

July 2022

The Connector

Smith Baptist Association

3226 Old Jacksonville Hwy. • Tyler, TX 75701 • 903-581-6139

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



We are planning a pastor/wife banquet for August 23, 2022, held at First Baptist Church Tyler. RSVP invitations will be forthcoming. See page 2 for information and be sure to SAVE THE DATE! This is our opportunity to thank you for your service to our churches and the Association.

Plans are still underway for the mission trip to Uganda/Rwanda, Sept 5-16, 2022. The primary focus will be teaching pastors and lay people topics about a

Christian Family. The approximate cost to you would be \$2000. If you are interested in going, please contact me ASAP for more details.

Praise God for the overturn of Roe vs. Wade. I pray our nation comes to peace with this situation and that Christians and churches respond to those who disagree with the Grace and Love that God lives within us. Now is not the time to be hateful and proud, but rather thankful and loving. Now is the time for the church to step up and provide for those in desperate need. Join me in praying for our nation.

I have finished my interim at The Fellowship Troup and welcome the opportunity to visit our churches. If you have an occasion that you would like me to attend, please let me know; I am also available to preach for you if needed.

I have been in the following churches of late: Hill Creek (preach), The Fellowship Troup (Preach), Dean Baptist (Preach for 150-anniversary service), Mt. Carmel (Visit). Blessings, Dr. Danny



June 8

James Cheatham, Carmel Baptist
James Anderson, Dover Baptist

June 14

J.D. Montgomery, Mt. Olivet Baptist
Lee Evans, Jr., West Lake Baptist

July 21

Scott Gorbett, Noonday Baptist
Ron Klingsick, Arp Emmanuel

July 27

Ron Ivey, The Carpenter's Cross
Juan Barroso, Iglesia Bautista de Fellowship



Ron Klingsick
Arp Emmanuel 7-4-94

J. D. Montgomery
Mt. Olivet 7-7-01

Kelly Burton
FBC Alba 7-24-11



The Fellowship Troup has called Rev. Matt Organ as their pastor.

Matt comes from Van, Texas via Longview. He and his wife Carolinda have been married since 2017 and they have two sons. Woodrow (4), and Barnabas (19 months).

Matt has been in ministry for over 20 years serving in a variety of roles both in churches and with several para-church organizations.



Caro moved to America from Cameroon Africa in 2009, and is currently a Registered Nurse.

The Organ's first Sunday was June 12, 2022. Welcome, we're glad you are here! (info provided by The Fellowship FB page.)



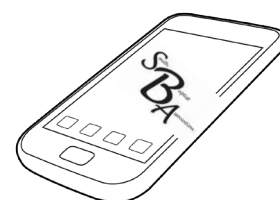
Flint Baptist Church has a Ukrainian family that is making funds available directly to Ukrainian believer refugees IN the Ukraine. They have Pastors, churches and family members who are there. Here are pictures of the work. Many are widows, elderly and those who cannot evacuate.

If any Smith Baptist Church would like to give directly, they can send funds here

Type UKRAINE in the Memo: <https://onrealm.org/flintbcl/-/form/give/now>



Don't Miss What's Happening at SBA





<https://smithbaptist.org/scholarships%2Fgrants>

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

Click above to View listing

Ya'll Come!



Smith Association
Semi-Annual
Meeting

Monday, July 18th

The Woods Baptist Church
4502 University Drive
Tyler, TX 75707

Meal - 6 p.m. (\$7.50 each) Meeting - 7 p.m.

Homemade Hamburger-Bar
with all the fixins!
Baked Beans
Tea (Sweet or Un-sweet)
Cookies

Reservations are required.

Mail checks to
3226 Old Jacksonville Highway
Tyler, Texas 75701.

Deadline is Wednesday, July 13, 2022.



Promo
Video



English Video

SLOVIC YOUTH CONGRESS OF
NORTH AMERICA

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

КОНГРЕСС СЛАВЯНСКОЙ МОЛОДЕЖИ
СЕВЕРНОЙ АМЕРИКИ

"В НАЧАЛЕ БЫЛО..." (ИН.1:1)

MARCH 9-12, 2023

On March 9-12, 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 how it works in my life".

On Sunday morning, March 12, 2023, these young people will be available to share in worship in the local Baptist churches in the Tyler area. They will bring special music, both in Russian and English along with testimonies.

If your church is interested in having a group of these young people in your morning worship or for more information, contact Joe DeLeon at 559-288-6996.



Royal Ambassadors



Race Team

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

R.A. CAMP 2022

JULY 15-19 AT TIMBERLINE CAMP IN LINDALE

\$200 per camper/leader * \$50 deposit due June 20

E-mail ra.smithbaptist@gmail.com with questions.

If God opens a door, are you willing to walk through it?

Recently at the office, we received a phone call from Jean Dobson from South Carolina. She had recently been privileged to see a youth choir from one of the churches in Smith Association perform. Their performance so touched her that she wanted to give them a gift. She found the director and gave them a donation of \$400. She felt that God had told her to bless this group. Her call to the Association was to see what church had sent this group on choir tour. She felt such a strong urging from the Lord that she just wanted to check and make sure that they had made it home ok. After some investigative work, I could direct her to that church. I referred her to Green Acres Baptist Church. As Paul Harvey used to say, "Here's the rest of the story," as told by Angie Smith, Children and Music Coordinator, GABC.

This was not your ordinary summer choir tour.

Praise Alive High School Choir from Green Acres Baptist Church (Tyler, Texas) was on mission in the nation's capital over Memorial Day. Concerts and ministry opportunities were scheduled each day that week in various parts of Washington, D.C.

After a leading worship Sunday morning at Wisconsin Avenue Baptist Church, the group visited the National Cathedral where the students attended a pipe organ recital in one of the most beautiful places of worship in our country. It was a moving program with a patriotic message.

Another recital attendee, Jeannie Dobson, who was visiting from the Carolinas, met with the GABC students after the recital. She was encouraged to meet them and said it touched her heart that this group came from so far away to spread the love of Jesus and share the gospel.

Mrs. Dobson explained that she was there that weekend in honor of her son, Allen, who had been killed in Iraq while in military service. She felt compelled to offer a monetary gift to the students in remembrance of Allen's sacrifice.

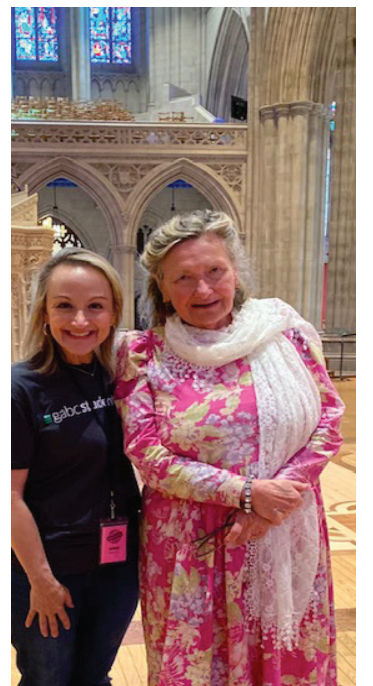
Kelvin Reed, director of Praise Alive, told the students later that evening that they were being treated to ice cream at the National Mall in honor of the young man who gave his life for his country.

The students were humbled by this gift — and this experience — and will take these memories with them always.

So I ask again, if God opens a door, are you willing to walk through it? Be alert and watchful, the opportunities are always there! Don't miss out on being someone's blessing.



Praise Alive High School Choir, Green Acres Baptist Church



Angie Smith with Jean Dobson

Pastor

For the early Sunday mornings
For the middle of the night calls
For the wise counsel & advice
For the patience, love & sacrifice

Thank You

For always giving your all.

You are so appreciated!

Save the Date!

Pastors and Wives
Appreciation Dinner

Tuesday

August 23, 2022

FBC Tyler

7 - 9 p.m.

RSVP Invitations will be mailed.