



February 2014

Welcome to our first electronic newsletter. We will be sending out our E-news the last day of each month to keep pastors and church leaders informed of four types of news:

- *Events* (Featured event(s), this month's events, future events - training, fellowship, ministry opportunities, etc.)
- *Meetings / "Lunch & Learns"* (Executive Meetings and Monthly Pastor Lunches)
- *Recent Highlights* (a look back at what God has done)
- *Church & Ministry News*

Also, we will continue to send out supplemental Constant Contacts that give more detailed information regarding specific events and meetings than this monthly newsletter can include.

FEATURED EVENT



Pastors' Prayer Retreat February 17-19 Calvary Chapel St. Pete

Don't miss this exciting opportunity for spiritual renewal and for being equipped to lead your church to be a "house of prayer for the nations." This retreat could be a game changer for you and your church. TBBA believes so strongly in what the Lord will do through this retreat that we will reimburse

half the \$125 registration cost for any pastor who attends. Register at the full price and after the retreat we will reimburse you. Also we will provide free transportation to and from the event each day (reserve a seat through Jan at jjones@tbba.org). For more information and to register go to www.tbba.org/prayer-page.

FEBRUARY EVENTS

11:2 Pastors' & Leaders' Prayer Gatherings February 6 @ 11:02am

22 pastors gathered in three locations on January 2 to pray for one hour for personal revival, church revival, and for God's reign to take place in our county, country, and throughout the world. Our next Gathering will be on February 6 at 11:02am at either the Element Church, FBC Tampa, or the Tampa Bay Baptist Conference Center. Go to www.tbba.org/prayer-page to learn more about 11:2 or to obtain the address of the Prayer Gathering near you.

NAMB Church Planter Training February 27 @ Christ Fellowship

All church planters are invited to a one-day training event in the Fellowship Hall at Christ Fellowship at 300 E. Sligh Avenue in Tampa on Thursday, February 27 from either 9:00am - 1:00pm or from 6:00pm - 8:30pm. A free light lunch or dinner will be provided at both training events. You can RSVP at TBBA/Events.

FUTURE EVENTS

SEND North America SNA Experience Tour March 9

David Platt & Ken Whitten

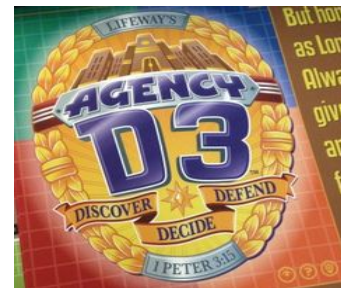
NAMB is putting on numerous regional SNA Experience Tours to encourage people and churches to penetrate lostness through heeding the call for increasing the number of church plants throughout our country and especially in our SEND Cities. The Tampa SNA Experience will be held at Idlewild Baptist Church on Sunday, March 9, 6:30pm - 8:30pm.

TBBA VBS Training Clinic Idlewild Baptist Church

18333 Exciting Idlewild Blvd., Lutz, FL 33548

For more information and/or to register go to TBBA/Events.

Free Event | No childcare provided



Lifestyle Evangelism Training Thursday, April 3 - TBBA Offices

12:30pm - free lunch; 1:00pm - 3:00pm - training

In the past few decades Southern Baptist Churches have used Evangelism Explosion, Continued Witness Training (CWT), F.A.I.T.H. Evangelism training and other programs to train their members in how to share the gospel primarily for church visitation. Lately it seems that the majority of our churches are no longer using these training tools. Jeff Hessinger of the Florida Baptist Convention is assisting the TBBA to recruit and train about fifteen of our senior pastors, not in visitation evangelism but in lifestyle evangelism. This Lifestyle Evangelism training will equip believers to influence people in all walks of life (not just church visitation) through prayer, developing friendships, church invitations, sharing of personal testimonies, and the sharing of the gospel. The training will equip a pastor to lead his church in an eight week Lifestyle Evangelism emphasis on

Sunday mornings that includes both worship services and small groups (similar to the *40 Days of Purpose* by Rick Warren). RSVP Jan at jjones@tbba.org if you plan on attending.

**The Seven Last Sayings of Jesus
Good Friday, April 18**

We will be worshipping together on Good Friday in four locations (one at noon and three in the evening). More details to follow in the March e-newsletter.

**2014 Foundation Golf Classic
April 21 @ Temple Terrace Golf and Country Club**

MEETINGS / "LUNCH & LEARNS"

**Executive Meeting
Monday, February 10th**

Our next Pastors' Executive Meeting will take place on Monday, February 10 at the TBBA Offices from 10:30am - 12:00pm with an optional \$5 lunch for those who want to enjoy some fellowship afterwards. If you are planning on eating with us then RSVP Jan at jjones@tbba.org.



**Pastors' Lunch & Learn
(formerly Pastors' luncheon)
Thursday, March 20th**

10:30am training & steak lunch @ noon

Sunday School/Small Groups Matter! Micah Fries (VP of Lifeway Research) will be our guest speaker at our Thursday, March 20 luncheon at the Tampa Bay Baptist Conference Center. Please note that this training event is on Thursday instead of Monday. Micah will share the latest research that points to the incredible benefits that individuals experience and the church body enjoys (more workers, community impact, increased giving, etc.) when members and attendees connect to a Sunday School Class or Small Group. Bring a pastor with you. A follow up training event (Starting and Growing SS/Small Groups) will take place at the TBBA Offices on Wednesday, April 23 to equip Senior Pastors and Education Pastors in how to do this. More information will be included about this second training event in our March E-Newsletter. RSVP for the March 20th event to Jan at jjones@tbba.org.

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

SBC National Pastors Prayer Gathering

350 Southern Baptist pastors participated in a time of extended prayer in Atlanta on January 13-14. The gathering included times of corporate worship, brief devotions, and then time for the men to go to their knees to earnestly pray. 35 of our TBBA pastors participated in the Prayer Gathering by driving to Atlanta and back in four vans. Pastor Paul Purvis (FBC Temple Terrace) wrote about Atlanta, "The experience was convicting, encouraging, and refreshing both individually and for our team. As a pastor's son, I have been to pastors' events all my life, but this was different. Amazing things happen when



men check egos and logos at the door and simply seek the face of God. I can't wait to see what God is going to do in my life, in our staff, and in our church as a result of this time." Pastor Dan Reid (Journey Church) wrote, "The Prayer Gathering was one of the best events I have been a part of. The structure was simple and powerful - giving me time to hear from God and allowing me opportunities to respond to Him in personal ways. Life changing - ministry impacting!"

CHURCH AND MINISTRY NEWS

FBC Palm River/Bell Shoals Baptist Church

In October, 2013 FBC Palm River voted to be revitalized in the near future by an unknown Southern Baptist Church in their area. On Sunday, January 26, 2014 Bell Shoals Baptist Church voted to be the church to revitalize FBC Palm River. Now the real work begins as they will renovate buildings and send leaders who will help reach the Palm River community with the gospel.



Life Changing Baptist Church

Six week Bible Study, "How To Witness Effectively" (20 students enrolled) Taught by Pastor Bobby Patton

Northbridge Church

Jeff Campbell joined the leadership team as their first Worship Pastor in early January. Jeff and Kym, his wife, are both gifted vocalists and are excited about this opportunity to serve the Lord in Wesley Chapel. They are also proud parents of their daughter Everleigh who was born last November.

Wellswood Baptist Church

Jay Kimbro will be the new senior pastor at Wellswood starting February 9. He and his wife Tina have three grown children and five grandchildren.

Lake Carroll Baptist Church

Lake Carroll Learning Center is seeking a Christian Director. Minimum of 5 years experience required as Director with teaching and supervisory experience. Bachelor's degree or the equivalent experience in Early Childhood Education. Email resume and questions to info@lakecarrollbaptist.org or mail to Lake Carroll Baptist, 12012 N. Rome Ave. Tampa 33612.

Tampa Seafarers Center

Recently Tampa Port Ministries leaders Wes & Judy Dunn retired from the ministry and they will be greatly missed. Chaplain Steve Finnesy has taken over as the Interim Executive Director. One Monday, volunteer Brad Ahlgren was able to help Steve minister on three ships. One ship had a mixed crew from four countries and Brad and Steve were able to

share the Gospel with several of them. The next ship was a crew from the Philippines on which Brad and Steve encouraged a brother in Christ. The third ship was a crew from Thailand which Brad and Steve drove in the ministry van to Walmart so they could get some personal items. These are just a few examples of the volunteer opportunities that exist at the Tampa Seafarers Center. If you have any questions or may be interested in volunteering, contact Steve Finnesy at (813) 247-5237 or by email at stevfinnesy@gmail.com.

East Chelsea Baptist Church

Raymond James celebrated 20 years on January 9th. Congratulations on a job well done and for your faithful, godly leadership.

First Baptist Church of Port Tampa

The First Baptist Church of Port Tampa will host a Sunday School Leadership Conference on March 7 and 8. The Friday night training will be for Sunday School Directors from 6:00-8:30pm. Saturday there will be training for all teachers and potential teachers from 9am - 3pm. For more information or to register, call FBC Port Tampa at 813/839-2946.

Sheldon Road Baptist Church

Needs 15-18 choir chairs. They also need a pianist (does not need to be a member). They have 30 - 50 hymnals they would like to give away. Please contact Pastor Nunes at (813) 545-6374 for more information.

Russell Carter, retired Pastor of Sheldon Road Baptist Church passed away on January 9th. Our condolences to his family.

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