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... from your Director of Missions

Well, no longer can I say that our July Semi-Annual meeting is the “smaller” of the two we host. Last Monday night we had 200 people representing 30 SBA churches to attend the meeting. What a joy to see our pastors, staff, and messengers enjoying a great meal together, enjoying the fellowship with one another, and supporting Smith Baptist Association. I want to express my appreciation to Green Acres South for hosting this event. Everything was first class! A special thanks to pastor Dustin Slaton, receptionist Randee Cheatham, and the supporting cast of GABCS greeters, and helpers! (for pictures from the meeting see page 6).

In recent years we have focused on missions and ministry at our meetings. This year was no exception. I brought a report on my trip to Central Asia and made an appeal for folks to join us on next year’s trip. We skyped with a missionary to Central Asia and heard first-hand how our mission dollars and efforts fit into the big picture. What a joy to hear of the way that God is using people like you and I to carry out His mission to that

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

August 2017

The Smith Baptist Association connector

**Please remember to pray for all school personnel and students
as school starts back in August.**

part of the world. If you might be interested in going next year, please let me know. We can only take 10!

I would like to extend a big “congratulations” to the African American Fellowship of Smith Baptist Association. They worked hard recently to host a statewide African American Fellowship Conference. It turned out to be a great event with hundreds in attendance. My thanks to Steven Young and his task force of pastors who helped plan and conduct this great event. As pastor Young preached on that Tuesday night...“God did...!”

We have a couple of events on the horizon. One is a Bi-Vocational Minister’s Retreat September 29 - October 1. If you are serving as a bi-vocational minister this event is for you! We are partnering with Texas Baptists, and Rehoboth Association to bring this to you. We are asking for \$29 per couple. The retreat will include a banquet on Friday night with entertainment and challenge by David Crain, and two nights lodging at the Holiday Inn. (see page 3).

I am also working with Friendly Baptist Church to put together a Sunday School Clinic on September 23rd. Details are still in the works but this will be a great event for Sunday School teachers and workers just before the new year begins.

We have also learned that Franklin Graham will be in Longview on October 19th for a prayer and evangelistic rally. I hope you will let your churches know about this event. What a great time to come together and pray for our Nation (see page 4).

Finally, as always, thank you and your churches for supporting and working with Smith Baptist As-

sociation. We come together and do things that most churches could not do alone. We are in great shape financially, we fellowship together as brothers and sisters in Christ, and we reach out to the world with the Gospel of Christ. What more could we ask for from a group of churches? I say it often; I believe we have one of the best Associations in the State. August will be 18 years I have been with you, and Lord willing I can be with you a few more. “Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” Galatians 6:9

I have been in the following churches of late: FBC Hawkins (Preach), Colonial Hills (African American Fellowship Conference), Damascus (Preach), Grace in Edom (Preach), Sharon (Preach), The Woods (Preach), Green Acres South (Semi-Annual Meeting). Blessings, Danny

Churches seeking Pastors

*Dean, Tyler; Holly Brook, Hawkins;
Ig. Bautista Colonial Hills, Tyler;
Lake Tyler, Tyler; FBC, Troup;
Liberty, Hawkins; The Woods, Tyler*

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



July 31-August 4
RA Camp @Timberline

14 - Administrative Team Meeting
1 p.m., SBA Office

22 - CIM 1111 - The Pentateuch
6 pm - SBA Office

29 - CIM 1111 - The Pentateuch
6 pm - SBA Office

anniversaries

8-15-10 Phillip Dancy, Sylvania

birthdays

5 - Abel Urieta, Semilla de Mostaza, Tyler

12 - Sedrick Moore, St. Paul, Jacksonville

17 - Brandon Holiski, Southern Oaks, Tyler

19 - Mike Miller, Central, Jacksonville

25 - Craig Lloyd, FBC, Edom

2017 R.A. & Challenger Camp @ Timberline

July 31 - August 4, 2017



Nicholas Waggoner 903.738.5529
or Jeff Palmer 903.360.2616

VBS in SBA

August

7-11

Bullard Southern
Mighty Fortress

5:55pm (family dinner at 5:30)
K-5th Grade

Micha Elliott 903-894-9267 (Church Office)

9-12

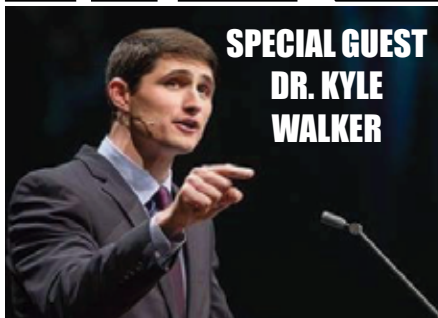
The Cross Baptist
Superheroes for The Kingdom
5-8 p.m.

Saturday 10-1 p.m.

All Ages and Adults

Tonya Johnson, Pateshia Bradley, Ira McLendon
Pastor Steven Young 903-520-8536

REVIVAL



SPECIAL GUEST
DR. KYLE
WALKER

Worship led by MADE By MERCY



AUGUST 5,6,& 7

JOIN US FOR AN AMAZING WEEKEND OF
GOD'S WORD AND WORSHIP!!!

NOONDAY BAPTIST CHURCH
16701 CR 196 TYLER, TX 75703

SATURDAY 6 PM

SUNDAY 11 AM 6 PM

MONDAY 6 PM

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD (YOU), THAT HE
GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHOEVER
BELIEVES IN HIM SHALL NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE
ETERNAL LIFE!! JOHN 3:16



Rev. James Ervin
Sunday, Aug. 27th
3 p.m.



Rev. Nathan Cravens
Monday, Aug. 28th
7:30 p.m.



Rev. Don Ray Davis
Tuesday, Aug. 29th
7:30 p.m.



Rev. Glen Boyd
Wednesday, Aug. 30th
7:30 p.m.

Homecoming and Revival

Aug. 27 - 30

Bethlehem Flint Baptist
CR 179, Flint, TX 75762

Rev. E.R. Murrell, Pastor



A Call to SURRENDER

by
Jamie
Womack



SUNDAY
AUG. 27 10:45 A.M.

HOPEWELL BAPTIST CHURCH

11804 CR 494 • Tyler TX 75706
Floyd Smith, Pastor

CERTIFICATE IN MINISTRY

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

Fall Schedule

August 22 – Sept. 19

MINS1111 - The Pentateuch

Sept. 26 – Oct. 24

MINS 1112 - The Conquest to the Exile

Oct. 31-Dec. 5

*MINS 11123- The Exile to the
Intertestamental Period*

\$25 Registration Fee • \$175 Class Fee

classes offered by East Texas Baptist University, Marshall, Texas

contact 903-581-6139 or danny@smithbaptist.org

Rest Relax Retreat

*Come to me, all you who
are weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest.
Matthew 11:28 NIV*

Bi-Vocational

Pastor & Wife Retreat

September 29 - October 1, 2017

\$29 per couple

DEADLINE to Register - Sep. 8th

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Bi-vocational Pastors Ministry
Associational Missions



Smith Baptist Association

3226 Old Jacksonville, Tyler, Texas 75701
903-581-6139



Rehoboth Baptist Association

1139 E. Industrial, Sulphur Springs TX 75482
903-885-2868



Click to [Register](#)

Marriage Enrichment Weekend

Love and Respect

Friday Night, All day Saturday

September 15th and 16th, 2017



Colonial Hills Baptist Church

*Childcare by reservation only,
ages **birth to 10 years old***

**COST
IS \$50 per
couple**

For More Information Click Here

<http://www.colonialhills.com/marriage/love-and-respect/>

or e-mail michaelccurtis65@gmail.com

DECISION AMERICA



THE LONE STAR TOUR

is coming to Longview October 19th

This fall Billy Graham's eldest son Franklin Graham will be bringing his Decision America: The Lone Star Tour to Maude Cobb Convention & Activity Center, 100 Grand Blvd, Longview, TX 75604 on Thursday, October 19th. This will be a one-day event focusing on prayer and evangelism. Here is an article about this event <https://billygraham.org/story/franklin-graham-bringing-lone-star-tour-to-texas-this-fall/>. You can expect to experience a time of prayer, a message of hope from Franklin Graham, Christ-centered music from Crowder and a fireworks display, weather permitting.

Decision America Texas Tour dates are: October 11—Lubbock, Mackenzie Park South; October 12—Midland, Horseshoe Arena Amphitheater; October 14—Corpus Christi, Whataburger Field; October 15—San Antonio, River City Community Amphitheater; October 16—Round Rock, Dell Diamond Parking Lot; October 18—Waco, Baylor Touchdown Alley; and October 19—Longview, Maude Cobb Convention & Activity Complex.

More details will follow in the coming weeks. Mark this date, commit to attend, invite the lost and begin praying now for God to send a great outpouring of his Spirit to the East Texas area.

GREEN MISSION COLORADO

Josh and Amy Green have begun a new venture of planting a church in Northern Colorado. After several years of planning and praying, Josh, Amy, and Natalie Green are moving to Northern Colorado. Josh retired from Tyler Police Department on July 21st after 20 years of service. Amy is leaving Southside Bank in August where she has worked for 17 years. As they are moving Garrett will be starting his junior year at Dallas Baptist University.

They have been serving at County Line Baptist Church since April, 2012. During this time God has gradually been revealing his plan to them regarding planting a new church. Acting in faith and following God's leadership, they have begun the journey. Wednesday, July 26th they were in Casper, Wyoming completing their final assessment with the North American Mission Board before moving to Colorado. They have begun a newsletter to help keep people informed of their journey. If you would like to follow them you can do so on [Facebook @GREENMISSIONCOLORADO](#). Their newsletter can be requested and they can be contacted via email at joshandamygreen@yahoo.com. August 6th will be their last Sunday at County Line. They will be leaving Tyler on August 14th.



"Many have asked ... Why are you leaving your family, friends, jobs and your church? Why Northern Colorado? Mark 16:15 And He said to them, go into all the world and proclaim the Gospel to the whole creation." Pray for the Greens as they do what God has directed them to do. (excerpts taken with permission from July and August 2017 newsletters)



NOW HIRING

House Managers



Apply for a fulfilling career as a House Manager at Breckenridge Village of Tyler (BVT), a faith-based community for adults with developmental disabilities. As House Manager, you can help provide exceptional and unique care to a group of amazing individuals in a warm, safe, family setting.

House Manager - The full-time, House Manager job is a live-in position, Sunday through Friday.

Weekend Relief House Managers* - The weekend position will be live-in and work only Friday through Sunday

Managers will serve either male or female residents

- **FREE HOUSING** - Private 2-bedroom apartment (7-days a week)
* Weekend Relief Manager receives private room during work hours
- **FREE UTILITIES**
- **FREE MEALS** (2 meals per day provided during working shift)
- Full-time with health, dental and vision benefits
- Life & disability insurance
- Paid vacation, sick leave and holidays

APPLY NOW

Send cover letter and resume to BVTjobs@BreckenridgeVillage.com
Or call (903) 531-2144 for more information

BVT is part of the global system of BCFS health and human service non-profit organizations

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

Lookin' for a Bible Study?

Check out our Video Library

If you have checked out a Bible Study and are finished with it, please return it to Smith Baptist Association.



Christian Quilt Guild

The Christian Quilt Guild is a global community of Christian quilters, fiber artists, and anyone who love quilts! As a Christian community, we openly share our faith, we are joyfully using our God given gifts and talents while serving HIM and serving those in need.

The Tyler, TX chapter meets the 1st Thursday of each month, 6-7:45 p.m. at East Texas Hospice Meeting Room; 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, TX 75701
Contact Jerriann Massey for more information at 903-596-8696.

If you are not in the Tyler, TX area, start your own chapter! We will be happy to help!
Find us: www.ChristianQuiltGuild.org
Facebook: [ChristianQuiltGuild.org](https://www.facebook.com/ChristianQuiltGuild.org)
Pinterest: Christian Quilt Guild



MORE - - - Opportunity

The Apostle Paul in Ephesians 5:16 speaks of "....redeeming the time". In his Exposition of Holy Scripture, Alexander Maclarean, on this passage comments, "that each beat of the pendulum" . . . is apprehended as having a special mission, and affording an opportunity for a special work."

M.O.R.E. is about identifying and making known to SBA churches opportunities for God's special work of people coming to Christ. One such opportunity is Franklin Graham's crusade scheduled Thursday, October 19, 2017, in Longview. Now is a good time to seize this opportunity and make plans to cultivate relationships and strive to take as many folks as possible who need the Lord, to the crusade.

The Apostle Paul also says in verse 17 that we are to be wise and understand what the will of the Lord is. His will is that none should perish, but all should come to repentance. (II Pet. 3:9)

Let's give them a M.O.R.E. Opportunity!
Bob Sexton



Applications are no longer being accepted for the Community Missions Grant. The funds have been dispersed for 2017. Please check back again in March 2018 for fund availability.



Highlights from the Semi-Annual Meeting

July 24, 2017 - Green Acres South



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