



# The Connector

## Smith Baptist Association

August 2022

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### OFFICE HOURS

Monday 8:30 - 4:30  
Tuesday 8:30 - 4:30  
Wednesday 8:30 - 4:30  
Closed 11:30 - 12:30 for lunch  
Phone is answered remotely on Thursdays.

### From the Dir. of Missions

Happy Summer! I don't know about you, but these 100+ temps make me want to stay inside. I feel like a crab scurrying from air-conditioner to air-conditioner!

Thanks to The Woods Baptist and Lon Graham for hosting our semi-annual meeting recently. What a great facility. The pastor trusted us to meet there even though he was out of pocket. Jamie Hawbaker prepared a great meal and we had a good meeting. Attendance was down some due to covid and vacations. I expect January will be another big one. We had the privilege of recognizing C.H. Ford for 50 Years of service as our Royal Ambassador Director. What a remarkable accomplishment! Thanks, C.H.

I visited one of the first churches I interacted with when coming to SBA this Sunday. Trinity West Baptist celebrated its 25th anniversary. They continue to reach out to their community near Lake Palestine. They are faithful supporters of the Association, and we work hard to help them be all they can be in their Ministry (a practical illustration of Association at work!) We are grateful for all our partnering churches and their ministries in Smith Baptist and worldwide.

August 23rd at 7 p.m. we will be hosting a Pastor and wives Appreciation Dinner. It will be held at FBC Tyler. I hope you make plans to attend. This will be an exceptional event. Our keynote speaker will be Ken Brumbley, who many of you know from Green Acres or Grace Works Ministry. He is a friend to all of us in Ministry and will provide us with a fun-filled evening.

Certificate in Ministry classes will begin again in August. The classes this semester will be New Testament. This is an 18-hour program certified through East Texas Baptist University. Contact me if you are interested. Also, Brandon Holiski is offering classes in Hermeneutics at his church. Find more details in this newsletter.

I have been in the following churches of late:  
Trinity West Baptist (25 Anniversary), FBC Mineola (Preach), Colonial Hills (Visit), Hill Creek (Preach).

I appreciate the opportunity to be in front of your congregations to express our thanks for your partnership. I am finished with my interim and available whenever you need me.

Blessings,  
Dr. Danny

*C.H. Ford was recognized at the Semi-annual Meeting for working with the Smith Baptist Association Royal Ambassadors for 50 years.*

*Thank you C.H. for what you have meant to the Kingdom. Only eternity will reveal the true impact you have had. May God continue to bless you in your retirement.*



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**August 5**  
**Abel Urieta**  
**Familia de Mostaza**  
**Tyler**

**August 12**  
**Sedrick Moore**  
**St. Paul Baptist**  
**Jacksonville**

**August 17**  
**Brandon Holiski, Southern Oaks Baptist, Tyler**

**August 23**  
**Lon Graham, The Woods Baptist, Tyler**

**August 25**  
**Craig Lloyd, FBC Edom**

**Happy Anniversary**  
**Phillip Dancy**

**Sylvania Church**  
**Tyler**  
**8-15-10**

*Pastor,*  
*For the early Sunday mornings*  
*For the middle of the night calls*  
*For the wise counsel and advice*  
*For the patience, love, and sacrifice...*  
*- Thank You -*  
*For always giving your all!*

**Save the Date!**  
*Pastors and Wives*  
*Appreciation Dinner*  
*Tuesday*  
*August 23, 2022*  
*FBC Tyler*  
*7 - 9 p.m.*



The maximum amount awarded is \$350.00.

Funds will be available until November 1, 2022, or until the funding account has been depleted, whichever comes first.

A portion of the SBA budget as well as a special grant from the Mary Hill Davis Offering has been designated to be available to cooperating churches for local mission projects. This application must be completed and submitted by email. 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 Administrative Team will review each application. You will receive notification of the decision regarding your request following the Team meeting. The maximum amount of any grant will not exceed \$350.00. Funds will be available until November 1, 2022, or until the account has been depleted, whichever comes first.

Grants are awarded on the second Monday of each month at the Administrative Team Meeting as long as the funds are available.

## Staff Vacancies

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Dr. Brandon Holiski, the pastor of Southern Oaks Baptist Church, will be teaching a class on **Hermeneutics** (Interpreting the Bible) this fall semester through Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (Spurgeon College). The course is scheduled for Tuesday evenings. I've set it up with three levels of engagement, which allows

people to take it for credit (toward their Contextualized Leadership Development Certifications or even Advanced Standing at MBTS) or simply for personal enrichment, with a range of commitments. Essentially that means:

Level 1: Attend Lectures (no credit)

Level 2: Attend Lectures and do some supplemental (and lay-friendly) assigned reading (no credit)

Level 3: Attend Lectures and do all assignments (credit)

Best of all, it is FREE! (except for the books for Levels 2 and 3).

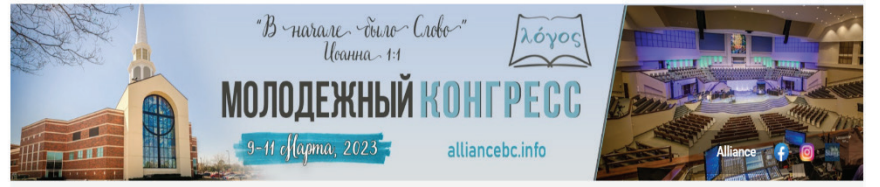
It would be great for people interested in working towards a certificate in theological studies or planning on attending seminary in the future (especially at MBTS, but also other SBC seminaries) or those heading into vocational ministry. But it is also great for those who are leaders in the church (e.g., Sunday School teachers, small group leaders, elders, etc.) or lay people who desire to be better equipped at reading the Bible well. Depending on the participants, it will be taught on a college/seminary level. Contact [sobcpastor@gmail.com](mailto:sobcpastor@gmail.com) or 903-747-7716.



Flint Baptist Church has a Ukrainian family that is making funds available directly to Ukrainian believer refugees IN the Ukraine. They have Pastors, churches and family members who are there.

Here is a picture of the work. Many are widows, elderly and those who cannot evacuate.

If any Smith Baptist Church would like to give directly, they can send funds here - Type UKRAINE in the Memo: <https://onrealm.org/flintbc/-/form/give/now>



## SLAVIC YOUTH CONGRESS OF NORTH AMERICA

"IN THE BEGINNING WAS..." (JOHN 1:1)

**MARCH 9-11, 2023**

LOCATION: GREEN ACRES BAPTIST CHURCH, TYLER, TEXAS

On March 9-11, 2023, there will be about 3,000 Slavic youth in Tyler for their quadrennial event. The emphasis of the meeting is: "knowing the Word of God and its works in my life".

On Sunday morning, March 12, 2023, the Slavic youth will be available to sing and testify of their faith. If you would like to invite a group to participate in your worship service, please connect with Joe De Leon at:

559-288-6996 or [DeLeonJoe@outlook.com](mailto:DeLeonJoe@outlook.com)

I truly believe your congregation will be blessed. There is no fee or other obligation other than an opportunity to participate in your worship service.



Request Form

Please make your request as soon as possible so group size can be adjusted to your need.



**Interested in a local gathering of Worship Pastors?** Whether your church is taking on a new tech gadget and you have questions or working through the ups and downs of leading worship leaders, having a peer to talk with is always beneficial. And if you're the one who has mastered those things, you're a sought-after partner! Worship Leaders vary from part-time to full; some are bi-vocational, and some are volunteers. Finding a convenient time for an in-person meeting may be challenging, but if you're interested in participating, reach out to Lindsey Miller, worship leader at Friendly Baptist Church, at [Lindseyhlo@gmail.com](mailto:Lindseyhlo@gmail.com) or 903-372-6159. Lunch is being planned for an initial gathering at Friendly in August. Anyone wishing to help coordinate things, please call soon!

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**Don't Miss What's Happening at SBA**

