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The SBA Connector

if you can be anything,
be kind.

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Covid has raised its ugly head again in East Texas. Whether you believe in vaccinations or one who doesn't, I hope you are staying safe! Our churches are still struggling with it in some form or fashion. I pray this will be over soon, and things can get back to normal, even if it's a 'new normal.'

Our recent Life Coaching Clinic went well. If you didn't attend this time, we will try to repeat it sometime next year. It's a great tool to have that helps you to move people forward on their own schedule. Who doesn't want to do that?

Our Annual meeting is on the horizon for January 23, 2022. We are searching for a church that might be willing to host 200-250 people for that meeting. The meal will be catered, so we just need a space with tables and chairs for that many. If you are interested, please let me know. It's always fun to gather together at one of our churches.

Don't forget to give! Our constitution and by-laws state that a cooperating church must give and report at least once a year. Our Administrative team provides a one-year grace period! However, if a church has not contributed to SBA in at least two years, a process begins that makes them aware of it and then takes action. No dollar amount is suggested; that is up to you. We believe strongly that all of our churches benefit from the cooperative giving to the Association. If you want to speak to me about this, please let me know.

We have also mailed out a VERY SIMPLIFIED Annual Church Profile. Please fill this out for Paula and return it by October 30. Again, this is required by our constitution.

I am currently involved in an interim with First Baptist Church, Hawkins. That will soon end, and I will get back to visiting with some of you who I have not seen in a while.

Blessings, Dr. Danny



"This was awesome. Thank you Dr. Danny Pickens & SBA."
- Dr. Maurice McMillion, Pastor Faith Baptist Church, Tyler



"All the sacrifices and risks in raising our kids pale in comparison to the rewards of seeing them reach goals, learn new skills, and dream bigger dreams! It was an honor being beside you in this experience!"
- Steve Alberts, Connections Pastor Colonial Hills Baptist Church
- Hannah Alberts Alexander, Preschool SS Cord., Colonial Hills Baptist Church



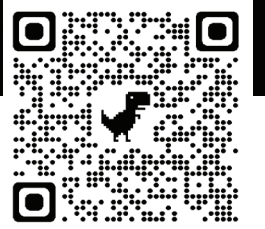
"I had the joy of learning a new skill set from the awesome Dr. Danny Pickens at Smith Baptist Association this weekend! I also got to see some old friends and make some new ones!
Life Coaching is an incredible tool that helps pastors and leaders help others! (It's also inspired me to look deeper into other skills and tools like Counseling, Consulting, & Mentoring)
I'm so glad I was able to participate, and would highly recommend this course to other pastors/leaders.
Never stop learning, never stop growing!"
- Aaron Glover, Pastor FBC Troup



SBA was happy to host The International Coaching Federation Quick Step Coaching Clinic this past weekend. Attendees were Dr. Maurice McMillion, pastor of Faith Baptist Church, Tyler; Steve Alberts, Connections Pastor, Colonial Hills Baptist Church; Hannah Alexander, Preschool Sunday School Coordinator, Colonial Hills Baptist Church; Dr. Aaron Glover, FBC Troup; Rev. Sedrick Moore, pastor St. Paul Baptist, Jacksonville; and Rev. Boogie Wynne, Interim Pastor, GABC South. Due to a grant, SBA provided this training "free of charge" for pastors and staff in our Association. Typically, the cost is \$295 per person. Plans are to host another clinic in 2022. Be on the lookout for information in future newsletters.

MISSIONS
October 1-2, 2021
Flint Baptist Church
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To see video, Scan the QR code with your phone.



Together We Eat

For Pastors & Ministerial Staff
• NO AGENDA •
TIME OF FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2021
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.



Spring Creek BBQ
5810 S Broadway Ave, Tyler, TX 75703
RESERVATIONS ARE NOT REQUIRED!

Links to Explore
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Annual Church Profiles due by October 30th!