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September 2018

the connector

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

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from ... the Director of Missions

Having just returned from a wonderful, but scary trip to the Congo, I want to say thanks to the Association for being so mission-minded. I was able to share Christ with the Congolese people, teach pastors and their wives, as well as, working women from the communities. They were very open to hearing the teaching and I believe they will put the information to use in their lives and churches.

Please remember that our next overseas trip will be March of 2019 as we return to Central Asia and do street evangelism. This trip is appropriate for anyone who can walk 6-8 miles in a day and maneuver steps on occasion. It is a great trip for beginners as the International Mission Board makes sure everything is ready and safe. Please consider going, we can take up to 10 people.

We have our second pastor's luncheon on the horizon. It will take place at "Love and War" in Lindale. If you are a pastor please consider coming. We have some new pastors who will be attending. There is no agenda, just a time to sit and visit over a meal. We all need that from time to time!

Nominating committee will be working soon. If you might be interested in serving on the Administrative Teams (business agendas) or the Advisory Team (ministry agendas) please let me or Paula know. We are especially looking for a few women from our churches who might serve. The Admin Team meets every 2nd Monday from 1pm to 2pm. The Advisory Team meets every other month at a restaurant (six times a year) usually on a Monday evening.

Don't forget about the East Texas Baptist University Classes I teach on Tuesday nights. I have about 10 students right now and we are studying Christian History. This is an 18-hour course of study which provides one with a Certificate in Ministry. We have a great time together and learn a lot. It is appropriate for lay-people,

bi-vocational ministers, or anyone wanting to further their education. See more info on classes elsewhere in this publication.

I love serving in this Association. We have the best churches, the finest staff, the most loving lay-people of any association anywhere. Don't ever hesitate to call if I can be of help.

I have been in the following churches lately: Tyland (Preach), FBC Gresham (Training Search Committee), New Hope Mission (Share about The Congo), FBC Van (Preach), The Congo (Preach), Hope Church of the Living God (Preach, the pastor there is in my class).

Grace Abounds! Dr. Danny

**WE WILL BE
CLOSED ON
LABOR DAY**

**September
3rd**

ANNUAL CHURCH PROFILE **2018**
acp survey

The Annual Church Profiles will be mailed next week! The information packet by SBA has been drastically reduced in data required. Deadline for submission is **November 1st**. As stated in the Constitution and By-Laws, this report is required yearly of all SBA churches.



- 3 LABOR DAY - OFFICE CLOSED
- 4 MINS 1131 Intro to Church History
6 p.m., SBA Office
- 10 Administrative Team Meeting
1 p.m., SBA Office
- 11 TWE - Pastors "Meet & Eat" at
Love & War in Lindale 11:30 - 1 p.m.
- MINS 1131 Intro to Church History
6 p.m., SBA Office
- 17 Advisory Council
6 p.m. Bruno's on Old Jacksonville
- 18 MINS 1131 Intro to Church History
6 p.m., SBA Office (FINAL EXAM)
- 25 MINS 1132 Intro to Christian Doctrine
6 p.m., SBA Office (REGISTRATION)



BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Bill Minson, FBC Swan, Tyler
- 16 Mark Price, Southside Baptist, Tyler
- 17 Sam Deville, Flint Baptist, Flint
- 22 Elmer Rogers, New Generation Baptist,
Tyler



ANNIVERSARIES

- 7 Mike Morrow, Cross Brand Cowboy
Church, Tyler (15 years)
- 24 David Mahfood, Tyland Baptist, Tyler
(11 years)

EAST TEXAS BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

CIM

Certificate in MINISTRY

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

Registration begins September 25, 2018 for
MINS 1132 - Introduction to Christian Doctrine
Registration begins October 30, 2018 for
MINS 1123 - Baptist History

All classes accredited through ETBU.

For more information, contact ETBU's School of Christian Studies
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September
23rd - 30th

REACH TEXAS
2018-2019
Your SBTFC State Missions Offering

JELU

PROCLAIM THE NAME

2018 WEEK OF PRAYER
FOR TEXAS MISSIONS
& THE MARY HILL DAVIS
OFFERING

SPEAK out!

For you see the many hearts for God
thirst for the high calling of Christ's work
...to be a holy people
...to do His work and **WAKE UP FOR HIM**
...to be chosen of the right and the calling
...to make for you their calling and the calling
has opened to us again! 1 Peter 2:9 (MSG)

September 9-16
State Goal \$3,600,000

71 on TEXAS Missions WMU of Texas
MARY HILL DAVIS OFFERING www.sbtfc.org 1-214-628-5150

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
Much obliged! See ya'll there!"

SUMMER CELEBRATIONS
at
The Woods Baptist Church
6:30 PM - 8 PM

<p>Monday - June 18 Preacher: Sam Webb, Pastor Flint Baptist Church Music: Billy Johnson, Worship Pastor, Flint Baptist Church Testimony: Ed Broussard, Tyler City Manager</p>
<p>Monday - July 9 Preacher: Phil Wisner, Pastor FBC Tyler Music: Lance Reed, Music Minister FBC Tyler Testimony: Rocky Gill, Tyler Business Leader</p>
<p>Monday - August 13 Preacher: Dr. Glyn Stone, Pastor Moberly Baptist Church Longview Music: Tim Whedbee, Moberly Baptist Church Longview Testimony: Larry Smith, Smith County Sheriff</p>
<p>Monday - September 10 Preacher: Danny Pickens, Director of Missions, Smith Baptist Assoc Music: Mark Fried, Forrest Home Baptist Church Kilgore Testimony: Dr. Michael Tatwell, President UT Tyler</p>

Hull, TX

The Road to Recovery

One year after Hurricane Harvey began to develop in the Gulf of Mexico, residents of Hull, TX continue to rebuild! Partnering with First Baptist Church, Hull, GABC will be continue the rebuilding this fall.

Aug. 24-25	Parsonage Workday (painting, trim, hanging doors)
Sept. 28-29	Gym Workday (sheetrock, trim, flooring)
Oct. 26-27	Fall Festival and Kid's Day Camp

Visit greenacres.managedmissions.com/ourtrips for more information, or contact the Missions Ministry at missions@mail.gabc.org or 903-525-1173.



SBA Pastorless Churches

Dean Baptist, Tyler
FBC Gresham, Tyler
FBC, Mineola
The Woods, Tyler
Westwood, Tyler

For other Staff Vacancies click below

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

Smith County Baptist Ministers Scholarship



This scholarship is open to dependent children of ordained Baptist Ministers serving congregations in Smith County that are members of the BGCT.

Applications will open for submission by December 1st and will be due in February.

There are also 50 additional scholarships that some of the students may be eligible. A summary list of all ETCF scholarships with detailed requirements and links to the applications are found on our website.

<http://etcf.org/scholarships/>

FAMILY ROUNDUP

SEPTEMBER 8, 2018 • 10:00 A.M.

2018 GOSPEL EXPLOSION

NORTHEAST TEXAS COWBOY CHURCH

2690 FM 2911 | BIG SANDY, TX 75755
REVEREND G.E. THOMAS, HOST PASTOR

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

WATERSLIDES • HORSEBACK RIDING • PETTING ZOO
TOMAHAWK THROWING • WAGON RIDES • WORKSHOP FOR ALL AGES
FOOD & MUCH MORE...

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF PRAISE & WORSHIP



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M.O.R.E. --- GROWTH!!

An article by Thomas S. Rainer recently caught my attention. Mr. Rainer is President and CEO of Lifeway Christian Resources. The article I noticed was about; "5 realities of churches in North America".

Reality Number Five was what really caught my eye; "Churches growing through conversions are intentionally evangelistic." (My underline) Reality Number three states; "Growing churches are primarily growing through transfer growth".

I have always felt true growth, Kingdom Growth, is only seen through conversions, and Mr. Rainer and his team of researchers of church growth learned that this happens when churches are intentionally evangelistic. In fact they concluded that evangelism doesn't truly happen "unless the church is intentional about it."

He gave an example of hope for any church and pastor who wants to "turn things around evangelically", by citing his own experience of growing his first church from 7 to nearly 70, simply by the Holy Spirit giving opportunities to share the Gospel. He said it started when he led one person to Christ; then others in the congregation followed his leading by example.

My take from all this is: To truly grow God's kingdom through our SBA churches we must obediently fulfill the Great Commission intentionally through Intentional Evangelism.

Let's join together for M.O.R.E. GROWTH.

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

ATTENTION - ATTENTION - ATTENTION!

We have a couple of new Bible Studies. They are:

- **JOB: A Story of Ulikely Joy** by Lisa Harper
- **One in a Million** by Priscilla Shirer

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!

