displays and merchandise. Thanksgiving is not very marketable, it seems. Yet each and every day is the perfect time to obey the Biblical prescription for the people of God: *“Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”* 1 Thessalonians 5:18.

In September 1620 the separatists known as the Pilgrims sailed to America on the Mayflower. We know the story about how after the harvest of 1621, Governor Bradford proclaimed a day of thanksgiving and prayer. Please do not miss the dramatic context. The thanksgiving and praise that they offered up to God was the product of their trust in God pounded upon the anvil of adversity. That little band of separatists had set out for northern Virginia, only to get blown off course and come to shore hundreds of miles to the north at Cape Cod. They had hardly established themselves when the cold Massachusetts winter was upon them. They faced that bleak winter without adequate provisions, and it wasn’t long before there were more crosses in the cemetery marking new graves than there were pilgrims alive remaining. Only 50 of the original 102 had survived! They strongly considered giving up and going back to England, but they decided to stay on and plant a few acres of corn and barley. When the time of the first anniversary of their landing rolled around, discussion arose as to how it should be observed. Some proposed a Day of Mourning when attention would be focused on all those who had died. But others said, “No, let us have a season of thanksgiving! After all, 50 of us have survived. We have gathered a good harvest; the Indians have been our friends. Let us focus on our blessings, not our adversity nor what we have lost.”

Promote real thanksgiving in your home and church. Be careful to praise God from whom all blessing flow and not be like the hogs that eat the acorns off the ground and never look up to see where they came from. Here is a painful but profitable exercise: Think of the people, possessions, resources and blessings in your life. Imagine that something threatened to take them away from you. How hard would you pray for God to allow you to keep those blessings? Pray that hard now. Thank God for your blessings with that kind or fervor, intensity and passion.

“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.

Request from GameChangers

As winter approaches, there is a need for hoodies – sizes M, XL, and XXL and long johns – sizes XL and XXL. Drop off at EBA. Call/text Rusty Bethune at 803.640.5385 if you have questions.

Dolls of Mission

Volunteers needed! No sewing experience required. January 3 from 10 AM – 12 noon at EBA. Salvation Dolls are a great tool for sharing the Good News. Contact EBA to request your salvations dolls.

Youth 4:12 Event

4:12 will meet at Antioch Baptist Church on Sunday, November 20 from 5:00 – 7:00 PM for food and fellowship. All youth 6th – 12th grades are invited. Please contact Brandi Miller at 803.384.0075 for more information and to give a head count from your church.

Money raised for Disaster Relief

Cadence & Kellen Wright held a lemonade and used golf ball stand to raise money for Disaster Relief. Bottom right: The \$130 raised was presented to DR Volunteer, Bud Parker.



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Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! His faithful love endures forever! 1 Chronicles 16:34

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CCC 2023
July 9 – 13
September 25 – 28

News for the January 2023 newsletter is due by December 27, 2022.

Edgefield Baptist Association Missions Offering (EBAMO)

120 beds delivered so far!

Give to EBAMO through your church to Edgefield Baptist Association;
or send directly to Edgefield Baptist Association;
or use Venmo code:



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