



May 2014

SAVE THE DATE

**Central Florida Regional Pastor led prayer meeting
6-8pm, June 17 - FBC Kissimmee**

Southern Baptist Pastors have participated in two impactful, national prayer events and now Florida Baptists will be having five state-wide Pastor led prayer events. Please join hundreds of Pastors in Kissimmee on June 17 as we will earnestly seek the Lord and ask Him to revive pastors, leaders, and churches so that we can more effectively reach our state with the gospel.

MAY EVENTS



"In a national poll of 1,000 Protestant pastors, LifeWay Research asked what the three highest attendance Sundays were throughout the year. Mother's Day (59 percent) ranked third behind the standard religious powerhouse holidays of Easter (93 percent) and Christmas (84 percent)."

- Read complete article @ [Lifeway.com](http://lifeway.com)

FUTURE EVENTS



click image to register

**Executive Meeting - May 19
10:30am at the TBBA Offices
(1060 W Busch Blvd)
RSVP for \$5.00 lunch option
@ jjones@tbba.org**

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

Lifestyle Evangelism Campaign - April 3

- Jeff Hessinger of the Florida Baptist Convention (FBC) explained to 16 of our pastors about how they can train their entire church family in how to be more intentional about sharing the gospel. There are resources available through the FBC that will enable churches to have an 8 week Sunday morning Evangelism Campaign that will help all attendees to:
 - understand the Great Commandment & Great Commission
 - pray for unsaved people they know
 - learn to love lost people and spend time building friendships with them
 - learn how to share their salvation story and the gospel
 - and more.

Good Friday Services

- Approximately 1500 people worshipped at the four Associational Good Friday services. There was one noon time service and three evening services. Thanks to the four churches that hosted these services (Lake Carroll, FBC Brandon, Myrtle Lake, and East Chelsea).

How to Start & Grow Small Groups - April 23

- Bruce Raley and Rick Howerton of Lifeway shared with 18 of our pastors about how churches can effectively start and grow small groups. Their prayer

is to see over 100,000 new groups launched in 2014. They mentioned that many churches need to have both on-campus small groups (Sunday School) AND home small groups during the week because about 25% of our population works on Sundays and cannot attend church. They stressed that new groups should be intentionally started each year because it is difficult for new people to assimilate into established groups.

Even though Cooperative Program Sunday, April 13 is in the past, we believe that the below Southern Baptist Convention "CP Rant" video is worth watching and sharing at other times. It communicates to younger generations the vitality and necessity of the Cooperative Program. The 2.5 minute video presents the absurdity of NOT cooperating and defends the concept of CP through humor and in a way young adults might enjoy and more readily understand.



CP Rant

CHURCH & MINISTRY NEWS

TBBA Offices Painted

Thank you to the Idlewild Men's Ministry for their "labor of love" in painting our TBBA offices on Saturday, April 5. It looks great!



"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.

Bell Shoals Baptist Church

Southern Gospel trio "Greater Vision" will be in concert at Bell Shoals Baptist Church on Saturday, May 17 at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$12 and are available now at bellshoals.com/greatervision.

"Holiness" Women's Conference

Saturday, May 31, 9am to 4:30pm @ Manhattan Baptist Church (4300 South Manhattan Avenue). Local speakers will speak on: Personal Holiness, Holiness as a wife, mother and in the workplace/mission field. The speakers will finish by 2pm but participants are encouraged to stay and participate in a round table discussion with the speakers. There will be a nominal charge and lunch will be provided. For more information or to RSVP call the church office at 831-1951 or go to our website: manhattanbaptist.org.

First Baptist Church of Lutz

An evening of prayer & praise for our Community at FBC Lutz on Friday, May 16 6:30-8:00pm. There will be special guests praying for our community in various areas. This is a no cost event, however, because there will be refreshments served, they need your RSVP to: cclark@tbba.org no later than Wednesday, May 14. You may download a flyer at this link: [TBBA Events](#)

Wellswood Baptist Church

Pianist needed for Sunday mornings and Wednesday night choir practice. This is a paid position. For more details, contact Pastor Jay Kimbro at 727-967-4893.

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