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## From the Director of Missions •••



We had a great time in Lindale at our recent pastor's fellowship. I think the final count was 19 pastors. We will do that again in February at a different area of the Association. There was no agenda, just a time for us to eat, fellowship and get to know one another. I was glad a couple of our newest pastors were able to come as well.

Several of our churches have filled their pastoral vacancies of late. We want to welcome Mike Heath to FBC, Whitehouse, David LeFlore to Holly Brook Baptist, Hawkins, and Phillip Casper to FBC Mineola.. There are other churches in our Association who are close to calling a pastor. Keep praying for the churches who continue to seek God's man for their church.

It is time to really begin to think about the March mission trip to Central Asia. See following my article for more information. We have room for 10; so far with me, I have three signed up to go. It is a fabulous opportunity to reach out to an unreached people group. This is considered an entry-level foreign mission trip! It takes place in a modern city and there are few dangers or difficult situations to deal with. Also, even though this is in a primarily Muslim nation, women can take part. In fact last year 1/4 to 1/3 of the participants were women. The first deposit of \$1000.00 is due when you sign up, the payment schedule is as follows: 2nd payment of \$600.00 due by January 2, 2019, and final payment of \$600.00 due by March 4th. Please pray about taking part in this Kingdom oriented mission trip!

I have a request for a wheelchair ramp to be built for a family with a wife/mother dying of cancer. Can you or your church help with this? If so please contact me. ASAP

As always I appreciate you and your churches for the support we receive. It is because of you, your gifts and your physical help that we are able to reach out to Tyler and the world. August marked 19 years of service with Smith Baptist. I love ministering with you as much or more now than I did that first year. This is the greatest Association in the state.

I have been in the following churches of late: Tyland (Preach), New Hope (Preach), Flint Baptist (Visit), The Woods (Mission Presentation), Grace Church (Preach).

Grace Abounds! Dr. Danny

P.S. - "CPC" is coming. Be sure and watch for info in next month's newsletter!



### MISSION 2019

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### NoRoos Celebration

<b>WHEN:</b>	March 28-April 4, 2019
<b>WHERE:</b>	Central Asia
<b>HOW MUCH:</b>	\$2200 Estimate (Final cost based on airfare costs)
<b>HOW MANY:</b>	First 10 people to sign up and pay their deposit
<b>INCLUDED:</b>	Airfare, hotel, meals
<b>NOT INCLUDED:</b>	Meals while traveling, Visas, Shots, Souvenirs
<b>EXTRAS:</b>	Includes a day-tour of one of the Seven Churches of Asia Minor

**Payment Schedule:**

- \$1000 Deposit due by November 1, 2018
- \$600 Payment due by January 2, 2019
- \$600 Payment due by March 4, 2019

Click [HERE](#) for the paperwork that must be completed and accompany your deposit. If further questions, contact 903-581-6139 or [paula@smithbaptist.org](mailto:paula@smithbaptist.org).



**OCTOBER IS CLERGY APPRECIATION MONTH**

- 2 Intro to Christian Doctrine  
MINS 1132, 6 p.m., SBA office, Registration Con't.
- 8 Administrative Team Meeting  
1 p.m., SBA Office
- 9 Intro to Christian Doctrine  
MINS 1132, 6 p.m., SBA office
- 16 Intro to Christian Doctrine  
MINS 1132, 6 p.m., SBA office
- 23 Intro to Christian Doctrine  
MINS 1132, 6 p.m., SBA office - Final Exam
- 30 Baptist History  
MINS 1123, 6 p.m., SBA office, Registration

- 5 James Hawkins, 10-5-97  
Higher Heights Baptist
- 12 Bill Minson, 10-12-03  
First Baptist Swan
- 15 Elmer Rogers, 10-15-13  
New Generation Baptist
- 26 Lee Evans, 10-26-09  
West Lake Baptist



- 2 Joe Ballard, FBC Troup
- 13 David Mahfood,  
Tyland Baptist
- 20 Maurice McMillion,  
Faith Baptist, Tyler
- 26 Patrick Lissner,  
Myriad Church
- 28 Mike Midkiff,  
Faith Baptist, Quitman

## 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](http://greenacres.managedmissions.com/ourtrips) for more information, or contact the Missions Ministry at [missions@mail.gabc.org](mailto:missions@mail.gabc.org) or 903-525-1173.

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Registration begins  
October 2, 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  
903.923.2180 | [christianstudies@etbu.edu](mailto:christianstudies@etbu.edu) | [ETBU.edu/christianstudies](http://ETBU.edu/christianstudies)

## ANNUAL CHURCH PROFILE acp survey

The Annual Church Profiles have been mailed. This is not only a historical document, but the IRS checks the convention annuals to prove that a church is entitled to tax-exempt status. As stated in the Constitution and By-Laws, this report is required yearly of all SBA churches. Make every effort to get your's in by the November 1st. deadline.

**RA & Challenger Turkey Shoot  
Campout @ Timberline**

October 19-20, 2018 Cost = \$15

Friday pm & Saturday am meals are on your own.

Contact Jeff Palmer for more info.

(903) 360-2616

**FRIDAY**

Church groups arrive and set up camp.

9:00pm - Group-wide campfire devotional

**SATURDAY**

9:00am - Activities

Noon - Lunch is Provided

Pack up

1:00pm - Awards

2:00pm - Head home or hang out at Timberline



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**R.A. Challengers Calendar**

February No Activities.

**March**

4<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> Week of Prayer and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

**April**

20<sup>th</sup> Super Saturday at Gateway Baptist Church.  
27<sup>th</sup> State Race, Belton. State wide event go to Texas Baptist Men website for more info. Line gliders, pinewood derby races, pushcarts, tire changing and track and field.

**June**

1<sup>st</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> Leadership Training Camp. Training for high school boys to become State Staffers and men to take camp craft training.

**July**

29<sup>th</sup> RA Challengers Camp through Aug 2nd.

**Oct**

19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> Turkey Shoot Camp Out  
Mark Clements will be throwing Tomahawks and giving his testimony.

**November**

9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> Mission Mania a state activity. Go to Texas Baptist Men website of more info. I would highly recommend this event

**December**

2<sup>nd</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> Week of prayer - Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

**2019**

**Jan**

5<sup>th</sup> Dead line for RA basketball tournament. Cost \$5.00 per boy.

26<sup>th</sup> RA basketball Tournament Southside Baptist at 10:00 am. We will divide the Lads and Crusaders into teams. Concessions and lunch will be available. Please bring your church's jerseys. Please let Kirk know how many boys you will have 1 or 20. Kirk's number 903-245-7153.

Please be praying for these events and the boys lives that could be changed.

For any information about any event please call.

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**Texas Baptist Men - Disaster Relief**

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**October 20<sup>th</sup>**

Phase 2 Admin Training

Forest Home BC

15746 CR 173 N

Kilgore, Texas, 75662

To register, please call or text

Patrick Monk at 903-985-9896.

You **MUST** have completed Intro to Disaster relief, Phase 1 (Assessment training), and must have deployment in that area at least once. All three are required.

When you come you will need to bring a laptop computer.

There is no cost except you will be responsible for your travel and lodging if you are here overnight.

## Welcome to Smith Baptist Association

Please join us in welcoming these two families to SBA...



Rev. David and Connie LeFlore are joining the staff as Pastor of Holly Brook Baptist Church. They are coming to Holly Brook from First Baptist Church of Kerns. He graduated from Dallas Baptist University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. They have two daughters Kalie and Kelsie. His first official date as the pastor is October 1st.



Rev. Phillip Casper and his wife Lori have been called to FBC Mineola. They are coming from Central Baptist Church in Springhill, LA. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from East Texas Baptist University in 1994 and his Religious Education Degree from

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1998. They have three children Jessica, Megan, and Eric. Their first Sunday will be October 21st.

### SBA Pastorless Churches

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

For other Staff Vacancies click below

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

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

The past week and a half has been an extra busy time for me. Most of the cause for that was being involved in several funeral services.

I know that is just a part of the pastoral routine. However, God uses our life experiences to bring a right perspective into view.

As I prepared for those services, over and over again I had opportunity to very plainly share with various family members and friends of family that: when all is said and done in this life, the only thing that has eternal meaning is a saving faith in God's Son, Jesus Christ.

Without that there would be no hope or comfort to offer grieving and sorrowful spouses, children, or other relatives and even friends.

In Romans Chapter 8 the Apostle Paul asks a probing question that should give all of us perspective; "Who (or what) shall separate us from the love of Christ?" He goes on to say, after giving a list of hard things we may experience in this life, "No, in all these things, we are more than conquerors through Him who loves us." And he concludes - that nothing - - - not even death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus!

As I said, it is the only thing that has eternal meaning. I pray this helps to give us M.O.R.E. PERSPECTIVE in SBA churches.

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

### 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/>