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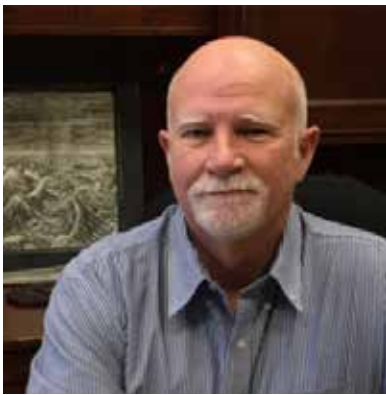
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# the connector

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Fulfilling the Great Commission by connecting people with people.

Matthew 28:19-20



## • • from the Director of Missions

*All of us need to stop at times and just enjoy life, have fun, laugh. That is the idea behind our Semi-Annual*

*meeting on Monday, July 9th . The Advisory Team thought it would be good to just relax and enjoy each other's company. Yes, we will have a couple of reports, and a little business to take care of; but, after that we will just have a good time. Christian humorist and minister David Crain, from Grand Saline, Texas will be our guest that night. If anyone can help us to have fun, it is him. I met David at a youth camp over 25 years ago! Since then I have used him in various places and ways in ministry. He never ceases to provide an opportunity for us as Baptists to poke fun at ourselves. I hope you will make plans to attend. Buttermilk's in Canton will be catering an old-fashioned burger bar. FBC Mineola will be our host for the night. I promise you if you miss it, you will regret it.*

*I will be fulfilling a commitment to work with our friend Kenneth Rwego in the Democratic Republic of the Congo on July 15th-28th . Kenneth is doing a great work there and has asked for us to consider bringing a team. We have also been invited back to Central Asia, Costa Rica, and Cuba. There is never a shortage of mission work to be done. "The fields are white unto harvest..." will you consider being a laborer next year? Details on which ministry we will do are forthcoming.*

*I have almost recovered from hip replacement surgery. I want to thank each of you for your prayers, visits, phone calls and concerns. It has not been easy, but I'm almost back to "my normal." LOL!!!!*

*Because of the recovery I have not been in many churches of late; but, I have filled the pulpit the last two weeks for my pastor Bennie Portwood at Mt. Carmel. I'm ready to get back to visiting and preaching. Give me a shout if I can be of help to you.*

Grace Abounds!  
Dr. Danny

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE FOR US TO HELP YOU PUBLICIZE YOUR EVENT, PLEASE COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THIS FORM**

**VBS SUBMISSION FORM**

**The information will be put on our FB page as well as our website. Click here to see who is doing what and when.**

**Scheduled Listings**



- 3-9 RA Leadership Training Camp for high school boys to become State Staffers and men to take camp craft training. Contact Jeff Palmer 903-360-2616
- 8-12 GA Camp @ Timberline (see page 3 for information)
- 11 Administrative Team Meeting, 1 pm, SBA Office
- 12-13 SBC Annual Meeting in Dallas
- 17 Father's Day
- 28 Deadline for Semi-Annual Meeting Meal Tickets

**SAVE THESE DATES:**

July 9 SBA Semi Annual Meeting @ FBC Mineola  
Meal - 6 pm; Meeting - 7 pm with David Crain as Guest Speaker

July 30-Aug. 3 - RA Camp @ Timberline  
(see page 3 for information)



- 3 Andy Euler, Living Acts - Birthday
- Ron Ivey, The Carpenter's Cross - 6 yr. Anniversary
- 11 Charles Faulks, Sr., Pilgrim Rest - Birthday
- Bennie Portwood, Mt. Carmel - Birthday
- 12 Kelly Burton, FBC Alba - 7 yr. Anniversary
- 17 Mike Ford, Bethel - 16 yr. Anniversary
- Pike Wisner, FBC Tyler - Birthday
- 22 Robert Sexton, Dean - Birthday
- 26 Tom Buck, FBC Lindale - Birthday



***Monday, July 9, 2018***  
***Smith Baptist Association***  
***Semi-Annual Meeting***  
***FBC Mineola***

**David Crain**  
Guest Speaker

***Meal - 6 p.m. • Meeting - 7 p.m.***

***[www.davidcrain.com](http://www.davidcrain.com)***



**Meal catered by**  
**Buttermilks**  
**of Canton**

Homemade Hamburger-Bar  
Potato Salad, Baked Beans  
Desserts by FBC Mineola  
Tea (Sweet or Un-sweet)

Tickets are required for meal. \$10 person  
contact Paula 903-581-6139

Messenger information will be mailed by June 7th!

*Ticket Sale Deadline is Thursday, June 28th.*

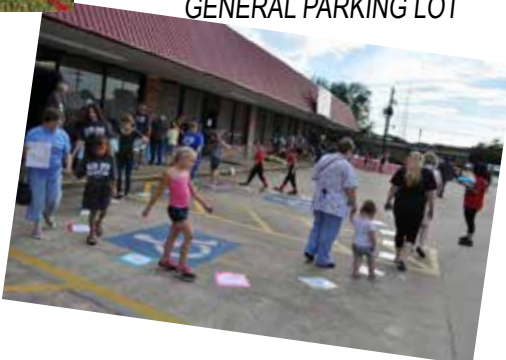
**End of School Year Block Party**  
**Friday, June 8, 2018 \* 6-8 p.m.**  
**FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**405 S. Hart St. Quitman**



- Family Fun Event
- Free Food
- Free Activities for the Family
- Bounce House, Cakewalk
- Petting Zoo
- Door Prizes
- Dog Training Exhibition by Xtreme Obedience

PARKING IN DOLLAR  
 GENERAL PARKING LOT

**Vacation Bible School**  
**June 11-14**  
**6-8 pm Nightly**  
**Age 4 through**  
**Completed 5th Gr.**



**SUMMER CELEBRATIONS**

at  
**The Woods Baptist Church**  
**6:30 PM - 8 PM**

*Monday - June 18*

Preacher : Sam DeVille, Pastor Flint Baptist Church  
 Music : Billy Johnson, Worship Pastor, Flint Baptist Church  
 Testimony : Ed Broussard, Tyler City Manager

*Monday - July 9*

Preacher : Pike Wisner, Pastor FBC Tyler  
 Music : Lance Reed, Music Minister FBC Tyler  
 Testimony : Rocky Gill, Tyler Business Leader

*Monday - August 13*

Preacher : Dr Glynn Stone Jr, Pastor Moberly Baptist Church Longview  
 Music : Tim Whedbee, Moberly Baptist Church Longview  
 Testimony : Larry Smith, Smith County Sheriff

*Monday - September 10*

Preacher : Danny Pickens, Director of Missions, Smith Baptist Assoc  
 Music : Mark Fried, Forrest Home Baptist Church Kilgore  
 Testimony : Dr Michael Tidwell, President UT Tyler

**Color Me Beautiful**



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

Click [HERE](#)  
 for registration packet

**RA and Challenger Camp**  
**July 30 - Aug 3, 2018**



Click for  
[Registration Packet](#)

**Trust the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. Proverbs 3:5**

Nicholas Waggoner 903-738-5529 Jeff Palmer 903-360-2616

\$50.00 deposit for each boy and counselor are due by July 2, 2018  
 Camp fee \$200.00 and the remaining \$150.00 is due by July 30, 2018.



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.

**The following have already received a 2018 Community Missions Grant**

Bethlehem Baptist, Flint for VBS; Dean Baptist, Tyler for VBS; Faith Baptist, Tyler for help with CPS and Rainbow Room; Pilgrim Rest Baptist, Tyler for VBS and Star Christian Academy Summer Boost-off; Iglesia Bautista Colonial Hills, Tyler for South Tyler Hispanic outreach event; Pine Springs Baptist for VBS; South Spring Baptist, Tyler for Teen Reach Adventure Camp and Royal Family Kids Camp; and St. Paul Baptist, Jacksonville for Community Outreach Picnic.

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

## M.O.R.E. - - - LEADERSHIP!

Reading an article titled, "Pastor task force addresses declining baptism rates", on the NAMB website, by Joe Conway, I was glad a task force was formed to address the downward trend in baptisms in the SBC.

Though the article was about four years old, I gleaned from it important conclusions which may be of help to SBA churches and our M.O.R.E. project. I noticed that most of the task force members were pastors. That is good to realize since much of their conclusions highlight the need for pastors to lead in implementing solutions. Al Gilbert, VP of Evangelism at NAMB was quoted as saying, "Recognition and ownership of the issue, are keys to reversing the decline."

There were five key areas identified. . . "That pastors and churches must address to reverse the baptism decline it was stated."

The first stresses the need for urgent, effective, and fervent prayer. Second is the need for leadership. As pastors we must intentionally model and prioritize personal evangelism while providing clear pathways for our congregations to follow." Thirdly, it was shared that as pastors, we must create a disciple-making culture that focuses on multiplying disciples who know how to . . . lead others to Christ. Fourth, as pastors we need to exert our influence, activity and resources to reach the next generation, and fifth and last was; As pastors we must celebrate new life in Christ as folks publicly profess their faith through baptism.

M.O.R.E is all about leading to do these things NOW!

For Him and M.O.R.E.

Bob Sexton

## SBA Pastorless Churches

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

To see other Staff Vacancies <http://smithbaptist.org/staff-vacancies/>

# SAVE THE DATE!

## September 11th • 11:30 - 1 P.m.



## "PASTORS TOGETHER WE EAT"

Love & War • 114 E. North St. • Lindale, Texas 75771

"A time of fun and encouragement amongst us "men of the cloth."

No agenda - just meet and eat; dutch treat of course! In order to give LGW a headcount, please RSVP by 9-10-18 to [paula@smithbaptist.org](mailto:paula@smithbaptist.org). Much obliged! See ya'll thare!"

