



December 2014

Reflecting on 2014

The TBBA staff is earnestly seeking and listening to the Lord as we strive to be a support, resource, and/or catalyst to our pastors, church planters, leaders, and churches so that they can more effectively reach our county with the gospel. Some of the highlights from 2014 are as follows:

- The following church revitalizations/mergers have occurred:
 - FBC Palm River - Bell Shoals Palm River
 - Trinity BC - Idlewild Sulphur Springs
 - FBC Town & Country - The Peace BC
 - West Hillsborough BC - Stone Wall @ West Hillsborough
 - FBC Mango - TBD
- new church planting website www.tampabaychurchplanting.com
- partnership with SEND Philadelphia to help plant churches in the Philadelphia, South New Jersey area
- 15-35 pastors/leaders praying for revival once a month at 4 or more locations
- Road trip to Atlanta for the National Pastors' Prayer Gathering. About 35 TBBA pastors and associate pastors attended and have been leading their churches to be a "house of prayer for the nations"
- Pastors' Prayer Retreat in St. Petersburg with 18 pastors/leaders attending
- three weekly Pastors' Discipleship groups - They are designed to disciple pastors in the fundamentals of walking with Christ and being on mission for Him but to also then equip them to do the same in the lives of the men in their churches.
- Numerous Lunch & Learns to encourage and equip pastors
- Hosted World Changers to minister to six of our churches and to evangelize their neighborhoods
- Trip to Lifeway in Nashville with 10 pastors to expose them to resources and to build relationships with each other
- August training for 125 pastors/leaders regarding Sunday School, small groups, discipleship, administration, & more
- Haitian Sunday School and Leadership training in February and March through the Fla. Baptist Convention with 139 Sunday School leaders and 132 youth and young adults
- Hispanic Leadership training in March with 75 leaders in attendance
- Hispanic Sunday School training in May with 90 leaders in attendance

- A Wildworks Conference was held at Freedom Baptist Church in February
- Good Friday services at four locations with approximately 1500 in attendance
- Through an ongoing partnership with the FBC, 16 leaders graduated from the Minister of Education Training held at the TBBA offices
- Through a partnership with the FBC, 25 pastors and leaders attended the Pastors' Stewardship Conference which was held at the TBBA offices
- electronic communication with e-News, Constant Contact, etc.

DECEMBER 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 no later than Wednesday, Decemeber 3 to Jan at jjones@tbba.org.

FUTURE EVENTS

Dr. Ronnie Floyd - President of the SBC

Online through WebEx (similar to Skype) at the TBBA Offices

Thursday, January 8 @ 2:30pm

Pastors & associate pastors are invited

RSVP to Jan at jjones@tbba.org

(Location may change due to response)

Pastors' Lunch & Learn

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 TBCC from 11:30am - 1:15pm. RSVP to Jan at jjones@tbba.org.

Regional Pastors & Leaders Prayer Gathering

Tuesday, February 3 from 6pm - 8pm
 Exciting Central Tampa BC
 2923 N. Tampa St. 33602
 Led by Pastor Paul Purvis of
 FBC Temple Terrace

RESOURCES

Our new Banner Maker is 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

November Lunch & Learn

A special thanks goes out to Pastor George Thomasson of Bell Shoals Apollo Beach who shared with about 35 pastors and ministry leaders at our November Lunch & Learn. He shared about his life long habit of giving thanks to the Lord on a daily basis. For about 30 years he has kept a journal in which he has recorded two specific blessings from the previous day. That habit has enabled him to be a more thankful person and pastor and to influence the people he has led to be more grateful.

CHURCH & MINISTRY NEWS

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.



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