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Matthew 28:19-20

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•••from the Director of Missions

As this newsletter is being prepared, I am making my way home from the Congo. We have had some long days and are beginning to be physically tired, but God has truly blessed during this trip. Many of you will remember Kenneth Rwego

(originally from Uganda and now located in The Congo) has organized The Eden Ministry. He spoke at the Annual Meeting at Timberline several years ago. We fulfilled a promise to him to come and help him as he gets new churches started in the Congo. He concentrates on family ministry as these new churches are birthed.

I am thankful for the opportunity to go. In Mombasa (6 1/2 hour very rough ride, one flat, and lots of government checkpoints) I led a conference for 100 pastors plus their wives as well as 100 professional women. Some of the main concerns addressed were supporting husbands in ministry, financial suggestions toward retirement as well as everyday living. At Kenneth's request, I introduced "life coaching" and demonstrated how it can help in their ministries.

We went to a Chapel located in a Refugee Camp in Bunia. It was packed out inside with thousands; more outside. All were worshipping our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The Gospel was preached and many calling on the only name that can save. Jesus Christ. It was an amazing outpouring of God's grace. There are many stories to tell and I hope to share those with you at our Annual Meeting in January. For now, I will share a few pictures with you of some of the places we have been while on this trip. I look forward to being back in the office. If there is anything that I can help you with, please do not hesitate to call me.



The Chapel at the Refugee Camp in Bunia. Many, many needs and not enough resources.



Congo Mission Team with Kenneth and his assistant Rebecca in Bunia, Congo.

Danny teaching Pastors/Wives and Professional Women at Mombasa, Congo.



Everyone loves the Mazungu (white man).

More pictures can be viewed on our FB page [SmithBaptist](https://www.facebook.com/SmithBaptist)

The top picture is of a worship service held in Mombasa, Congo.



AUGUST SBA HAPPENINGS

JULY 30 - AUGUST 3

R.A. Camp @ Timberline

13 Administrative Team Mtg.
1 p.m., SBA Office

21 MINS 1131 Intro to Church
History - Registration
6 p.m., SBA Office

28 MINS 1131 Intro to Church
History - Registration
6 p.m., SBA Office

BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Abel Urieta - Semilla de Mostaza, Tyler
- 12 Sedrick Moore - St. Paul Baptist, Jacksonville
- 14 Alex Velarde' - Life Point Fellowship, Tyler
- 17 Brandon Holiski - Southern Oaks Baptist, Tyler
- 25 Craig Lloyd, FBC Edom

ANNIVERSARIES

- 15 Phillip Dancy, Sylvania Church, Tyler (8 yrs.)



SBA joins FBC Whitehouse in welcoming Mike & Marylou Heath. They are coming to Whitehouse from Fayetteville, North Carolina. Mike & Marylou have been married over 30 years. They have four adult children and one grandchild. Mike retired from the U.S. Army in 2005 after 21 plus years service. Mike is very passionate about discipleship. He has a Master of Divinity (Pastoral Ministry & Biblical languages) from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, as well as a Bachelor of Business Administration (General Business, (major) and Military Science (minor) from Austin Peay State University. They will be "on the field" September 9th.



Rev. Mike and Marylou Heath



**Missions Fall Kick-off
Family Skate Party!**

Saturday, August 25, 12:00-2:00pm
GABC Family Life Center

All ages welcome! All students should be accompanied by an adult.

Pizza Games Music Fun

RSVP to the GABC Missions Ministry: missions@mail.gabc.org or 903-525-1112



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MINISTRY**

Whether you are teaching a Bible Study or are personally exploring Scripture, the courses offered within the Certificate in Ministry program will equip students with the resources and knowledge necessary to effectively communicate the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Class: MINS 1131 Introduction to Christian History

Location: Smith Baptist Association Office

3226 Old Jacksonville Hwy.

Class Begins:

Professor: Dr. Danny Pickens

Tuesday

Cost: \$175

August 21, 2018



All classes accredited through ETBU.

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Registration begins September 25, 2018 for
MINS 1132

Introduction to Christian Doctrine

Registration begins October 30, 2018 for
MINS 1123

Baptist History

**Report from the Semi-Annual
Meeting at FBC Mineola**

July 9, 2018

**167 registered Messengers and Guests
representing**

30 churches and organizations

For a re-cap of the evening

[SBA FB Page](#)

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 Ghan Stone Jr, Pastor Moberly Baptist Church Longview
 Music : Tim Woodbee, 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



**SPECIAL GUEST
DR. KYLE
WALKER**

Worship led by MADE By MERCY




AUGUST 4, 5, & 6

JOIN US FOR AN AMAZING WEEKEND OF
GOD'S WORD AND WORSHIP!!!

NOONDAY BAPTIST CHURCH
16701 CR 196 TYLER, TX 75703

SATURDAY 6 PM
SUNDAY 11 AM 6 PM
MONDAY 6 PM

*FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD (YOU), THAT HE
GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHOEVER
BELIEVES IN HIM SHALL NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE
ETERNAL LIFE!! JOHN 3:16*



Faith Baptist Church of Tyler Texas

Transformation and Restoration
Dr. Maurice F McMillon, Pastor



Fall Revival & Summit



Guest Speaker
Rev. Derry G. Hinton
God's Way Baptist Church
Tyler, Texas

322 Front St
Tyler, Texas, 75701

Revival Summit August 12 4:00pm
Revival August 15-17, 2018 7:00pm



BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

Noonday Baptist Church
Children's Back to School Bash

16701 CR 196
Tyler, Texas 75703
903-561-0457

~PRE-K to 5th Grade~

When: Saturday, August 11th
Where: NBC CLC
Time: 11:00a.m. to 2:00p.m.

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 a.m. - 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 & eat - dutch treat
of course!

In order to give L&W a headcount,
please RSVP by 9-10-18
to paula@smithbaptist.org

M.O.R.E. - - - SHOWING!!

Perusing through the Texas Baptists Life Magazine with a focus on evangelism, I noted some interesting highlights.

First, was by the new Evangelism Lead, Leighton Flowers. In his article, *A Biblical Call to Evangelism*, he provided this three-point outline about evangelism:

- (1) IT IS ABOUT MAKING KNOWN GOD'S GOODNESS.
- (2) IT REVEALS THE ONLY WAY TO SALVATION and;
- (3) IT IS OUR GOD-GIVEN RESPONSIBILITY.

A quote was also singled out: "God and God alone has provided the way of salvation. It is not narrow-minded or intolerant to tell people this truth." (April 2018, Pg. 19)

Mike Satterfield, the new African American Evangelism Specialist offered another three-pointer. He said,

- (1) SHOW PEOPLE HOW TO SHARE THE GOSPEL, DON'T SIMPLY TELL THEM TO DO IT.
- (2) KEEP THE EMPHASIS ON EVANGELISM BEFORE THE CONGREGATION, AND
- (3) KEEP THE NEED BEFORE THE PEOPLE.

He comments that when these things are done, "Then let them do it. And watch as God changes lives." And he adds; "It's knowing what we know – Jesus is Lord – and showing (my underline) what we know so those who don't know can do it together with us."

Let's do M.O.R.E. together SHOWING as examples to others.
For Him and M.O.R.E.,
Bob Sexton

ATTENTION - ATTENTION - ATTENTION!

We have several new Bible Studies. They are:

- *Christianity and Islam* by Dr. Timothy George
- *Dare to be Uncommon* by Tony Dungy
- *Joy: A Story of Unlikely Joy* by Lisa Harper
- *Radical* by David Platt

These are available to the SBA member churches. If you would like to see if they are available, give Paula a call 903-581-6139. To see the full listing of Bible Studies, click on link - [Bible Studies Available for Check Out](#). This listing gives a brief description of each study.

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!