

The Connector

November 2025

The Lord bless you
and keep you
Make His face shine upon you
and be gracious to you
The Lord turn His
face toward you
And give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

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From
the
Interim
Director
of
Missions

David L. Jones

My, how time flies! The busiest holiday season of the year is just around the corner, and summer recently ended with school just beginning. It has been a whirlwind of activities as so many SBA churches have had concerts, youth & children's events, fall festivals, senior adult trips, and so many wonderful worship services. Several have reported people accepting the Lord as their personal

Savior and sharing about a meaningful baptism service.

Some are experiencing folks who join to become members of their fellowship, while others have been excited that so many are attending Bible study and worship. It is so very heart-warming to know that the words of Psalm 118:24 NKJV are alive and well, even today, "This is the day the Lord has made; We will be glad and rejoice in it." These delightful testimonies by His people about happenings in His church are encouraging, uplifting, and needed to be shared. What a mighty God we serve, and the exhortation from II Chronicles 7:14 NKJV should guide our thoughts and minds, "if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." Admittedly, there have been many bad and dark days in our recent past; however, especially considering those days, we should heed these powerful words and celebrate our Lord's love and care for us, our families, churches, nation, and world. Pray and share Jesus with someone this week; you may be the only positive word they get to hear!

Just wanted to send a note of thanks to Richard DeLeon and the fellow pastors who planned and implemented the Hispanic Pastors & Wives Retreat. It was a joy to be a part of your program. Also, I wanted to share a special recognition to the folks of FBC Mineola on their 150th Church Anniversary and their 112th anniversary as a member of the Smith Baptist Association. Congratulations to both groups for a job well done!

Faith Baptist Church will have a dedication worship service on Sunday, November 16th, at 3:00 pm. Their location is: 11752 Constantine Avenue, Tyler, TX 75708. The public is invited. Also, please be in prayer for the January Annual Meeting; more information forthcoming!

Blessings,
David

**Call to Prayer & Fasting
Among our SBC**

1st Thursday of the month
Monthly Focus of Collective Prayer

Breaks Before The Throne Prayer Ministry

FOCUS: Revival of our Churches
Spiritual Awakening for our lost masses

November 6th, 2025
All day fast from food and / or drink.

Up Next

HAPPY
THANKSGIVING

The SBA Office will
close at noon on
Wednesday,
Nov. 26th and
re-open on Monday,
Dec. 1st.

**SAVE
THE
DATE!**

**CAMP
2026**

May 29
- Jun 2

ROYAL AMBASSADORS
II Corinthians 5:20

Staff Vacancies
in SBA

2025 ANNUAL MEETING

Live Out

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LOVE GOD
LOVE PEOPLE
MAKE DISCIPLES

November 16-18 • Abilene Convention Center

Pre-Register Now

WESTERN HERITAGE
CHURCH RALLY

CELEBRATING
THE ANNIVERSARY
OF THE COWBOY
CHURCH
MOVEMENT.

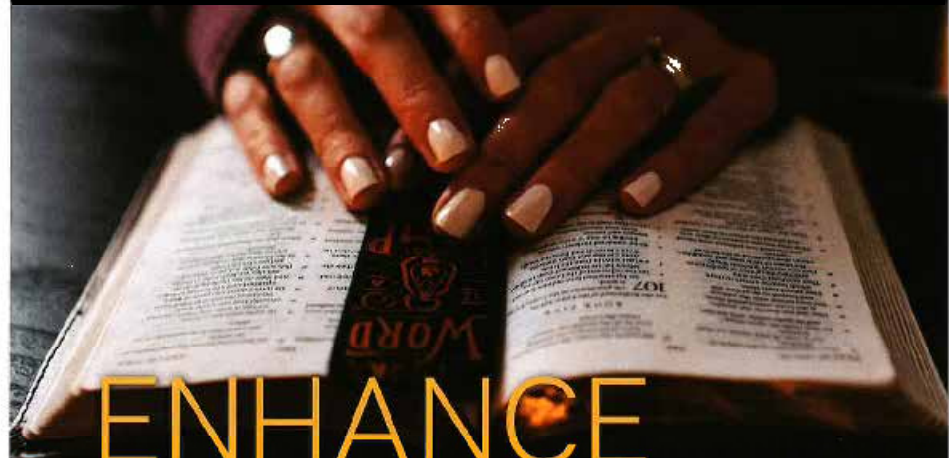
WESTERN HERITAGE

25TH

ANNIVERSARY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16
4:00 – 6:30 P.M.
ABILENE CONVENTION CENTER
FREE ADMISSION (MEAL INCLUDED)

EAST TEXAS BAPTIST UNIVERSITY



ENHANCE
YOUR SERVE

Taught by professors with both academic and practical ministry experience, the certificate program provides a foundational theological education accessible in East Texas. Whether preparing to teach a Bible study or personally exploring Scripture, the courses equip students with the resources and knowledge necessary to effectively communicate the gospel of Jesus Christ.

MINS 1116, The General Epistles and Revelation **Oct. 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17, and 24**

Annual Church Profile

Due Thursday October 30th

Return to
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Sammy Joe Calhoun & Martha Jean Calhoun
Family Scholarship for Ministerial studies.
Deadline is 3-1-2026.

High School Residency - graduating senior or graduate public, private high school, homeschool. Preference is given to individuals that are a member in good standing of the Smith Baptist Association.

GPA - at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale

College/University Attending - May attend any accredited college or university in Texas.

College Major - a field related to ministerial studies that would prepare them for a career in the ministry.

Financial - FAFSA required

Length of Support - Renewable for up to 3 years or until the degree program is completed for a total of 4 years.


<https://etcf.org/scholarships/available-scholarships/>

SMITH COUNTY BAPTIST
MINISTER SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was created through the generosity of a donor who was the child of a Baptist minister. This scholarship will be awarded to dependent children of ordained Baptist ministers serving congregations in Smith County, Texas, that are members of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

This scholarship is awarded for one year. Recipients may reapply as long as their parent remains a Smith County Baptist Minister.

The following will be required with your on-line application:

- A screenshot of your high school or current college transcript.
- One reference completed by a teacher who has in-classroom experience with you and a character reference.
- A letter from your church stating that your parent is an ordained minister serving a congregation that is in Smith County, and a member of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

You can start your application process at:

www.etcf.org/scholarships/available-scholarships

Questions?
East Texas Communities Foundation
903.533.0208 or 1.866.533.3823
Application opens January 1, 2026, and closes March 1, 2026



Happy Birthday to You...



NOVEMBER

November 1 Dr. Michael Gossett
Green Acres Baptist, Tyler

November 6 Rev. Roger Hickman
Whitehouse Baptist Fellowship, Whitehouse

November 21 Dr. Gil Lain
Bethel Baptist, Tyler



To God Be the Glory!

Coffee
Donuts
Fellowship
Prayer in the A.M.

You are invited to attend

November 5th- SBC office - 8:30 a.m.
November 12th - FBC Mineola - 8:30 a.m.

Don't forget to RSVP if you are planning to
attend 903-581-6139
or paula@smithbaptist.org.

**RA TURKEY SHOOT
& CAMPOUT**

Oct. 17-18

This year's Turkey Shoot Campout was the best one in recent memory. We had a lot leaders, fathers, and boys from churches all over the region. We had fireside worship, great food, fierce competition, and we brought back a favorite group event, cardboard boat races. We don't think it could have gone better and everywhere I looked, everyone was having a blast. We are already working on ways to make it bigger and better next year.



Approximately 60 people attended.
Co-sponsored by Texas Baptists and SBA.

IGLESIAS BAUTISTAS UNIDAS DE TYLER

**RETIRO DE
PASTORES**

Abierto a Esposas y 2 líderes de la Iglesia

- Estudio profundo en Romanos (Dr. Bill Warren, NOBTS)
- Workshop para Líderes
- Workshop para esposa de Pastor

2-4 DE OCTUBRE, 2025
IGLESIA BAUTISTA BROADWAY
TYLER, TX

MAS INFO (281) 221-7189

\$75 por pareja