



November 2014



The letter of 1 Timothy instructs us to pray for those in authority over us. In our country we also have the privilege to not only keep praying but to vote for those who will support moral and biblical legislation. Please make every effort to not only vote on Tuesday, November 4 but to encourage everyone you know to do the same. It is our God-given privilege and responsibility.

NOVEMBER EVENTS

Pastors' Lunch & Learn

Monday, Nov. 17 (11:30am to 1:15pm)

Pastor George Thomasson of Bell Shoals at Apollo Beach will be speaking at the November 17 Lunch & Learn at the Tampa Bay Baptist Conference Center. George has pastored churches in Florida, has served with the NAMB, has served with the Florida Baptist Convention in church planting, and has served on staff at Bell Shoals BC prior to pastoring at Apollo Beach. He is a great friend to many pastors and leaders in our association and you will not want to miss him at this 11:30am luncheon. We are continuing to serve a delicious steak, potatoes, salad, and dessert for only \$5. Please RSVP to Jan at jjones@tbba.org and bring a pastor friend with you.

Central Florida Pastors' Prayer Gathering

Monday, Nov. 17 (6pm to 8pm)

Many TBBA pastors attended the last Prayer Gathering at FBC Kissimmee led by Pastor Ken Whitten. Join us again, and bring a friend with you, as we gather to seek the Lord's face and hand in prayer on Monday night, November 17 from 6pm - 8pm at FBC Kissimmee. The church's address is 1700 North John Young Parkway Kissimmee, FL

34741. Pastor Willie Rice from Calvary BC in Clearwater will lead us this time. If you would like to car pool then email Jan Jones at jjones@tbba.org and we will leave together from the TBBA offices at 3:30pm so that we can eat in Orlando prior to the prayer gathering.

FUTURE EVENTS



Pastors & Wives Christmas Fellowship Monday, Dec. 8 (6:30pm)

Senior pastors and their wives are invited to our annual Christmas fellowship at the Puleo barn in Lutz. The Singing McMillan Family (see picture) will provide the musical entertainment and of course there will be lots of great food. There is no cost to you for this event. Please RSVP soon to Jan at jjones@tbba.org.

Pastors' Lunch & Learn SAVE THE DATE!

Monday, Jan. 26 (11:30am to 1:15pm)

Pastor Ken Whitten of Idlewild will be sharing about what God has taught him during his 25 years of pastoring at Idlewild. You will not want to miss this time of fellowship and encouragement. Monday, January 26, 2015 at the TBBC from 11:30am - 1:15pm. RSVP to Jan at jjones@tbba.org.

RESOURCES

Our new Banner Maker is already in great demand. We have provided a banner for Northgate BC, FCA, Lake Carroll BC, and 12 banners for Myrtle Lake BC. Call Bobby Patton at 935-3839 if we can assist you.

Prices as low as \$40.00 for an outdoor banner with metal grommets.



RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

October Annual Celebration

About 170 people attended the celebration which included refreshing times of worship, scripture reading, and prayer led by Moderator and Pastor Paul Purvis. Four pastors shared testimonies of the great things the Lord is accomplishing at their churches and Dr. Hayes Wicker preached a powerful message entitled, *Spiritual Revival* from Acts 2. A

special thanks goes out to Pastor Brant Adams and the Seminole Heights staff and volunteers who did such a great job hosting the event. Also, thanks go out to all the committee members who served on the Ad-hoc Constitution Committee, the Nominating Committee, the Stewardship Committee, and the Missions Committee.

We publicly recognized three very special pastors and their wives for the following years of service at their churches:

Raymond/Lillie James - 20 years @ East Chelsea

Ken/Ginny Whitten - 25 years @ Idlewild

Billy/Vesta Dickerson - 47 years @ FBC Mango

(pictured on right)



CHURCH & MINISTRY NEWS

FBC Town & Country and Da Paz Merger

We rejoice with FBC Town & Country and Da Paz Church as they have merged two congregations into one church that is now called The Peace BC and has English speaking and Portuguese speaking congregations. Pastor Carlos Ludwig is the pastor of the newly merged congregations and he is working closely with the former senior pastor of FBC, Jim Britt, to ensure that unity is maintained as the details of the merger are worked out.



Carmel Friendship BC

Congratulations to Pastor Quincy Stratford and the church family as they have recently purchased their building and expanded the worship center from 80 seats to 160 seats. They are continuing to reach people with the gospel in the Wesley Chapel area.

Roy Wilcox

Our dear friend, Roy Wilcox, passed away on Friday, September 26 here in Tampa. He is survived by his wife, Barbara. Roy and Barbara have been long-time friends and supporters of the Tampa Bay Baptist Association and Foundation and he will be sorely missed.

Annual Church Profiles (ACPs)

It is time again to send in your church's statistical information (ACPs) to the Florida Baptist Convention. We will be contacting you by email or phone to remind you to follow through on this important task. For your convenience, we would be happy to receive the following information and pass it on to the convention. We need your Church Membership #, Average Worship Attendance #, Average SS/Small Group Attendance #, # of Baptisms, and VBS Enrollment. If we can help you, please feel free to send this information to Jan Jones at jjones@tbba.org.

FREE Upright Piano

A member of Idlewild Baptist Church has an upright Cambridge piano in good condition that she would like to donate to a church. If you know of anyone who may be interested please contact Ronda Buffington at ronda.buffington@baycare.org.

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