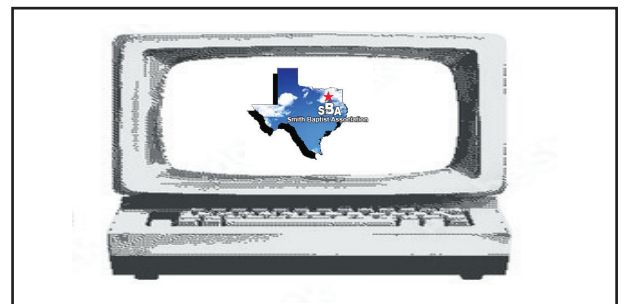




The SBA Connector

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I appreciate your calls and cards received in the SBA Office over the past weeks. Your support during these challenging times has been a genuine blessing, and we are grateful to belong to the SBA Family. I encourage you to continue praying for us as we look ahead and focus on the ministries to which God has called us. Each member of every SBA church fulfills a vital role in God's plan, demonstrating through faithful living the true nature and purpose of our Creator. Let us remain bold, compassionate, and firmly rooted in our faith as we strive to reflect the character of Jesus.

Yesterday, there was another assassination attempt on the President of the United States, which deeply impacted many. Political beliefs should never supersede spiritual convictions, and according to the commandments Moses received on Mount Sinai, God regards murder as a sin. The presence of evil in our world is evident, and it is imperative that we, as God's church grounded in scripture, affirm our commitment to the Judeo-Christian values upon which our nation was founded. Let us unite in prayer for a revival to transform our nation and bring renewal to our land.

Please remember in prayer the pastor search committees of FBC Big Sandy, FBC Hawkins, New Generation Church, Pine Springs BC, Hopewell BC, Dean BC, and FBC Mineola. Your support is greatly valued by these congregations. Additionally, please watch for an upcoming announcement regarding the rescheduling of the pastor and staff 'On the Road' lunch and discussion.

I am honored to work alongside the pulpit search committees of Dean BC, FBC Big Sandy, and FBC Mineola, and I have recently updated the pulpit supply list in the SBA Office. If you have recommendations for individuals who would be suitable candidates for this list, please contact the SBA Office.

Last month, I had the privilege of preaching on Easter Sunday at FBC Mineola and, two weeks later, assisting in the ordination of five new deacons. Both services were deeply rewarding. We extend our congratulations to Dr. Allan Thompson as he begins his service as Interim Pastor at FBC Mineola. Additionally, as a member of the FBC Tyler southern gospel quartet, Heaven Bound, I was honored to help lead worship during a revival at Lake Tyler Baptist Church. The fellowship with these congregations was truly uplifting.

May God continue to bless each SBA church as we serve together in His Kingdom.

Serving Jesus,

Brother David



Church Staff Vacancies



"Don't cry for me! I have been united with the One who gave Himself for me."

Dr. Danny Paul Pickens

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to everyone who has reached out to support me, offered comfort, prayed for our family, provided meals, sent cards, and attended the Celebration of Life for Danny. These recent days have been the most challenging of my life, and I find myself missing him more with each passing day.

I am deeply grateful to continue working at Smith Baptist Association, where Danny dedicated 25 of the most meaningful years of his life. It is evident that this role was uniquely suited for him. Reflecting on our years in ministry, I can see how God guided us to this point, enabling Danny to serve as Director of Missions. Missions truly defined his purpose. My prayer for his Celebration Service was that both Danny and the Lord would be honored. Many of you have generously contributed to the Pickens Community Mission Grant, which was Danny's vision. He sought state funding to support our churches' initiatives, including Vacation Bible School, community outreach, and back-to-school events. However, as has occurred in many organizations, the Smith Baptist Association budget has been reduced this year due to lower-than-expected Mary Hill Davis Offering funding. Nevertheless, I am grateful for God's provision and trust in His plan. While I do not know the exact amount raised, I am confident that God does and that He will direct these resources to those in need.

Please continue to pray for my family. This has been tough on all of us! Thank you for praying for him. I can confidently say that Danny finished his assignment here on earth and God called him home.

In His Service

Paula and Family

"38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, [a] neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:38-39



Rev. Sedrick Moore
5-20-2006
St. Paul Baptist, Jacksonville

Rev. Steven Nipp
5-22-2013
Antioch Baptist, Tyler

Rev. Bruce Rudd
5-22-2011
Mt. Sylvan Baptist, Lindale

Rev. Bennie Portwood
5-22-2022
Damascus Baptist, Lindale

May 1- Rev. Billy Kwon
Tyler Korean Church

May 11 - Rev. Carlos Delgado
Primera Iglesia Bautista, Tyler

May 18 - Dr. Dan Lewis
Friendly Baptist, Tyler

May 20 - Dr. James Hawkins
Higher Heights Baptist, Tyler

May 23 - Rev. Edward Murrell
Bethlehem Baptist, Flint

Breaking News from the Regional Bible Drill this past weekend at Flint . . .

Taylor Garmen, SBTC Bible Drill/Speakers Tournament Coordinator announced at Saturday's Regional Tournament that in memory of Dr. Danny Pickens, former SBA Director of Missions who was very actively involved in Bible Drill was being honored by SBTC with two \$250 scholarships. These scholarships will be awarded to the top two youth and high school participants in the Regional Drill in Dallas at the State Drill and Speaker's Tournament. The recipients are Ryan Field, Youth Drill and Makayla Phillips, High School Drill. Both drillers are from Flint. Congratulations! We're proud of you as well.



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