



CERTIFICATE IN MINISTRY SPRING 2017

Baptist Distinctives

January 12- February 9

6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Soda Lake Office

If you consider yourself to be a Baptist, do you know why? If someone asked you to explain the difference between Baptist and other faiths, would you know how to answer correctly? If so, great, but if not, we have some help for you. The next course in ETBU's Certificate in Ministry is for you. CIM is for anyone interested in increasing their knowledge and improving their skills in ministry. Tuition for each course is only \$175.00 (an extra \$25 enrollment for first time students) plus cost of textbook. All courses are accredited and earn ETBU college credit. An audit option is available for those who want to be exempt from homework and testing. This is a great time to jump in and give it a try. Enrollment takes place the first night of class.

Leadership With Volunteers

February 16 - March 23

Bivocational Ministry

April 6 - May 4

TAX TUNE-UP WORKSHOP

Tuesday, January 10

@ 6:30 p.m.

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If you are a person responsible for personnel matters for your congregation, this event is for you. Treasurers, financial secretaries, personnel chairman, etc., are encouraged to attend whether you are new to your job or an "old hand." We will review the basics related to payroll issues and look at whatever new tweaks the IRS has rolled out. Mainly we want to address the questions and issues you have. There is no need to pre-register; just come and join us.



FIFTH SUNDAY OFFERING FOR HUNGER

When fifth Sundays occur during the year, churches are encouraged to receive a special offering for the Texas Baptist Hunger Fund. Texas Baptist churches provided nearly one million dollars for hunger cause throughout the world. The first fifth Sunday is **January 29**. Plan now to encourage your congregation to contribute to this ministry.

Here's a great "getaway" opportunity for all girls in grades 1-12 and their sponsors. Check in begins at 5:30 p.m. on Friday and it all concludes after lunch on Saturday. Packed in between will be crafts, games, mission projects, visiting with missionaries, Bible Study, worship, and more. Cost for all this is only \$48 per person which includes dinner on Friday and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. **Registration deadline is January 13** so do not delay in signing up your girls. Call us if you need registration or medical forms. Please contact Lois Nowell at 903-759-9420 or email her at girlsmissionscamp@gmail.com with your questions.

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[UN] APOLOGETIC
CONFERENCE
January 27-28

Park Cities Baptist Church
Dallas

This conference is designed to equip participants with skills and resources to more effectively share their faith in our current cultural environment. It begins on Friday at 3:00 p.m. and concludes Saturday at 12:30 p.m. There will be “break out” conferences on specific interest topics as well as large group sessions. Featured presenters are Lee Strobel, professor of Christian Thought at Houston Baptist University and Sean McDowell, Professor of Christian Apologetics at Biola University. Registration fee is only \$35.00. For complete details and to register go to our website and look under the Info Center tab.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, January 18

9:00 a.m.

Lone Oak Baptist Church

Other Executive Boards

March 22

May 17

September 20

November 15

**Ministry
Safe**

Sexual Abuse Awareness Training
February 9-10
Green Acres Baptist Church
Tyler

The Baptist General Convention of Texas is partnering with an organization known as MinistrySafe to better address the issue of child abuse in the local church. We are concerned about the well being of children and greatly desire to see that suffering, especially at the hands of child predators, be prevented. Through this partnership, we are offering training opportunities for your church leaders, as well as other resources to help your church become aware and informed about how to prevent child sexual abuse. MinistrySafe was created by legal professionals who are sexual abuse experts. After decades of litigating sexual abuse cases, Gregory Love and Kimberlee Norris founded MinistrySafe to help ministries meet legal standards of care and reduce the risk of sexual abuse by creating preventative measures tailored to fit the needs of churches, camps and ministry programs. MinistrySafe offers a comprehensive program utilizing a 5-part Safety System that creates overlapping layers of protection to ensure no situation is overlooked. More details about the training in Tyler on February 9 will be coming your way.