

# The Beacon

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## SBC- 2018 Dallas theme: ‘Testify! Go. Stand. Speak’

DALLAS (BP) -- "Testify! Go. Stand. Speak." will be the theme for the 2018 Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting June 12-13 at the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center in Dallas, SBC President Steve Gaines has announced.

"Fulfilling the Great Commission has always been at the heart of who Southern Baptists are," Gaines said. "However, as research from [New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary President] Chuck Kelley has shown, our baptisms are the lowest we have seen in 70 years. If we want to see that trend turn around, we must refocus our efforts on evangelism, telling a lost world about the hope that is found only in Jesus Christ."

To accomplish the goal, Gaines said, Southern Baptists must be willing to go where God commands, to stand for Gospel truth amid conflicting cultural trends and to audibly speak the Gospel to the world.

"As my former evangelism professor Roy Fish always said, 'You can't serve Jesus with a zipped lip,'" Gaines told BP. "It is our prayer that Southern Baptists will be challenged to boldly testify of the work that Christ has done for us."

Attending the meeting will offer spiritual and practical benefits, said Gaines, who completes his second year as SBC president in June.

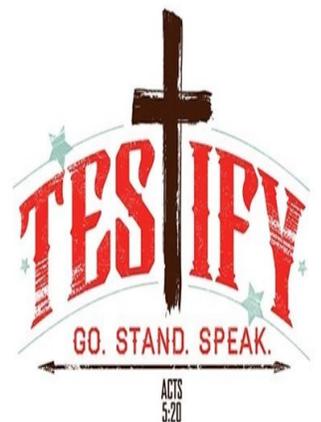
"As we meet we will conduct business and hear from each of our entities, but most importantly we are going to come together to cry out to the Lord," Gaines said. "Our country needs a spiritual awakening, and if we humble ourselves, pray, seek His face and turn from our sins, God will hear us and will forgive our sin and heal our land."

The meeting's location is dear to Gaines, who wanted the 2018 SBC annual meeting logo to capture the state's rugged atmosphere.

"Since we are meeting in Dallas, the logo had to look and feel like Texas," he said. "I went to seminary, pastored my first church and became a father in Texas. You can't meet in Texas and have it look any other way!"

A rugged cross is at the logo's center.

The cross at the center of the logo is meant to signify what we are testifying about," Gaines said. "Our testimony is important, but at the end of the day, we need to preach 'Jesus Christ, and Him crucified,'" he noted, referencing [1 Corinthians 2:2](#).



(Article taken from the Baptist Press)

**JCBA FINANCIAL INFORMATION, October-1, 2017-March, 31, 2018**

**INCOME**

Church	Receipts October -2017- March , 2018
Antioch	400.00
Beaver Creek	737.42
Bethel Mission	500.00
Buffalo Grove	725.91
Central Heights	300.00
Dandridge First	7,700.00
Deep Springs	1,219.55
Dumplin	1,873.52
East Ridge	341.00
Emmanuel	167.00
Flat Gap	366.00
French Broad	2,802.00
Good Hope	457.86
Holston Memorial	1,443.13
Living Water	.00
Mansfield Gap	229.14
Mill Springs	300.00
Mountain View	.00
Mullins Chapel	.00
Nance's Grove	.00
New Hope	142.82
New Market	2,309.57
Nina	1,643.00
Oak Hills	333.32
Piedmont	2,169.66
Pleasant Grove	.00
Pleasant Grove P.	1,632.84
Rocky Valley	1,490.92
Strawberry Plains First	2,083.31
Swann's Chapel	1,750.00

**INCOME**

Talbott	2,846.00
White Pine First	2,333.32
Individual Receipts	985.00
Evangelism	1,568.60
Missions	3,000.00
RA Campout	320.00
TBMB	5,474.00
WMU	337.00
Conf/Convention	624.53
Non-Budgeted	856.49
Gift to Sartain	100.00
Building Fund	<u>200.00</u>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>51,762.91</b>
<b>October-1, 2017- March, 2018</b>	



***Sunday, May 13, 2018***



***RA Camp and Car Racing***

***May 18-19, 2018***  
***FBC, White Pine***

Registration begins at 6:00 PM Friday evening. Event will go until Saturday afternoon around 2:00 PM.

Cost per person is \$5.00  
Lunch and Breakfast will be served  
Camping, Car Racing and other events.

Guys and gals, come and join the fun!

For more information, call the association office, **865-475-1453**

***Ministry Opportunities***

**Samaritan House Family Ministries** is in need of hygiene items for the residents specifically shampoo and deodorant. If you would like to help with this ministry, contact, Jean-Ann Washam at 865-475-5611

**Appalachian Outreach Ministries** is in need of items for their Home Repair Ministry. Items are: paint brushes, paint brush rollers, utility knives, large garbage bags, 4 cordless drills, large tarps and cleaning supplies. Great project for VBS or Sunday School classes. Thank you for your help. Please pray for the families that we will be serving this summer. If you would like to help with this ministry, contact, Jean-Ann Washam at 865-475-5611.

## ***National Day of Prayer***

***May 3, 2018***

**Prayer** brings people together. Prayer builds bridges between opposing persons and even political parties. Prayer reminds us that we are created in God's image and He desires for us to represent Him everywhere we go.

Prayer brings UNITY. In 2018, our theme will be **Pray for America - UNITY**, based upon Ephesians 4:3 which challenges us to mobilize unified public prayer for America, *"Making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."*

Our hope is that individuals, churches, and spiritual leaders in America, will humble ourselves and unify in prevailing prayer for the next great move of God in America. We can come together in clear agreement that this is our greatest need. We can become a visible union, standing together in prayer. We can pray more than ever before, and practice extraordinary prayer for the next great move of God in America that will catapult the message of the gospel nationally and internationally.

Pray with us. Sponsor an event in your community. Become a volunteer. Order resources to help promote an event in your area. Support the National Day of Prayer financially. Together, we can mobilize unified public prayer for America!

***"There is no great movement of God that has ever occurred that does not begin with the extraordinary prayer of God's people." Dr. Ronnie Floyd***

## ***Memorial Day- May 28, 2018***



Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Memorial Day occurs on Monday, May 28, 2018. It originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official holiday in 1971.

On May 5, 1868, General John A. Logan, leader of an organization for northern Civil War veterans, called for a nationwide day of remembrance later that month. "The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land." he proclaimed.

The date of Decoration Day, as he called it, was chosen because it wasn't the anniversary of any particular battle.

Memorial Day, as Decoration Day gradually came to be known, originally honored only those lost while fighting in the Civil War. But during World War I the United States found itself embroiled in another major conflict, and the holiday evolved to commemorate American military personnel who died in all wars.

For decades, Memorial Day continued to be observed on May 30, the date Logan had selected for the first Decoration Day. But in 1968 Congress passed the uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May in order to create a three-day weekend for federal employees; the change went into effect in 1971. The same law also declared Memorial Day a federal holiday.

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### *May Anniversaries*

25 Dr. & Mrs. Don McEntire Retired

### *April Birthdays & Anniversaries*

To all the wonderful people listed below who had a birthday or anniversary in April, please accept my sincere apology. Somehow I completely skipped over the April birthdays and anniversaries. I am so sorry for the mistake, but I hope you all had a blessed birthday and /or anniversary.

**Birthdays:** Rev. Gabriel Walker of Flat Gap, Rev. Charles Haun of Swann's Chapel, Rev. Donnie DeLa-Cruz of Dumplin, Rev. Don Bowery of Beaver Creek, and Rev. Tom Sartain of East Ridge.

**Anniversaries:** Rev. & Mrs. Brian Osborne of First Baptist, White Pine.