



July 2014

**EQUIPPING Tampa Bay  
Leadership Conference**  
Sponsored by Tampa Bay Baptist Association  
813.935.3839  
08.16.14 | 8:30am-11:30am  
@ Seminole Heights Church  
*Location: 801 E Hillsborough Ave, Tampa, 33604 | Cost: \$5.00 (lunch provided)  
Workshops include: Discipleship, Small Groups, Pastors' Track,  
Church Administration, Age-graded Sunday School...*

Jesus said, "A pupil is not above his teacher, but everyone, after he has been fully trained, will be like his teacher." RSVP to Jan at [jjones@tbba.org](mailto:jjones@tbba.org).

## JULY EVENTS

**PASTORS' LUNCH & LEARN**  
July 21, 2014 (Monday) 11:30am  
@ TBBA (1060 W Busch Blvd)  
**Free BBQ at the TBBA Offices (not the TBGCC)**

**View the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association video  
"The Cross" and learn how your church  
can use this resource to reach the lost.**

In 2013, thousands of Christians joined Billy Graham around his 95th birthday to bring the hope of Jesus Christ to communities all across America, and they saw God move in amazing ways. Now - with a recent 30 minute video produced by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association (BGEA) and released around Easter, *The Cross* - we're asking God to do it again. Come to a free 11:30am luncheon at the TBBA offices to view *The Cross* and learn how your church can use this powerful resource at any time to reach many at a church gathering or in homes. Free DVDs will be distributed to you after the luncheon. Please RSVP by July 17 to Jan at [jjones@tbba.org](mailto:jjones@tbba.org).

## FUTURE EVENTS

### LOCAL SOUTHERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL TRAINING

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Tampa Center is accepting applications for the Fall Semester. Work towards your bachelors degree, in a fully accredited school. Professors include Dr. Tommy Green, Dr. Myles Dowdy, and Dr. Mike Wetzel. For more information contact Dr. Mike Wetzel, at 727-480-0846 or email [drmikewetzel@theislandchapel.org](mailto:drmikewetzel@theislandchapel.org). For a look at the fall schedule please go to <http://www.nobts.edu/Extensions/Tampa.html>.

### STRENGTHEN MARRIAGES IN YOUR CHURCH!



**FOURTH ROUND OF  
INTIMATE LIFE MARRIAGE TRAINING  
September 27, October 25, November 15**

In early 2013, TBBA partnered with the Intimate Life Ministries in order to intentionally strengthen the marriages and families in all of our churches so that as a result we can reach the next generation with the gospel. A fourth round of Intimate Life Marriage training is being offered free of charge to pastors and leaders who want to start a small group marriage ministry at their churches but could not attend any of the three previous training sessions. The dates of the training are Saturday, September 27, October 25, and November 15. from 9am - 3pm at Christian Family Church (3457 W. Kenyon Ave. Tampa 33614). Attendance at all three training sessions is required. Register at [www.nextgentampabay.com](http://www.nextgentampabay.com).

**WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**  
**HANDS TO WORK: HEARTS TO GOD**  
**September 20, 2014 (Saturday)**  
**8:30am - 1:30pm**  
**@ Northgate Baptist Church**  
**Sponsored by the Fla. Baptist Convention and the TBBA**  
[Download Flyer by clicking on this link](#)  
 RSVP to Carol Clark at [cclark@tbba.org](mailto:cclark@tbba.org)

**ORIENTATION FOR**  
**Minister of Education/Lay Leader Training**  
**September 22, 2014 (Monday) 7pm**  
**@ TBBA Offices (1060 W Busch Blvd)**

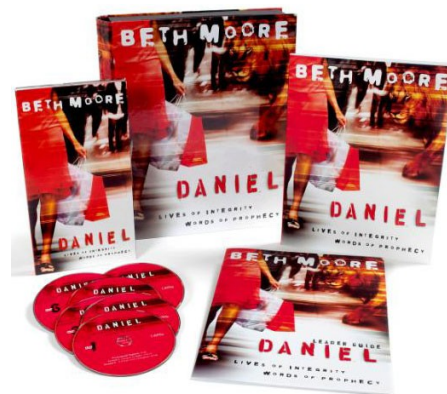
An introductory orientation session for the Minister of Education (ME) Training Program [Phase 1] will be held on Monday, September 22, 2014. The orientation session will be held from 7pm to 8pm and is available for all ministers and lay leaders. For more information or to register, please contact the Florida Baptist Convention Church Development Ministries at (800) 226-8584, ext. 3035 or email Mrs. Jade Davis at [jdavis@flbaptist.org](mailto:jdavis@flbaptist.org).

Your Association office has many DVD kits available for you to check out and use for your church's small group Bible studies. Soon you will be able discover all of the available kits by going to our website at [www.tbba.org](http://www.tbba.org) and clicking on "Equipping Lay Leaders". Some of the studies we have available are

Beth Moore Studies:

*Daniel To Live Is Christ Beloved Disciple*  
*Jesus the One and Only and more*  
*The Five Love Languages* by Gary Chapman  
*Experiencing God* by Henry & Richard Blackaby  
*Kingdom Family* by Tony Evans  
*Wild at Heart* by John Eldredge  
*The Great Adventure, Authentic Manhood, Winning at Work & Home* (all 3 by Robert Lewis)  
*Deacons - Partners in Ministry & Growth* by Jim Henry

To inquire about checking one of these out, please contact Carol Clark on Mondays or Tuesdays at 813/935-3839.



## RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

### Stewardship Training

On June 23, Pastor Tim Martin (FBC Middleburg) distributed and highlighted the new 2014 Stewardship materials from the Florida Baptist Convention to over 25 TBBA pastors and leaders. Topics covered were:

*Great Dreams Attract Great Givers*  
*Navigating Church Ministry Budget*

*Christian Financial Planning*  
*Church Financial Guidebook*

*How to Grow a Strong Stewardship Church*

## 30 Day Devotional - 7 Keys to Open-Handed Living

### Adopt a School

On June 25, Pastor Barry Chesney (Idlewild BC), some Hillsborough Country School Board leaders, and a few Idlewild volunteers shared with about 15 TBBA pastors and leaders about the impact that Idlewild's "adoption" of Just Elementary School has had on the teachers, students, and families of that school. The pastors and leaders who attended were encouraged to prayerfully consider leading their churches to also "adopt" an elementary school or class in their church's neighborhood. Contact Othoniel Valdes at [ovaldes@tbba.org](mailto:ovaldes@tbba.org) for more information.

### Pastor-led Prayer

God is calling many of our pastors to earnestly ask Him to send revival to our churches and our country. On June 17, over 50 SBC pastors and leaders, many from our association, participated in a regional pastor-led prayer summit at FBC Kissimmee. There was a great spirit of humility as men and women confessed sin to God, repented, worshipped, and prayed for a supernatural movement of God in our land.

### Philadelphia Partnership

Five of our pastors went on a vision tour of Philadelphia after the June Southern Baptist Convention. We saw first hand the incredible need for healthy church plants and met a new generation of church planters who are committed to reaching this SEND City with the gospel. Soon we will update our TBBA Church Planting website with information on how churches can partner to reach the people of greater Philadelphia and south New Jersey. Contact Mike Kahn at [mkahn@tbba.org](mailto:mkahn@tbba.org) for more information.

## CHURCH & MINISTRY NEWS

### Stone Wall BC and West Hillsborough BC Merger

We rejoice with Pastor George Calderon (Stone Wall) and pastor Dave Curty (West Hillsborough) as they led their two churches to vote to merge in May of 2014. They are now worshipping each Sunday and Wednesday at the former West Hillsborough BC facilities. George is the pastor and the new church name is Stonewall Baptist Church at West Hillsborough.



### IMB Missionary Available as Guest Speaker

IMB Missionary Debbie Weber is living in Tampa until Thanksgiving and is willing to speak at worship services and special mission events. She welcomes opportunities to tell stories about what God is doing among the Chinese, Korean and Japanese people. As an IMB missionary, Debbie has served in East Asia for 34 years, living in either Taiwan or Hong Kong and traveling extensively throughout China. She is currently the Prayer Strategist for the East Asian Peoples Affinity Group of the IMB and also teaches seminary and works with local churches. You may contact her at [debweb@pobox.com](mailto:debweb@pobox.com).

### Free VBS Materials

Teaching materials, decorations, and crafts are all available. Contact Karen Anderson at Idlewild Baptist Church at 813-264-1515, [kanderson@idlewild.org](mailto:kanderson@idlewild.org) or Angela Maragelis at Northgate Baptist Church, [amaragelis@gmail.com](mailto:amaragelis@gmail.com).

## New Tampa Baptist Church

Musician needed for Sunday am services (this is a paid position) Contact Gerald Sage at 813-240-6704.

## Wimauma Migrant Children

The Tampa Bay Baptist Association is collecting donated backpacks and school supplies for the Wimauma Migrant Children. The deadline is Friday, August 8th. You can download a flyer at this link: [Backpack Flyer](#)

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