

November 2023

The SBA Connector

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Dr. Danny Pickens, Director of Missions



SBA Office will close at noon on Wednesday, Nov. 22nd and re-open on Monday, Nov. 27th. Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

A Word from Dr. Danny...



As we move into fall, we not only fall forward with the clock, but we fall into a time and season where the opportunity to share Christ is available if we look and listen.

People are concerned about the Middle East and ask what you think; how do you reply? First and foremost, I ask them if they trust Christ. The door to salvation is wide open. I share with them how He is in control and we can trust Him.

The holiday season offers more chances to share your faith at festivals, cantatas, services, and more. Just be aware when the Lord opens the door.

We share on our Facebook page and our Website any activities your church promotes. If you want to share something unique or specific, just let us know.

Currently, we have six churches without pastors. When asked to help train committees, find speakers, and find interims, I work with those churches. I pray God will fill those pulpits soon. If you are interested, you can go to our Website to see who is looking and how to send resumes to them. The link is <https://smith-baptist.org/staff-vacancies>. If they have not given us who to contact regarding the pastoral vacancy, continue to check back. Committees are being organized and they may not have started working.

Make it a point to put the Annual meeting on the calendar for Sunday, **February 4, 2024**. We will meet in the new sanctuary of Mt. Sylvan, which is beautiful. Also, see elsewhere in this newsletter about a pastor's fellowship on at 7a.m. at Jimmy's egg. Thursday, November 16th. This is Dutch treat and always a lot of fun. For a change we are having breakfast this time!

I have been in the following churches of late: FBC Hawkins (preach), FBC Alba (preach), Central Baptist (baptize my great-granddaughter!), Westwood (preach), Noonday (preach). Let me know if you want me to fill the pulpit or visit for a special occasion. I love being in our churches!

Enjoy the cool weather, and keep up the good work, Blessings, Dr. Danny

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
FROM
SMITH BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION



November 1
Dr. Michael Gossett
Green Acres Baptist, Tyler

November 6
Rev. Roger Hickman
Whitehouse Baptist Fellowship, Whitehouse

November 21
Dr. Gil Lain
Bethel Baptist Church, Chapel Hill

Nov. 5
Daylight Savings Time Ends

Nov. 6
CIM CLASS
The Exile to the Intertestamental Period
Green Acres Baptist Church, 6 p.m.

Nov. 7
ELECTION DAY

Nov. 11
VETERANS DAY

Nov. 13 - 14
Southern Baptist of Texas Annual Meeting
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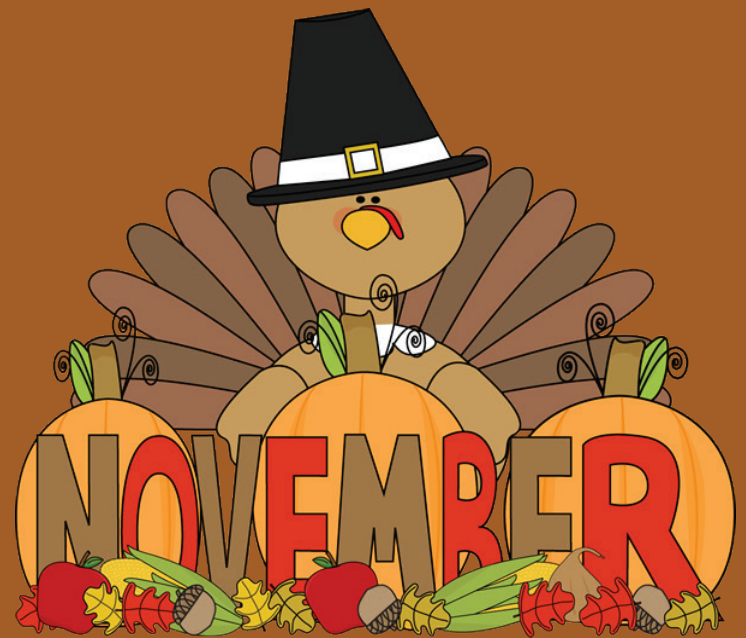
Nov. 13
Administrative Team Meeting
SBA Office, 1 p.m.

CIM CLASS
The Exile to the Intertestamental Period
Green Acres Baptist Church, 6 p.m.

Nov. 14
Advisory Council Meeting
6 p.m. @ Bruno's on Old Jacksonville Hwy.

Nov. 16
Pastor and Ministerial Staff
Breakfast at Jimmy's Egg
7-8:30 a.m. (see 2nd page for details)

Nov. 20
CIM CLASS
Thanksgiving Break

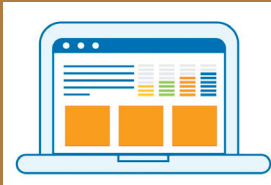


Nov. 22
SBA Office Closes at Noon for
Thanksgiving

Nov. 23
THANKSGIVING DAY
SBA Office Closed

Nov. 27
CIM CLASS
The Exile to the Intertestamental Period
Green Acres Baptist Church, 6 p.m.

The Administrative Team will be mailing out the 2024 Budget Proposal on November 21st to the registered messengers of SBA. Please be aware that this document will be coming. Once received, vote and return the enclosed card to Smith Baptist Association, 3226 Old Jacksonville Hwy., Tyler, TX 75701. Thank you!



Annual Church Profile

Return to
Smith Baptist Association

3226 Old Jacksonville Hwy., Tyler, TX 75701
or paula@smithbaptist.org

Due on Monday, October 30th.

COMMUNITY MISSION GRANTS AVAILABLE

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

The maximum amount awarded is \$350.00.

Funds are available until account balance is depleted.

A portion of the SBA budget and a special grant from the Mary Hill Davis Offering has been designated to be available to cooperating churches for local mission projects. Any SBA church may apply once a year for one specific project to be completed within the Smith Baptist Association for evangelism. This application must be completed and submitted by email. The Administrative Team will review each application. You will receive a notification of the decision regarding your request following the Team meeting. The maximum amount of any grant will not exceed \$350.00. Grants are awarded on the second Monday of each month at the Administrative Team Meeting as long as the funds are available.



Thursday
Nov. 16th
7-8:30 a.m.



BREAKFAST & LUNCH • SERVED 6 AM - 2 PM DAILY

TYLER, TX

6004 S BROADWAY AVENUE

903.630.4013

Pastors and Ministerial Staff

Let's eat breakfast!

No agenda, just fellowship and gooooooood food!



EAST TEXAS COMMUNITIES FOUNDATION

Simplified Charitable Giving

<https://etcf.org/scholarships/available-scholarships/>

Sammy Joe Calhoun & Martha Jean Calhoun

Family Scholarship for Ministerial

studies. Deadline is **3-1-2024**.

High School Residency - graduating senior or graduate public, private high school, homeschool. Preference is given to individuals that are a member in good standing of the Smith Baptist Association.

GPA - at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale

College/University Attending - May attend any accredited college or university in Texas.

College Major - a field related to ministerial studies that would prepare them for a career in the ministry.

Financial - FAFSA required

Length of Support - Renewable for up to 3 years or until the degree program is completed for a total of 4 years.

February 4, 2024 SBA Family Gathering Mt. Sylvan Baptist Church, Lindale

RSVP by October 16th

Medical Release Required

TURKEY SHOOT + CAMPOUT

October 20-21, 2023
Timberline Baptist Camp

Back of property—At the office, stay right.
Follow gravel road around and stay right.

\$20 Includes all meals and activities
\$15 Saturday breakfast and lunch
\$10 Saturday lunch only

*If coming Saturday only, please let us know which meals you will be joining (breakfast and/or lunch) and arrive by 8:30 for registration

RSVP to Kirk Acheson
903-245-7153
ra.smithbaptist@gmail.com
We Are Ambassadors For Christ



Report from R.A. Turkey Shoot and Campout...

- We had about 80 boys, fathers, and leaders
- There were 6 churches / chapters represented
- we had a great time of fellowship, fun, and delicious food. Everybody participated in shooting competitions, devotional and worship time, and the highlight on Saturday was the cardboard boat races.

This was our biggest Turkey Shoot in years and it seems to be getting bigger and better each year. Events like this are possible because of our faithful and devoted leaders and fathers that keep this ministry thriving. Mark your calendar for October 18-19, 2024 for the next Turkey Shoot Campout.

Kirk Acheson SBA R.A. Dir. - Ben Roach, Asst. R.A. Dir.



BUILDING TO REACH MORE FOR JESUS

New Worship Center Dedication



Sunday, Nov. 12, 2023, 4 p.m.
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