



## FEBRUARY 2015

I know that you are grateful, as I am, for the 25+ years of godly leadership that Dr. John Sullivan has provided as the Executive Director-Treasurer of the Florida Baptist Convention. February will be the last month that he serves in this position and I want to remind you to *pray daily* for the Search Committee that has been established to find God's man who will step into this very important leadership role. We are blessed to have Dr. Sullivan preach in our association at Christ Fellowship on February 20. Join me and many others as we hear him proclaim God's word at a Regional *Black & Multicultural Church Life Conference* (see details below).

Coming alongside,  
Mike Kahn

## FEBRUARY EVENTS

***DON'T MISS... THE EVANGELISM CONFERENCE***  
**Thursday, February 12 (1 - 9pm) @ FBC Winter Haven**

This is a great opportunity to learn new ways to inspire and train church members to more effectively reach lost people with the good news. Transportation will be provided to and from the event from the TBBA offices. We will leave promptly at 11am. RSVP to Jan at [jjones@tbba.org](mailto:jjones@tbba.org).

**Black & Multicultural Church Life Conference and Training**  
**Friday - Saturday, February 20-21 @ Christ Fellowship**



Billed as "an evening of rich cultural worship, preaching and fellowship", Christ Fellowship in Tampa (300 E. Sligh Ave. 33604) will host a regional fellowship celebration and ministry training event.

On Friday night at 7pm, Dr. John Sullivan, Florida Baptist executive director-treasurer will serve as the keynote speaker.

On Saturday, the African American Church Development Ministries Team will provide training and workshops on Sunday school, lifestyle evangelism, stewardship, women's ministry, leadership and more. Breakout class instructors include the following Pastors: Patrick D. Coats, Erik Cummings, and Jeff Singletary. Saturday registration begins at 8am and classes are from 9am - 1pm.

There is no cost to attend, however because of the lunch being included, registration is required for Saturday. To make reservations, send an email to:

[jdavis@fbaptist.org](mailto:jdavis@fbaptist.org) or call 800-226-8584 x3035

## **PASTORS' & LEADERS' PRAYER GATHERINGS**

### **Wednesday, February 4**

Hispanic pastors at 10am @ Al Lopez Park

### **Thursday, February 5**

FBC Riverview @ 11am (Church Conf. Room)  
Tampa Bay Baptist Conf. Ctr. @ 11am  
TBBA Offices @ 6:30pm

### **Thursday, February 12**

FBC Brandon @ 9am (Tommy's office)

## **Executive Committee Meeting**

**Monday, February 9 (10:30am) @ TBBA Offices**

Pastor Eloy Rodriguez will moderate his first Executive Committee Meeting, the 2014 Annual Reports will be distributed, and recommendations will be brought by the Administrative Committee. Come and be encouraged by some testimonies, hear reports on what God is doing in our churches and church plants, and join some pastors for lunch and fellowship afterwards.



## **Church Tax Update Seminar**

**Thursday, February 19 (10am to 1pm) @ TBBA Offices**

Pastors and financial administrators and leaders are invited to learn about changes to the U.S. tax code and recent tax court rulings that impact churches. Free lunch included @ TBBA Offices. RSVP to Jan at [jjones@tbba.org](mailto:jjones@tbba.org)

## FUTURE EVENTS

**SEND Philadelphia Partnership**  
**Monday, March 2 (11:30am) @ TBBA Offices**  
 RSVP to Jan at [jjones@tbba.org](mailto:jjones@tbba.org)

Learn how your church can partner to help Philadelphia area church planters through prayer, practical encouragement, short term trips, and more. Free lunch will be provided.



**Pastors' Lunch & Learn**  
**Dr. Stephen Rummage**  
**Monday, March 16 (11:30am) @ TBBCC**  
*Planning Your Preaching*

Stephen previously was professor of preaching and director of the Doctor of Ministry Program at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and continues to teach on a visiting basis at several institutions. He authored *Planning Your Preaching*, which is used widely as a seminary and college textbook. He also co-authored *Engaging Exposition* with Daniel Akin and Bill Curtis, which was named "Book of the Year" by *Preaching Today* in 2012. Join us for a delicious steak luncheon at the Tampa Bay Baptist Conference Center. RSVP to Jan at [jjones@tbba.org](mailto:jjones@tbba.org)

**Pastors' Prayer Retreat**  
**March 17-18 @ Calvary Chapel, St. Petersburg**



Join TBBA pastors and others from all over the country for the 2015 Prayer Summit from Tuesday, March 17 @ 9:00 AM - Wednesday, March 18 @ 6:00 PM. Come to all or part of it. For more information or to register, click on [www.64fellowship.com/summit](http://www.64fellowship.com/summit)

Location: Calvary Chapel St. Petersburg, 8900 US 19 N, Pinellas Park, FL US 33782

**Cost:** \$99.00 (TBBA will reimburse half of the registration cost - \$50)  
 Free transportation is available from and back to the TBBA offices each day.

This conference will be conducted in a Prayer Summit format, which is a corporate, multiple-day experience of unscripted prayer, worship and Scripture whereby we seek God, hear from God, and enjoy time spent in His presence.

**Ladies Conference**

**Saturday, March 28 (10am - 12pm) @ TBBCC**

[Click here to download flyer](#)

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Come and discover some tools for your Women's Ministry:



Evangelism approaches / Ministry opportunities | Bible Study options

RSVP @ [cclark@tbba.org](mailto:cclark@tbba.org)

## RESOURCES



TBBA pastors who use Logos 6 in their sermon preparation are invited to get together with other pastors to share ways to better utilize this tool.

If interested, contact Bobby at [bpatton@tbba.org](mailto:bpatton@tbba.org).

Proverbs 27:17 "Iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens the countenance of another."

## RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

### January Pastors Lunch & Learn

Approximately 40 pastors heard Pastor Ken Whitten share about how ministers can succeed in ministry while also succeeding at home. Three of his four grown children came and shared specific examples of what they learned from growing up in the Whitten household. It was a time of both encouragement and conviction.



### Bi-vocational Pastors

In 2014 a number of TBBA pastors have been praying together on a monthly basis. In January of 2015 we invited bi-vocational pastors to pray together in the evening. Our first such prayer meeting occurred with 8 pastors in attendance who all left the prayer time both encouraged and refreshed.

## CHURCH & MINISTRY NEWS

Othoniel Valdes



Othoniel has recently accepted the call to pastor the Bell Shoals Spanish Congregation. He will serve there in a part-time capacity and will also continue to serve the 45+ Language Churches of the TBBA as a part-time minister. He vacates the TBBA Church Planting Catalyst position that he has served in for the past 17 years. Join us in congratulating him and praying for him.



## Journey Church

The Journey Church in Brandon will be hosting the Priscilla Shirer Simulcast on Saturday, April 25th at 1310 John Moore Road, Brandon 33511. Doors open at 9:00am and event time is 10:00am - 5:30pm. Cost of ticket is \$15 and lunch is optional for an additional \$5. Registration is required at [www.journey7.com](http://www.journey7.com)

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