

April 2026



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The SBA Connector



Church Staff Vacancies



The saying " March winds bring April showers, and April showers bring May flowers" has been around for a long time, and the March part has certainly been windy and turbulent for the SBA office! Dr. Pickens has been in the hospital for several days with Paula at his side, and I have been sidelined with a foot surgery issue that has been problematic for the entire month. Also, one of our main AC units has finally decided to call it quits. I assure you, we are ready for some gentle rain this month and the beautiful flowers of next month. We wish to convey our sincerest appreciation to everyone who has faithfully and prayerfully supported us through these tough days. I hope our absence from the office has not been an issue or inconvenience for anyone. I wish to also express my deepest appreciation to Sue Sexton for stepping in and keeping the "boat afloat" in our absence.

April is such an exciting month because we focus our attention on the resurrection of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Hopefully, we consciously keep that in mind each Lord's Day as we enter His house to worship with His people! Let us pray that this Easter Sunday will be a tremendous worship experience for all His people, and that many will receive the blessing of salvation and become a flourishing member of the Family of God!

I wish to invite all the Pastors and Staff of the SBA to join us for the "On the Road" morning and luncheon fellowship on Thursday, April 30, at Calvary Baptist Church on Old Jacksonville Hwy. from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Registration is required - please contact the SBA Office by Monday, April 27 EOD. FREE does not mean it is not worth your time; it

means people have given so that you could attend and sharpen your understanding, abilities, skills, and vision for your ministry. See you there.

I pray for you every day, asking God to bless, encourage, strengthen, and bring you joy. I hope this Easter Season be one of great comfort and purpose for you, your family, and every member of God's Kingdom affiliated with the SBA. My verses for us this month are Isaiah 12:2-3.

Blessings,
Brother David
Director of Missions
Smith Baptist Association

*He is Risen, He is risen indeed!
Have a Blessed Easter from SBA.*

Coffee
Donuts
Fellowship
Prayer in the A.M.

You are invited to attend

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8TH, 8:30 A.M.
SBA Office - 3226 Old Jacksonville Hwy., Tyler, TX 75701

SBA 2026 Administrative Team



Starting back to front : Rev. Mark Price, Southside Baptist Church; Pastor Carlos Delgado, Primera Iglesia Bautista; Bro. Bill Brown, FBC Tyler; Darwin Stainback, Flint Baptist Church; David L. Jones, D.O.M., Smith Baptist Association; Rev. Park Robertson, Flint Baptist Church; and Pastor Warren Ethridge, The Woods Baptist Church. Not pictured - Pastor David Doyle, Southside Baptist Church.

This Team meets once a month on the second Monday of each month to conduct the financial business and tend to other items of business for the Association. Thank you , Team for all that you do!

April Birthdays and Anniversaries

April 2 - Rev. Charles Thomas
NE Texas Cowboy Church, Hawkins

April 2 - Rev. Russell McLennan
903 Community Church, Flint

April 1 - Rev. Carl George
4-1-09 Macedonia Baptist, Chandler

April 13- Rev. Edward Murrell
4-13-04 Bethlehem Baptist, Flint

April 14 - Rev. Charles Thomas
4-14-11 NE Texas Cowboy Church, Hawkins

April 28 - Rev. Sam DeVille
4-28-96 Flint Baptist, Flint

Saturday, April 11, 2026
Mt. Carmel Baptist Church
Whitehouse

Thirsty?

A Conference for Women
Registration

FREE REGISTRATION!

FLINT ADULTS 55+
 PRESENTS

ANNUAL CAR & TRUCK SHOW

"THEREFORE ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER AND BUILD EACH OTHER UP..."
 1 THESSALONIANS 5:11

SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH 2026
10 AM - 2 PM
FLINT BAPTIST CHURCH
11131 FM 2868W FLINT, TX

- FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT
- FOOD TRUCKS
- VENDORS
- BOUNCE HOUSES
- ALL CARS WELCOME
- ALL AGES WELCOME
- PRE-REGISTRATION AVAILABLE

FOR MORE INFO VISIT flintadults.org



SAVE the DATE:

CULTIVATE


WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

APRIL 24 - 25

green acres



<https://greenacreswomen.org/cultivate2026/>



Resource-Filled Lunch/Workshop for Pastors and Staff

THURSDAY, APRIL 30TH
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



Empowered in His Service

2026 TBMA Conference

April 23-25, 2026

FBC Waco

For more information and to register to attend, visit www.tbma.net/2026conf

This conference is for all Ministry Assistants, Church Secretaries, Office Administrator or whatever your title happens to be

Ladies' Night Out



Thursday, April 16, 2026
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Green Acres Baptist Church
Adult Education Bld - Room 103
1607 Troup Hwy Tyler, Texas 75701

Women's Night Out will be an interactive, female-focused, informational forum focusing on the unique gifts and abilities women bring to a Church Safety Team. We will discuss, review and explore ways to expand the integral role women have on our safety teams.

<https://www.txchurchsecurity.com/events/ladies-night-out>



Get Revved up for Super Saturday!

Get those derby cars ready to race - Super Saturday registration is open!

Register Super Saturday participants here

Royal Ambassadors Super Saturday

April 18th, 2026
3:00-7:00 PM
Southside Baptist Church

Registration for competitors: \$6
Meal combo: \$6
Other concessions available
All proceeds directly benefit SBA RAs

Only RA-approved cars are allowed to race (except in the "Outlaw" class)

GAs are invited to participate!

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

Registration: \$35 - Snacks and Lunch Included

FBC TROUP PRESENTS
Better **BROKEN** WOMENS CONFERENCE

FEATURING **PAULA ABBOTT** & musical guests

Saturday, MAY 2
9 A.M. - 2:30
935 S Railroad St, Troup

Through a powerful testimony of redemption, Paula brings a message of hope, healing, and restoration to people from every walk of life. Having overcome addiction, rejection, and abuse, she now travels across the United States sharing the life-changing truth of God's love and the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. With a heart for the hurting and a passion for the Word of God, Paula ministers to those seeking freedom, purpose, and a fresh beginning in Christ.

Carrie Wheat (Worship Pastor at Round Pen Cowboy Church for 17 years) and Kendal Morrison (leading worship since age 13) come from a rich heritage of music and will lead hearts into the presence of God through their passion for worship and love for King Jesus.

REGISTER NOW

<https://fbctroup.churchtrac.com/connect?ei=0NRSCV7>

To be added to the Newsletter email list, let Paula at the SBA office know.
paula@smithbaptist.org

Celebrate AMERICA
INDEPENDENCE DAY FIREWORKS SHOW

FRIDAY, JULY 3RD
gates open at 6:30pm

FIRST 250 PEOPLE RECEIVE A FREE COMMEMORATIVE T-SHIRT
SHOWS BY ILLUSIONIST, JOE SCHMIDT
FREE HOTDOGS & WATERMELON
FACE PAINTING
FOOD VENDORS, AND MORE!

****Please bring a canned food item for our area Food Banks**

PLEASANT HILL BAPTIST CHURCH - 13590 STATE HIGHWAY 110 S - TYLER, TX 75707
www.phbctyler.com ~ 903.561.0445

COMMUNITY CELEBRATION
FIREWORKS SHOW

FRIDAY, JULY 3
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH TROUP
ACTIVITIES START AT 7PM
FIREWORKS AT DARK

LIVE MUSIC BY:
SHILOH WORSHIP BAND

SPONSORED BY:
FBC TROUP & TROUP COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

RA CAMP 

At Timberline Baptist Camp

WHEN:
May 29th-June 2nd

WHO:
Boys who have completed
2nd grade-11th grade

HOW MUCH:
\$245 per camper
(\$50 deposit due May 11th)
*Early bird discount! Register by May 1st
and pay \$235*

Mini Camp Option
Any camper has the option of staying only 2 night
Cost is \$150 (\$25 deposit due May 11th)

 **TRAINING DAY 2026**
AUGUST 28 & 29
GREEN ACRES BAPTIST CHURCH

Former FBI, DEA, Secret Service & DHS presenters
Ministry Centered, Skills Focused, Experience Based
Platform - Interactive – Live Training Exercises
Only 500 tickets available

Texas Church Security Coalition

- Members \$40.00
- Non-Members \$50.00
- Event Walkups \$60.00

events@txchurchsecurity.com



Daughters of the King



G.A. Camp 2026

'Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord. Christ Colossians 3:23-24

**Timberline Baptist Camp
Lindale, TX.**

**May 29-June 2
\$230 per person**

 **TEXAS BAPTISTS'**

INDEMNITY PROGRAM

INSURANCE SOLUTIONS for CHURCHES AND MINISTRIES

 Traditional insurers rarely understand the unique needs of ministry. That's why Texas Baptists churches have joined together to create TBIP—a not-for-profit insurance captive solution controlled by the Baptist General Convention of Texas (BGCT) and designed around the values, rhythms and realities of church life.

<p>PURPOSE DRIVEN PROTECTION Coverage that reflects your calling—protecting the people, property and purpose that drives your ministry forward.</p> <p>TRUSTED FELLOWSHIP More than insurance, TBIP is a shared commitment among ministries to protect one another. We are guided by shared values and accountable to the faith community we serve.</p> <p>SUSTAINABLE STEWARDSHIP Faithful with every resource, intentional with every decision. Our model reinvests in long-term strength for today's ministries and tomorrow's.</p> <p>MEMBERSHIP ADVANTAGES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Great rates and coverage from a dependable partner ✓ Discounted rates for TXB CP partnering churches ✓ Free membership to MinistrySafe & risk training 	<p>COVERAGE BUILT TO SUPPORT YOUR CALLING, NOT COMPETE WITH IT</p> <p>PROPERTY Building and contents, replacement cost valuation</p> <p>GENERAL LIABILITY Bodily injury, premises liability</p> <p>AUTOMOBILE Owned and non-owned vehicles</p> <p>WORKERS COMP Subject to payroll and class code audits</p> <p>UMBRELLA Excess liability for broader protection</p> <p>DIRECTORS & OFFICERS (D&O) Covers leadership decision risks</p> <p>CYBER LIABILITY Data breach and privacy protection</p> <p>EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES LIABILITY Workplace allegations</p> <p>PASTORAL COUNSELING LIABILITY Accusations of wrongdoing</p> <p>SEXUAL ABUSE & MOLESTATION LIABILITY Misconduct</p>
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Contact TBIP for a more resilient, faith-aligned approach to insurance:

 (844)874.6343  tbip.org  info@kingscover.com

If you have something you would like for us to publicize for your church, please contact Paula at 903-581-6139 or send it by email to Paula@smithbaptist.org.