



March 2014

Church Planting and Sunday School/Small Groups are two key areas that we are focusing on in March. TBBA is partnering with SEND - Philadelphia to assist them in planting churches that will reach that area of our country with the gospel. Come to our March 11 meeting to learn how your church can become involved. Also, we will be stressing the absolute necessity of starting and growing healthy SS/Small Groups at our March 20 luncheon with Micah Fries, the Vice President of Lifeway Research. Both events are featured below.

FEATURED EVENTS



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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. RSVP for the March 20th event at jjones@tbba.org.

TBBA is Partnering with SEND/Philadelphia!!

Learn about how your church can be involved.

March 11 from 12:30pm - 3:00pm @ the TBBA offices

A free lunch will be provided

RSVP at jjones@tbba.org.

[Click here for Flyer](#)

OTHER MARCH EVENTS

SEND North America

SNA Experience Tour

March 9 (6:30pm - 8:30pm)

@ Idlewild Baptist Church, guest speaker: David Platt

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.

TBBA VBS Training

Friday, March 21, 2014 (6:30 - 9:00 pm)

@ Idlewild Baptist Church

18333 Exciting Idlewild Blvd., Lutz, FL 33548

Register by Friday, March 14 to Carol Clark by

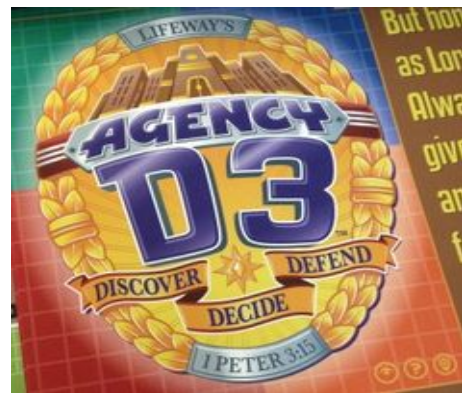
email: cclark@tbba.org or call 813-935-3839

Free Event | No childcare will be provided

Classes provided for: Preschool, Younger Children;

Middle Children; VBX (Older); Pastors/VBS

Directors; Crafts; Music; Missions/Evangelism



FUTURE EVENTS

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.

Tampa Bay Baptist Foundation
Twelfth Annual Golf Classic
Monday, April 21 @ 10:30am
 Temple Terrace Golf and Country Club
 For details and registration go to tbba.org/tbbf-golf.htm

LUNCH & LEARN

Dr. Bob Bumgarner

Bob is the lead strategist for the Florida Baptist Convention's church health group (Sunday School, Small Groups, Discipleship, Leadership Development, Church Music, and more) and he has served at the FBC since 1997. He is one of the premier leadership development experts in the Southern Baptist Convention.

April 14 from 11:30am - 2:00pm

@ TBBCC

RSVP at jjones@tbba.org

\$5 steak lunch



RECENT HIGHLIGHTS



Pastors' Prayer Retreat

18 TBBA pastors joined about 80 other pastors at a prayer retreat in Pinellas Park. It went from Monday evening through Wednesday noon and did not involve any preaching but instead focused on Spirit led, word based, earnest prayer. There was much time given to corporate worship, prayer, repentance, meditating on scripture, and the Lord's Supper. Every pastor and leader experienced a cleansing and renewal as a result of extended time with the Lord. There were also two workshops that were designed to equip a pastor to lead his church to become a praying church.

Church Planter Training

17 church planters and leaders attended one or both sessions of the Church Planting Coaching Event taught by Aaron Harvey, Director of Church Planting for Southern Seminary and NAMB. Pastor Bruce Moore of Christ Fellowship hosted the training at his church.

CHURCH & MINISTRY NEWS

Change To Sunday Conference Center Operations

Starting last August the Tampa Bay Baptist Conference Center opened its gates on Sunday

afternoons from noon to 5pm. After evaluating usage over the last six months, they have decided to require that a reservation be made no later than the Tuesday prior to the Sunday that it is being requested. They want to serve our churches and patrons to the best of their ability while managing their resources in a responsible manner.



Priscilla Shirer Simulcast - "The Word Closer to Home" with Anthony Evans as featured worship leader - Saturday, April 5 (Simulcast program runs from 10:00am - 5:35pm)
Two locations:

Idlewild Baptist Church 18333 Exciting Idlewild Blvd., Lutz, 33548; 264-1515; \$10 (lunch optional for \$8); Register online at www.idlewild.org and click on "Register Online".
 Exciting Central Tampa Baptist Church 2923 N. Tampa St. Tampa, 33602; 226-2923; \$20 (includes lunch); Register online at: www.centaltampa.org/womensministries.htm or at the church's Welcome Center. There will be door prizes and raffles.

Florida Baptist Convention Missional Connection Retreat

Missional Connection: Celebration of Missions & Ministries. Celebrating the Story...120 years of Missions, Honoring the Past...Serving the Present...Building the Future, April 24-26 @ Lake Yale Conference Center, Go to www.tbba.org/events to download event flyer and registration form. If you have questions, contact Carol Clark at 813-935-3839 or cclark@tbba.org.

"You Are Extraordinary" Women's Conference

Saturday, May 3, 2014, 8:30 am - 3:30 pm
@ South Tampa Fellowship, 5101 Bayshore Blvd., Tampa, FL 33611.
 Breakfast, Lunch, Door Prizes, Breakout Sessions with Dotti Groover-Skipper, HeartDance Foundation and Sheila Murray, Freedom Baptist Church. Guest Speaker: Edie Rhea, Healing Root Ministries, Early Registration \$25 thru March 31; \$35 April 1-23, Flyer and Registration form at www.tbba.org/events, For more information contact Sheila Murray at (813) 285-0461 or email freedommbchurch@aol.com.

LifeWay Nashville Trip

TBBA's annual trip to LifeWay Christian Resources and the Southern Baptist Headquarters, was attended by six pastors (Quincy Stratford of Carmel Friendship; Greg Robinson of Revelation Baptist; Bobby Patton of Life Springs; Ronnie Murray of Freedom Baptist; Joel Vicente of Open Arms; Dan Reid of The Journey). This trip was designed to equip, encourage, and assist the pastors in their mission of making disciples. (photo shown with Eric Geiger, co-author of *Simple Church*).



Hispanic Pastors & Wives Gathering

On Saturday, February 1, 40 Spanish Leaders from our churches, including 13 pastors, participated in the Send North America NAMB training by Dr. Ramon Osorio. We are now in the process of pursuing a church planting partnership with the Philadelphia/South Jersey SEND City.

Broadway Baptist Church

Broadway Baptist Church held their last worship service on February 9, 2014. Their pastor, Hubert Ragsdale led them to give their property and buildings to the TBBA so that they can be passed on to another Southern Baptist Church in the near future.

Buchanan Baptist Church

Buchanan Baptist Daycare @ 808 W. Bearss Avenue, Tampa 33613 is now hiring full time and part time afternoon positions. Applicants must have their 40 hour certificate. Please call Beth at 813-961-4065

TBCC

The Conference Center is looking for some used playground equipment. Anything commercial quality made of metal would be ideal, but they will accept anything in good condition. Please contact Eric or Sandra Brown at 813/961-1059.

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