

Interim
Director
of
Missions
David L. Jones

As we begin to wind down the 2025 church year, I would like to encourage each church in the SBA family to compile its annual church survey and send the report to the SBA Office. This documentation helps us evaluate our year more effectively and will serve as a guide in preparing ministry plans and budgets for the upcoming new year. I would also ask that each

Pastor and Staff member to encourage your 2026 church budget planning committee to include the SBA in their deliberation process. We are delighted to have seventy-one churches in the SBA, and we are excited as we look forward to a wonderfully rewarding new year of working together in reaching our communities with the Gospel. Collectively, we can make a difference by supporting one another in presenting a unified, positive witness that promotes the benefits of living life as a Christian.

Fall is always a significant time in the life of the church as we begin a new school year with cooler weather and all the exciting family events and holidays on the horizon. Let us be committed to ending 2025 in a prayerfully meaningful spiritual way, so that it will serve as a sound launching pad for 2026.

Especially considering the serious events that have gripped our nation in these few weeks. Many people are discussing spiritual matters and reading the Bible for the first time. They are attending our churches seeking answers for their pain, suffering, and confusion. Let us be sensitive and mindful in how we can be positive, loving, caring, and understanding as the Lord ministers through us in their time of desperation and need. Yes, the fields are white unto harvest, but let us not be too few laborers for our Lord to use. Please pray with me, "Lord, here am I, send me!"

Blessings, David



10-2 Rev. Mickey Matlock, Pleasant Hill BC 10-10 Rev. Jeremiah Dollgener, FBC Swan 10-13 Rev. David Mahfood, Gateway BC 10-20 Dr. Maurice McMillion, Faith BC 10-28 Rev. Mike Midkiff, Faith BC, Quitman



REMERSER

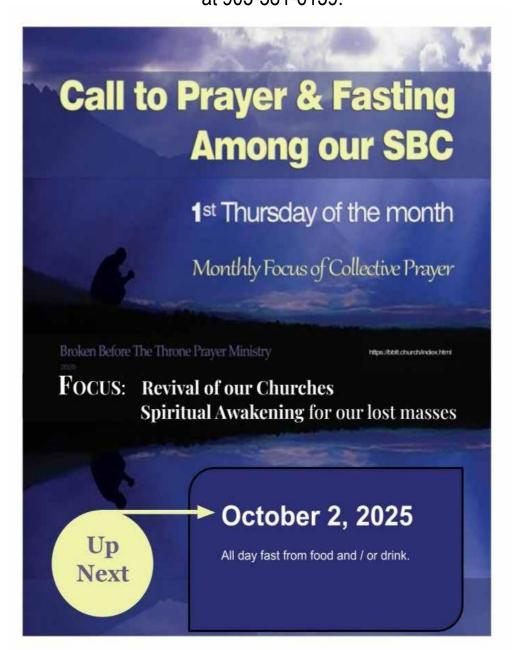
ANNUAL CHURCH PROFILE TIME



AGAIN!



It's That Time Again! We at SBA want to make this as simple as possible for both conventions. Please click HERE to fill out the SBA online version and submit. The completed ACP will be sent directly to our office, and Paula will submit it to the convention that your church supports. The deadline for returning the ACP will be October 30th. If you have any questions, contact Paula at 903-581-6139.





THE SMITH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM MET IN EXECUTIVE SESSION DURING ITS REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2025, TO CONSIDER THE DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS POSITION. FOLLOWING CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION, THE MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED, AND ADOPTED TO OFFER THE POSITION TO DAVID L. JONES, CURRENTLY SERVING AS THE INTERIM DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS.

W. C. BROWN, ACTING MODERATOR

THIS ACTION WILL BE PRESENTED FOR CONFIRMATION AT THE WINTER ANNUAL MEETING.



SBA OFFICE - 10/01

1st Wednesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. 3226 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler, TX 75701

FBC MINEOLA - 10/08

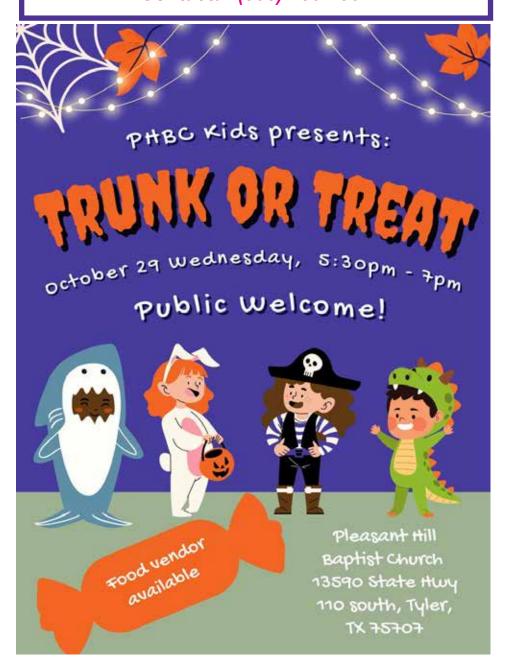
2nd Wednesday of each Month at 8:30 a.m. 204 N. Johnson St., Mineola, TX 75773

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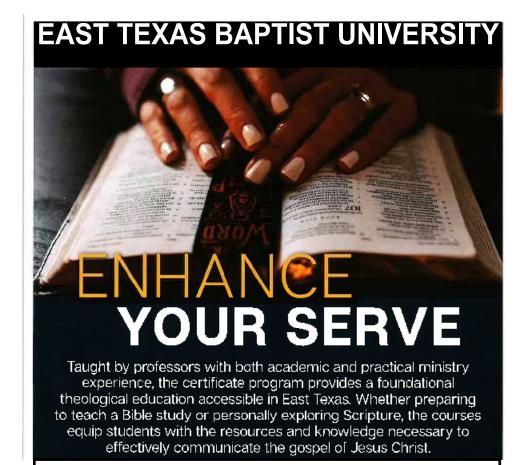
SABADO, 10/11 Smith Baptist Association Office

SABADO, 11/8
Iglesia Bautista de Fe
Pastor Jose Sanchez

Para Mas Informaciones Contactar (903) 780-7902



If your church has an event we can help publicize, please contact paula@smithbaptist.org. Include any printed materials you are using to promote the event. Thank you for allowing us to help you!



Fall 2024

MINS 1115, Acts and the Pauline Epistles Sep. 22, 29, Oct. 6, 13, and 20

MINS 1116, The General Epistles and Revelation

Oct. 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17, and 24







October 17-18, 2025 **Timberline Baptist Camp**

\$10 per person, plus \$5 per meal (Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast and lunch) Each group can bring any/all meals or let us provide them. Ask your RA leader about your group's meal arrangements.

SEE YOUR RA LEADER TO REGISTER



For questions contact Kirk Acheson 903-245-7153 ra.smithbaptist@gmail.com





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

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

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/



2:00-7:00 PM - Church groups arrive, set up camp, and horse around. We will be tent/hammock camping at Camp Kobe.

7:00 PM - Dinner

8:30 PM - Fireside chat



Breakfast (Kirk's famous breakfast burritos)

9:00 AM - Marksmanship Events

11:30 AM - Lunch

12:30 PM - Team building challenges

-Awards/Clean up

3:00 PM -Hang out or head home

MEN'S EVENT

Pastor Ron Ivey & The Labs



WORSHIP

LIKE

MEN

FOOD

GUY TALK

TROUP (MEN)



WHEN October 11,

2025 5pm - 8pm

Family Life Center

Troup TX

COST

Donations Accepted

Put on your calendar TODAY & let us know you are coming.

CONTACT

FBC Office: 903-842-3091 office@fbctroup.com Derek: 469-713-7400





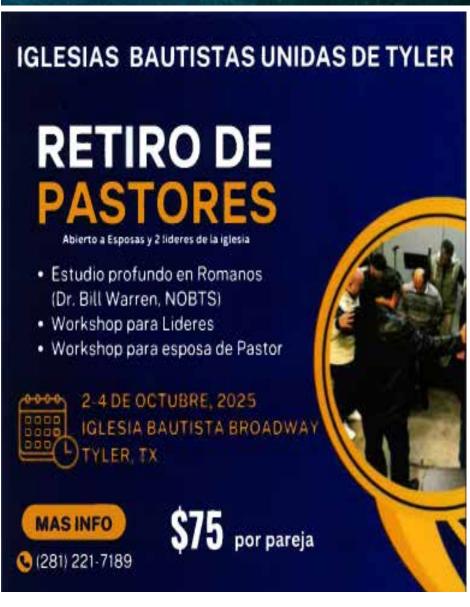
CONCLAVE 2025

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Register Now!







You are invited to:

The Annual Chautauqua Experience October 2025

For Ministers and Spouses 55 years and up

Glorieta Conference Center, October 1-5 2025,

see **Aspiretoday.org** for more information, cost and registration

Ministers' full time or completed full time ministry, need time away for renewal, inspiration, mindful reflection, rest from daily routines and responsibilities, fellowship with colleagues, and support in a fallen world, all essential for a ministers and spouse well-being. Warren Wiersbe said "One needs to take spiritual time off from the demands of ministry and life"

Take some spiritual time off this fall with former and new colleagues in the beautiful mountains at Gloreita, New Mexico for the Chautaugua Experience for ministers and spouses. Enjoy fellowship with colleagues in the fresh cool mountain air among aspens, inspiration from well-known faith leaders, worship and music to renew and refresh one's faith.



2025 Chautauqua Conference leaders

Claude King-Experiencing God, David Apple – Engaging Prayer, Steve Stanley – Dare to Define Your Destiny Ruby Stanley – Women breakout sessions, Randy Willis – Master life highlights, Roy Cotton-music, Ted Harvey – Pastor. Afterglow fellowships following worship services

2026 Chautauqua expands and includes:

- Churches and its members 55+
- CORE 7 for ministers/spouses 55+
- Music week: involves worship pastors, choirs, orchestras, hymn sings, praise band, gospel artists and Aspires nights of worship and celebration with afterglow fellowships
- Senior Adult minister's breakout sessions
- Dr. Michele Dean (former pastor of Travis Avenue Baptist Ft. Worth Tx will be the Pastor.
- Dr. Randy Lind will be the Music pastor for worship and director of music week,

The Chautauqua weeks once hosted by Lifeway Resources at Glorieta and Ridgecrest is revived and expanded. Hosted by The Aspire International Foundation, churches and individual sponsors bringing together a wider community of churches, known faith leaders, conference speakers, musician's, choirs and gospel artist, to minister to the 55 and up demographic for spiritual guidance, inspiration, renewal, strengthening one's faith and servanthood providing a broader connection for believers and churches for support in a fallen world.



Promoting the wellbeing of the minister, spouse, and church

Aspiretoday.org



2025 THEME: STRONG & COURAGEOUS

SPEAKERS











OCTOBER 20 & 21

PRESTONWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

TEXT STRONG TO 74788 FOR DETAILS.