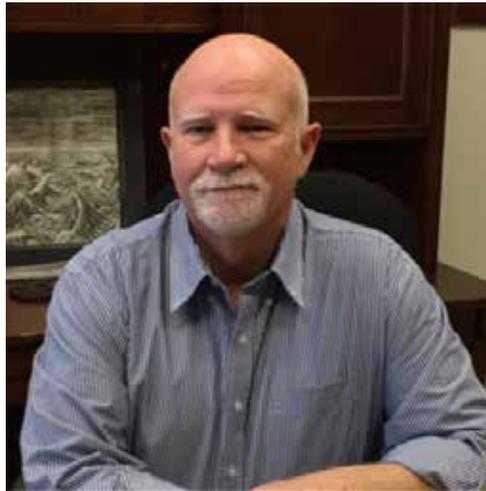


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*I think I'm going to live! I wasn't so sure three weeks ago. I am still recovering from hip surgery. Per the doctor, it was actually two surgeries since he had to remove hardware from a previous fall and replace the joint with a new hip! Progress has been slow; but, as of today April 23, I am in the office for a half day, YAY!*

*I appreciate all the visits, gifts, phone calls and especially the prayers. I am entering out-patient therapy this week. Hopefully, that will speed healing along a little more quickly. In the meantime, if you need me contact me via my cell phone or call Paula and she can pass along your message. Please continue to remember me in prayer. I'm looking forward to getting back into the swing of things!! Grace Abounds, Dr. Danny*



*5th Annual  
Secretary  
Appreciation  
Luncheon*

The 5th Annual Secretary Appreciation Luncheon was held on Thursday, April 26 at Hidden Gardens Tea Room in Bullard. There were 53 people representing 23 churches of Smith Baptist Association. This is a yearly event (funding permitted) in which we have the opportunity to express how much these men and ladies mean to our work here at Smith Baptist Association. "Being a church secretary is really more than a job, it is a calling" stated one secretary. We agree, this is a very meaningful position of ministry. Ladies and Gentleman, thank you for all that you do to make our jobs easier as we work together to minister and serve our participating churches. In HIS Service, right?



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER. IF YOU WOULD LIKE FOR US TO HELP YOU PUBLICIZE YOUR EVENT, PLEASE COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THE FORM FOUND ON THE LINK BELOW.

[VBS SUBMISSION FORM](#)





# Events

*Week of Prayer for Associational Missions  
May 20-27*

- 1 CIM MINS 1122 -Final Exam for Preparation of Sermons and Bible Studies, 6 pm, SBA Office
- 3 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
- 8 "TOGETHER WE EAT", 11:30 am, Spring Creek BBQ
- 13 MOTHER'S DAY
- 14 Administrative Team Meeting, 1 pm, SBA Office  
Advisory Council Meeting, 6 pm, Bruno's
- 18 FREE Active Shooter Training  
6-8:30 pm, FBC Gresham
- 28 MEMORIAL DAY - office will be closed

## birthdays

- 5-3 Anthony Williams  
Galilee Baptist
- 5-20 James Hawkins  
Higher Heights Baptist
- 5-23 Edward Murrell  
Bethlehem Baptist
- 5-24 Ron Herring  
Pleasant Hill Baptist



## anniversaries

- 5-20-06 Sedrick Moore  
St. Paul Baptist
- 5-22-13 Stephen Nipp  
Antioch Baptist
- 5-22-11 Bruce Rudd  
Mt. Sylvan Baptist
- 5-27-12 Craig Lloyd  
FBC Edom



# SPRING-CREEK BARBEQUE

**"TOGETHER WE EAT"**

**May 8th • 11:30 - 1 p.m.**

**No Agenda - Just Meet and Eat  
Invite a bi-vocational  
pastor to lunch for the express  
purpose of getting to know the  
other pastors in SBA.**

On **May 8th** from **11:30-1:00** we will meet at Spring Creek BBQ on Broadway to officially "kick-off" this new venture. We are asking that the full-time pastors in SBA invite a bi-vocational (part-time) pastor and buy their lunch as a gesture of support and camaraderie. Call Paula 903-581-6139 for a listing of names. She is keeping a reservation list. Let's make this a time of fun and encouragement among our SBA pastors!



Sharon Baptist Church is seeking volunteers to help in their Community Clinic. It is a free medical clinic located in Chapel Hill and is in need of volunteer Christian medical providers (MD, DO, Physician Asst., or Nurse Practitioner). The clinic is open the 2nd Saturday each month; medical volunteers are needed for 6 to 8 hours. Call Vicki at (903) 570-4717 if interested.



**WHO ARE WE?**

The Kyle Lake Foundation exists to equip Christians to make the presence and message of Christ both real and meaningful in an ever-changing world. The Foundation was established with its 501(c)3 designation in March 2007 in memory of the former pastor of University Baptist Church in Waco, Texas. The author of two books, *Understanding God's Will* and *(RE) Understanding Prayer*, Kyle Lake impacted thousands for Christ with his Christ-centered life, contagious personality and effective communication style. Kyle died tragically on a Homecoming Sunday as the result of electrocution while preparing to baptize a former Baylor University student. Hundreds of volunteers and donors work faithfully to continue the focus of Kyle's ministry and honor his memory. Since inception, the Foundation has awarded 76 scholarships, been instrumental in planting at least 8 churches, and donated 35 defibrillators to churches and non-profit organizations.



PRESENTS



The 12th Annual



**MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**Monday, May 7, 2018**

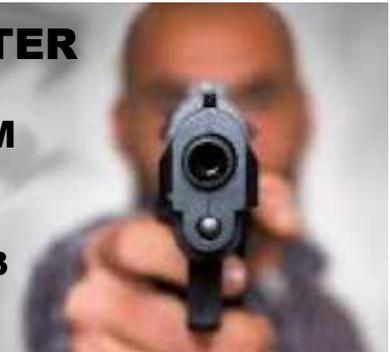
Registration begins at 10:30 a.m.  
Complimentary lunch at 11:30 a.m.  
Tee Time at 1:00 p.m.

Hosted by:



**ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING**

**May 18th 6 PM**  
**FBC Gresham**  
**16844 CR 165**  
**Tyler, TX 75703**  
**903-561-0174**



Terrible acts of violence continue to affect our lives and the lives of those we love. These events can happen anywhere at any time. Whether due to terrorism, work place violence, or the act of a mentally unstable person, our society continues to be the target of these attacks. Are you prepared? Sheriff Larry R. Smith and the Smith County Sheriff's Office, along with the First Baptist Church of Gresham is presenting this **"free training" to the public.**

This training, **"Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events"**, teaches what happens during an event. The human response both physical and psychological, common actions of the actor, law enforcement response and actions you can take to help you and your loved ones survive the attack..

This subject is graphic and some portions of the training may not be suitable for children. Parents are strongly encouraged to "not" bring children younger than 13 to the training.

For more information on the Smith County Sheriff's Office visit [www.smithcountysheriff.com](http://www.smithcountysheriff.com). The Sheriff's Office also has a FB page and can be followed on Twitter at @SmithCSO.

**WHO DO WE HELP?**

- Church planters
- Students needing scholarships
- Innovators in spreading The Gospel
- Christian ministries & charities that assist at-risk children and promote healthy families
- Christian educational institutions
- Soccer camps and programs
- Churches that need defibrillators

**HOW CAN I LEARN MORE?**

Contact us at [www.kylelake.org](http://www.kylelake.org) or call us at 903-561-5050.



**Color Me Beautiful**



**G. A. Camp**  
**June 8-12, 2018**  
**\$195 per person**

Click [HERE](#) for registration packet



**HILLTOP UNIVERSITY**

**A SPIRITUAL RETREAT FOR BOOMERS AND SENIOR ADULTS**  
**MARSHALL, TEXAS**  
**May 30-June 1, 2018**

Conference events include corporate worship, preaching, Bible studies, concerts, breakout sessions, and dessert fellowships. During your stay, enjoy our on-campus housing in a spectacular residence facility and delicious meals in ETBU's Dining Hall.

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Wednesday, May 30**

- 10:00 A.M.- 11:00 A.M. Registration
- 11:30 A.M. Lunch
- 12:45 P.M.- 9:30 P.M. Conference Events

**Thursday, May 31**

- 8:30 A.M.- 2:15 P.M. Conference Events
- 2:15 P.M.- 5:00 P.M. Free time to explore Marshall
- 5:00 P.M.- 9:30 P.M. Conference Events

**Friday, June 1**

- 8:30 A.M.- 1:00 P.M. Conference Events
- 1:00 P.M. Check out

**WORSHIP AND MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT FEATURING**



The Isaacs



Scot Cameron



The Foto Sisters

**SPEAKERS INCLUDE**



Dr. David Hardage,  
Executive Director,  
Baptist General Convention of Texas



Dr. Ron Lyles,  
Senior Pastor,  
South Main Baptist Church,  
Pasadena, Texas



Dr. Bob Utley,  
Retired ETBU Religion Faculty,  
Bible Lessons International



We are pleased to announce that applications are currently being accepted for a Community Missions Grant.

Click [HERE](#) to Apply

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

*A portion of the SBA budget has been designated to be available to cooperating churches for local mission projects. This application must be completed and submitted by email. Any SBA church may apply **once** a year for one specific project to be completed within the Smith Baptist Association for the purpose of evangelism.*

*The Administrative Team will review each application. You will receive notification of the decision regarding your request following the Team meeting.*

*Funds will be available until November 1, 2018, or until the account balance has been depleted, whichever comes first.*

**DON'T DELAY, SEVERAL GRANTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN AWARDED.**

## Are You Doing M.O.R.E.? (Moving Out Reaching Everyone) M.O.R.E. --- UNIQUE!

Recently, I met with Doug Haning and Travis Wright, pastors of Lone Star and Wilderness Churches. The purpose was to present them with M.O.R.E. plaques for their 15% or above baptism rate for 2017. As we met, they shared about their unique ministries that enabled them to reach folks and see them come to Christ.

Lone Star focuses on meeting needs of hurting folks, ministering to law enforcement, first responders, military, veterans, and firefighters. They invite others to come to Christ and grow as true disciples of Christ as part of their church family.

Wilderness is unique in the way it reaches others as well. They have a lot of younger-age folks, a more contemporary environment, and according to Pastor Travis Wright, a unique way of communicating the Gospel. Some Face Book reviews indicate it is a refuge where you are loved, a family where you belong, and filled with the Holy Spirit.

The Apostle Paul said in I Cor. 9:22 "... I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some." That is an open door to uniqueness in reaching people.

Uniquely is a great way for SBA churches to Move Out and Reach Everyone!!

For Him and M.O.R.E.,

Bob Sexton

## SBA Pastorless Churches

Dean Baptist, Tyler • First, Mineola • Holly Brook, Hawkins • Liberty, Hawkins • The Woods, Tyler • Westwood, Tyler

**Please be in prayer for all of the churches in SBA. For a listing of other Staff Vacancies**

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

# SAVE THE DATE - Monday, July 9, 2018

## Smith Baptist Assn.

## Semi-Annual Meeting

## FBC Mineola

## David Crain, Guest Speaker

## Meal - 6 p.m. • Meeting - 7 p.m.

<http://www.davidcrain.com>

