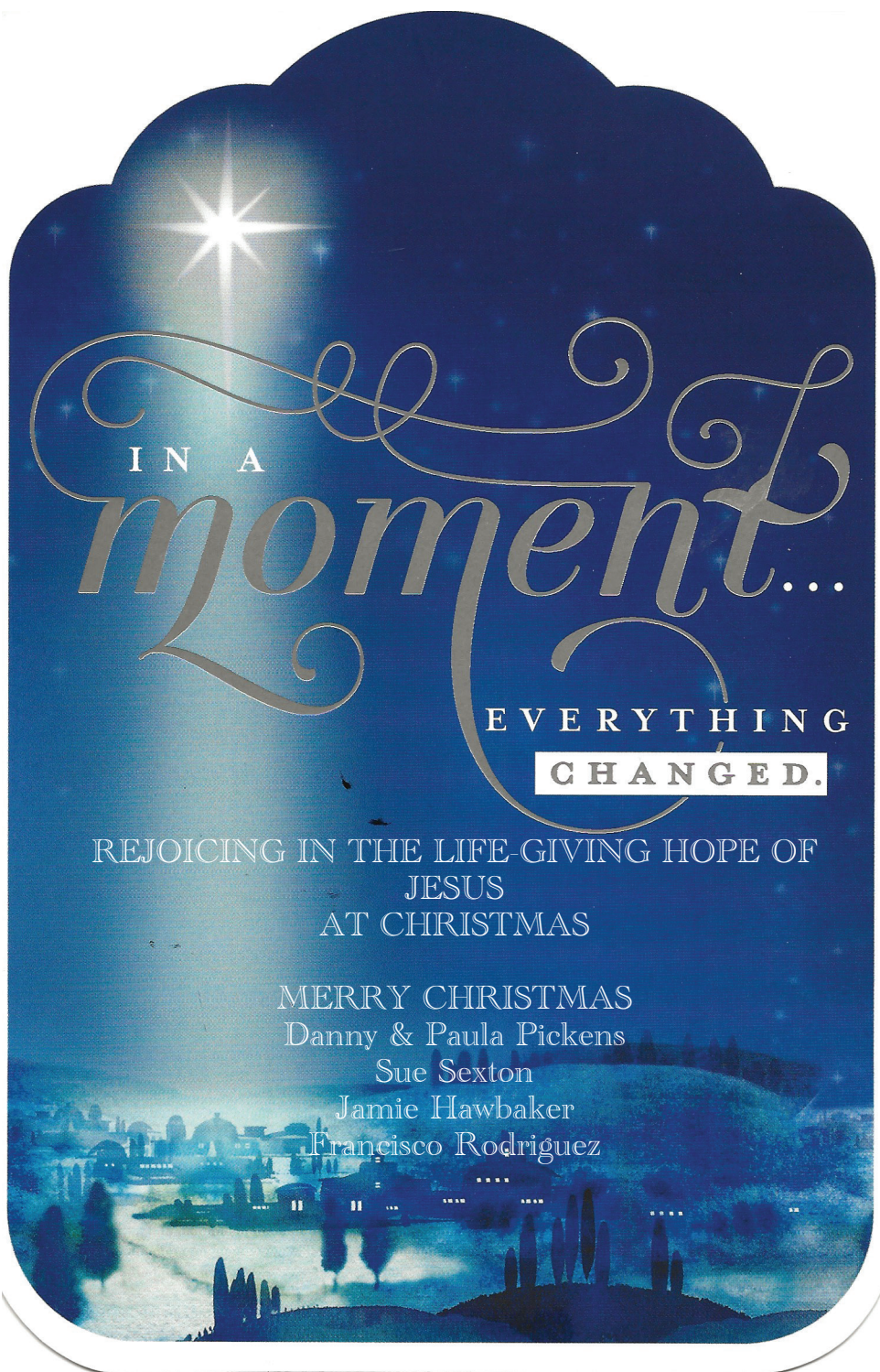


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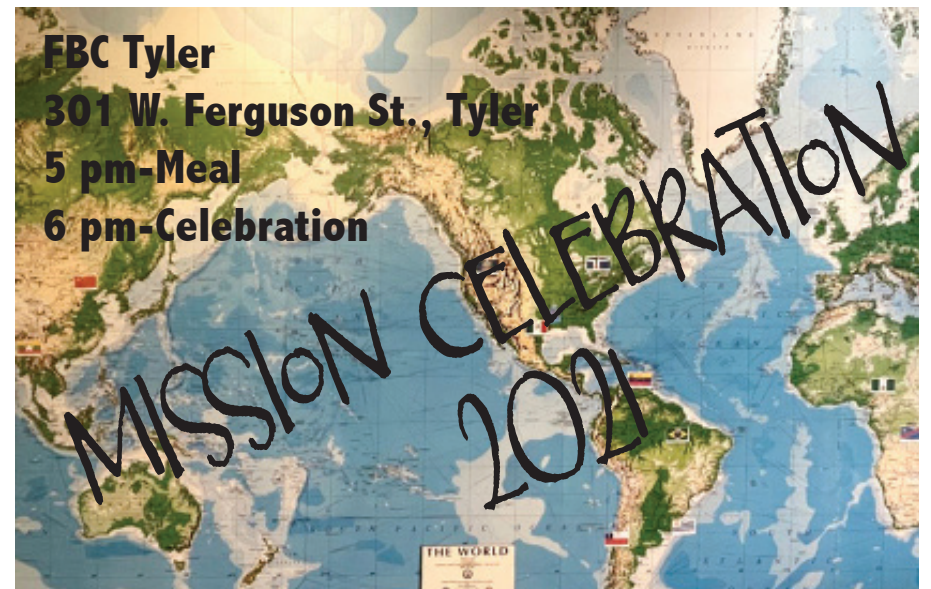
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SBA Annual Meeting Jan. 23, 2022



Merry Christmas from me and the Staff!

We pray you will have a wonderful Christmas season in your churches, homes, and communities.

I will be finishing an extended interim at FBC Hawkins this month. After the first of the year, I will be back on the road to visit with some of you that are new to staff and hear you preach.

In March 23-April 1, 2021, we will be going to Central Asia once again on mission. This year we can only carry six people total, and I have myself and one other signed up right now. If you are interested in going, I need to hear from you soon. We will be working with the International Mission Board to conduct personal evangelism on the streets of a major Central Asia city. The cost will be between \$2500 and \$3000, which includes a side trip to Ephesus. Please call me if you have any questions. Be aware you must be vaccinated to go to this country (see pg. 3)

The budget has been mailed out for your approval or discussion. Things are tight as they are in your churches. We have been expecting this downturn due to Covid. Our team worked hard to present a balanced budget and did so. Unfortunately, that meant a few cuts we really did not want to do. My prayer is things will return to normal, and we can fully fund these accounts once again. Thanks for your understanding.

Beginning in January, the office will be open Monday through Wednesday. Thursday, we will be working from home or the field. As always, we will be available by phone. In light of the paragraph above, the Admin team felt we could save a bit on utilities.

Once again, MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Blessings, Dr. Danny

Smith Scholarship Opportunities

East Texas Communities Foundation is offering scholarships for the 2022-23 academic year and will begin accepting submissions on December 1.

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
- Due date: February 1 at 5pm

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
- Due date: March 1 at 5pm

We will offer our matching feature on our scholarship application website. This is the best place for students to start the process. The matching questionnaire, a list of all 2022 ETCF scholarships and detailed eligibility requirements are located on our website at <http://etcf.org/scholarships/available-scholarships/>

PARK HEIGHTS BAPTIST MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP offered through SBA website

<https://smithbaptist.org/park-heights-scholarship>

New Office Schedule

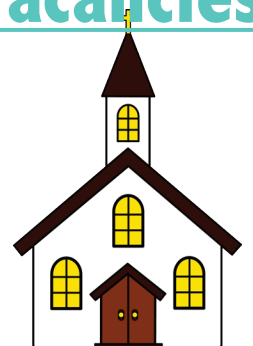
Office Hours Monday - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. until Dec. 15, 2021
Telephones and business will be handled remotely from Dec. 16 - Dec. 23, 2021
Dec. 24 - January 2, 2021 - Christmas Holidays Observed

(office building will be closed Dec. 16, 2021 - Jan. 2, 2022)

Beginning January 1, 2022

Office Hours will remain 8:30 a.m - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Wednesday
Thursday - phones will be answered and business matters handled remotely.



Staff Vacancies



DEC 2021



SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

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					12-2-11 Chris Legg South Spring (Annv.) 12-2-90 Ken Goode East Lake (Annv.)		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
	Admin. Team Mtg. 1 p.m.			Office Closed for Christmas Holidays	Office Closed for Christmas Holidays	Office Closed for Christmas Holidays	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
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					 Mike Morrow Cross Brand (BD)		
26	27	28	29	30	31		
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The office will be closed December 16, 2021, through January 2, 2022. We will re-open on Monday, January 3, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. If there is an emergency or you need to speak to Dr. Pickens, call 903-581-6139. The phone calls will be transferred.

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				Call 903-581-6139 8:30-4:30 to reach office personnel.		1 
2	3 Office Re-opens 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Closed during Noon Hour	4	5	6	7 Erik Switzer Sharon (BD)	8
9 Frank Zia Ilg. Bautista Broadway 1-9-12 (Annv.)	10 Mark Price Southside 1-14-99 (Annv.) ADMIN. Team 1 p.m. ADVIS. Council 6 p.m.	11	12	13 In order to cut utility costs, 3226 Old Jacksonville is closed on Thursdays.	14	15 Tim Brown FBC Whitehouse (BD)
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Jason Rhodes Daybreak HOD Church (BD) <i>SBA Missions Celebration</i>	24	25	26 Steven Young The Cross 1-26-09 (Annv.)	27	28	29
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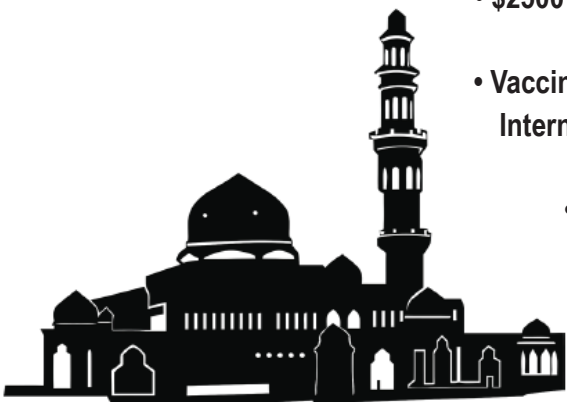
CENTRAL ASIA MISSION TRIP March 17-24, 2022

• \$2500 appx. cost

• Vaccinations and back-ground check by
International Mission Board required.

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903-581-6139 for information.



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