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from your Director of Missions

Please be in prayer that the political differences between the US and Turkey will be resolved soon. Our trip to Central Asia will depend on whether we can get visas for Turkey or not. There are currently four people who have confirmed that they are going and two others who are still considering it. If you are interested, please give me a call ASAP. The deadline for deposit is **November 1**. If we can't get visas right now, I might be able to extend that. Contact me for more details. The dates are March 17-25, 2018.

We are currently compiling the Annual Church Profiles for our churches. Please make sure you have returned yours or at least called Paula with the basic numbers. This may not seem important now, but in the future people will rely on these numbers from the past. We are also preparing the budget (see schedule on page 4 in this

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

November 2017

newsletter) and also beginning work on filling vacancies on our teams. It's that time of year folks! If you would like to serve on the Administrative Team or the Advisory Council, please let me know.

As the holidays approach our office becomes a little quieter. That doesn't mean we aren't here. We are, but churches begin focusing on holiday schedules and events. If during this time you have a need, please don't hesitate to let us know. Both Paula and I will be out some on vacation; however, Sue Sexton will stand in the gap as always and be here to help.

I have been in the following churches of late: Noonday (Preach), Lake Tyler (Interim). Blessings, Dr. Danny



Mission 2018: Central Asia March 17-25



Sign-up continues for the SBA Central Asia Mission Trip, March 17-25, 2018. We currently have six 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.



NOVEMBER

1st

DEADLINE FOR RA BASKETBALL REGISTRATION
contact Jeff Palmer 903-360-2616

5th

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

7th

ELECTION DAY

CIM 1113

"The Exile to the Intertestamental Period"
Registration 6 p.m. SBA office

9th-11th

RA MISSION MANIA

10th

VETERANS DAY (observed)

11th

VETERANS DAY

12TH-15TH

BGCT ANNUAL MEETING - Waco Convention Center

SBTC ANNUAL MEETING - Criswell College

13th

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM MEETING
1 p.m., SBA Office

ADVISORY TEAM MEETING
6 p.m., Bruno's

14th, 21st, and 28th

CIM 1113

"The Exile to the Intertestamental Period"
6 p.m. SBA office

22nd

Office Closes at Noon for Thanksgiving Holiday

23rd

Thanksgiving Day



11-5-05 - Fred Smith,
Calvary Baptist, Tyler



17 - Floyd Smith
Hopewell Baptist, Swan
18 - Harold Richardson
Smith Baptist Association

A Glance at SBA

Pastorless Churches

Dean Baptist Church, Tyler; First Baptist, Mineola;
Holly Brook Baptist, Hawkins; Iglesia Bautista Colonial Hills, Tyler.
Lake Tyler Baptist, Tyler; Liberty Baptist, Hawkins;
and The Woods Baptist, Tyler;

Churches with new Pastors

Golden Baptist Church, Golden - Rev. Robert Mounce, Pastor
First Baptist, Troup - Rev. Joe Ballard, Pastor
LifePoint Fellowship, Tyler - Rev. Alex Velarde, Pastor
Pruitt Baptist Church, Van - Rev. Mike Calhoun

New Mission

Destiny Outreach Ministry - Rev. Michael Shelby
(Mission of Higher Heights Baptist Church)

Churches with Interim Pastors

Dean Baptist, Tyler - Rev. Bob Sexton
First Baptist, Mineola - Lynn Eckeberger
Holly Brook Baptist, Hawkins - Rev. Scott Richardson
Iglesia Bautista Colonial Hills, Tyler - Rev. Francisco Rodriguez
Lake Tyler Baptist, Tyler - Dr. Danny Pickens
Liberty Baptist, Hawkins - Dr. Paul Saylor
The Woods Baptist, Tyler - Dr. Charles Dodson

Please be in prayer for all of the churches in SBA.

For a listing of other Staff Vacancies

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

SBA Holiday Schedule

Thanksgiving - Office Closes @ noon Wednesday, Nov. 22-26

Christmas - Office Closes Dec. 22 - Jan. 1, 2018

Fall Festivals throughout SBA

Click below for 25th-31st Listing
<http://smithbaptist.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/fall-Festival-2017.pdf>

Tuesday, October 31st

Pine Springs Baptist, Tyler
 Trunk -r- Treat in Pine Springs Parking Lot
 5 - 7 p.m.
 Food Games, Lots of Candy
 All Ages Welcome!

Calvary Baptist Church, Brownsboro
 11290 Moss St., Brownsboro
 Trunk or Treat 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
 Free food, candy, and games
 Ages 0-12 yrs. Costume Contest @ 6:30 p.m.
 Prizes will be given

Central Baptist Church, Jacksonville
 1909 E. Rusk St., 6 - 8 p.m.
 Admission - One non-perishable food item per person
 (for HOPE) and one bag of individually
 wrapped candy per family.
 Non-"spooky" Costumes welcome

Dean Baptist Church, Tyler
 11567 CR 1141
 5:30 - 8 p.m. Trunk or Treat

Southern Oaks Baptist Church
 601 E. Amherst, Tyler
 "Trunk or Treat Through the Bible" 6- 7:30 p.m.
 Free games, treats, entertainment and food!
 All ages welcome!

FBC Alba
 219 E. Holley St., Alba
 6 - 8 p.m. Trunk or Treat

Flint Baptist Church - "Light Up the Night"
 6-8 p.m. Fun for All Ages!
 No cost to Enter or Play Games!
 No Scary Costumes, Please
 Inflatable Interactives and Bounces
 Train rides and Games
 Candy, Prizes, and Live Entertainment
 Local Food Trucks

**Green Acres Baptist Church - Covered Parking
 Area**
 6 - 8 p.m. Ages 4-14
 Free Booths, Bounce Houses, Candy
 Carnival Food for Purchase



Hello! We have a great team working hard in Hull this week, but the repair list at FBC Hull and in the community will continue well through November.

If you are available to lead or assist a team in the NEXT TWO WEEKS (as a construction or shower trailer volunteer), [click here](#). We will plan the next teams based on the availability of a team leader.

Thanks,
 Andria Horton
 Green Acres Baptist Church

If your church has information on how others might help with the Hurricane Harvey disaster relief, please let us know at the SBA office. Contact paula@smithbaptist.org. Let us help you spread the word!

2018 Budget

REVIEWING AND VOTING SCHEDULE

It's that time of year again. On November 15 a letter will be mailed with the 2018 Proposed Budget to the messengers of SBA churches.

Once the letter is received, messengers will review the budget and register their vote by returning the postage-paid "Voting Card" included with the letter. This will be due back in the SBA office by close of business on Monday, December 6, 2017. As stated on the "card" if you have any questions or would like to address the Administrative Team at the December 11th meeting concerning the budget, indicate your desire on the voting card. Also, you are welcome to contact anyone on the Administrative Team. All of the telephone numbers, etc. will be included in the letter that is mailed.

Votes will be tallied and the results recorded in the December 11, 2017, Administrative Team minutes.

M.O.R.E. - - -PRAISE!

This is certainly a great time of the year for giving thanks and praise to our Lord for all His many blessings.

Thanksgiving has to do with an abundant harvest. Praise has to do with our awesome and loving God.

I thought about the wonderful harvest of souls that occurred at the Franklin Graham “Decision Texas” event in Longview last Thursday evening, and was led to PRAISE THE LORD!

There were 9,300 or so folks there and many responded to receive Christ and get a new life. I do not know the exact number, but in San Antonio there were over 10,000 in attendance and 398 at first reporting that trusted the Lord for salvation. If Longview was similar, then it would seem that over 300 would be a good estimate. Regardless of the exact number, there is much cause for praising our Great God “...from whom all blessings flow”; and praying for M.O.R.E., M.O.R.E., M.O.R.E.!

For Him and M.O.R.E.

Bob Sexton

Are You Doing M.O.R.E.?

(Moving Out Reaching Everyone)

is a strategy for encouraging and assisting churches in fulfilling the Great Commission

GO - BAPTIZE - TEACH!

Let’s all be united in seeing **MORE** people come to Christ each year and being baptized in your respective churches

For additional information about enlisting your church to be a **M.O.R.E.** church, contact

Bob Sexton
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