



The Connector



Smith Baptist Association
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 Office Hours - M-T-W 8:30 - 4:30 (Closed for lunch 11:30-12:30)
 Phones answered remotely on Thursdays



From the Director of Missions
David L. Jones

I grew up in a large family of aunts, uncles, and cousins with fireworks galore and taking turns sitting on top of the hand-cranked wooden machine to hold down the ice and rock salt as the interior liquid mixture turned into homemade ice cream with either grandmothers' peaches, strawberries, or pear preserves added in! This year, 2026, is even more fascinating as we celebrate our 250th national birthday. In biblical terms, we are a small dot on God's creative timeline, yet look at what He has done with us in our brief history. Inspiration to develop vehicles, airplanes, electricity, medical breakthroughs, computers, space travel, and the list goes on. At the same time, we, as Southern Baptists, have been able to share the gospel in some of the most unreached corners of the world. God has produced godly elder statesmen, preachers, & teachers on the national stage. We have seen numerous higher educational institutions and seminaries flourish, molding the church leaders of tomorrow. We, as a denomination, have been richly blessed! Let us continue to be faithful, not losing sight of why the Lord has blessed us so much. Matthew 28:19-20 – The Great Commission – is our real purpose of being here at this point and time in humanity, which is why it is so important how we as Southern Baptists minister together.

This month, I have been blessed to worship with FBC Lindale on their 150th Anniversary Sunday. I enjoyed meeting and worshipping with the Living Acts Family as they acknowledged the conclusion of their VBS; the children were wonderful. I also led worship with Dr. Kelly Burton and the fun folks at FBC Alba. My wife and I were part of a group from FBC Tyler that attended the East Texas Baptist Camp meeting in Canton and worshipped with Dennis Swanberg and the Erwin Family on an exciting Father's Day evening. Yesterday, June 28th, I was honored to participate in the "Note Burning Ceremony" for Bethlehem Baptist Church in Flint. I look forward to the opportunity to worship with more SBA church families in the future, especially if your church is having a special event in which the SBA Office can help in promoting..

Pastors: please let the SBA Office know the names and contact information of your church messengers for the Semi-Annual Meeting on Monday, July 27th, at Colonial Hills BC in Tyler. See you there! Blessings, David

Save the Date
Monday
07-27-26 7 p.m.
"TOGETHER WE ARE ONE"

Smith Baptist Association
Semi-Annual Meeting
Colonial Hills Baptist Church
7330 S. Broadway, Tyler, TX 75703

"I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all."
Ephesians 4:1-6 NKJV

Keynote Address
Dr. Joe Osteen
East Texas Regional Director
Baptist Student Ministries

Testimonials
 • **Rev. Carlos Delgado**
Primera Iglesia Bautista Bilingue, Tyler

• **Rev. Scott Moore**
Tyland Baptist Church, Tyler

• **Dr. Maurice McMillion**
Faith Baptist Church, Owentown



7-7-2001 Rev. J.D. Montgomery, Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, Tyler
 7-24-2011 Dr. Kelly Burton, First Baptist Church, Alba



7-1 Rev. Ian Wade, Westwood Baptist Church, Tyler
 7-8 Rev. Mike Ford, Hill Creek Baptist Church, Whitehouse
 7-11 Rev. Scott Parrish, Bullard Southern Baptist Church, Bullard
 7-14 Rev. J. D. Montgomery, Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, Tyler
 7-21 Rev. Scott Gorbett, Noonday Baptist Church, Noonday
 7-27 Rev. Juan Barroso, Iglesia Bautista de Fellowship, Tyler
 7-27 Rev. Ron Ivey, The Carpenter's Cross, Bullard

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Flint Baptist Church

Surprise Party!

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Saturday, July 11th
9:00a-3:00p
Completed K-3rd Grade
Register by Sunday, June 28th



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JULY 17-18

9AM - 4:30PM
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Bro. Lance Larison
Pastor PSBC

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Pine Springs Baptist Church
2155 CR 334 • Tyler, TX 75708

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WORKSHOP



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SATURDAY, AUGUST 29TH
9 AM - 2 PM
MT CARMEL BAPTIST



BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Gain practical tools, share ideas, and be encouraged as we work together to reach more children with the Gospel!



LUNCH PROVIDED

Lunch will be provided by the MCBC OCC Team!



SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS

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Matthew 22:39-40

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The Main Event
 Saturday, August 22, 2026
 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
 W.T. Brookshire Conference Center, Tyler, TX

Texans On Mission

Disaster Relief Awareness Day
Sunday, August 23rd
9-Noon
South Spring Baptist Church
17002 Hwy. 69S.
Tyler, TX 75703
 For more information contact
LSturrock@southspring.org



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Congratulations to ♦ ♦ ♦
 Bethlehem Baptist Church, Flint
 Note Burning Ceremony
 Sunday, June 28, 2026 - 2 p.m.
 Rev. E. R. Murrell, 11 Pastor

*We praise the Lord and are excited
 for you and with you for what God is
 going to continue to do at
 Bethlehem Baptist Church.*



For Additional Pictures and comments
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Updates from RA & GA Camps



Camp was amazing this year! We had a total of 98 boys and leaders in attendance. The new range project was a big hit with both RAs and GAs. Kirk even introduced the GAs to tomahawk throwing, which they loved. There was plenty of time spent outside, and some spent indoors with A/C. The weather was great, and the fireworks show on Monday night was a fun way to wrap things up.

Timberline summer staff is top-notch this year, and we are so grateful for their flexibility and dedication. Brother Bill Holmes, our camp pastor, did not disappoint, and worship was led by a band of older RAs: Bret Thompson, Mason Cadenhead, and Joey Jowell.

The most exciting part of the week was that **5 boys accepted Jesus, and several more rededicated their lives to Him!** Thank you to everyone who prayed and helped to make this year's camp life-changing for so many kids.
 Kirk Acheson, SBA RA Director

SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars for our annual
**RA TURKEY SHOOT
 AND
 CAMPOUT**
OCTOBER 16-17, 2026

Details to come

We are Ambassadors for Christ



The Smith Baptist Association group of Girls in Action (G.A.) enjoyed getting together twice during 2026 for G.A. Spring Day/ Mini Camp and G.A. Summer Camp.

In March, we enjoyed time at Timberline Baptist Camp with worship, missions, and fun. The theme was "Friendship" focusing on Philippians 1:9-10. We had five churches represented, bringing 65 girls and leaders.

At G.A. summer camp in June, six area churches were represented with 85 girls and leaders. The camp theme was "Daughter of the King", and the camp Bible verse was Colossians 3:23-24. The camp was five days and four nights, also at Timberline in Lindale. The week was packed with missions, worship, activities, and camp fun. Girls had many conversations and prayers about salvation, following the Lord, living a Christ-like life, and entering the mission field to share the Gospel. What an exciting time to see God work in these young lives!
 Brandy Meadows, SBA GA Director



UPCOMING EVENTS

• AUGUST



Resource-Filled Lunch/Workshop for Pastors and Staff

THURSDAY, August 27th
10 A.M. - 2 P.M.
CALVARY BAPTIST
CHURCH
6704 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler 75703-0520

Topics to be included are

- Leadership
- Spiritual Formation/Discipleship
- Church Revitalization

This is not a conference, but a casual lunch to share resources and discuss pastoral and staff ministry issues.

The leadership team consists of Jeff Lynn, Senior Strategist for Church Health and Leadership, Phil Todd, Spiritual Formation Team Leader, and Anthony Svajda, Pastoral Ministries Associate.

This event is open to any church in the Smith Baptist Association that would like to strengthen its opportunities to enhance its ministries.

Sponsored by the Southern Baptist Convention of Texas and Smith Baptist Association

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• SEPTEMBER

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**CONFERENCIA DE
PASTORES
2026**

 **DE 1-3**
de Octubre de 2026

 **Tyler, Texas**
lugar p.d.

Invitado especial:
**FABIO Y MÓNICA
CASTELLANOS
(NOBTS)**

 *Más información:* (903) 780-7902
- Jose Sanchez

• OCTOBER

If there is an Associational-wide event, please let us know so that we can put it on our calendar and help you spread the word.

Thank you for allowing us to help you.
SBA