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... from  
**your  
Director of  
Missions**

Thank you for all the encouragement for those of us going to Central Asia this month. Please note the prayer guide Paula has placed in this issue. We covet your prayers as we prepare, take part in, and return from this mission. I look forward to seeing what God will do in the ten days we are there. Our host has also just had a new baby, do, please, place him and his family on your prayer list as well. He is responsible for all the travel arrangements for the various groups coming. **Because of your giving you are a part of this work!**

Our community missions funds will be available beginning March 15, 2018 . The applications for a grant can be submitted for events that are focused on reaching those in your community, i.e. VBS, Outreach events, revivals, camps, etc. Don't hesitate to fill out your on-line application. The Administrative team will examine them and make the award at their next scheduled meeting. **Because of your giving you are a part of this work!**

We continue to start new churches..... Our latest is an African American work Day-break H.O.D. (House of Destiny) Baptist Church. Welcome pastor Jason Rhodes and his congregation of 25-30. They are sponsored by Higher Heights Baptist. Please pray for this church and sponsor as

they begin this work. **Because of your giving you are a part of this work.**

Do you notice a theme here? Thank you for all of you who contribute to SBA. We are blessed to have an association of churches who are Kingdom minded and cooperate together for the Kingdom's sake. We appreciate it and always make sure that the monies you give are used for missions and ministry. We want to help our churches (many of them small) to be the best they can be. Our larger churches, though often self-sufficient provide funds with which we can help the smaller ones. That is Kingdom Work!

I have been in the following churches during this past month: Mt. Carmel Baptist (visit), Colonial Hills Baptist (pastor 25th anniversary celebration), Galilee Baptist (visit), and FBC Gresham (re-dedication of church sanctuary that has recently been repaired.)

Blessings, Danny



**We are pleased to announce that applications will be accepted beginning **March 15, 2018.****

Click [HERE](#) for information

**Grants are awarded monthly until funds are depleted.**

*Mission 2018: Central Asia*  
**March 16-25**

**Prayer Guide**

**March 16 Flight to Central Asia**

Pray for safe travel and comfort on the flight.

**March 17 Arrive**

Pray the Lord will open our eyes to the physical and spiritual needs of a people a half a world away.

**March 18 Day of Sightseeing**

Pray today that we will enjoy the streets of Ephesus.

**March 19 Orientation – Begin Sharing on the Street**

Pray today for calm nerves as we learn what to do and begin meeting those who we will work alongside.

**March 20 Sharing on the Street**

Pray that our jet-lag is not too severe and that our systems will adjust to the new food and routine quickly.

**March 21 Sharing on the Street**

Pray that today and every day we will share the Love of Christ with every person we can find as well as others who cross our paths.

**March 22 Sharing on the Street**

Pray for our strength to endure to the end. By now we are tired and worn and perhaps a bit homesick.

**March 23 Sharing on the Street**

Pray for those who will be working in the “café” and sharing on a deeper level with the people who respond to us on the street.

**March 24 Orientation – Sharing on the Street**

Pray for us as we wrap things up today and say goodbye to our new friends. Pray for the those who will stay behind and continue the work there.

**March 25 Fly to Dallas (Central Asia Time)**

Pray for safe travel, good connections, and good weather as we begin the journey home.

**March 25 Back in Texas (Dallas Time)**

*Thank you LORD!*



**4-11 WEEK OF PRAYER / ANNIE ARMSTRONG**

6 CIM MINS 1119 The Work of the Minister  
6 p.m., SBA office

11 **Daylight Savings Time Returns**



12 Administrative Team Meeting  
1 pm, SBA Office

Advisory Council

6 p.m., Bruno's

13 CIM MINS 1119 -SPRING BREAK

16-25 **Central Asia Mission Trip**



20 **SPRING BEGINS**

MINS 1119 - The Work of the Minister  
6 pm, SBA Office

23-24 **G.A. Mini Camp @ Timberline**

27 MINS 1119 The Work of the Minister, 6 pm, SBA Office (Final Exam)

30 **GOOD FRIDAY**

**BIRTHDAYS**

3-1  
Doug Haning, Lone Star

3-6  
Kelly Burton, FBC Alba

3-10  
Michael Shelby, Destiny Outreach

3-17  
Carl George, Macedonia

3-19  
Chris Legg, South Spring

3-25  
Bruce Rudd, Mt. Sylvan

3-28  
Tommy Derrick, The Fellowship Troup

3-30  
Kenward Goode, East Lake

**ANNIVERSARIES**

3-2-08  
David Burcham, Harvest Acres

3-3-91  
David Dykes, Green Acres

3-6-08  
Tom Buck, FBC Lindale

3-13-11  
Pike Wisner, FBC Tyler



**A Glance at SBA**

**Pastorless Churches**

Dean Baptist Church, Tyler; First Baptist, Mineola;  
Holly Brook Baptist, Hawkins; Iglesia Bautista Colonial Hills, Tyler.  
Liberty Baptist, Hawkins; 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/>

**ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING**

ON MISSION

**HERE & NOW**

[anniearmstrong.com](http://anniearmstrong.com)

**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!







# 'ACTIVE SHOOTER' RESPONSE TRAINING

Thursday, March 22, 2018

7-9:30 p.m.

Bullard Southern Baptist Church

716 N. Houston St., Bullard, TX

903-894-9267

Presented by

Darrell Coslin, Sergeant

Smith County Sheriff Department

for more info contact [scott@bullardsouthern.com](mailto:scott@bullardsouthern.com)

**G.A. Mini Camp  
March 23-24, 2018**



Click [HERE](#) for Mini Camp registration packet

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G.A. Camp is June 8-12, 2018

\$195 per person

Click [HERE](#) for Summer Camp registration packet

**MAN CHURCH**

**Date:** March 26, 2018

**Time:** Food Served @ 6:00 pm  
Word Served @ 7:00 pm

**Place:** First Baptist Church  
Hawkins  
210 Forest St  
Hawkins, TX 75763

**Speaker:** Conner Bales

**R.A. Super Saturday**  
April 21, 2018  
Gateway Baptist Church  
905 Hwy. 110 S • Whitehouse, TX 75791

Click [HERE](#) for event details

**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.

**GEARING UP FOR LIFE'S BIG GAME**

**Cost \$10** Check the website for complete list of tracks offered at each location.

\*The LifeWay Presence need to be sponsored by a church. Registration cost is \$80 for this event & books is lowest.

**March 3**  
Spring BC, Spring  
Friendly BC, TX

**April 7**  
University BC, San Antonio  
FBC, Dallas

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[sbftexas.com/vbs](http://sbftexas.com/vbs)



Registration begins April 3, 2018 for  
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**Cost:** \$175

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**Are You Doing M.O.R.E.?  
(Moving Out Reaching Everyone)**

**M.O.R.E. ---STUDY and PRAYER!**

We all know that Billy Graham went to be with the Lord. I've heard him say how anxious he was to see Jesus. This world will certainly miss his influence and ministry.

He was so very faithful in helping millions to be able to know Jesus and look forward to seeing Him in heaven too. I remember even as a teenager and for all the following years until now, how focused he was on preaching the Gospel around the world - to 185 nations I heard someone say. I truly believe he will get a "...Well done thou good and faithful servant." from our Lord.

Someone asked him in an interview I saw on TV, "What would you do if you could live your life over?" or something to that effect. His reply was, "Study more and pray more". That caught my attention!

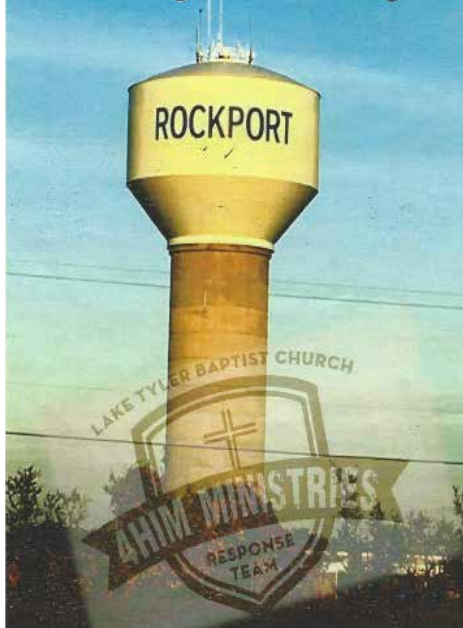
I know what he meant, but I would like to give his words a M.O.R.E. application. MORE is about the Great Commission; and the Great commission of course is Jesus' assigned task to His disciples and therefore to His churches.

I would just like to encourage all of us to "STUDY M.O.R.E. and PRAY M.O.R.E., and of course, DO M.O.R.E. so more will come to know Christ.

For Him and M.O.R.E.

Bob Sexton

Lake Tyler Baptist Church's  
4Him MINISTRIES working to  
be His hands and feet through  
Ministry and rebuilding.



**SPRING BREAK  
MISSION TRIP  
MARCH 10-17, 2018**

- Working through FBC Rockport and the Volunteer Resource Center there.

- Will be making repairs to a home that was seriously damaged during the hurricane.

- Goal is to make one side of the house (2 small apartments) completely livable for the family. The family will return in the summer to complete work on the other side.

To find out how you can help contact Lake Tyler

Baptist Church, 903-566-8542 office or

Brian Kinney, Youth Pastor 903-808-5764

**Serve Africa from  
East Texas!**



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