



the connector

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

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•• from your Director of Missions

A big thanks to all who made our 119th annual meeting a success. Many things go on behind the scenes to prepare for such an event. I especially want to thank Paula Pickens for all she did.

Thank you also to Pike Wisner and FBC Tyler who not only hosted us but also brought a great challenge to the missionaries preparing to go to Central Asia. All in all, the meeting was one filled with praise, joy, excitement, and enthusiasm. What more could a Director of Missions ask?

I am currently looking into a service that would provide churches a way to link people to needs in our area. I believe this would be a great asset to our associational work. I often get calls from churches wanting to know how they can find a need that can met by their church, youth group or men's group. This would help greatly to match those needs to a desire to help. Our Advisory council is also examining other ideas for ministry in our Association. I will let you know what they settle on for this year.

As mentioned at our semi-annual meeting we have a few other ways you can get involved in overseas missions. A trip is being planned to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and a trip being planned to the Amazon River. I have also received word from a trusted mission sending group (Church Missions Network) that they are looking for pastors who might like to go to Kenya. They would pay for everything but your airfare, in order to let you see

what they are doing there. I went with them last year and was very impressed. If any of these trips appeal to you, please let me know and I can help you get connected.

Missions is my heart, and I love to travel to foreign lands, but we must always keep in mind that missions also means working with people we see every day. We should be doing missions as we go. Reaching out to a lost and dying world all around us. We want to help with that as well. Be watching our website for the Community Missions Grants that will be available soon. These funds can help smaller churches to do outreach events in their own areas.

Thank you for your support of Smith Baptist Association. Thank you for allowing me to serve with you. To God Be the Glory! Dr. Danny



Rev. Pike Wisner, Pastor FBC Tyler welcoming guests and messengers to the SBA Annual Meeting.



Jerry Page, Worship Pastor, Mt. Carmel Baptist Church leading the audience in a medley of songs to open the meeting.



Vice Moderator Zach Tunnell, Pastor of FBC Hawkins called the meeting to order and recognized the messengers.



Danny Pickens with Pastor Floyd Smith and Hispanic Pastor Guadalupe Rodriguez of Hopewell Baptist Church, Tyler.



Please begin praying for the following who are going on this trip:

Richard Gipson, Sedrick Moore, Jack Newton, Danny Pickens, Ryan Surrant, Rick Sydnor



February

- 2-2 Groundhog Day
 2-3 RA Basketball - 9 am
 2-6 MINS 1117 Introduction to Church Ministry
 6 pm, SBA Office
 2-12 Administrative Team Meeting
 1 pm, SBA Office
 2-13 MINS 1117 Introduction to Church Ministry
 (Final Exam)
 6 pm, SBA Office
2-14 VALENTINE'S DAY
 2-19 President's Day
 2-20 MINS 1119 - The Work of the
 Minister, 6 pm, SBA Office (Registration)
 2-27 MINS 1119 The Work of the
 Minister, 6 pm, SBA Office (Registration)

BIRTHDAYS

- 2-2
 Stephen Nipp, Antioch
 2-3
 David Burcham, Harvest Acres
 2-13
 Robert Carter, Colonial Hills
 2-18
 Bill Weaver, FBC Big Sandy
 2-23
 Danny Pickens, SBA
 2-28
 Ernest Browning, New Growth

ANNIVERSARIES

- 2-1-2006
 James Cheatham, Carmel
 2-7-2008
 Davey Smith, Fellowship
 2-14-2008
 Jose Sanchez
 Iglesia Bautista de Fe

A Glance at SBA

Pastorless Churches

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

Churches with Interim Pastors

Dean Baptist, Tyler - Rev. Bob Sexton
 First Baptist, Mineola - Dr. Lynn Eckeberger
 Holly Brook Baptist, Hawkins - Dr. Scott Harrison
 Iglesia Bautista Colonial Hills, Tyler - Rev. Francisco Rodriguez
 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/>

Smith Baptist Association 119th Annual Meeting

was held on 1-28-18 at
 FBC Tyler. Approximately 200 people
 attended representing 30 churches
 and 6 organizations.
 Thank you Pastor Pike Wisner
 and FBC Tyler
 for your wonderful hospitality.

Click [HERE](#) to see pictures



Download a copy of the 2017 SBA
 Annual Book of Reports
<http://smithbaptist.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/2017-SBA-Annual-Book-of-Reports-web.pdf>

ATTENTION - ATTENTION - ATTENTION!

If you have checked out one of our DVD Bible Studies and have completed the study, **PLEASE** return it to SBA. We have several still out from early in 2017. Others are wanting to check out these studies Thank you!



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Class: MINS1117: Introduction to Church Ministry

Location: Smith Baptist Association Office
3226 Old Jacksonville Road

Professor: Dr. Danny Pickens

Cost: \$175

Class Begins: Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2018



All classes accredited through ETBU.

For more information, contact ETBU's School of Christian Studies
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2018 Spring Class Schedule

Registration begins
Feb. 20, 2018
for

MINS 1119
The Work of the Minister

Registration begins
April 3, 2018
for

MINS 1122
**The Preparation of Sermons
and Bible Studies**

FAMILYLIFE presents
the art of
marriage

getting to
the heart of
God's design



Calvary Baptist Church - Tyler
6704 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Couples Weekend
February 9 & 10, 2018
Cost: \$50 per couple

Register Online
at www.calvarytyler.org
or call 903-939-3200

Marriage Enrichment Weekend
Love and Respect
February 23rd and 24th, 2018
Friday Night 6-10 p.m.
Saturday 9-5 p.m.




COST is \$50 per couple

Colonial Hills Baptist Church
*Childcare by reservation only,
ages birth to 10 years old.*


For More Information,
meet us at the Welcome Center
after each service starting
February 4th.

2018 VBS Material Overview • Dates and Locations

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	ADDRESS
Saturday, February 3	9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Victory Life Baptist Church	12401 Slide Rd., Lubbock 79424
Saturday, February 10	9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Friendship Drive Baptist Church	1000 Friendship Dr., Abilene 79605
Tuesday, February 13	9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Texas Baptists	7557 Rambler Road #2100, Dallas 75243
Saturday, February 24	9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Shearer Hills Baptist Church	12815 San Pedro, San Antonio 78216

\$10 Online • \$20 at the door

Contact Sarah Johnson 214.828.5205 or texasbaptists.org/childhood click on VBS logo
Deadline 1-31-2018



TEXAS BAPTISTS' GREAT COMMISSION TEAM

For more information, please call Sarah Johnson at 214-828-5205.
EGCCT VBS curriculum is made possible by your gifts to the Mary McLeod Bethune Center. Offering for Texas Baptists: www.texasbaptists.org for more information.



VBS SBTC State Trainings

State VBS trainings offer in-depth training and ideas for churches and associations in many areas – leader enlistment, decorating, music, worship, missions, bible study, recreation, crafts and more! We know you will leave with the tools you need to help your kids gear up for life's big game.

Check the website for complete list of tracks offered at each location.

COST \$10

University BC, San Antonio
FBC, Odessa

March 3
Friendly BC, Tyler

April 7

Contact
Judy Van Hooser
877-953-7282
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sbtexas.com/vbs



Green Acres Bapt. Church

Children's Choir Clinic

**Featuring
Darlene Abbott
and
Kimberly Ingram**

**Sessions for
Elementary and Preschool**

**Saturday, February 17th
8:30am – noon**

Lighthouse 2nd floor

**Please call for RSVP
clinic is free**

**Lunch - Q&A
following clinic at
Potpourri House - \$10.**

Contact Courtney Cain

903-525-1147

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!



At the Annual Meeting Bob Sexton, Coordinator of M.O.R.E. made presentations to churches who reached their 15% goal of baptisms in 2017.

**In 2017 the following Churches
Achieved a 15% Goal of Baptisms
Based on Average Sunday School Attendance.**

Hebron Baptist Church, Maxwell H. Burch, Pastor

The Carpenter's Cross, Ron Ivey, Pastor

Higher Heights Baptist - James Hawkins, Pastor

Hopewell Baptist - Floyd Smith, Pastor

Lone Star Church - Doug Haning, Pastor

Dover Baptist, Tyler - James Anderson, Pastor

Noonday Baptist Church - Scott Gorbett, Pastor

Wilderness Church - Travis Wright, Pastor

Bullard Southern Baptist Church - Scott Parrish, Pastor

Dean Baptist, Tyler - Bob Sexton, Interim Pastor

HONORABLE MENTION

Cross Brand Cowboy Church, Tyler - Mike Morrow, Pastor

NE Texas Cowboy Church, Hawkins - Charles Thomas, Pastor

Flint Baptist, Flint - Sam Deville, Pastor

Calvary Baptist, Brownsboro - Danny Sandifer, Pastor

County Line Baptist, Bullard - Benjamin Bryan, Pastor

Sharon Baptist, Arp - Erik Switzer, Pastor

Sponsored by Green Acres Baptist Church

TDCJ TRAINING

Sunday, Feb. 11, 2018, 1-5pm

Adult Education Building Room 103

New Volunteer Training/Refresher Training: If you are interested in becoming a TDCJ

Volunteer to inside Texas prisons this is the training for you! New volunteers are required to participate in an on-site training session. TDCJ Volunteers must complete this Refresher Training every two years.

[Click here to register.](#)