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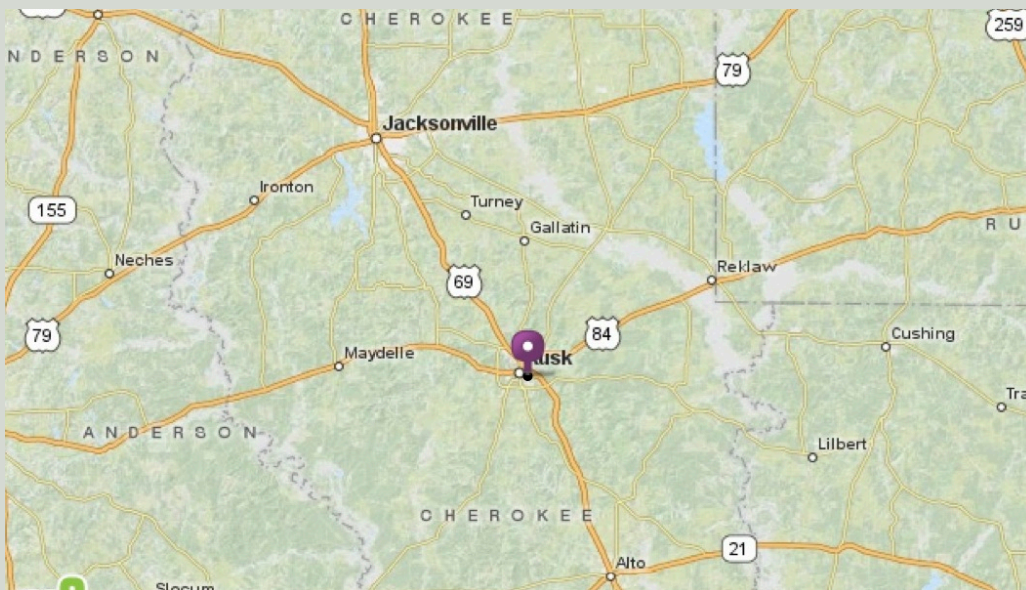


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THE SINGING MEN OF EAST TEXAS IN CONCERT...

Thursday, February 16, 2012 at First Baptist Church in Rusk, TX at 7pm with host, Tim Timmons. The church is located at 372 E. 4th Street, Rusk, Texas 75785.



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2011-2012 Concert Schedule

August 4: FBC Liberty City

September 8: Central BC,
Carthage

October 20: Westlake BC,
Chandler

November 10: FBC
Longview

January 12: FBC Hooks

February 16: FBC Rusk

March 8: FBC Henderson

April 12: FBC Gilmer

May 3: FBC Gun Barrel City

Official SMET Uniform



Tan pants (Khaki's), white shirt,
blue coat, black belt, socks and
shoes, and the official SMET tie.

From the Director...



What a great day we had at FBC Hooks to begin 2012! Thank you, Kevin Schutte, for all the work you

did to make it such a special time. The fellowship, the rehearsal time and the wonderful time of worship were such a blessing to me. Let me also say congratulations to Kevin as he begins a new ministry at Myrtle Springs Baptist Church. The church is blessed to have such a wonderful minister/musician.

February takes us south to FBC Rusk - always a favorite place for the Singing Men of East Texas. We have changed the date of this concert to Feb. 16 in order to avoid a calendar conflict for some of our men. Our rehearsal schedule will be a little different this month since we'll be doing an afternoon concert at Rusk State Hospital. Lunch arrangements have been made for those who are interested at Barb's Restaurant there in Rusk at 11:30 a.m. I am aware that several of our guys will be attending the Prism Reading Session at Green Acres Baptist Church that morning - we should have plenty of time to attend the

session, grab some lunch and still get to Rusk by 12:30 p.m. I'm looking forward to a great time together.

It's not too late to get in on the Singing Men of Texas trip to the Ukraine this Fall. Just get in touch with me, or with Jack Jones - or you can call the Office of Music and Worship and let Dr. Studstill know. Please let me or Mark Fried know when you register for the tour so that our chapter can contribute financially to help you on your way. We pray that the name of the Lord will be lifted up and many souls brought into the kingdom through this effort.

It's hard to believe, but in just about a month we'll begin considering invitations for next year's concerts. If you are interested in hosting the SMET in 2012-13, check some dates and let us know.

Keith

"If we are going to worship in Spirit, we must develop a spirit of worship."

-Michael Catt

**SMET
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2011-2012**

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Huey Harp, FBC Tyler; Allan Cox, Chandler

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Membership Director: Tim Timmons, FBC Rusk

Photographer: Bryan Price, Retired

**Treasurer's Report
January**
Love Offering: \$553
CD Sales: \$160
Allan Cox's CD: \$110
Fund Balance: \$15,251.27
(as of 1/13/12)



From Teddy King, SMET President...

We began our second half of the season in Hooks and oh what a great time we had. We say thank you to Kevin Schutte and his great family of believers for the wonderful hospitality and for such a great day of fellowship and worship. We had a great number of men singing, playing brass, and accompanying on the other instruments making it a very worshipful experience. Of course Allan was at his finest that night. Keith, I am sure we don't say it enough, but thank you for your awesome leadership. A tremendous opportunity awaits us as we travel to Rusk on FEBRUARY 16. Yes, that is FEBRUARY 16. Due to a scheduling conflict the date for February has had to be moved. You should have received a card from our director concerning our schedule for the day. If you have not received that schedule or, if you have questions, please feel free to contact us concerning it. What's the opportunity? We

will be ministering at the Rusk State Hospital at 2:00 p.m. on the 16th prior to the concert of the evening. Pray. Pray that God will use us in a way that He has never used us before as we go in Jesus Name before these less fortunate folks than us. Tim, we look forward to a great day with you and the wonderful folks at First Baptist Church, Rusk. Remember, the worship experience of the concert is well worth the drive, no matter how far. We hope to see you on February 16.

Teddy King



Today's Word...

From Pastor Tim Reed

There is a young lady in our church who was saved sixteen months ago. Her life was in ruins and she was to the point of desperation. She was drowning in a world that had cast her aside and left her alone. Rebellious teenage years led to a path of heartache that included the tragic death of a infant child, which for many years would keep her awake at night reliving the horror of that event—then God showed up.

She surrendered her life to Christ and her world began to change. She's growing in confidence and self-esteem and God is sculpting her into the image of His Son. God is growing bigger in her eyes everyday and her faith is beginning to move mountains. Let me explain.

In the past five months she's been a major part of leading four people to Christ. A year ago she would avoid people at all costs and now she engages them and takes them to the throne of God's mercy and grace. Now, most Sundays this lady and her new husband target other couples in which they can

invest their lives by treating them to lunch or supper. She regularly hangs door hangers for our church events on 150 apartment doors. One day she forcefully brought an atheist to my office, introduced us to each other, closed the door and left that "bobcat" in my office. He surrendered his life to Christ and now his wife has also professed Christ. This young man now has been to the home of all his neighbors to share Christ and invite them to church—mountains are being moved.

But here's what make this such an incredible story. She has cerebral palsy. With every step she takes she experiences pain from shoulder to toe on her right side, yet her love for Christ and lost people and her desire to leave no one behind without Christ motivates her to go and tell what Jesus Christ has done for her.

How great is our God? We'll only discover that when we take up the cross of Christ and follow in His footprints. Let's take Christ to a hurting world.

SMET IN ACTION

