

September  
2019

# Edgefield Baptist Association

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Making History with His Story

Executive  
Committee Meeting

September 23  
7 o'clock

All pastors, church lay representatives, association officers and leaders are encouraged to attend.

September 8 – 15, 2019

Janie Chapman Offering for  
State Missions and  
Week of Prayer



The 2019 Janie Chapman Offering for State Missions, Missions Education, and Kingdom Advance in South Carolina helps missions and ministries throughout our state. Many students are empowered for missions in key areas.

More than 800 internationals, representing 35 countries, enter SC Baptist Convention churches each week to learn English as a Second Language. Twenty-five professions of faith and nine baptisms were recorded among these workers and students. Prisoner packets, Camp La Vida, mission trips, hunger ministries, new church plants and dozens of church re-starts have been equipped and empowered by the Janie Chapman Offering.

Small associations like Edgefield Baptist Association benefit from grants made possible by the Janie Chapman Offering. With these grants we have funded building and repair projects, mission trips to Boston, Spanish Language Bibles, and CCC projects. We encourage giving through the state missions offering and we appreciate the help that we receive from it.



A group from **Camp Brittney in Costa Rica** will be in the states in September to share plans for the camp. This ministry was begun by a group from Saluda, SC and the Edgefield FCA has gone to minister there for the past five years. The group will make a presentation at **Republican Baptist Church** on Thursday, September 19 at 7:00 P.M. Contact Margaret Ann Thompson at 803-341-2342 for more information.

**Disaster Relief Update:** All trained Disaster Relief volunteers are required to have a valid ID badge. Background screenings are required for all new volunteers and any returning volunteers who haven't completed a form since 2016. Badges and favorable background screenings are valid for three (3) years. Contact Jackie at 637-3309 if you have questions.

**Edgefield Baptist  
Association**  
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Edgefield, SC 29824

**Director of Missions**  
**Rev. Tim Shull**

**Moderator**  
**Rev. John Alexander**

**Vice-Moderator**  
**Rev. Tom Rogers**

**Ministry Assistant**  
**Mrs. Jackie Ridings**

**Clerk**  
**Ms. Faye Usry**

**Treasurer**  
**Mrs. Terri Miller**

**Office Hours**  
**Monday-Tuesday**  
8:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.  
**Wednesday**  
8:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

**Office Closed**  
**Monday, September 2**  
**for Labor Day**

**Scheduled meetings at  
the Association Office:**

**Dolls on Mission**  
Tuesday, September 3 & 17  
10 A.M.

**Personnel Committee**  
Tuesday, September 3  
6:30 P.M.

**Prayer Team**  
Wednesday, September 4  
10 A.M.

**Missions Development**  
Tuesday, September 10  
6:30 P.M.

**Budget Committee**  
Monday, September 16  
6:30 P.M.

**Executive Committee**  
Monday, September 23  
7:00 P.M.

## **Seafarer's Materials Due October 15**

- Seafarer's Caps
- Reader's Digest
- Open Windows (or other small devotion books)
- Adult Bible Study Books

## **Operation Christmas Child**

Drop-off Location:  
Edgefield First Baptist Church  
Time: Third Week in November  
Coordinator: Donna Whitlock  
(803-275-3366)

## **Christmas Prisoner Packets Due November 12**

See August Newsletter  
for list of approved items.

## **Special Days September**

### **Pastoral Anniversaries**

September 3, 2018....Hatcher Geary,  
Edgefield First Baptist

September 9, 2012.....Paul Noe,  
Sweetwater

September 11, 2011.Robert Huffman,  
Mountain Creek

September 15, 2014..Tim Shull, EBA

September 23, 2013.....Tom Rogers,  
Mt. Zion

## **Community Christmas Cantata**

Rehearsals begin September 1 at 5:30  
for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual community  
Christmas Cantata. Contact Travis  
Brian at Edgefield First if you are  
interested in singing with this group.  
828-676-7823 or 803-637-6139

## **Annual Church Profile Completion Date: October 15**

If you need help in completing your  
ACP, please contact Faye Usry at  
803-480-5217 or email her at  
usryfaye@gmail.com

## **Church Events**

**Berea:** Drive Your Tractor to Church Sunday is September 15.

**Little Stevens Creek:** Host church for the Community Worship Service on  
Sunday, September 29 at 6 P.M.

**Red Hill:** Mrs. Ruth Wates was honored on Homecoming Sunday as the  
Longest-Serving Member of Red Hill Baptist Church. She was born in 1934 and  
was baptized in 1946 at the age of 12. She has served in several capacities and  
still sings in the church choir after almost 50 years.

**Rehoboth:** The church called Rev. Brian Hipp to serve as Interim Pastor  
beginning the first Sunday in August.

## **Homecomings and Revival Services in September**

**September 29-October 2:** Fall Revival Services at **Plum Branch** with Rev.  
Zack Little, Pastor of Southside Baptist Church in Abbeville, preaching each  
evening at 7 o'clock. Guest musician is Rev. Earl Hartley.

**September 29:** Homecoming at **Mountain Creek** with former Pastor, Rev.  
Preston A. Creech, Jr. preaching and Rev. Tim Shull leading the music. Wallace  
Watkins at the piano. Worship at 11 o'clock followed by dinner-on-the-ground.

**September 30-October 2:** Revival Services at **Mountain Creek** each evening  
at 7 o'clock with Dr. Ronald "Dee" Vaughan from Saint Andrews Baptist  
Church in Columbia.

## Financial Report July 2019

Church Contributions	MTD	YTD
Antioch	626.99	2048.91
Berea	75.00	525.00
Big Stevens Creek	325.00	1825.00
Ebenezer	0.00	2000.00
Edgefield First	0.00	6600.00
First Bethany	0.00	0.00
Gilgal	2000.00	3500.00
Little Stevens Creek	0.00	1350.00
Modoc	0.00	0.00
Mountain Creek	182.00	545.00
Mt. Zion	0.00	300.00
Parksville	852.80	3606.63
Peace Haven	568.04	1760.69
Plum Branch	0.00	1803.71
Providence	575.00	1725.00
Red Hill	1860.62	5231.40
Red Oak Grove	0.00	2700.00
Rehoboth	635.00	1922.00
Republican	5579.46	16259.11
Sweetwater	0.00	2560.28
Various Donations	200.00	1913.02
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>13479.91</b>	<b>58175.75</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>5106.33</b>	<b>43826.72</b>
<b>Designated Accounts</b>	<b>Balance</b>	
Block Party Trailer		187.09
CCC		9137.92
Hispanic Missions		1616.43
Disaster Relief		10228.68
Men's Ministries		11135.78
WMU		2325.61
EBA Missions Offering		4840.97
<b>Investments</b>	<b>Balance</b>	
Money Market #1		13354.92
Money Market #2		10365.75
Baptist Foundation		13163.54

## Stewardship of our Lives – Tim Shull

The Bible says, *“The tithe is the Lord’s.” “The tithe is holy unto the Lord.” “Bring you all the tithes into the storehouse.”* Tithing is giving to God through my church the first tenth of my increase, what I earn. *“On the first day of each week, you should each put aside a portion of the money you have earned.”* 1 Corinthians 16:2.

The tithe is the laboratory in which God teaches me to how to trust Him. When we learn to give Him the first tenth of our income, whether we think we can afford it or not, we learn to trust in God, no matter the circumstance. John Bisagno said, *“In my judgment, the greatest thing I can do for a person is tell him/her how to be saved; the second greatest thing I can do for that individual to tell him how to walk with the Lord on a daily basis, and the third thing would be how to be rightly related to God in giving.”* You see, tithing is a part of Biblical Christian stewardship, which is a large part of Christian discipleship.

The Bible has much to say about how we are to manage all that God has placed into our hands. Jesus our Lord spoke more about our relationship to our physical possessions than he did any other subject. *“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”* Matthew 6:19-21. Randy Alcorn in his book THE TREASURE PRINCIPLE says, *“The tithe is God’s historical method to get us on the path to giving. It’s unhealthy to view tithing as a place to stop. Tithing is not the ceiling of giving; it’s the floor. It’s not the finish line of giving; it’s just the starting blocks. Tithing can be the training wheels to launch us into the mindset, skills, and habits of grace giving.”* Tithing is important, but we sing, *“I Surrender All”* not *“I Surrender One-Tenth”*. Lonnie Shull, Jr. wrote, *“I was asked to come by the home of a certain family who were prospects for our church. They wanted to talk with me about joining our church. I had not been there long when the husband/father asked, ‘Preacher, how much will it cost me to be a member of your church?’ It caught me little off guard and I replied, ‘All you are, everything you have, and everything that you will have.’”*

I tithe, not because God commands me to, though He does. I tithe, not because my church and its ministry and missions need my support,

though it does. I tithe, not because my money supports missions around SC, North America, and the World, though it does. I tithe, not because God promises to bless me when I do, though He does. I tithe, not because I am afraid that if I don’t, God might adjust my income to match my tithe, though He might. I tithe, not because the Holy Spirit will use my trust and obedience to grow my faith, though He will. I tithe because I am so grateful for all that God has done for me. I could never out-give Him or pay Him back, but I can love Him back and show my thanksgiving for His mercy and grace.

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Our Stewardship Director for EBA stands ready to help you and your church learn how to practice Biblical stewardship. Ron Creswell has developed an excellent presentation that he is willing and able to share with your church. This is fitting for a Sunday morning sermon or it can be adapted for some other meeting. I highly recommend him to you. Call Ron at 678-787-2291 and engage him to bring this important presentation at your church.



# Looking Ahead

Event	Date	Location
Immersion: Discipleship <a href="http://www.scbaptist.org/immersion">www.scbaptist.org/immersion</a>	Oct 6-8	Living Water BC, Longs
Disaster Relief Training <a href="http://www.scbaptist.org/dr">www.scbaptist.org/dr</a>	Oct 12	Spring Valley BC, Columbia
ONWARD: Worship Leader Conference <a href="http://www.scbaptist.org/worship">www.scbaptist.org/worship</a>	Nov 11	Poplar Springs BC, Moore
Engage: SCBC Annual Meeting <a href="http://www.scbaptist.org/engage2019">www.scbaptist.org/engage2019</a>	Nov 11-12	The Mill Church Spartanburg

More information is available at the EBA Office (803.637.3309) or the South Carolina Baptist Convention (1.800.723.7242 or [www.scbaptist.org](http://www.scbaptist.org)).

## Email us:

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**Association Fall Meeting at Berea Baptist Church**  
Sunday, October 20 at 3 o'clock  
Special Guest: Dr. Danny Nicholson, Connie Maxwell Children's Home

## Pastor Cris Negrete – “God is Good”

Every Sunday evening during June through August volunteers from EBA churches ministered to workers from 8 migrant camps. A total of 40 men and women were able to attend a program designed just for them – ESL class, supper, and worship service. Average attendance was 11 with 4 able to attend every Sunday. However, the most important number is 9; the number that made a profession of faith according to Pastor Negrete! Pictured below is Velda Livingston, ESL teacher, with 6 students on the last Sunday evening.



## Come Jump In To Something New With WMU

A fall extravaganza with prizes, food, information and hands-on activities is for ALL working with children & adults in WMU.

**Tuesday, September 17 at 6:30 P.M.**  
**Edgefield First Baptist Fellowship Hall**

Contact Susan Keck at 637-3906.

