

# The SBA Connector

February 2026



I wish every SBA church could have been represented at the January Semi-Annual Meeting. The Breckenridge Village staff and residents were so very welcoming, and their new facility, The Mehling Center, was an excellent venue. Hopefully, many of our churches will take advantage of this facility for events to enhance each ministry's mission. I wish to express my sincere thanks to all who made the evening so meaningful. The meal, fellowship, music, and annual sermon were precisely what the doctor ordered! I also wish to express my most profound appreciation to Sherman Mayfield and Tim Brown for their faithfulness in serving on the Administrative Team during these past three years. You guys will be missed! Please join me as we welcome Warren Ethridge, Carlos Delgado, and David Doyle, new members of the Administrative Team, and Mickey Matlock, SBA Moderator, and Jarrin Peoples, Vice Moderator, as new members of your SBA Leadership

Team for the coming year. These gentlemen, along with the current members of the Administrative Team, will bring a unified and sincere desire to see the Association fulfill its mission.

I also want to again thank Dr. Danny Pickens for his faithfulness in leading the SBA for the past twenty-five years, and I am humbled to follow in his footsteps. The Smith Baptist Association has consistently been recognized as a strong and influential Association in the state, and through your prayers and support, we will continue to strive to maintain that legacy. Our theme for the January Annual Meeting was, Light Changes the World, and that should be the theme of every SBA church to share the "light" of our Lord so that our "world" will be influenced for His Kingdom!

As we begin this new year, let us work together to be the best we can be for Him, do the best we can for Him, and allow Him to do His best through us so that many will enjoy the best life He intends for us to live.

I am so honored to be your Director of Missions and want to thank you for the privilege to serve you in this capacity. I pledge to give my best in achieving all that the Lord wishes for the SBA to accomplish as we work together for His Kingdom's sake! Please feel free to call us if we can be of any service to you or your church.

Blessings,

Brother David

Happy Birthday

February 2

Stephen Nipp

Antioch Baptist Church

Tyler

Happy Anniversary

February 1, 2006

James Cheatham

Carmel Baptist Church, Lindale

February 14, 2001

Jose Sanchez

Iglesia Bautista de Fe,

Tyler



<https://www.flintbc.net/event-details/?id=200233>

CROSS BRAND PRESENTS

THINGS Above

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. Colossians 3:2

MARCH 7, 2026 | 9:00 - 4:30

CROSS BRAND | TYLER, TEXAS

Deaf Friendly Conference | Interpreters Provided

Ticket Price:

\$50

PURCHASE TICKETS

ALISA CHILDERS

CANDACE PAYNE

HILLARY MORGAN FERRER

AMY DAVISON

Encouraging women to rise above cultural confusion and anchor their faith in the unchanging truth of God's Word.

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# 2026 RA Events

[kirk.acheson@gmail.com](mailto:kirk.acheson@gmail.com)

Trout Fishing Day - February 21

RA Campout at Camp Tyler -

February 27-March 1

Super Saturday - April 18

RA Camp - May 29-June 2

Turkey Shoot - October 17-18\*

\*Tentative date-subject to change



*We are ambassadors for Christ • 2 Cor. 5:20*

## 2ND ANNUAL RA Trout Fishing Day



February 21, 2026

8:00 am-1:00pm

Tyler Nature Center

11942 FM 848 Tyler, TX 75707

Fishing rods and bait will be available.  
Our event host will teach you how to clean your fish.  
Bring a cooler and ziploc bags.

This is an RA and church event but all are welcome.  
Bring the whole family!

*This is not Catch and Release --  
This is Catch, Clean, and Eat!*



*We are Ambassadors for Christ-2 Cor. 5:20*



NEW  
EVENT!

## RA CAMP OUT AT CAMP TYLER

FEBRUARY 27-MARCH 1, 2026

CAMP TYLER

WHITEHOUSE, TX



- Tent camping
- Canoeing
- Fireside Devotionals
- Food and Fellowship

SEE YOUR RA LEADER TO REGISTER

For questions, email us at [ra.smithbaptist@gmail.com](mailto:ra.smithbaptist@gmail.com)

WE ARE AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST - 2 COR. 5:20



## RA Camp 2026 at Timberline

Mark your calendars for this summer's RA camp! From outdoor adventure and lasting friendships to missionary testimonies and intentional discipleship, it's going to be another great year.

May 29th-June 2nd

Timberline Baptist Camp

15363 FM 849, Lindale, TX 75771

Registration opens soon.

All registrations, paperwork, and payments will go through your RA leader.

## RA CAMP



At Timberline Baptist Camp

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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)

Questions? Email us at [ra.smithbaptist@gmail.com](mailto:ra.smithbaptist@gmail.com)

Printable Medical Release

## Royal Ambassadors Super Saturday



April 18th, 2026

3:00-7:00 PM

Southside Baptist  
Church

Registration for competitors: \$6  
Meal combo: \$6

Other concessions available

All proceeds directly benefit SBA RAs  
Only RA-approved cars are allowed to  
race (except in the "Outlaw" class)

Get your kits and rules from Kirk or  
Ben at [ra.smithbaptist@gmail.com](mailto:ra.smithbaptist@gmail.com)



GAs are invited  
to participate!

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# Don't miss out on these RA Events!





**G.A.  
Mini Camp &  
G.A. Day  
2026  
Friendship**



**March 20-21, 2026  
Timberline Baptist Camp  
Lindale, TX.  
\$35 per person for Saturday  
\$75 per person for Friday-Saturday**

*"This is my prayer for you: that your love will grow more and more; that you will have knowledge and understanding with your love; <sup>10</sup>that you will see the difference between good and bad and choose the good; that you will be pure and without wrong for the coming of Christ;" Philippians 1:9-10 (ICB)*

**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**

Annie Armstrong  
Easter Offering

**YOUR GENEROSITY IS  
*more than a gift***

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR  
NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS**

**March 1-8, 2026**



Saturday, April 11, 2026

Mt. Carmel Baptist Church Whitehouse

Registration

# Thirsty?

A Conference for Women

## Certificate in Ministry Course Schedule

Spring Courses	Location	Cost	Coordinator
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interpretation of the Bible for Preaching and Teaching (MIN 1121.01)</li> <li>• Introduction to Missions (MIN 1126.01)</li> </ul>	Green Acres Baptist Church 1607 Troup Hwy. Tyler, TX 75701	\$175 per course (includes BGCT scholarship) or \$50 course audit fee	Dr. Danny Pickens

Learn more at [ETBU.edu/cim](http://ETBU.edu/cim) /903.923.2180/ [christianstudies@ETBU.edu](mailto:christianstudies@ETBU.edu)

## Smith Baptist Association Scholarship Opportunities

East Texas Communities Foundation is offering scholarships for the 2026-27 academic year and will begin accepting submissions on January 1, 2026. **Deadline for all applications will be March 1, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.**

ETCF will offer their matching feature on the scholarship application website. This is the best place for students to start the process. The matching questionnaire, a list of all 2026 ETCF scholarships and detailed eligibility requirements are located on ETCF website at <http://etcf.org/scholarships/available-scholarships/>

- Sammy Joe and Martha Jean Calhoun Family Scholarship for Ministerial Studies**
  - Major in a field related to ministerial studies that would prepare them for a career in the ministry (including, but not limited to, areas such as pastoral ministry, youth ministry, Christian ministry, religious studies, missionary studies, etc.)
  - GPA of at least 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) in his or her high school studies
  - Preference for a member in good standing of the Smith Baptist Association
  - Attend an accredited college or university in the state of Texas as a full-time student
- Smith County Baptist Ministers Scholarship**
  - GPA of at least 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) in his or her high school or college studies (prior recipients may re-apply)
  - Dependent children of ordained Baptist ministers serving congregations in Smith County, Texas, that are members of the Baptist General Convention of Texas
  - Attend an accredited college or university as a full-time student

FLINT ADULTS 55+ PRESENTS

## ANNUAL CAR & TRUCK SHOW

"THEREFORE ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER AND BUILD EACH OTHER UP..."  
1 THESSALONIANS 5:11

FREE REGISTRATION!

### Adults 55+ Car Show

Sat, Apr 18, 2026 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

FBC Adults 55+ invites your family to our 2026 annual Car Show! Bring your pop-ups, lawn chairs, and a good pair of walking shoes, and enjoy over 100 of East Texas's best show rides.

- Registration: 8AM-10AM
- Free (Donations benefit Flint Missions)
- Plenty of Trailer Parking
- Pre-Registration is Optional
- Vendor Setup: 8AM-10AM
- Vendors must pre-register by April 11th to secure a spot

Contact Information:  
Email: [events@flintbc.net](mailto:events@flintbc.net)  
Call: 903-894-7649

## Sunday March 1, 2026 5:00-6:15 p.m.

IN CONCERT

# Chuck Crain

FROM PRESLEYS' BRANSON & RFD TV

Sunday March 1, 2026 5:00pm-6:15pm  
Pine Springs Baptist Church  
2155 CR 334 Tyler, Tx 75708  
903-520-8389  
Everyone Welcome!  
Love offering requested!

### Pine Springs Baptist Church

2155 CR 334, Tyler, TX 75708

R.J. Osborne

Associate Director

UT Tyler BSM

### Join Prayvine

If you would like to stay connected throughout the year, sign up for our prayer updates!

Join our prayer team here:

Drew Lewis

Director

TJC BSM

### Drew Lewis

### BSM Director

Drew and Whitney Lewis to come Tyler after serving in Kenya with the VIA Ministry. Join us in welcoming them to Tyler.

# BEACH REACH 2026

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND  
MARCH 7-13TH, 2026