



— THE BINDER —

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

The Monthly Newsletter of Edgefield Baptist Church

— September, 2011 —



Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.

- Deuteronomy 4:9

Ten years ago, on Tuesday, September 11, 2001, most of our lives changed forever. Do you remember where you were that Tuesday morning? Like those that worked at the Pentagon and World Trade Centers, most were on their way to work or school. Moms and dads kissed their children goodbye at the daycare center, promising to, "see you soon." Wives kissed husbands and passed them their morning coffee with no knowledge that they would not be home for dinner that night. For the thousands of lives lost to the tragedy of 9/11, remember that most of them were just like me and you--middle-class Americans going to work, making a living and taking care of their family.

There is much to be passed down to those who don't remember the events of 9/11. Think of the unborn children who never knew their fathers who died on 9/11. Some children were still so little that they ask each year, "What happened on September 11?" As painful as it may be, do it anyway. Tell the story every year just as the Israelites retell the stories behind Passover and Hanukkah and Christians retell the stories behind Christmas and Easter. Teach the children and generations to come that this is a country that is built on, "In God We Trust."

There was a lot of hype over the pastor in Florida who planned to burn Korans in order to "send a message to Islam." Remember what Jesus told us while He walked this earth, "But I tell you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you" Matthew 5:44 (NIV). "But I tell you who hear me: love your enemies, do good to those who hate you" Luke 6:27 (NIV). Nothing will be overcome through hatred. Burning Korans will just create more hate.

The Apostle Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 13:6-8 that "Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails."

This is what all the men and women who lost their lives on September 11, 2001 taught us. We as Americans, all became one that day, unified in the fact that Islamic extremists considered us all unworthy and wanted to destroy us all. For the victims of 9/11, there was no distinction between race, creed, color or religion. It was out of LOVE for life and for fellow man that all the victims of 9/11 helped one another, even unto death.

"Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends" John 15:13 (NIV).

Ten years later, would you do the same today, if faced with that choice? Have you forgotten?

- Amy Wingfield | www.everydaychristian.com



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A Message From
Pastor Steve

This fall in my section for the Binder I am going to highlight some ministry areas that are a part of our church that you may or may not know of. We are active as a church in many ways and there is a chance we do not know all of them. This month I want to tell you about a new ministry venture – Mother's of Pre-Schoolers, or MOPS.

MOPS is a group of moms that will meet at our church on Wednesdays to grow in Christ together. For EBC Brenda Saunders and Christy Davis are heading this up and are seeking other churches in our community to join our efforts in this ministry to the community.

MOPS is an international organization and describes their ministry as "a place to experience authentic community, mothering support, personal growth, and spiritual hope, so no mom is alone."

MOPS:

- Helps moms to develop authentic friendships
- Encourages moms to value mothering
- Challenges every mom to grow as a mother, woman, and leader
- Strengthens marriages and supportive relationships
- Provides trusted parenting resources
- Connects moms and families to the local church
- Draws moms one step closer to Jesus

Our hope is that through this ministry we can provide community to mothers who may need friends, support, and community. Mostly, we want to share Jesus with this group. It is important to note that there are moms groups in East Nashville but none with the focus on Jesus that MOPS provides. This is a real opportunity.

This is a startup ministry and the needs are many and various but you can help. Please pray for the leadership as they continue to plan a launch sometime in 2012. Contact Brenda and Christy to ask about other needs they may have now and going forward. I pray you are well and growing in the Lord!

Pastor Steve

You can contact pastor Steve at ebcpastorsteve@bellsouth.net, and follow his writings on www.examiner.com/bible-studies-1-in-nashville/stevesaunders

Edgefield Baptist Church

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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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Rodney Jenkins, custodian

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

Monthly Digest:

August 2011:

Bible Study & Small Groups Weekly Average: 71

Tithes & Offerings :	\$7,075.66
Year-to-Date	\$67,666.25
Budget Requirement	\$81,465.30
Difference (+/-)	-\$13,799.05

Centennial Campaign To Date:	\$14,192.81
Centennial Campaign Balance July 24, 2011:	\$1,762.35

Prayer Needs...

Church Family:

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

Family & Friends:

The Ramos Family	Don Fulton	Richard Gwartney
Rosella Jackson	Fred Maddux	Loretta Sanford
Ronnie Taylor	Katherine Travis	Destanie Wilson
Sean Wilson		

Community & Beyond:

Hurricane Irene victims
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.

Sunday School Literature Recycling reminder as we move into a new quarter...don't toss your old Sunday School book in the trash...bring it and place it in the green recycle box that is located in the Records Room. This literature is being collected, each quarter, to be given to needy churches around the world who hunger for more of the Word, but who do not have the resources to provide literature to their members.



News & Notes...



Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions, the annual state missions offering that supports the work of missions, and ministries, all throughout Tennessee, is coming up this month on Sunday, September 18th. Our church offering goal is \$500. The Week of Prayer for Tennessee Missions is September 11th-18th. Special prayer guides and offering envelopes will be available at the church this month. Let's reach, and exceed, this special offering goal!

WAGOH...Women After God's Own Heart, a small group for young women, will start back up on Monday, September 12th, at 6:30 pm. We will be starting a Bible study on the book of Ruth. Our first meeting will be at the home of Misti Frazier. This group will meet every other Monday night. If you are a young woman (or young woman at heart) come and join us!

EBC Saturday Night Movies is returning by popular demand, with a special presentation of *Bringing Up Bobby*...a quirky story of family, identity, and faith that isn't afraid to show that life can get muddled. And when it does, there usually aren't easy answers to all of the questions. EBC Movie Night will be Saturday, September 17th, at 6:30 pm. Invite your family and friends and make plans now to join us! Suggested donation will be \$10.00/person or \$25.00/family. This includes tickets, popcorn, drinks and treats. All monies raised will go towards the fellowship hall rear patio entryway improvement.



The Church Library added forty-five brand new titles to its collection during the month of August, plus three new group studies. We invite you to come by on a Sunday morning, or Wednesday evening, and check out what's new. We also invite all small group and Bible study leaders to come take a look at the many group studies that are available for use in the library. Most of the group studies are very current and include leader guides, CD's & DVD's. There are more than 1,500 titles, in all categories, available in your church library....we hope you will take advantage of this awesome resource!

Titan Game Days are back...which means you could possibly run into detours, or traffic delays, so plan your Sunday route to church accordingly. Sunday home games in September will be on the 18th and the 25th. If you're going to the game, come join us for worship at 10 am, and you'll still have time to make it to the game!



Annual EBC Fall Golf Scramble is coming up on Saturday, October 8th at Shelby Park Golf Course. This will be a 4-person, best ball, scramble format. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board, across from the church office. The entry fee is \$35, which includes cart, greens fee, and prizes. The sign-up, and payment, deadline will be Wednesday, September 28th. See Tim Kernell for further information. Come join us for a great time of fun & fellowship!

Edgefield Kids Notes...

...AWANA is back in gear for a new year!! Classes are available each Wednesday evening, beginning at 6 pm, for toddlers thru grade 5.

Edgefield Students Notes...

...D-Now Weekend is being planned for October 7th-9th, for students in grades 6-8. Sign-ups, and more info, will be coming this month...watch for details!

Properties Notes...

...Dirt Day is planned for Saturday, October 15th, and we hope everyone will plan now to join us as we do some much needed cleaning, and cleaning out, around the church facility. We plan to have a large dumpster on site, and to help expedite the efforts on that Saturday, we will be setting up a couple of staging areas in the building, this month, to begin accumulating items that need to go into the dumpster. We ask all teachers/leaders to take some time, before October 15th, to begin cleaning out and organizing areas that you are responsible for so that we will be able to get as much accomplished, as possible, on Dirt Day.



...New Entry Doors have been installed at the rear of the fellowship hall. This is the first physical step in the new entryway project. Groundbreaking for the new entryway will be coming up soon. Watch for more details!

...Chairs are available for anyone that would like to have one or two. There are a number of wooden chairs, similar to those that are used throughout the church, in storage in the upstairs area of the educational building. Some need a little work, most are OK. If you would be interested in obtaining one or two, please see Tim Kernell or Marvin Agee. Please do not remove any chairs from elsewhere in the church facility, we are looking to only clean out those that are in storage.

September Calendar...

Labor Day Holiday (office closed) - Monday, Sept. 5th
 Monthly Business Session - Wednesday, Sept, 7th, 6:15 pm
 Pro:31 Meeting - Tuesday, Sept. 13th, 6:30 pm
 MOE Breakfast - Saturday, Sept. 24th, 9 am



Coming in October:

Lords Supper Observance - Sunday, Oct. 2nd
 Quarterly Church Council Meeting - Sunday, Oct. 2nd
 Quarterly Deacon's Meeting - Sunday, Oct. 3rd
 Annual Historic Edgefield Tour - Saturday, Oct. 22nd

Camp...VBS...What a Month!

As I write this, it is almost a month from the day we left for CentriKid. I can hardly believe its been that long. CentriKid Camp (Aug 1-5) was a wonderful week full of worship to our God, games, track times, and more fun that I can possibly write in this short blurb. We spent the week learning how God provides for our every need and distinguishing between those things we want and what we actually need. It makes my heart smile to watch kids experience Jesus and His Word personally. It is also amazing how God can take 5 days and turn a person's world upside down. I'm confident in this truth, that He who began a good work (at CentriKid) is faithful to complete it. We will see fruit from camp for a long time. I'm so thankful our God is bigger than we could imagine.



VBS is not far from our minds...it was less than a month ago. Our weekend was spent diving into some of the parables Jesus told and learning those precious truths from them about gratitude, forgiveness, grace & compassion, and faithfulness. Who can forget Chef and Heidi Claire? Or Parable Productions, Firehouse Fitness, or the Fun Factory? Or the yummy treats from Brown Bag Bistro that also taught us about our key words? From beginning to end, Main Street VBS was fun and exciting! All of the truths we learned will continue on with us and I'm confident our God will continue to teach us about those things as He turns our lives "inside out and upside down".

If you prayed for CentriKid and VBS...Thank you!

If you provided supplies...Thank you!

If you donated funds...Thank you!

If you helped setup, clean up, or decorate...Thank you!

If you took time out of your schedule to be Jesus and serve....Thank you!

-Misti Frazier, Edgefield Kids



Weekly at EBC...

Sunday Schedule:

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

(Pre-school care is provided for all regular weekly activities)

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