

December/January Edition

The SBA Connector

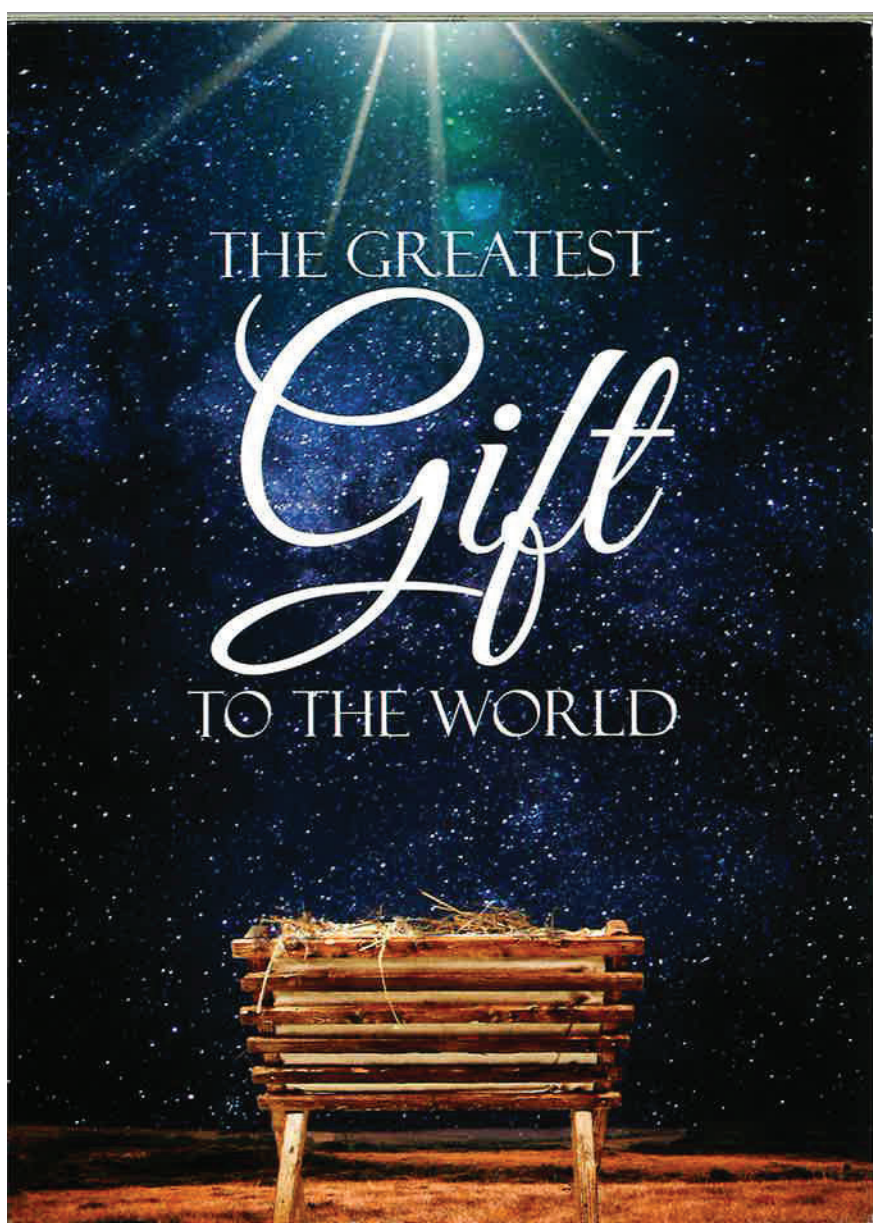


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SBA Annual Meeting Jan. 22, 2023

Living Acts Church
2441 Earl Campbell Pkwy
Tyler TX 75701
5 p.m. Meal
6 pm-Celebration

the 2023 Gathering



Receive Him through FAITH. Rejoice in HOPE, and Experience the Peace of His LOVE this Christmas Season and Always.



Merry Christmas to All our church Staff, Friends, and Families!

As we wind down 2022 and look forward to 2023, I urge you to take a moment and reflect on God's blessings this year. Regardless of all that has taken place in this world and the struggles we have all had, God's blessings are evident in our lives.

Of course, the greatest blessing is the one we celebrate this month, Jesus Christ. Don't let all

the pressure to buy just the right gift, attend all the coming parties and bake all the goodies get in the way of CELEBRATING CHRIST, the coming of the God/Man into our world for us! Have fun and enjoy the season but make sure you don't forget HIM.

I appreciate the opportunities to be in your churches. I love being able to thank you from the pulpit for all your church's support. Let me know if there is a time you would like me to visit; be sure to give me a bit of lead time.

Thank you for all of your support and encouragement this year. I look forward to all God has in store for us in 2023!

Are you interested in going with me on mission to Central Asia this year? I have reserved four spots so that I can take three people. I would love to take three pastors. The cost is approximately \$2500. The trip's focus is personal evangelism on the streets of a major city. It is one of the most rewarding places I have ever shared the Gospel and to a people hungry to hear it. Want more information? Give me a call.

I have been in the following churches of late. Green Acres Flint (Visit), Sharon (Preach), FBC Mineola (Preach), Noonday (Preach), New Hope (Missions Presentation).

Blessings, Dr. Danny

Touring God's Israel
A Spiritual Journey

Billy J. Swink

- Touring God's Israel is the best spiritually-oriented, virtual guide primarily written for you who cannot actually travel to Israel, but is also the best Biblical guide for actual tourists as well.
- This book is a valuable, eye-opening window into the historical, physical, mental, and spiritual world of God's Word.
- You are assured an unforgettable and repeatable experience of spiritual growth aided by 165 color photographs, 12 strip maps, and 22 area maps, plus several diagrams, charts, and fifty-two spirit-probing lessons.
- The author's informative voice illuminates the Biblical sites, stories, and archeological finds as your tour bus travels throughout the land, seeing most of the sites and sites of Jesus' life, ministry, and miracles.
- There are numerous questions answered, such as: What scripture prophesied of Muslims killing Christians today? Hezekiah's tunnel was dug from each end simultaneously; what assured their meeting? What did Jesus mean when he said, "I am the bright and morning star?"
- Personal, biblical, and theological issues regarding life and eternal matters are addressed.

Billy and wife, Peggy, celebrated 66 years of marriage on November 26, 2021. They have four children, nine grandchildren, and fifteen great grandchildren. They are retired and live near Tyler, Texas. Billy has been a Deacon and Sunday school teacher for over fifty years, and sang in numerous churches, nursing, and retirement homes for over fifteen years. After completing his military obligation, Billy received a B.S. degree from East Texas State University, while working forty hours per week at his major career, making U.S. Army National Guard meetings, and renovating houses all at same time: Yes, a workaholic. After receiving his degree, he taught engineering classes at Tarrant County Community College at night and wrote the syllabus for that curriculum. In the aerospace industry, Billy held positions as manager in Production, Quality Control, and Environmental Compliance, and was a consultant. Billy is named as the inventor of a "Chromium Regeneration System".

Billy is as St. Paul claimed himself to be: "...Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners of whom I am chief." (1 Tim. 1:15)

Dear Friend,

I highly recommend the excellent book written by my friend, Billy J. Swink. Not everyone has the money or health to travel to Israel, so the next best thing is to read Billy's book *Touring God's Israel: A Spiritual Journey*. Billy has conducted amazing research to give the reader a visual and verbal explanation of the Land of Miracles. He has included many maps, photos, and charts to educate the reader about the history and culture of Israel.

I encourage you to obtain several copies of the book - one for yourself - and others to give away to your friends and family who love Israel and the Bible. You will be blessed.

Shalom!

David O. Dykes, Pastor Emeritus
Green Acres Baptist Church
Tyler, Texas

"He tends His flock Like a Shepherd: He gathers the lambs in His arms and carries them close to His heart; He gently leads those that have young." (Isaiah 40:11)

Billy J. Swink
Nomadic Shepherd
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Merry Christmas & a Very Happy New Year!
from the Staff at Smith Baptist Association
Danny & Paula Pickens
Sue Sexton
Jamie Haubaker
& Francisco Rodriguez

Debbie Szymczyk will be at The Gathering 1-22-23 to answer questions.

PROJECT ONE CAN COMMUNITY CHALLENGE

PARTNERING WITH LOCAL CHURCHES TO HELP REDUCE HUNGER IN EAST TX

WE NEED YOUR HELP WEEKLY! • ONE CHURCH AT A TIME • ONE WEEK AT A TIME • ONE CAN AT A TIME

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Debbie Szymczyk, Project Director 760-580-4997

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4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
11	12 Admin. Team Mtg.	13	14	15	16	17	
18	19	20	21	22	23 Office Closed for Christmas Holidays	24 Christmas Eve  Mike Morrow Cross Brand (80)	
25 Christmas Day 	26 Office Closed for Christmas Holidays	27 Office Closed for Christmas Holidays	28 Office Closed for Christmas Holidays	29 Office Closed for Christmas Holidays	30 Office Closed for Christmas Holidays	31 New Year's Eve Office Closed for Christmas Holidays	

If there is an emergency or you need to speak to Dr. Flores, call 903-881-8138. The phone calls will be transferred.

Smith Scholarship Opportunities

East Texas Communities Foundation is offering scholarships for the 2023-24 academic year and will begin accepting submissions on January 1, 2023. Deadline for all applications will be March 1, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

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

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

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 2023 ETCF scholarships and detailed eligibility requirements are located on ETCF website at <http://etcf.org/scholarships/available-scholarships/>

PARK HEIGHTS BAPTIST MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP offered through SBA website <https://smithbaptist.org/park-heights-scholarship>

JAN 2023



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1  <small>Image by freepik</small>	2	3 SBA Office reopens at 8:30 a.m.	4	5	6	7 Eric Smitzer Sharon (BO)
8	9 Frank Zie lg. Double Energy 1-8-12 (Annv.) Admin. Team Mtg. 1 p.m. Advisory Council Mtg. 6 p.m.	10 Mark Price Sabbath 1-10-99 (Annv.)	11	12	13	14
15 Tim Brown F&G Warehouse BO	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 SBA The Gathering 5 pm Meal 6 pm Meeting Living Acts Church	23 Jason Rhodes Daybreak HOD Church (BO)	24	25 Andrew D'Calby Calvary Tyler (BO)	26 Steven Young The Cross 1-28-09 (Annv.)	27	28
29	30	31				

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SPRING COURSES: Personal Evangelism - January 10th
Preaching and Teaching - February 14th
Introduction to Missions - April 28th

LOCATION: Smith Baptist Association Office
3326 Old Jacksonville Road
Tyler, Texas 75701

COORDINATOR: Dr. Danny Pickens

COST: \$175 per course or \$50 course audit fee (Scholarships available for qualified individuals.)



Learn more at ETBU.edu/cim | 903.923.2180 | christianstudies@ETBU.edu

Lottie Moon

Christmas Offering

December 4-11, 2022

Together.

We are able to do so much more together, than if we were chasing this vision alone.

This Tuesday, November 29th, many people will observe a day to give to causes and charities that are meaningful to them. The day is called *Giving Tuesday*. On Tuesday, 157,690 people will die without Christ. This number is true for every day, actually. This is an unimaginable statistic that shows the reality of the world's greatest problem – lostness. It's the greatest problem because it is an eternal problem.

But as believers in Jesus Christ, we have the solution. The solution is the gospel, and the IMB is committed to reaching the farthest nations and people with the message of salvation.

Will you partner with the IMB with a financial gift this Giving Tuesday? And you certainly don't have to wait until Tuesday! You can give today, knowing that 100% of your generous gift will go to the mission field. Not one dollar is used for administrative expenses or kept for work in the U.S. Every dollar reaches a missionary who is faithfully serving among the unreached.

Thank you, Paul Chitwood, IMB President