

The Connector



Smith Baptist Association
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 Office Hours - M-T-W 8:30 - 4:30 (Closed for lunch 11:30-12:30)

Phones are answered remotely on Thursdays



From the Director of Missions

David L. Jones

It is remarkable how quickly the year has progressed, and now summer is here, bringing a full schedule of church ministries. These include Vacation Bible Schools, R.A.'s and G.A.'s Camps, Youth Camps, Mission Trips, Choir Tours, Back Yard Bible Clubs, Community Outreach Events, Church Revivals, Young Adult Retreats, Fish Frys, Watermelon and Homemade Ice Cream Fellowships, Family Camps, Cookouts, Dinner-on-the-Ground Sundays, and Independence Day Celebrations. Each of these ministries are designed to share the Gospel, encourage spiritual growth, and strengthen the fellowship of God's family. Summer is a significant season for His Church. I pray the Lord will surely demonstrate His power in every Smith Baptist Association church this summer. May many come to know Jesus, may others grow deeper in their faith, and may our East Texas community see His presence in our SBA Church Family. Please let us know how the SBA Office can support and celebrate your summer ministries.

This past month, I had the privilege of worshipping with FBC Tyler, Dean BC, Arp Emmanuel BC, and Bethel BC. Each congregation was warm and welcoming. I look forward to visiting more SBA churches throughout the year. I also met with the Pastor and Church Leaders Breakfast group to prepare for the Love Thy City event set for Saturday, August 22, at the W.T. Brookshire Conference Center near Rose Stadium in Tyler. Last year, 11,000 families were served, and 542 people accepted Jesus as their Savior and Lord. Organizers anticipate even greater participation this year. To meet this need, the SBA Church Family is encouraged to provide prayer support, volunteers, funding, and positive witnesses for His Kingdom. I hope every SBA church will participate in this meaningful ministry. I look forward to seeing you there. Let us continue to support one another in reaching our communities with the love of Jesus.

In His Service,

David



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 maximum amount of any grant will not exceed \$350.00. Funds will be available until the account has been depleted.



June 21st

HAPPY Father's DAY

6-1 Rev. Frank Zea
Ilg. Bautista Broadway, Tyler

6-2 Rev. Charles Hill
Mt. Carmel Baptist - Whitehouse

6-11 Rev. Bennie Portwood
Damascus Baptist - Lindale

6-11 Rev. Charles Faulks
Pilgrim Rest Baptist - Tyler

6-17 Rev. Pike Wisner
First Baptist Church - Tyler

6-23 Rev. Gary Vaughn
Lake Tyler Baptist - Tyler

6-26 Dr. Tom Buck
First Baptist Church - Lindale



6-1-2016
Rev. Scott Gorbett
Noonday Baptist Church, Noonday

6-3-2012
Rev. Ron Ivey,
The Carpenter's Cross, Bullard

Welcome to S.B.A.

Arp Emmanuel Baptist Church in Arp, Texas, has welcomed Pastor Kevin Gray, his wife Danielle, and their children Carolyn (6), Caleb (4), and Crosby (1). Pastor Gray previously served in youth and discipleship ministries in Mississippi and Alabama and holds an MDTV from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth.



The Gray family is excited to begin their ministry at Arp Emmanuel Baptist. The Smith Baptist Association extends a warm welcome to them in East Texas.



"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace."

Numbers 6:24-26

RA CAMP



At Timberline Baptist Camp

2026

WHEN:

May 29th-June 2nd

WHO:

Boys who have completed 2nd grade-11th grade

HOW MUCH:

\$245 per camper (\$50 deposit due May 11th)

Early bird discount! Register by May 1st and pay \$235

Mini Camp Option

Any camper has the option of staying only 2 nights. Cost is \$150 (\$25 deposit due May 11th)



VBS 2026
Bethel Baptist Church
June 2nd - 4th
6 to 8:30 pm

13108 Hwy 64E, Tyler, Texas 75707

Preschool thru intermediate (ages 3 thru 6th grade)
 There will be **NO** Jr. High activities



FAITH BAPTIST QUITMAN
 Welcome **SUMMER**
VBS EXPRESS PLUS: BLOCK PARTY!

FACE PAINTING
 TRAIN RIDES
 BALLOON ART
 FREE FOOD AND DRINKS
 BOUNCE HOUSE
 CAKE WALK
 HAY RIDE AND MORE!

VBS IS IN THE FAITH BAPTIST STUDENT CENTER NEXT TO THE DOLLAR GENERAL

FOLLOWED BY THE BLOCK PARTY ON THE MAIN CHURCH PARKING LOT AT 405 S. HART.

SATURDAY JUNE 6TH:
VBS 3:00-6:00
 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY
BLOCK PARTY 6:00-8:00

DOOR PRIZES:
TELEVISION, GIFT CARDS, AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!

Please join the fun!
WE WANT YOU THERE!

Daily, from 06/08/2026 to 06/11/2026, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM



VBS 2026
 SHINING A LIGHT ON WHO JESUS REALLY IS
ILLUMINATION STATION JOHN 8:12
JUNE 8TH-11TH

FBC Tyler
 301 W. Ferguson St.
 Tyler, TX 75701



South Spring Baptist VBS **JUNE 8TH-11TH** Click image to register

ILLUMINATION STATION JOHN 8:12
 COMPLETED KINDER-5TH GRADE
 REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 29TH

Daughters of the King



G.A. Camp 2026

“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord, Christ.”
Colossians 3:23-24

Timberline Baptist Camp
Lindale, TX.

May 29-June 2
\$230 per person

First Baptist Church Troup Click to register

VBS 2026

SHINING A LIGHT ON WHO JESUS REALLY IS

ILLUMINATION STATION

JOHN 8:12

JUNE 8 - 11
5:30 - 8PM

SAVE THE DATE

FOR KIDS THAT HAVE COMPLETED PRE-K TO THOSE THAT FINISHED 5TH GRADE

CROSS BRAND'S

VBS

JESUS IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

SCAN TO REGISTER



JULY 17-18
9AM - 4:30PM
KINDER - 3RD GRADE

MORE INFO: KEONA2CBCCTX.ORG
CROSS BRAND | 11915 FM 2015 | TYLER, TX 75708

<https://welovethegospel.com/ministries/children/>

VBS 2026

Southern Oaks Baptist Church

ILLUMINATION STATION

JOHN 8:12

JUNE 15-18
SAVE THE DATE

EMERALD CROSSING

Answers VBS

June 8 - 11
5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

LIVING ACTS CHURCH | Living Word Church

June 22-June 26 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

SHINING A LIGHT ON WHO JESUS REALLY IS

ILLUMINATION STATION

JOHN 8:12

Southside Baptist Church

VBS 2026

at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church

Registration now open!
4 years old through completed 5th grade
(must be 4 years old by June 22, 2026)

June 22nd - 26th | 9 am - Noon

Questions, contact Amy Hill, VBS Director. Scan QR code to register





Rodeo ROUND UP!
DEEP IN THE HEART

Flint Baptist Church

Surprise Party!

Click image to register

THE UNMATCHED TRIUMPH OF JESUS

Saturday, July 11th
9:00a-3:00p
Completed K-3rd Grade
Register by Sunday, June 28th



If we can help your church publicize any of your upcoming events, please let me know in the office 903-581-6139 or by email paula@smithbaptist.org. Thank you for letting us help you! Paula



Celebrate AMERICA

INDEPENDENCE DAY FIREWORKS SHOW

FRIDAY, JULY 3RD

gates open at 6:30pm

- FIRST 250 PEOPLE RECEIVE A FREE COMMEMORATIVE T-SHIRT
- SHOWS BY ILLUSIONIST, JOE SCHMIDT
- FREE HOTDOGS & WATERMELON
- FACE PAINTING
- FOOD VENDORS, AND MORE!

****Please bring a canned food item for our area Food Banks**

 PLEASANT HILL BAPTIST CHURCH ~ 13590 STATE HIGHWAY 110 S ~ TYLER, TX 75707
www.phbc Tyler.com ~ 903.561.0445



COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

FIREWORKS SHOW

FRIDAY, JULY 3

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH TROUP

ACTIVITIES START AT 7PM

FIREWORKS AT DARK

LIVE MUSIC BY: SHILOH WORSHIP BAND




SPONSORED BY:
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TIM MILLER
LIONHEART INTERNATIONAL FOUNDER
RETIRED SECRET SERVICE



GEOFF RICE
RETIRED FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
ATTENDEE LAS VEGAS SHOOTING



DAVID YOUNG
RETIRED FBI- EXPERT BEHAVIORAL ANALYSIS



GERALD IRWIN
CHIEF OF POLICE, LIBERTY UNIVERSITY



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-  Active Shooter Response
-  Team Development
-  Ministry Protection Strategies
-  Fellowship & Networking

 FRIDAY & SATURDAY
AUGUST 28-29

 CROSSWALK EVENT CENTER
GREEN ACRES BAPTIST CHURCH
1607 Troup Highway, Tyler, Texas

REGISTER TODAY!

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OCTOBER 18 • 6:00 PM

Doors 5:00 PM

TICKETS: \$10

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SUMMER 2026 ON MISSION

Please join us in praying for members of Bethel Baptist Church as they partner with West Side Baptist Church, El Dorado, AR, on a mission ministry trip to Nicaragua July 18 - 25.



Kortney Ferguson



Suzanne Lindsey

FBC TYLER has two different mission trips scheduled for this summer:

Amazon Outreach Missions - May 29-June 6
Guatemala Outreach Missions May 30-June 7

PROJECT LEADER



WORKSHOP



Everybody is invited!

Whether you're a new Project Leader, Church Leader or seasoned volunteer, **this workshop is for YOU!**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29TH
9 AM - 2 PM
MT CARMEL BAPTIST



BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Gain practical tools, share ideas, and be encouraged as we work together to reach more children with the Gospel!



LUNCH PROVIDED

Lunch will be provided by the MCBC OCC Team!



SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS

We are excited to welcome special guests **Mark and Cherry Brumbelow!**

MT. CARMEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Love. Serve. Tell.
10519 FM 344 E
Whitehouse, Texas 75791



Hear from

MARK & CHERRY BRUMBELLOW

as they share their heart and experience in ministry and mission!

"We know God has a special purpose for every shoebox."

LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS - ONE SHOEBOX AT A TIME!

Scan to Register!

This will help us get a head count for lunch and breakout sessions!

Free boxes to each registered church/group!



LoveThyCity

As the world grows colder, we're called to...

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

LoveThyCity

BOLDER

AS I HAVE LOVED YOU.

The Main Event
Saturday, August 22, 2026
10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
W.T. Brookshire
Conference Center, Tyler, TX

Click here to download the CHURCH MEDIA KIT

Do you know a first-time mom? We have an exciting ministry to these gals that we want to share with you, with the hope you will share this with her!

The Lord has provided a special ministry for first-time mothers with infants 6 months or younger, called Square One. The gathering will be on Tuesday mornings 9:30 am - 11:30 am, from June 9- July 14, in the Lighthouse building, room #373 on our Tyler campus.

We will offer a simple faith-based curriculum, a group of multi-generational mothers to support as mentoring moms, and experts from the medical community here in Tyler to encourage and boost these mothers who are new to the journey of motherhood. New mothers will also have the opportunity to connect with other mothers in this same life stage and gain understanding about infants, self-care, and family.

The cost is \$20 and will include the curriculum and refreshments. Infants will come to the group with their mothers. Ramps and elevators are available at the weekday entrance off of Dulse St. to assist the mothers with strollers.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions! We are praying this will be another opportunity for the Lord to move in our community.

Registration and more information can be found by clicking on the image above.



My name is Laura Benson and I'm with the Green Acres women's ministry team. I wanted to reach out to you about a new 12-week program we will be offering this summer for young women impacted by unexpected pregnancy. The program is offered nationally through connected churches and offers encouraging community, practical support through a baby shower(s), and life changing skills.

We will offer this program on Wednesday evenings at 6 pm from June 10th-August 26th at Green Acres Baptist Church. Dinner and childcare will be provided with free registration here: <https://greenacreswomen.org/embrace-grace>

You are not alone. When you join an Embrace Grace group you will: 1. Find friendship within a loving community. 2. Receive practical support and a free baby shower.

If you know someone who may be interested in finding out more, please have them contact me for more information.

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