

March 2024

The SBA Connector

Staff Vacancies
in SBA



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As you read this, a small group is headed to Peru to meet with the Baptist leaders in Lima and Piura. We are discussing and investigating the idea of sending a group back later in the year to work with indigenous pastors there. I would ask for two things. First, pray for our safety and health as we travel. Second, begin now praying about the possibility of joining us on a trip back to minister there. I will be looking for pastors who can help to train pastors. Is that you?

As we move into summer, churches ramp up for camps, VBS, and other events. If we can be of help, please don't hesitate to call.

We can't help if we don't know your needs.

I want to welcome two new pastors to the Association—Rev. David Doyle at Southside Baptist, and Rev. Aaron Little at First Baptist Hawkins. We are delighted to have you as a part of SBA. We look forward to working with you and your church!

Finally, I am currently serving as interim at Dean Baptist. However, they know I must be out on occasion as needs arise in the Association. I have also been in the following churches of late: Mt. Sylvan (Semi-Annual meeting and to preach), Tyland Baptist (train search committee), and Lake Tyler (Ordination Service). I always welcome the chance to preach in our churches and give your people a chance to put a name with a face.

Thank you for all you do and for supporting the Smith Baptist Association.
Dr. Danny

CONGRATULATIONS JOE & RACHEL OSTEEN



After 20 years of serving on staff at UT Tyler BSM, God has called me to a new role with Texas BSM! Starting in July, I will be the East Texas Regional Director, supervising and coaching BSMs on East Texas campuses. I will still coordinate Beach Reach and also lead our Texas BSM Reach the Campus Reach the World initiative as we work to send graduates and staff to serve long-term in collegiate ministries across the globe.

I will miss so much about being the BSM Director at UT Tyler. This is my alma mater and I have loved seeing the school and the BSM grow. Serving here has made me fall more in love with Jesus and ministry. I believe more than ever that if we reach the college campus, we will reach the world!

Three things make this transition a blessing. First, I know this is what God has called me to for this season, and I see how he has prepared me for it! Second, I get to stay in Tyler and office at the UT Tyler BSM. Lastly, I am leaving leadership of the UT Tyler BSM in good hands!!!

I am thrilled that starting this semester, Spring 2024, Amber Brommers has begun serving as the acting director of the BSM. She has invested 6 years into this ministry and is a gifted and competent campus minister. We initiated an intentional year of transition in August. She has developed the vision and skills necessary to do this job and has demonstrated a clear calling from God to serve in this capacity. I will be here to help her anyway she needs as I take on more Texas BSM state staff responsibilities. She will become the full-time BSM Director here at UT Tyler in July.



March Birthdays



Mar. 6 - Dr. Kelly Burton
FBC Alba

Mar. 17 - Rev. Carl George
Macedonia, Chandler

Mar. 19 - Rev. Chris Legg
South Spring, Tyler

Mar. 25 - Rev. Bruce Rudd
Mt. Sylvan, Lindale

Mar. 30 - Bro. Kenward Goode
East Lake, Chandler



Mar. 2 - Rev. David Burcham
3-2-08 Harvest Acres, Mineola

Mar. 6 - Dr. Tom Buck
3-6-06 FBC Lindale

Mar. 13 - Rev. Pike Wisner
3-13-11 FBC Tyler

Smith Scholarship Opportunities

East Texas Communities Foundation is offering scholarships for the 2024-25 academic year

<https://etcf.org/scholarships/available-scholarships/> on the "Let's Get Started" button. All parts of the application, including references, fall transcript (unofficial is accepted) and FAFSA data, must be submitted by March 1 at 5:00 p.m.

Concerning FAFSA requirements for 2024 – because of issues with the release of the new form, we will allow the student aid calculation (found in our application under the financial aid section) as a replacement for an official FAFSA SAI number. Please remind students that this is available to complete the application!

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

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

<https://www.cappex.com/scholarships/smith-county-baptist-ministers-scholarship>

March 3-10, 2024

Annie Armstrong
Easter Offering
FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

MAKE
JESUS
KNOWN

North American
Mission Board

LET'S GET Talkin'
MARRIAGE CONFERENCE
 APRIL 6, 2024
 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

WEEKEND SPEAKERS

FBC WHITEHOUSE
 801 E MAIN
 \$120
 PER COUPLE
 (lunch provided)

REGISTER AT:
 FIRSTW.ORG
 OR
 SCAN CODE

RA Events

2024

March 1-3 - Caddo Lake Camping Trip
 April 13 - Super Saturday
 July 12-16 - RA Summer Camp
 July 12-14 - Mini Camp
 October 18-19 - Turkey Shoot

Kirk Acheson 903-245-7153
 ra.smithbaptist@gmail.com

Royal Ambassadors Super Saturday

Super Saturday will be held on April 13th at Southside Baptist Church. 15330 FM 24393, Tyler, TX 75703 3-7 p.m.

Events

- Soccer Dribble
- Lad Olympics
- Softball Throw
- 100 Yard Run
- Slingshot
- Shoot-out
- Tire Change
- RA Racers
- Push Cars
- Football Pass

Registration for competitors: \$6
 Meal (chili cheese dog, chips, drink): \$6
 Concessions available for purchase.
 All proceeds from concessions and meals directly benefit SBA RAs.

Only RA-approved cars are allowed to race (except in the 'Outlaw' class)
 Get your kits and rules from Kirk or Ben at ra.smithbaptist@gmail.com

We are ambassadors for Christ

Thirsty?

A Conference for Women

Saturday, April 13, 2024
 Mt. Carmel Baptist Church
 www.mcabcwhitehouse.com

**"But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again."
 John 4:14**

Be Still

G.A. Camp 2024
 Psalm 46:10

Timberline Baptist Camp
 Lindale, TX.

May 31-June 4
 \$220 per person

Brandy Meadows
 903-253-2241
 b-wmeadows@sbcglobal.net

Registration Packet

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April 10, 11, 12 6pm-8pm

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