

FEBRUARY

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Smith Baptist Association

The Connector

Fulfilling the Great Commission by connecting people with people.
Matthew 28:19-20

Smith Baptist Association
2016 Annual Book of Reports

Think Globally

Act Locally

*To equip and serve member churches in Christian fellowship
and in fulfilling the Great Commission.*

Smith Baptist Association
3226 Old Jacksonville Hwy.
Tyler, TX 75701

HIGHLIGHTS
118th Annual Meeting of Smith Baptist Association
Lone Star Church
Tyler, Texas
275 Attendees • 31 Churches Registered • 16 Guests



Dr. Doug Haning, Pastor Lone Star Church
welcoming Messengers & Guests



Outgoing Moderator Steve Trammell
calling the meeting to order



Treasurer Bill Brown giving
the Year-End Financial Report



Bennie Portwood, Administrative
Chairman, making a motion



Bob Sexton, MORE Coordinator honoring
churches who achieved the 2016 baptism goal



Guest Speakers Steven and Allison
Turner from Amazon Vision Ministries

**Return to
the Amazon**
JUNE 6-15, 2017
\$750 deposit due
February 5th!

Amazon Vision Ministries

Must have 12 confirmed for the trip to make.
[Trip Specifics](#)

FEBRUARY

- 5 DEADLINE for Amazon Trip Deposit
- 4 RA Basketball Tournament
- 7 CIM 1118 Personal Evangelism
6 p.m., SBA office
- 11 GA Mission Fair, Bethel Baptist
- 13 Administrative Team Meeting
SBA Ofc. 1 p.m.
- 14 CIM 1121 Interpretation: Bible for
Preaching & Teaching
6 p.m., SBA office
- 21 CIM 1121 Interpretation: Bible for
Preaching & Teaching
6 p.m., SBA office
- 28 CIM 1121 Interpretation: Bible for
Preaching & Teaching
6 p.m., SBA office

ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 James Cheatham, Carmel 2-1-06
- 7 Davey Smith, Fellowship 2-7-08
- 14 Jose Sanchez, Ig. Bautista de Fe
2-14-08

BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Stephen Nipp, Antioch
- 3 David Burcham, Harvest Acres
- 13 Robert Carter, Colonial Hills
- 16 Jerry Mosley, Sr., Metropolitan
- 18 Bill Weaver, FBC Big Sandy
- 23 David McNary, Pruitt
Danny Pickens, SBA

SBA Churches without Pastors

Dean, Tyler;
Hebron, Tyler;
Ig. Bautista Colonial Hills, Tyler;
Living Acts, Tyler;
Liberty, Hawkins;
Pruitt, Van

*Please pray for these churches as
they seek God's leadership.*

Two New Auxiliaries Approved at SBA Annual Meeting

On Sunday, January 22, 2017, at the 118th Smith Baptist Association Annual Meeting a recommendation brought by Bennie Portwood, Chairman of the Administrative Team twas approved by the messengers to add the following to the Constitution, Article IX - Organizations, Section 3 Auxiliaries.

A. African-American Fellowship of Smith Baptist Association

This auxiliary works within the framework of the Smith Baptist Association to aid in ministry to African American pastors and churches. Events are coordinated with the calendar of SBA. In the event that funding is necessary, a request will be presented to the Administrative Team for approval. This auxiliary is to be staffed by volunteers, unless otherwise approved by the Administrative Team.

B. Iglesias Bautistas Unidas of Smith Baptist Association

This auxiliary works within the framework of the Smith Baptist Association to aid in ministry to Hispanic pastors and churches. Events are coordinated with the calendar of SBA. In the event that funding is necessary, a request will be presented to the Administrative Team for approval. This auxiliary is to be staffed by volunteers, unless otherwise approved by the Administrative Team.

*The following will give you a glimpse into
what each is doing...*

Iglesia Bautista Unidas -

by Francisco Rodriguez

If I could begin to enumerate the blessings received throughout this past year, it would take a long time. God has been gracious to the Hispanic Ministry and has been faithful. The work has been hard but we have begun to experience the first fruits of such labor. My heart pounded with great joy as people from the Centro Familiar Educativo began making their decision to accept Christ as their Savior and as our Hispanic new ministries continue to grow.

This past year we were able to continue some Healthy Church training at some of the local Churches, and in missionary trips. We were able to continue our Hispanic ministries in different locations. I thank God for the opportunity we had to share with 35 pastors and their wives at our pastors retreat event. We have been praying to God for workers and new ministers. He has begun to answer our prayers. We were able to help Hno. Nicolas Marimon, Pastor Emeterio Rodriguez and Hno. Juan Barroso continue the Hispanic work at Life Point, Hopewell and Lone Star. Please continue to pray for these ministries.

I would like to thank all the people involved in this ministry, all the associational staff, and all the people that pray for us... THANK YOU!!!!

African American Fellowship -

by Steven Young

The African American Fellowship of the Smith Baptist Association began meeting in November 2015 with churches affiliated with the Smith Baptist Association and/or Texas Baptist Convention. Dr. Roy Cotton (the president of the African American Ministries of Texas Baptist), Dr. Danny Pickens (DOM), Gerald Davis, Larry Rhea, and Ira Antoine have provided leadership and support to help us corroboratively encourage our affiliated churches to be actively involved. Future plans for the AAF of SBA is to host the African American Ministry Conference in Tyler July 10-13, 2017.

A Church Equippers Conference focusing on discipleship was hosted by the AAF at Higher Heights Community Church on April 9, 2016. Facilitators from the African American Ministry in the Texas Baptist Convention led attendees on the importance of disciple-making.

A Family Roundup was hosted by the AAF of SBA on September 10 at the North East Texas Cowboy Church in Hawkins, TX. This was a family-oriented event consisting of praise/worship, classes, outside activities, and food. The focus was on the family and some great experiences occurred.

*Please pray for these new Auxiliaries as we
together seek to reach others for Christ.*

Welcome . . .

Central Baptist Church of Jacksonville has called **Dr. Mike Miller** as their new pastor. Dr. Miller and wife Terri come from Kinner, La. They began their ministry in Jacksonville on January 8, 2017.

Welcome to Smith Baptist Association!

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Congratulations . . .

Rev. David McNary, pastor of Pruitt Baptist Church of Van, Texas, for the past 23 years has announced his retirement effective March 1, 2017.

The church is now accepting resumes for FT Pastor. Email resumes to pbckriss@joimail.com or Pruitt Baptist Church
Attn: Pastor Search Committee
P O Box 329
Van, TX 75790

What is M.O.R.E.?

M.O.R.E. is a SBA project to increase baptisms in our churches. It involves encouraging and assisting them to fulfill the Great Commission given by our Lord "...Go-Make Disciples-and baptize them." (Matthew 28:18-20).

In 2016 letters were sent to pastors letting them know about the free DVD entitled "Decisions" produced by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, and encouraged them to plan a "My Hope America" showing of it in their church during the month of November.

No regional meetings with small groups of pastors were scheduled during 2016. I was able to promote M.O.R.E. and evangelism through Sunday School at Sunday School clinics that were requested by two of our Association churches.

We are glad to honor the following churches for baptizing a number equivalent to 15% or more of their 2016 average Bible Study attendance as reported to the Association in their Annual Church Profile.

Please pray that God will use SBA churches to reach
MORE and MORE for Christ
To God be the Glory! - Bob Sexton, Coordinator

HONOREES

- Bullard Southern Baptist Church - Scott Parrish, Pastor
- County Line Baptist Church - Benjamin Bryan, Pastor
- Faith Baptist Church, Tyler - Maurice F. McMillion, Pastor
- * FBC Edom - Craig Lloyd, Pastor
- Galilee Baptist - Anthony L. Williams, Pastor
- Higher Heights Baptist - James Hawkins, Pastor
- Macedonia Baptist - Carl George, Pastor
- Metropolitan Baptist - Jerry R. Mosley, Sr., Pastor
- NE Texas Cowboy Church - Charles Thomas, Pastor

HONORABLE MENTION

- Cross Brand Cowboy Church - Mike Morrow, Pastor
- FBC Alba - Kelly Burton, Pastor
- Friendly Baptist - Pat Alvey, Pastor
- Iglesia Bautista De Fe - Jose' Sanchez, Pastor
- Noonday Baptist - Scott Gorbett, Pastor

* Third Time Recipient

• Fourth Time Recipient

CERTIFICATE IN MINISTRY

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SPRING 2017

January 10 - February 7
CIM 1118
Personal Evangelism

February 14 - March 21
CIM 1121
Interpretation-Bible for
Preaching & Teaching

March 28 - April 5
CIM 1126
Introduction to Missions

\$25 Registration Fee
\$175 Class Fee

classes offered by
East Texas Baptist University
Marshall, Texas

For more information
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Dr. Danny Pickens
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Smith County Baptist Ministers Scholarship

This scholarship is open to dependent children of ordained Baptist Ministers serving congregations in Smith County that are members of the BGCT. Graduating high school seniors and current college students with at least a 2.5 GPA are eligible. For the 2017-18 year, three \$1,500 will be awarded. DEADLINE - March 1st 5 p.m. [Application Information](#)



Satan's attack on marriage has been brutal the last couple of decades. Families are being torn apart through infidelity, addiction, and financial ruin. The leadership and First Baptist Edom has put together a marriage conference for 2017.

Many people have forgotten what truly binds a marriage together. Many think the key to a successful marriage is love, added with chemistry and a lot of patience. Don't get me wrong those are VERY important. But, the binding force to a successful marriage is God. Mark 10:9 Therefore what God has joined together, man must not separate.

You are invited to the "Joined" Marriage Conference at FBC Edom

Friday, February 10 will be a night of fun, celebration and worship beginning at 6:30 p.m.

A Banquet Dinner will be provided. The conference will conclude at 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 11th workshops will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at 4 p.m..

The workshops and discussions will be led by ministers and their wives from multiple churches.

Continental Breakfast & Lunch provided.

Cost \$40 (per couple)

Childcare will be available for infants to age 12

Register online @ <http://fbcedom.com/marriage-conference-2017.html>

For additional information contact Pastor Craig Lloyd at 903-852-5481.

Church Support Staff Vacancies

Visit

<http://smithbaptist.org/staff-vacancies/>

for ministry opportunities.



Lookin' for a Bible Study?

Remember our Video Library



UpWord Kids is a complete lesson plan that teaches the Bible to children in an interesting manner using Music DVDs, Bible Stories, Bible Memory Games, Interactive Puppet Skits and Interactive Review Games.

The series includes 12 complete programs, "Who is God Series" and "The Ten Commandment Series". Each is produced as a written series and a DVD Series. The DVD Series Includes: One Made2Praise Music DVD - One Manual on CD and twelve 30-minute DVD episodes. Each episode includes the following segments:

- CatchWord - Intro Puppet Skit
- PassWord - Bible verse
- The Word - Bible lesson
- ReWord - Application Puppet Skit
- WordPlay - Interactive Review Game
- LastWord - Summation of all Segments

A demo CD is available and will be worth your time for review. There's a lot of info packed in the first 8 minutes. It will give you information on how to use the program and the flexibility of UpWord Kids in adapting it to your own time and needs.

All of the materials are free! Please contact Joyce Jordan at 903-530-1989 for additional information. She would love to introduce you to UpWord Kids. [Biography](#)



Spring Guardian PPO Training Program

Spring Class Schedule
Saturday - Sunday

February 18 - 19, 2017

March 3-4, 2017

March 17-18, 2017

Classes run from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. to meet the 60-hour training requirement. Cost is \$600 per person and is due at time of registration.

For more info contact

CDSSBobby@yahoo.com