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November 2018

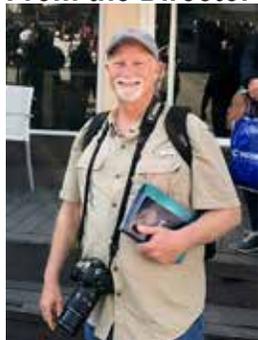
the connector

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

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From the Director of Missions •••



By now you have probably heard about an exciting new venture we are calling the Church Planting Center. The CPC is an effort to train and equip those called to plant churches! The exciting news is that they will be paid to take the classes and become equipped. Here is how you can help. If you know of a young man that feels called to plant a church but does not know how to get started, please have him contact me! Second, if you as a pastor or minister would be interested in auditing the classes let me know. The first two months of courses are listed elsewhere in this newsletter (see pg. 4). I am excited to see what God will do with this effort. If you have questions, please give our office a call.

We are set to go to Central Asia again in March 2019. Several have signed up and are interested. Be aware I must have \$1000 paid by November 1! This will enable me to purchase airline tickets at a reasonable rate. This trip is one of the most exciting mission endeavors I have been involved within the 19 years I have been serving here.

Our Admin Team has been busy. We have the 2019 budget prepared and ready to send to our messengers by November 15, 2018.

We have also filled our vacancies on the Administrative Team and the Advisory Team. I am looking forward to 2019 and the ministries we will be conducting.

As always, thank you for your support and thank you for your dedication to Missions! SBA is one of the best associations in the State!

I have been in the following churches of late: Hopewell (Preach), Harvest Acres (Ordination), Colonial Hills (Mission Fair), FBC Gresham (Homecoming), Noonday (Preach), Hillcreek (Preach).

Grace Abounds!
Dr. Danny



MISSION 2019 آسیای مرکزی NoRooz Celebration

- WHEN:** March 28-April 4, 2019
- WHERE:** Central Asia
- HOW MUCH:** \$2200 Estimate
(Final cost based on airfare costs)
- HOW MANY:** First 10 people to sign up and pay their deposit
- INCLUDED:** Airfare, hotel, meals
- NOT INCLUDED:** Meals while traveling, Visas, Shots, Souvenirs
- EXTRAS:** 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.



6 •ELECTION DAY

•Baptist History
MINS 1123, 6 p.m., SBA office,
Registration (final night to register)

12 •Administrative Team Meeting

1 p.m., SBA Office

•Advisory Council
6 p.m., Bruno's

13 •Baptist History

MINS 1123, 6 p.m., SBA office,

20 •FALL BREAK

Baptist History
MINS 1123, 6 p.m., SBA office,

22 •THANKSGIVING- OFFICE CLOSED

27 •Baptist History
MINS 1123, 6 p.m., SBA office



East Texas Orphan Care Network exists to connect churches, agencies, and organizations for the purpose of serving vulnerable children and families. For additional in-

formation contact justin@etocn.org, call 903.372.4547, or check out the website at www.etocn.org

EAST TEXAS BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

CIM
Certificate in
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.

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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ANNIVERSARY

11-5-2005
Fred Smith
Calvary Baptist, Tyler

BIRTHDAY

11-17
Floyd Smith
Hopewell Baptist, Tyler

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.

Welcome to Smith Baptist Association

Please join us in welcoming the Graham Family to SBA



The Woods Baptist Church is happy to announce that Rev. Lon Graham and family will be moving to Tyler mid-November. On October 7, 2018, The Woods Baptist invited Pastor Graham to become their new pastor. He and his family Amy (wife), Lainey (daughter), Sarah (daughter), Abby (daughter) and son Joey will be moving to Tyler.

Lon has been Senior Pastor of Christ Community Church, Blaine, Washington, for thirteen years. He was at Ashley Heights Baptist Church, Aberdeen, North Carolina for two years as Associate Pastor and served as Pastoral Intern at Cornerstone Community Church in Jackson, Tennessee for two years. Before that, Lon served as Director of North Seattle Community College Campus Ministry in Seattle, Washington.

Their first Sunday at The Woods will be November 25th. Again, we welcome "ya'll" to Tyler.

M.O.R.E. - - -CONTACT!!

I was watching, for a few minutes, the old movie "The Spirit of St. Louis". As Jimmy Stewart (Charles Lindbergh) would get ready to fly his plane he would yell from the cockpit to the helper on the ground "Switch Off," and the helper would manually spin the prop to prime the engine. After that the helper would say; "CONTACT" and Stewart would reply "CONTACT." Then the helper would spin the prop, and the engine would start. "Contact," meant there was a power connection to enable the engine to fire.

I was reminded that during this season of special events (Fall Festivals, Thanksgiving, special worship events and meals, mission events, revival services and a variety of Christmas presentations) that we use to minister in Christ's name and CONTACT folks in the communities around our churches – let's remember that He has already provided the enabling power of His Spirit in us to be effective in our witnesses. So let's not hesitate to "CONTACT" folks through the various events, register their presence and follow-up with those "CONTACTS."

Remember M.O.R.E. means Moving Out – Reaching Everyone and trusting the "CONTACT" power of God's Spirit to connect and enable folks to receive Christ and be baptized as a public witness to their salvation.

As always, M.O.R.E. "Contact" is needed!

For Him and M.O.R.E.

SBA Pastorless Churches

Dean Baptist, Tyler
FBC Gresham, 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/>





Church Planting Center

Overview

The CPC Residency Process is an annual residency/cluster of church planting potential leaders gathered for the purpose of assessing, equipping, coaching, mentoring, and resourcing to start *New Testament Baptist Missional Churches*. The mission of the residency is to identify and prepare potential church planters who can engage the task of planting with intentionality and competence. The approach of the training process is “ministry general,” to provide foundational skills that are applicable for all church plants. The affinity group targeted training will be provided by the sponsor church and other affinity group affiliates in a mentor relationship.

Competencies and Expectations

- Strategy Development
- Evangelism and Discipleship
- Church Administration
- Leader Development
- Worship Experience
 - Preaching
- Pastoral Care Competencies
- Church Launch and Core Group Development

Quarterly Special Subjects

(12 hour units)

- Strategy Planning
- Coaching Clinic
- Developing Legacy Leaders
- Pastoral Care Apprenticeship

Class Schedule

January

- 7th - Orientation
- 14th - How to Use and Understand Demographics
- 21st - How to Set Great and Realistic Goals
- 28th - How to Evaluate your Ministry
(Good/Bad/Lesson Learned)

February

- 8th & 9th - Coaching Clinic
- 11th - How to Understand Church Tax Law and Requirements
- 18th - How to Develop a Church Constitution and By-Laws
- 25th - How to Develop a Church Budget

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