

September
2021

Edgefield Baptist Association

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Making History with His Story

SAVE THE DATE!



Fall Semi-Annual
Meeting
October 17 at 3 PM
Big Stevens Creek
Baptist



*WMU Fall meeting with training: Edgefield First Baptist Church in fellowship hall, Thursday, September 16. Free spaghetti dinner at 6:00 PM. Meeting 6:45 – 8:15. Your WMU Leadership Team has been trained at Camp LaVida and are anxious to share many interesting ideas with you. No small groups. Lots of things to see and plenty of fun!

*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.



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.samaritanspurse.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.



GameChangers

*Dedicated week of work on GameChangers residence, September 20– 24.

*Other work on the residence September 9 – 10.

*If your church can provide lunch on these dates for the men volunteering on this project, contact Barbara Langley at 803.637.5570.



Season of Prayer for State Missions
and the Janie Chapman Offering
September 12 - 19

There are many ways that God calls His people to serve. There are opportunities all around us. Ask God to show you how He would have you pray, give, and go! May this be the year that we join God specifically in Transforming Lives Together. For more information: janiechapmanoffering.org.

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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, September 1
10:00 AM

Dolls on Mission

Tuesday, September 7 & 21
10 AM – 12 Noon

Budget Committee

Monday, September 13
7:00 PM

Executive Committee

Monday, September 20
7:00 PM

Newsletter Folding

Wednesday, September 29
9 AM

**News for the October
newsletter is due by
September 20.**

Church News

Plum Branch Baptist:

September 11 at 6 PM
Music Ministry & low country boil

September 12 at 11 AM

Baby dedication

September 26 at 7 PM

Faith Home Choir

September 27 – 29 at 7 PM

Revival, Dr Brad Whitt

Little Stevens Creek:

GriefShare (Grief Recovery Group)

Sundays at 4 PM. New group starts

September 12.

www.griefshare.org/groups/136545

Sweetwater:

M3 MAKE MATURE MULTIPLY
EVANGELISM / DISCIPLESHIP
CONFERENCE

Thursday, September 30, 2021

Come and hear and learn and apply

Biblical truths from:

Dr. Paul Noe, Dr. Tom Tucker,
Evangelist Rick Coram, Dr. Brad
Whitt,

Dr. Gary Hollingsworth, Dr. Joe
Youngblood, and Dr. David
Gallamore.

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.

Disaster Relief Deployed

Please be in prayer for our Disaster
Relief team deployed to Canton, NC
August 29 – September 2.
The team is led by Ricky Miller.

**Special days
September**

Birthdays

01 Gloria Shull....EBA/Red Oak Grove
01 John Alexander.....First Bethany
04 Preston Creech.....Retired
09 Craig McDaniel.....Parksville
21 Eleazer Benenhaley.....Retired
24 Brent Justice.....Antioch

Pastoral Anniversaries

September 9, 2012Paul Noe
Sweetwater

September 11, 2011..Robert Huffman
Mountain Creek

September 15, 2014.....Tim Shull
Edgefield Baptist Association

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

Dolls on Mission

Volunteers needed.

No sewing experience required.

Tuesday, September 7 & 21

10 AM – 12 Noon

Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, September 20 at 7 PM
Edgefield Baptist Association

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

All reports should be submitted in
writing to the Clerk at the meeting.

Edgefield Baptist Association
will be closed
Monday, September 6
in observance of
Labor Day.

Church Contributions	Month July	YTD Jan-July 2021
Antioch	743.00	2,087.79
Berea	0.00	525.00
Big Stevens Creek	600.00	2,700.00
Ebenezer	0.00	2,000.00
Edgefield First	0.00	5,000.00
First Bethany	2,565.00	4,929.00
Gilgal	0.00	3,000.00
Little Stevens Creek	0.00	1,200.00
Modoc	0.00	166.94
Mountain Creek	109.00	766.00
Mt. Zion	0.00	400.00
Parksville	517.92	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	943.76	3,426.00
Red Oak Grove	0.00	2,700.00
Rehoboth	716.25	1,745.35
Republican	0.00	12,524.47
Sweetwater	1,058.48	4,373.95
Total Receipts	7,253.41	57,761.11
Total Expenses	8,296.52	47,078.31
Designated Accounts		Balance July
Block Party Trailer		145.50
CCC		9,372.48
Hispanic Missions		1,216.43
Disaster Relief		12,504.75
Men's Ministries		15,518.69
WMU		3,640.32
EBA Missions Offering		3,476.98
Investments		
Money Market #1		13,361.72
Money Market #2		10,371.03
Baptist Foundation		13,735.88

Grace and Truth by Tim Shull

The Omnipotent Sovereign God of the Universe revealed Himself to humankind in many ways, most perfectly in the person of Jesus Christ. *“The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. And we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only Begotten of the Father, full of Grace and Truth.”* John 1:14. Christ didn't just tell us about God; He showed us. The disciples of Jesus were able to watch and listen and learn and follow. As we read what John wrote about enjoying the privilege of observing the glory of God in the flesh, we may be a bit envious. What was it like to behold the glory of the Incarnate God? The glory of the Lord was full of Grace and Truth.

Jesus lived and modeled Grace and Truth, not one without the other. Grace without truth is liberalism. Truth without grace is legalism. Jesus was not the anything goes, whatever works for you, each to his own kind of tolerance and winking at sin that our culture tries to re-make Him into being. They say, “Well I don't think Jesus would be so intolerant as to say there is a right and a wrong.” I say, “You should read the Gospels and get to know the real Jesus, not the one you've made up in your revisionist caricature.”

“I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no one comes to the Father except by Me.” John 14:6. Yes, Jesus told the truth and embodied the truth when it was unpopular and dangerous to do so. He spoke truth to power and infuriated the religious leaders. He railed against the religious establishment and was never soft on sin. Yet He ate with sinners and touched lepers and welcomed children and spoke of grace, mercy and forgiveness. The truth of Christ was filled with grace and the grace of Christ was filled with truth. To the woman caught in adultery He not only said, *“Neither do I condemn you,”* but He went on to command, *“Go and sin no more.”* Grace and Truth.

In our relationships, in our conversations, with our online postings, and especially in our churches, we must follow the example of Christ: Grace and Truth. Do not fall for the post-Christian mantra of our day: “you can have your truth and I can have my truth.” Truth is not subjective and truth matters. Never be afraid to tell the truth as revealed to us in the Bible. But speak and model truth within a context of grace and a heart of love.

Our churches, the local expression of the Body of Christ, must embody Grace and Truth. Both are essential, and at times they are sequential. The missionary process going back to the apostles and Christ Himself is to do deeds of kindness and share words of witness. Often it is the deed of kindness that opens the door for someone to listen to a word of witness. The old saying, ‘People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care,’ is often true. As we feed, clothe, repair, build, help, visit, teach, comfort, encourage and speak the truth, let us also be careful to be full of grace in our online presence and in our speech. An attitude of grace will draw people to your church so they can hear the truth and be changed by the One who is the Truth. May Grace be shared; may Truth be declared.

Looking Ahead

Then Jesus said to those who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."
John 8:31-32

Event	Date	Location
WMU Fall Association Meeting	September 16	Edgefield First Baptist
Executive Committee Meeting	September 20	EBA
State Disaster Relief Training	October 9	Lake Murray Baptist
Men's Ministry Supper	October 14	Little Stevens Creek Baptist
Fall Semi-Annual Meeting	October 17 3 PM	Big Stevens Creek Baptist

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Revelation Bible Study
Little Stevens Creek Baptist Church
Wednesdays at 7pm
--Starting--
Sept. 1st, 2021

SERAPH SONG
THE SINGING WOMEN OF SOUTH CAROLINA
SEPTEMBER 18TH
EDGEFIELD FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
4PM