



The Connector

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



As you read this I will be in Central Asia working with IMB personnel, sharing the gospel, building relationships and making friends. I covet your prayers as this is an area that is fairly high risk. Praise the Lord that I believe I am in the “center of God’s Will” and doing what he would have me to do. I pray that perhaps there would be 5-7 of you brave souls out there that would accompany me on this trip next year. You would have the opportunity to share the gospel with a group of people who have never heard and may never hear the Gospel of Christ! Due to security issues that is all I will say now, but I will give a

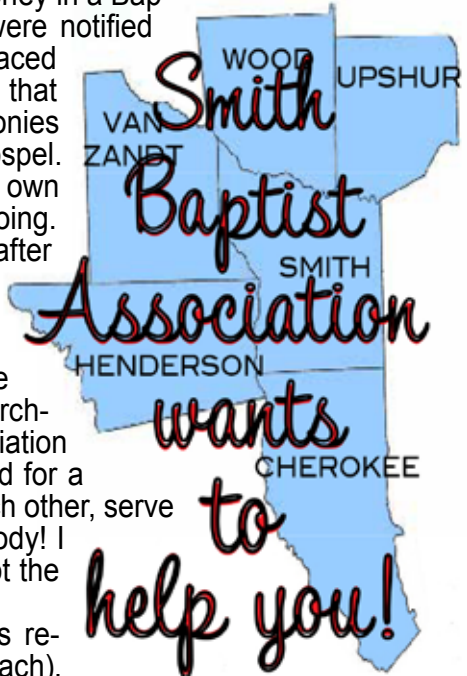
full report at our meeting in July.

We received word this week that a member of one of our churches left a rather large financial gift for Smith Baptist Association. He had told me year’s ago of his preparations for this day and wanted to make sure that we were included in his will. He placed a sum of money in a Baptist Foundation and upon his death we were notified that we would receive half of the monies placed there! I praise the Lord for this Godly man that thought far enough ahead to plan for his monies to be used for the continuation of the Gospel. This should give us pause to think of our own financial arrangements upon our home-going. God can be honored by our finances long after we are gone from this world.

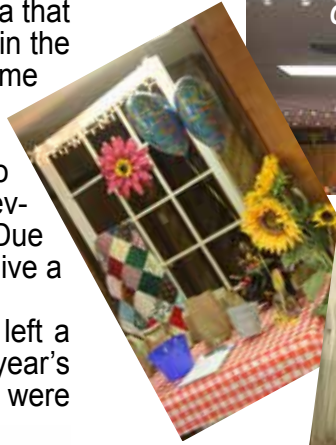
I praise God for a fellowship of churches who want to reach out to those around them and those around the world with the Gospel. I praise God for a fellowship of churches who support the ministries of the association with their tithes and offerings. I praise God for a fellowship of churches who care about each other, serve each other, and minister as a collective body! I say it often, we have one of the best, if not the best Association in the State.

I have been in the following churches recently: The Cross (Preach), Hillcreek (Preach), Life Point Fellowship (Preach), Pine Springs (Preach).

Blessings, Danny



Click [HERE](#) to see what is available!




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March 31 - April 1

- G.A. Mini-Camp @ Timberline
- 1 SBTC VBS Training in Longview - (pg.3)
- 4 CIM 1126 Introduction to Missions
6 p.m., SBA Office
- 10 Administrative Team Meeting
SBA Office 1 p.m.
- 11 CIM 1126 Introduction to Missions
6 p.m., SBA Office
- 14 7 Last Sayings of Jesus from the Cross
7 p.m. Higher Heights
(sponsored by African American Fellowship)
- 16  Easter
- 18 CIM 1126 Introduction to Missions
6 p.m., SBA Office
- 20-21 Regional Bible Drill & Speaker's
Tournament @ Colonial Hills (BGCT)
- 22 R.A. Super Saturday @ Southside Bapt.
- 29 R.A. State Race @ Belton, Texas

ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Carl George, Macedonia Baptist,
Chandler 4-1-09
- 13 Edward Murrell,
Bethlehem Baptist, Flint 4-13-04
- 14 Charles Thomas, NE Texas
Cowboy Church, Hawkins 4-14-11
- 28 Sam Deville,
Flint Baptist, Flint 4-28-96

BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Charles Thomas
NE Texas Cowboy Church, Hawkins
- 13 Fred Smith
Calvary Baptist, Tyler
Phillip Dancy
Sylvania Church, Tyler



Galactic Starveyors Training

April 1, 2017

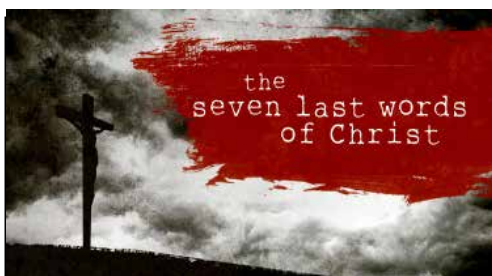
Trinity Baptist Church, Longview, Texas

contact Judy Van Hooser

Southern Baptist of Texas Convention

877-953-7282 or jvanhooser@sbtexas.com

(registration required)



Friday, April 14, 2017

7 p.m.

Higher Heights Baptist Church

[2726 Van Highway, Tyler, TX 75702](http://2726.Van.Highway.Tyler.TX.75702)

(click link for directions)

sponsored by the
African American Fellowship
of Smith Baptist Association

Steven Young, Pastor
The Cross Baptist Church
AAF Coordinator



ATTENTION
R.A.s, Lads, Challengers, & Leaders

SUPER SATURDAY

April 22, 2017

Southside Baptist Church

Cost \$5 per person

(spectators FREE)

Jeff Palmer - 903-360-2616

or

C.H Ford - 903-530-6210

Only the official RA racer kit may be used.
Kits can be ordered locally by contacting
C. H. Ford (903) 530-6210

Get Super Saturday Info [HERE](#)

Churches seeking 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.

& Church Support Staff Vacancies

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

to see what is available.

Friends Day at the County Fair

The ladies of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Whitehouse celebrated **Friends Day at the County Fair**. The annual Women's Ministry Spring Fling was held Saturday, March 25, 2017. Susan Griffin (The Clown) was emcee. Approximately 50 ladies participated in events that were planned for the day. Christian Ventriloquist Joyce Jordan and her friend Trixie were the highlight of the day. There were booths set up that allowed the women to share skills in wreath making, knitting, health and dieting, quilting, making turbans and caps, painting, budget planning, crocheting scarves, Bible journaling, prayer journaling, and sewing. There was a dessert contest with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons. There is always plenty of good food at the Fair. Corny dogs, hot dogs, chips, popcorn, snow cones, lemonade and desserts are just a few of the delicacies that were available. Those attending were asked to bring a small gift that would fit in a brown paper lunch sack. There was a \$5 limit on the cost of the gift. The idea was to put their name on the bottom of the sack and at a specified time, the sacks were exchanged and prayer partners were named. A special "thanks" goes to Patty Samples for the wonderful decorations. It was a very successful event and they would love for you to attend the annual Ladies Spring Fling next year. For more information regarding this project, contact Gail Portwood, Women's Ministry Director at 903-839-2606 (church office).



1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place
Winners for Prized
Desserts
First Place
Elaine Swinney
Second Place
Sharon Clark
Third Place
Mary Stainback

Joyce Jordan & Trixi,
Special Guests for the Event



Susan Griffin
Emcee
Friends Day
at the County Fair

M.O.R.E.....Dedicated!!!

I delivered M.O.R.E. plaques to Galilee and Macedonia Baptist Churches last week. (see pictures below.) It was such a pleasure to mingle with brothers and sisters who are committed to fulfilling our Lord's Commission to us to "Go...Make disciples, and baptize them". Pastor Anthony Williams at Galilee is teaching the Book of Revelation and said he spent a good deal of time on Christ's messages to churches; You have left your first love.. repent!

At Macedonia, Pastor Carl George wasn't there so I presented the plaque to Head Deacon, Billy Beasley, a long time friend. He in turn was going to present it to Bro. George and the church on Sunday morning. That evening they were studying **Experiencing God**. When the study ended the leader reminded the church to be connecting with people for the purpose of sharing the Gospel. She, Paula Lofton, also reminded them there were four people to be baptized the next Sunday. She then mentioned their goal which was striving to see 1 person baptized in January; 2 in February; 3 in March; 4 in April, and so on each month throughout the year; and - she and the church were serious about that! It was not a casual mention but a specific exhortation to carry out their plan and of course with God's Holy Spirit involved, I thought to myself, "They are Dedicated to this!" What a great example for all of us!

Dedicated for MORE, Bob Sexton



Receiving the award in the absence of
Pastor George is Deacon Billy Beasley



Presenting award to
Pastor Anthony Williams

Evangelism Conference

Calvary Baptist Church

6704 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler, TX 75703-0520

Dr. Fred Smith, Pastor

903-903-939-3200



"According to the power that works in us (Eph 3:20)."

*A time of
Renewal and Challenge*

Sunday

***9:00 a.m. Session 1**
(Bible Study Hour)

***10:15 a.m. Session 2**
(Worship)

***Fellowship Luncheon**
***5:00 - 7:00 p.m.**
(CWT)

***7:00 p.m. Session 3**

***Ice Cream Fellowship**

Monday

***7:00 p.m. Session 4**



Guest Speaker
JARED WELLMAN
Pastor of
Mission Dorado
Baptist Church
Odessa, Texas

Guest Musician
ANDREW PRESSLEY
Assoc. Pastor,
Music
First Baptist
Church
Lindale, Texas



2017 G.A. Camp
June 5-9
\$185 per person.
Completed 3rd-6th grades

JESUS IS MY SUPER HERO
G.A. CAMP 2017

Click for registration paper-



We are pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for the SBA 2017 Community Missions Grant.

*A portion of the SBA budget has been designated to be available to cooperating churches for local mission projects. This application must be completed and submitted by email. Any SBA church may apply **once** a year for one specific project to be completed within the Smith Baptist Association for the purpose of evangelism. The Administrative Team will review each application. You will receive notification of the decision regarding your request following the Team meeting. Funds will be available until November 1, 2017, or until the account balance has been depleted, whichever comes first.*

Click [HERE](#) for application

Grants are awarded monthly until funds are depleted.

kin' for a Bible Study?



Check out our Video Library

2017 R.A. & Challenger Camp @ Timberline

July 31 - August 4, 2017



For more info contact

Nicholas Waggoner 903.738.5529
or Jeff Palmer 903.360.2616

**NEW EVENT FOR LEADERS
DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY
JULY 8TH 10-Noon**

We will be praying for camp and making decisions for camp this year and next. All Directors, Leaders and Pastors are welcome to attend.

Camp Pastor

Bill Homes, Pastor - Clearwater Baptist Church

Praise and Worship leader

Dirk Zwiebel and Family

Guest Speakers

King's Closet

Danny Pickens, Director of Missions SBA

Guest Missionaries

Bible Studies

Bobby Fitzgerald

Crafts

Pat Ford, Janie Holmes

Nurse

Audrey Butler, RN

Special Event

Capture the Counselor - Boys VS Leaders

CERTIFICATE IN MINISTRY

SMITH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
3226 OLD JACKSONVILLE HWY.
TYLER, TEXAS 75701
903-581-6139

\$25 Registration Fee • \$175 Class Fee

classes offered by
East Texas Baptist University
Marshall, Texas

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