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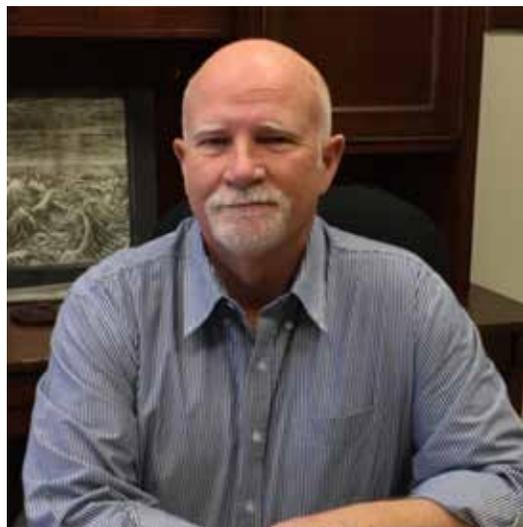
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Fulfilling the Great Commission by connecting people with people. Matthew 28:19-20

October 2017



∞ from your Director of Missions

We will host a bi-vocational ministers retreat this weekend. I am glad we are able to host such an event. We have a total of 20 couples signed up as of now. David Crain will entertain at a banquet Friday night, the rest of the weekend is for the ministers and their wives to relax and enjoy. I don't know of any harder working guys than these. They hold down a full time job, tend to the needs of their family, and pastor a church at the same time. Any of those three is a full time job! Please pray for these men and their wives that they might be renewed and have chance to relax so that they might be effective servants for Christ. My thanks to South Spring Baptist Church for hosting the banquet. Pastor Chris Legg and associate Lance Lewis have been very gracious in helping with our every need.

As the holiday season approaches I want us to continue to remember those affected by the hurricanes. I am so proud of our churches and their response to the crisis. We had boots on the ground almost immediately. The disaster relief teams from churches representing The Southern Baptist of

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No seating is provided. Please bring blankets and chairs.

7:30 p.m. Special Guest- CROWDER

FIREWORKS EACH NIGHT

For complete details click below
Maude Cobb Center Longview

BILLY GRAHAM
Evangelistic Association
Always Good News.

DECISION TEXAS
THE LONE STAR TOUR
with **FRANKLIN GRAHAM**

"Join me as we pray for Texas and our nation - and enjoy live music by Crowder, fireworks, and a message of hope."



Sep. 29th - Oct. 1 - Bi-Vocational Ministers & Wives Retreat

3 - CIM 1112 - The Conquest to the Exile
6 pm - SBA Office

9- Administrative Team Meeting
1 p.m. - SBA Office

10 - CIM 1112 - The Conquest to the Exile
6 pm - SBA Office

15- DEADLINE TO RETURN ACP TO SMITH ASSOCIATION

17 - CIM 1112 - The Conquest to the Exile
6 pm - SBA Office

19 - Decision America - Texas
Franklin Graham
Maude Cobb Center, Longview 7:30 p.m.

20- R.A. Turkey Shoot/Camp Out @ Timberline

24 - CIM 1112 - The Conquest to the Exile
6 pm - SBA Office (Final Exam)

31 - CIM 1113 - The Exile to the Intertestamental Period
6 pm - SBA Office (Registration)



10-5-97 - James Hawkins, Higher Heights Baptist, Tyler

10-12-03 - Bill Minson, FBC Swan

10-15-13 - Elmer Rogers, New Generation Baptist, Tyler

10-26-09 - Lee Evans, West Lake Baptist, Chandler



13 - David Mahfood, Tyland Baptist, Tyler

20 - Maurice F. McMillion, Faith Baptist, Tyler

26 - Patrick Lissner, Myriad Community Church, Tyler

28 - Mike Midkiff, Faith Baptist, Quitman

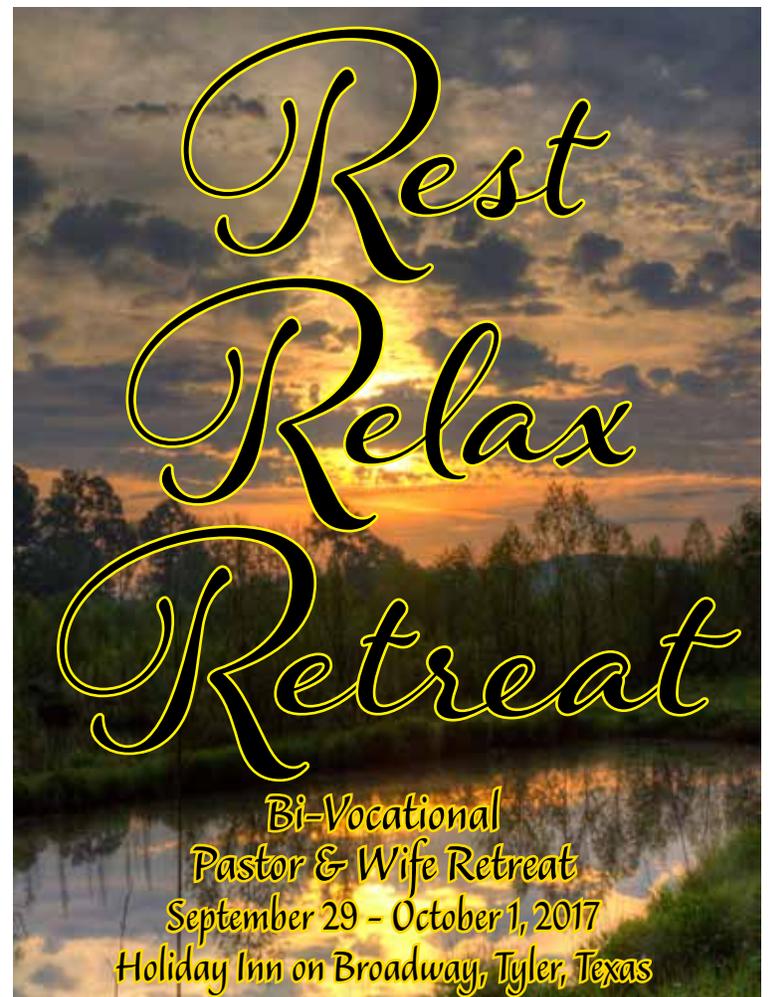
from your Director of Missions (con't from pg. 1)

Texas Convention, and The Texas Baptists all responded. Churches have adopted churches, groups have worked in the muck and mire with individual needs, and many, many loads of supplies have been taken to the needy. This tragedy will not be over by the time the holidays hit! If you need help knowing how to help, contact our office.

Finally, it is ACP time. That is our Annual Church Profile. Paula has mailed them to the churches, or you should have received one from your state convention. Please, Please, Please, take time to fill this out and return it. Is is so much more simplified than it used to be. It won't take you long and it provides a record for generations to come of your church and collectively our association. Our constitution calls for our churches to give and report at least once a year. This is the reporting part! Thanks in advance for taking care of this. If you have questions, don't hesitate to call Paula.

I have been in the following churches of late: Lake Tyler (Interim), Noonday (Ordination), Calvary (missions presentation), Mt. Carmel (Bible Study), Hopewell (Preach). I am so thankful you allow me to serve you here at SBA. This association never ceases to amaze me at the diversity, yet harmony that exists. Thank you for all you do for His Kingdom, Thank you for all you do as an Association, and thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus when a crisis arises! Blessings, Dr. Danny

The Baptist Standard recently featured an article on Danny Pickens - "We Want What Is Best for the Church." Click to read <https://www.baptiststandard.com/opinion/profiles/danny-pickens-want-best-church/#.WcRwMzCq Wg. facebook>





*Special Needs, Disability,
and the Church:*

*A conference hosted by
The Banquet Network*

*A conference for church leaders, parents
and volunteers who seek to reach, care
for, and serve families and individuals
affected by disabilities.*

October 7, 2017, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

First Baptist Church
801 E Main St
Whitehouse TX 75791

REGISTER AT:
www.thebanquetnetwork.com/events



New Church Legislation SB 2065 - Volunteer Church Security Teams by: Bobby Brasher & Tom Krieg

On June 15, 2017, Governor Abbott signed into law SB 2065. One of the provisions in SB2065 was a section, which eliminates the requirement that churches need to use either state certified law enforcement officers or state licensed security officers for church security.

Starting September 1, 2017, churches can deploy a volunteer armed church security team without the need of any licenses or training. While some church leadership are celebrating this decision, church members and their leadership may want to take a hard look at some of the unintended consequences of this change in the law.

Due to the limits of this article, we will only be able to hit some of the issues that churches will need to address in deploying an un-licensed security team. These issues include, but not limited to the following:

- Screening of team members
- Training of team members
- Supervision of team members
- Corporate & personal liability of team members

Screening

The new law eliminates the requirement for individuals wanting to perform security to have any screening (background check/mental fitness) prior to being entrusted with the safety and security of the church property and members.

Training

A church is considered private property. The church can give permission to an individual to carry a weapon on their private property (without the members knowing) without any training requirements (i.e. Legal Authority, Use of Force, etc.) and even the requirement for that individual to have a License to Carry (LTC).

Supervision

The supervision for this private, volunteer security team will now fall under the responsibility of the church leaders. Some individual(s) will be required to maintain supervision of the various team members and will need to ensure any and all incidents are properly handled and recorded/reported to various entities (insurance companies, law enforcement, attorneys, etc.)

Liabilities (Corporate and Personal)

The liability issues facing a church and its leadership should be only made after receiving professional consultation from their legal advisors, insurance representatives and a church security consultant. Making a decision to take advantage of the changes in this law could put the church and its leadership in a position of both corporate and personally liability.

The authors of this article are the co-founders of Christian Defense & Safety Solutions, LLC, an East Texas based non-profit (501c) ministry whose main mission is to educate and train church communities seeking to educate, train, and defend their places of worship. For more information please go to <http://www.christiandefenseandsafety.com> or The Smith County Baptist Association.



OCTOBER 6-7, 2017
**Flint Baptist
Church**
11131 FM 2868 W
Flint, Texas 75762

6th - Phase 2

Advanced training in the selected ministry area. Attention will be given to Team Leader responsibilities: Team member care/Disaster

Relief reporting

7th - Phase 1 & Intro to DR

Introduction to Southern Baptists of Texas Disaster Relief, Basic Manual in selected ministry area (clean-up/recovery, feeding, assessment, shower/ laundry, chaplaincy, childcare, or communications), hands on Training in selected ministry area.

ON-Line registration

<http://sbtexas.com/evangelism/disaster-relief/training-schedule/>

or Contact Ralph Britt at 903-570-1114

Cost

\$25.00 for new volunteers
\$10.00 for re certifying volunteers

Disaster Relief Information

To volunteer to be trained as an SBTC Disaster Relief Volunteer, YOU MUST :

1. Be an active member of a Southern Baptist church.
2. Have a letter of recommendation from the Pastor on church letterhead for the individual(s) from that church.
3. Be at least 18 years old.
4. Be in good health.
5. Have a servant heart.

M.O.R.E. - - - AND MORE!

That's what it takes to fulfill the GREAT COMMISSION - - Move Out Reach Everyone we can and then do it again and again and again and!

The fall of the year and winter months provide so many ways we can plan to reach our communities with the Gospel, and demonstrate our love and commitment to connecting with those who need our Lord.

Through the years I have seen many parents and children come to know Christ and baptized into the church who were first met at a Fall Festival – a substitute for the traditional Halloween activities and emphases. What a great thing it is to convert that time from a focus on ghosts, etc., to life and good that God wants to bring to folks in Christ.

Thanksgiving is also a great time to have a special midweek worship time preceded or followed by a meal to which people in our communities are invited by church members to come and fellowship and enjoy the meal provided by the church.

In between Thanksgiving and Christmas there is a great opportunity to prepare and serve food to those in the community who have the need, and invite public servants to enjoy it as well. It is also a great time to deliver meals to those that are sick or shut in. And of course there is Christmas! What a wonderful time to really step up and step out for our Saviour. The world takes a holiday during that season, but we have the privilege of going all-out to present God becoming one of us as Babe Jesus who grew to be the man Jesus who died for all of us to be able to experience God's great love!

The list of ways to Move Out and Reach Everyone could go on and on - - - but let's just join our hearts and efforts to M.O.R.E and M.O.R.E. and M.O.R.E and - - -

For Him and M.O.R.E.

Bob Sexton

Dear R.A.s, Counselors, Staff, Jeff Palmer, and C.H. Ford,

Thank you for sharing your summer mission lesson with us. Everyone learned about what The King's Storehouse Food Bank does to feed the hungry in East Texas.

The action activity of bagging rice created a memorable moment.

The R.A.s and Counselors at Timberline were very generous in presenting a love offering to The King's Storehouse Food Bank. It was graciously accepted.

We enjoyed the time we spent presenting our mission program and look forward to seeing you next time.



*Sincerely,
Elaine E. Estridge
Executive Director*



**Mission 2018:
Central Asia
March 17-25**

Sign-up continues for the

SBA Central Asia Mission Trip, March 17-25, 2018. We currently have nine people who have expressed a strong desire to go. The deposit of \$1,000 is due November 1, 2017. If you would like information regarding the trip or if you would like to help someone else go on the trip, please contact Danny at 903-581-6139.

Don't miss the opportunity to be part of a trip of a lifetime. If God opens the door, do not close it! There are blessings that await in Central Asia.

R.A. Turkey Shoot Campout

**October 20-21st
Timberline Camp**

**for additional info
Jeff Palmer
903-360-2616**

