

# — THE BINDER —

*“Bless be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love...”*

*The Monthly Newsletter of Edgefield Baptist Church*

— July, 2011 —



*Oh! thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand  
Between their loved home and the war's desolation!  
Blest with victory and peace, may the heav'n rescued land  
Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation.  
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,  
And this be our motto: "In God is our trust."  
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!*

**- Francis Scott Key**

Join us on Sunday, July 3rd for a special morning of worship, beginning at 10 am

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Last month I wrote about praying the Psalms and how powerful that can be for us. Another way to add power to your prayer life is to read prayers that other people have written. This may seem odd at first if you have not done this but with unity in the Spirit as a focus, we can really gain a lot from reading written prayers.

I suggest finding prayers that are classics and have stood the test of time. I also suggest praying these aloud to cut down on distractions.

I am including the 'Prayer of Assisi' here for you to read and pray. Francis of Assisi was an Italian friar and preacher who left a life of wealth to serve the Lord in preaching and missions work. His prayer is here:

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.  
Where there is injury, pardon.  
Where there is doubt, faith.  
Where there is despair, hope.  
Where there is darkness, light.  
Where there is sadness, joy.  
O Divine Master,  
grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console;  
to be understood, as to understand;  
to be loved, as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.*



I hope you give this a try to see what God may do with this type of prayer experience in your spiritual walk. Find other prayers as well and try them too.

Summer Sundays are in full swing – I look forward to worshipping with you on Sundays!

Blessings!

## Edgefield Baptist Church

*family...friends...community*

*Our purpose is to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ in our world and to build up the body of Christ in love through worship, discipleship, fellowship and ministry.*

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**Steve Saunders**, senior pastor

**Johnathan Woodside**, worship  
**Daniel Davis**, youth & students  
**Misti Frazier**, children  
**Rodney Jenkins**, custodian

**Linda Gawel**, nursery  
**Peggy Hawkins**, church secretary  
**Letha Culver**, church cook

**Church Office Hours:** Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

### Monthly Digest:

#### June 2011:

Bible Study & Small Groups Weekly Average: 50

Tithes & Offerings:	\$8,340.75
Year-to-Date	\$50,455.59
Budget Requirement	\$60,517.08
Difference (+/-)	- 10,061.49

Centennial Campaign To Date:	\$12,602.81
Centennial Campaign Balance June 30, 2011:	\$440.51

### Prayer Needs...

#### Church Family:

Tina Benton  
Wallace Carson  
Henrietta Davidson  
Beverly Fallati (Sycamore Terrace Assisted Living)  
Lillian Fuqua  
Brice Kernell (Jackson Park Christian Home)  
Mary Martin  
Mildred Preston (Trevecca Health & Rehab Center)  
Juanita Tomlinson  
Billie Wheat (Madison Health & Rehab Center)  
Dixie Wooten

#### Family & Friends:

Don Fulton  
Richard Gwartney  
Rosella Jackson  
Fred Maddux  
Loretta Sanford  
Jean Stevenson  
Ronnie Taylor  
Katherine Travis  
Destanie Wilson  
Sean Wilson

#### Community & Beyond:

Tornado Victims in Tuscaloosa, AL & Joplin, MO  
Military Personnel serving around the world  
Missionaries serving around the world  
Rejoice Ministries  
Churches & Ministries serving East Nashville

*Please notify the church office with prayer needs updates.*

## Congratulations...

...to **Johnathan & Lacey Woodside** on their recent marriage!

...to **Team Edgefield Baptist Church**, who was awarded the Best Team Theme Award at the Post-Relay For Life wrap-up and awards night. Way to go Funky Chicken's!!

## New Address...

Wallace Carson  
800 South Browns Lane, Apt. P-3  
Gallatin, TN 37066  
206.8096



## News & Notes...

**Summer Is Here!** As the summer vacation season hits the midway point...we hope everyone will have a chance to getaway, relax, and recharge sometime this summer. As you are away this summer, please remember that the work of EBC continues on all summer long. If you have responsibilities to teach, or lead a group, please make sure you enlist a replacement to fulfill your responsibilities in your absence. Also, please make sure to catch up on your tithes and offerings from the weeks that you are away. Each one is vitally important to the ongoing work, and ministry, of the church all year long. Have a great, and blessed, summer!

**Summer Sundays continue** as Pastor Steve shares a sermon series through the book of Galatians. This book was written by Paul to affirm the correct understanding of Christianity. The Galatians were buying into a lot of teachings about the faith that were not correct and this was not good. This book is a summary of Christian theology that will speak to everyone as they seek to follow Christ each day. Join us all summer long as we hear how this book speaks to us today...and since it's Summer Sundays, you can leave the tie at home! Join us each week, beginning at 10 am.

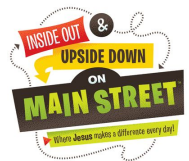


**Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting & Bible Study** is being led this summer by Daniel Davis, who is leading a study thru the book of James. Come join them, each Wednesday night, beginning at 6:15 pm.



**Lord's Supper Observance** is coming up on Sunday morning, July 10th, during our morning worship service.

**Inside Out & Upside Down Main Street Vacation Bible School** is coming, August 12th-14th. Make plans now to be involved! You can see Misti Frazier or Tricia Murphy to learn more.



**Edgefield Comedy & Talent Night** is coming up next month, on August 27th, but we are already in search of comedy and talent! We are looking for people with humorous or unique talents to volunteer to participate. There are also opportunities to participate in a couple of funny skits and people who are not afraid to make fools of themselves in front of people are encouraged to volunteer! If you would like to volunteer, please contact Mike Brake. And also, make sure to mark Saturday evening, August 27th on your calendar and make plans to join us!

**The Centennial Campaign...for the next 100 years** is a great way to invest in the future ministry of Edgefield Baptist Church. You are seeing some very visible improvements throughout the church facility at the present, with improvements to the kid's ministry areas and the fellowship hall. Work is also soon to begin on the new entryway into the fellowship hall. Your contributions to this campaign can make a significant impact on these, and other, improvements to our church facility as we help to prepare it for another 100 years of ministry. Gifts to the Centennial Campaign can be placed in the Special Offering envelopes which are located in pew racks throughout the sanctuary.

## July Dates To Note...

Independence Day (office closed) - Monday, July 4th  
Church/Community Picnic - Sunday, July 10th, 12 noon  
Pro:31 - Tuesday, July 12th, 6:30 pm @ EBC  
Monthly Business Session - Wednesday, July 13th, 6:15 pm  
Church Reserved for Wedding - Fri.-Sat., July 29th-30th  
MOE Breakfast - Saturday, June 30th, 9 am @ Biscuit House



## Edgefield Students (grades 6-8) Notes...

**Student Pool Party** is coming up on Sunday afternoon, July 24th, at the home of Kenneth, Terri, and Morgan Jennette, 821 Setliff Place. We will leave immediately after Sunday School, have lunch, and then swim. Students should plan to be picked-up at the Jennette's house at 3:30. We hope everyone will plan to join us!



## Edgefield Kids (pre-school-grade 5) Notes...

**CentriKid Live** is coming up on Wednesday evening, July 27th, at 6 pm

**CentriKid Send-Off Party** at Pie in the Sky Pizza is coming up on Sunday, July 31st



**CentriKid Camp** is coming up August 1st-5th at Shocco Springs, Alabama...begin praying now for all the kids and leaders as they begin this final month of preparation.



## Vacation Bible School 2011 - Coming August 12-14



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### Weekly at EBC...

#### Sunday Schedule:

Worship	10:00 am
Coffee & Fellowship	11:00 am
Bible Study	11:15 am

#### Wednesday Schedule

Fellowship Supper	5:15 pm
AWANA for Kids	6:00 pm
Prayer Meeting for Adults	6:15 pm
Bible Study for Adults	6:15 pm

*(Preschool care is provided for all regular weekly activities)*