

October  
2021

# Edgefield Baptist Association

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Making History with His Story

October  
is  
Pastor  
Appreciation  
Month



## 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)

*“Christmas  
in August”  
was a  
success!*



Thank you to everyone that donated to this event. Eight boxes of supplies were collected and will be delivered to Missionary Wesner Charles in Greenacres, Florida.



## SEND RELIEF

Pick up a catalog at Edgefield Baptist Association or visit [sendrelief.org/catalog](https://sendrelief.org/catalog) to find 43 ways to meet needs and change lives of people at home and around the world.

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**Director of Missions**

Rev. Tim Shull

**Moderator**

Rev. Tom Rogers

**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:**

**Prayer Team**

Wednesday, October 6  
10:00 AM

**Dolls on Mission**

Tuesday, October 5 & 19  
10 AM – 12 Noon

**Newsletter Folding**

Wednesday, October 27  
9 AM

**News for the  
November/December  
newsletter is due by  
October 18.**

**Annual Church Profiles  
(ACP's)**

Due date: October 11

ACP Contacts/Clerks:  
Instructions are forthcoming from  
EBA Clerk Vickie Allen.

Church Leaders:

Please work with your ACP Contacts/  
Clerks to provide all needed  
information before the due date.

**WMU News**

\*2021 Christmas Backpacks for  
Appalachia. Share the gift of love and  
the gospel with a child in need.  
Backpacks collected September 7 –  
October 12. See the *August 2021*  
edition of the newsletter for all the  
information.

\*Seafarers' caps will be collected  
until October 12.

\*Prisoner Packets due by  
November 29.

Any questions, contact Debra  
Armstrong at 706.840.4472.

**Church News**

**Berea:** October 24<sup>th</sup> is "Drive Your  
Tractor to Church Day." Worship at  
11 AM and lunch served afterwards.  
Visitors welcome!

**Parkville:** After 10 ½ years, Rev.  
Craig McDaniel will be leaving  
Parkville Baptist Church. Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> will  
be his last service at Parkville. On  
Oct 10<sup>th</sup> he will preach his first sermon  
as pastor at Emerald Baptist Church in  
Greenwood, SC.

**Men's Ministry**

Supper

Thursday, October 14

7 PM

Little Stevens Creek Baptist Church

**Special days  
October**

**Birthdays**

04 Faye Usry.....EBA/Red Oak Grove  
13 Cheryl Bruton...Big Stevens Creek  
14 Jackie Ridings.....Retired

**Pastoral Anniversaries**

October 10, 2010. ....Jerry Garvin  
Gilgal

**October 17 – 24: Week of Prayer  
for Baptist Associations**

Pray for Edgefield Baptist  
Association and its churches  
as we work together to share the  
Good News.

**Pears**

The pear tree in the association yard  
is full. You are welcome to come  
and get pears!

**110 Professions of faith!**

Rev. Cris Negrete reported 110  
professions of faith at the  
migrant camps this summer.  
He led worship services at 6 camps.

Thank you, Rev. Negrete, for  
leading this ministry and thanks to  
the churches for providing meals.

**Disaster Relief**

A team of 13 volunteers will be  
serving in Horsham, PA the week  
of October 4 – 8. Please be in  
prayer for their travel safety and  
their ministry as they give help,  
hope, and healing to the  
community affected by flooding  
and tornado damage.

<b>Church Contributions</b>	<b>Month August</b>	<b>YTD Jan-Aug 2021</b>
Antioch	0.00	2,087.79
Berea	75.00	600.00
Big Stevens Creek	0.00	2,700.00
Ebenezer	0.00	2,000.00
Edgefield First	0.00	5,000.00
First Bethany	0.00	4,929.00
Gilgal	2,000.00	5,000.00
Little Stevens Creek	0.00	1,200.00
Modoc	0.00	166.94
Mountain Creek	0.00	766.00
Mt. Zion	0.00	400.00
Parksville	0.00	5,000.76
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	0.00	4,373.95
Various donations	50.00	250.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>2,125.00</b>	<b>59,886.11</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>6,250.16</b>	<b>53,328.47</b>
<b>Designated Accounts</b>		<b>Balance Aug</b>
Block Party Trailer		145.50
CCC		9,372.48
Hispanic Missions		1,216.43
Disaster Relief		12,463.75
Men's Ministries		15,818.69
WMU		3,680.32
EBA Missions Offering		3,476.98
<b>Investments</b>		
Money Market #1		13,361.83
Money Market #2		10,371.12
Baptist Foundation		13,732.00

## Pray for Your Pastor by Tim Shull

Please honor, love, support and encourage your pastor. My father was a Southern Baptist pastor for more than fifty years. I was born into the pastor's home during revival. I served as youth and music associate for a few years. I was a church planter and am a director of missions, but I have also been a pastor for thirty-five years. My mother and my wife are wives of pastors. My brother is a pastor. I know firsthand how the pastor is under pressure to be an able administrator, a competent counselor, a diligent student of the Bible, a devoted prayer warrior, a skilled communicator, a learned theologian, a smart manager, a capable supervisor, a missions catalyst, an able online presence, a proactive leader, a dynamic preacher, a compassionate shepherd, a faithful visitor, a consistent community leader, and an activist for being salt and light in our culture. He must be devoted to his flock and yet his home and family are to be models for others to follow. He must possess patient Godly wisdom and yet demonstrate youthful enthusiasm and zeal for the work. He must employ a serious demeanor and yet be friendly and approachable. He must *"Preach the Word! Persist in it whether convenient or not; persuade, rebuke, correct, and encourage with great patience and teaching."* 2 Timothy 4:2. I know not all pastors work hard at these responsibilities, but some do. If you have a good and faithful pastor/preacher, thank God for him and let your pastor and his wife know of your appreciation.

During the pandemic, pastors have borne the additional responsibility of being community leaders with regard to public health. You can bet that your pastor has received advice across the spectrum, from denial to fear, with all the accompanying political polarization. He has been under pressure to cancel or not cancel, to require masks or not, to sanitize and keep distances, to promote vaccination or not. He desires to lead by faith and not fear, yet he doesn't want himself or his church to be a spreader of disease. Human weaknesses and frailties are amplified, not lessened, during these stressful times. A few years ago, LifeWay published that nationally 1500 pastors leave the ministry each month due to moral failure, spiritual burnout, or contention in their churches. 90% of

pastors work more than 46 hours per week. 80% of seminary and Bible school graduates who enter the ministry will leave the ministry within the first five years. 80% of pastors believe that pastoral ministry affects their families negatively. 80% of pastors and 84% of their spouses feel unqualified and discouraged in their role as pastor & spouse. 50% of pastors' marriages will end in divorce. 70% of pastors constantly fight depression. 61% of pastors admit that they "have few close friends."

As I call pastors to return to your love of our Lord and your strengthening daily walk with Him, I call on our church members to pray for your pastor. *"Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other."* 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13.

# Looking Ahead

Event	Date	Location
State Disaster Relief Training	October 9	Lake Murray Baptist
Fall Semi-Annual Meeting	October 17 3 PM	Big Stevens Creek Baptist
WMU Leadership Team Meeting	November 16 5 PM	EBA
Executive Committee Meeting	November 30 7 PM	EBA

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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.samaritanpurse.org](http://www.samaritanpurse.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.



Learn more about Global Hunger Relief, including ways to get involved, at [GlobalHungerRelief.org](http://GlobalHungerRelief.org).

## Fall Semi-Annual Meeting

October 17 at 3 PM  
 Big Stevens Creek Baptist



All Pastors and Messengers are encouraged to attend. Visitors are welcome!

Please observe COVID protocols by wearing masks and maintaining appropriate distances.  
 No meal will be served.