

November
December
2021

Edgefield Baptist Association

Organized 1807

Making History with His Story

Big Stevens Creek Baptist sends 200 dolls to Kenya, Africa!



Big Stevens Creek Baptist Church sent 200 dolls and the message of salvation to Kenya, Africa serving Mission Maasai. They started their doll ministry several years ago and have been richly blessed. God has opened doors for opportunities to share the gospel not only with children, but adults as well.

Edgefield Disaster Relief Unit Responds to Hurricane Ida in Pennsylvania



Behind Susan Moroso, Chaplain, and Fisher Miller, Unit Leader are volunteers Josh McClendon, Deborah Guest, Robert Loar, Ray Ivey, Barbara Langley, Jenny Banner, Linda Dale Shaver, and Terri Miller (Not pictured are Doug and Scott Kierstead and Monroe Turner)

You may wonder why our group went all the way to Pennsylvania to help. When Hurricane Ida hit and South Carolina Disaster Relief was asked to respond the Edgefield Unit had a choice to help either Louisiana or Pennsylvania. The timing for putting together a team worked out better to assist in Horsham PA October 4-8. After a day of traveling the team was ready to go to work on their first assignment

Tuesday morning. The chainsaw group spent the morning clearing the yard for the homeowner while the rest of the volunteers worked on removing all items including paneling from the basement that had flooded.

Later that day the homeowners (a retired pastor and his wife) were in the yard with the team for prayer and noticed the trailer with Edgefield Baptist Association Disaster Relief imprinted on the side. At first, Pastor Robert Collier, Sr. was at a loss for words, but then shared that he was born in Edgefield and that he knew God had a hand in sending this group to help them. He later sent an email that reads, "Thank you so much for all your help. We were truly blessed by your ministry. May God forever bless you." Our team was willing to go where God led them and to do ministry in His name. To read more about SC Disaster Relief go to www.scbaptist.org/dr and read the article "Hurricane Ida-A Volunteer's Story" by Linda Dale Shaver.

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Rev. Tim Shull

Moderator

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Mrs. Terri Miller

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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, November 3
and December 1
10:00 AM

Dolls on Mission

Tuesday, November 2
10 AM – 12 Noon

WMU Team

Leadership Meeting
Tuesday, November 16
5:00 PM

Executive Committee

Tuesday, November 30
7:00 PM

**News for the
January 2022
newsletter is due by
January 3, 2022.**

Church News

Berea: Candlelight Service,
December 22 at 6:30 PM

Edgefield First: Joanne Painter is
retiring as pianist after 71 years of
faithful service.

Rev. Travis Brian announced he has
accepted a position at Utica Baptist
Church in Seneca as Pastor of
Music & Worship.

Plum Branch: Fall Festival,
November 6 from 4 – 6 PM

Red Oak Grove: Christmas Play,
December 19 at 6 PM

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Season of Prayer for
International Missions
November 28 – December 5

For more information, visit
[www.imb.org/generosity/lottie-
moon-christmas-offering/](http://www.imb.org/generosity/lottie-moon-christmas-offering/)

Sending Celebration

November 8 at 7:00 PM

The IMB invites you to join them as
they send our newest missionaries
to the nations.

Watch live at imb.org/send.

**SC Baptist Convention
201st Annual Meeting**

November 8 – 9
First Baptist Church Columbia
1306 Hampton Street, Columbia

Messengers register on-line at
www.scbaptist.org

Community Christmas Cantata

Edgefield First Baptist
December 4 at 4 PM
December 5 at 6:30 PM

**Special days
November – December**

Birthdays

November

09 Jean Rogers.....Mt Zion

December

16 Tammy Nichols.....Republican

18 Sue Ford.....Ebenezer

18 Karen Sanders.....Peace Haven

29 Terri Miller.....EBA/Edgefield First

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 Terea & Robert Patton.....Modoc

Pastoral Anniversaries

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

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

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

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

WMU News

***Baptist Women World Day of
Prayer** - Monday, November 1: No
in-person event this year. Join together
in prayer in your personal place of
prayer on that day.

Thank you for bringing 165 Christmas
backpacks for Appalachia.

Thank you for making and bringing
718 caps for the Seafarers' Ministry.

Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 30 at 7 PM

Pastors, Program Leaders, Committee
Chairpersons, and Executive Committee
Representatives are encouraged to attend.

Church Contributions	Month Sept	YTD Jan-Sept 2021
Antioch	0.00	2,087.79
Berea	75.00	675.00
Big Stevens Creek	300.00	3,000.00
Ebenezer	0.00	2,000.00
Edgefield First	0.00	5,000.00
First Bethany	0.00	4,929.00
Gilgal	0.00	5,000.00
Little Stevens Creek	0.00	1,200.00
Modoc	0.00	166.94
Mountain Creek	84.00	850.00
Mt. Zion	0.00	400.00
Parksville	824.66	5,825.42
Peace Haven	0.00	1,789.07
Plum Branch	0.00	2,076.78
Providence	0.00	1,150.00
Red Hill	0.00	3,426.00
Red Oak Grove	0.00	2,700.00
Rehoboth	0.00	1,745.35
Republican	0.00	12,524.47
Sweetwater	866.27	5,240.22
Various donations	0.00	250.00
Total Receipts	2,149.93	62,036.04
Total Expenses	8,839.91	62,168.68
Designated Accounts		Balance Sept
Block Party Trailer		145.50
CCC		8,924.00
Hispanic Missions		1,316.43
Disaster Relief		12,309.73
Men's Ministries		15,918.69
WMU		3,680.32
EBA Missions Offering		8,082.63
Investments		
Money Market #1		13,361.83
Money Market #2		10,371.12
Baptist Foundation		13,732.00

“Thanksgiving” by Tim Shull

There has been much adversity. There have been setbacks and losses, even the loss of loved ones. Now 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. While still on board the small ship they acknowledged God’s sovereignty in their lives and their need to obey Him; they documented and declared that they were establishing the colony “for the glory of God and for the advancement of the Christian faith.”

We know the story about how after the harvest of 1621, Governor Bradford proclaimed a day of thanksgiving and prayer. Please see 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.”

Thanksgiving in adversity is a Biblical mandate for God’s people. *“Let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. And do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.”* Hebrews 13:15-16. Psychologists tell us that sincere gratitude, thanksgiving, is the healthiest of all human emotions. I submit to you that ingratitude is the starter sin, the on-ramp onto the highway of depravity and perversity. Read Romans 1:18-25 and see if you agree. *“For though they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God or show gratitude. Instead, their thinking became*

worthless, and their senseless hearts were darkened.” Romans 1:21. Lack of thankfulness to God is a serious sin that leads to ignorance, idolatry, foolishness, and depravity.

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.

Promote real thanksgiving in your home and family. Be careful to praise God from whom all blessings 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 of 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.

Looking Ahead

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

YOU ARE INVITED TO

CAMP LA VIDA

WWW.CAMPLAVIDA.ORG

Come join us during the Summer of 2022!
Registration opens January 1.

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Operation Christmas Child

*Drop-off location: Edgefield First Baptist Church
November 15, 16, 19, 20: 10 AM – 12 Noon
November 17, 18, 21: 3 PM – 5 PM
November 22: 8 AM – 10 AM

*Visit www.samaritanaspurse.org for information on gift ideas, packing a box, get your label, how to donate \$9 per shoebox, and other frequently asked questions.

*Children that receive shoeboxes participate in a 12-part Discipleship Program and learn of God's greatest gift, His Son Jesus Christ.

Any questions, contact Donna Whitlock at 803-275-3366.

2021 Approved List

EBA goal: 300
Due by November 29



ONE black non-retractable pen (no wire clips, no other color)

ONE writing tablet no larger than 5 ½" x 8" (no wire bound books or composition books)

ONE adult toothbrush (individually factory-sealed, no multi-packs)

ONE 4 oz – 6 oz toothpaste (no travel size)

ONE 3.2 oz – 6 oz bar of soap (no travel size, no unwrapped or unboxed soaps)

TWO rolls of hard candy like Life Savers, Mentos, Breath Savers (no Smarties, Sweetarts, Rolos, TicTacs)

THREE first-class #10 stamp-embossed envelopes (from US Post Office; no regular stamps, no other size envelope)

ONE gallon size zipper bag (no bags with slider mechanism, no other size bags)