



**JULY 2015**

### **God is Always in Control**

The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord, Like the rivers of water, He turns it wherever He wishes. (Proverbs 21:1)

With the recent Supreme Court decision regarding the legalization of homosexual marriage in all 50 states, I want to remind you that none of this has surprised our Lord. He directs all events, circumstances, and people as He wishes for His glory. Join me in praying that our Lord will use all that has recently taken place to bring revival to His churches and a great spiritual awakening in our land. Click on the below link to read about how Pastor Stephen Rummage of Bell Shoals Baptist Church encouraged his members to respond to this decision.

[Dr. Stephen Rummage Response](#)

## **JULY EVENTS**

### **Pastors & Teachers are Needed!**

Pastors are invited to a FREE Lunch to learn about incredible teaching opportunities at the Hardee Correctional Penitentiary Monday, July 20 (11:30am) @ TBBA Offices



New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary will soon launch the first Prison Ministry Extension in the state of Florida at the Hardee Correctional State Penitentiary in Bowling Green, FL. This facility is located about 1.5 hours away from Tampa. The program is geared to prepare students for current ministry within the Florida State prison system by providing them opportunities to obtain BA degrees in Christian Ministry.

The seminary will offer 52 inmates an accredited four-year, 126-semester hour Bachelor of Arts in Christian Ministry. The program is modeled after the NOBTS programs at Louisiana's Angola State Penitentiary.

**NOTE: FREE lunch will be held @ TBBA Offices  
(1060 W Busch Blvd.)  
NOT THE CONFERENCE CENTER**

### LifeWay World Changers July 21-24

Over 170 students and leaders will be coming to serve our churches in fulfilling the Great Commission this summer. Projects include Vacation Bible School, door to door evangelism, light construction, and more. Student Pastor Rob Allison, FBC Wesley Chapel is the Project Coordinator again this year. If you are interested in partnering with some of these students and leaders then contact, **Bobby Patton** at [bpatton@tbba.org](mailto:bpatton@tbba.org).



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**CULTURE Link  
Informational Meeting  
July 30 (10:30am-noon, Free Lunch provided)  
@ TBBA**

CULTURELink provides practical training and resources to enable churches to impact others as they effectively serve in cross-cultural settings both locally and on the mission field. Their ministry trains and prepares individuals, team leaders, and team members to successfully integrate into new cultural environments. CULTURELink emphasizes personal discipleship as well as ministry preparation through seminars, resources, consulting, and short-term trips.

[click for more details](#)

## FUTURE EVENTS

### 2nd Annual Leadership Conference



***Tracks: Pastoral, Administration, Youth, Children, Women, Music, Adult Sunday School, Discipleship***

Register your leaders by calling 813.935-3839 or email: [JJones@tbba.org](mailto:JJones@tbba.org)

**H. B. Charles Expository Preaching Seminar**  
**Sept. 11 (6:30pm-8:30pm) - Sept. 12 (8:30am-1:30pm)**  
**cost: \$50.00 (includes meals and book)**  
**Location: TBD**

#### **Friday, September 11**

6:30pm - Dinner  
 7:30pm - Opening Session 1  
 8:30pm - End

#### **Saturday, September 12**

8:30am - Breakfast  
 9:00am - Sermon/Session 2  
 10:00am - Break



10:15am - Session 3 - Q & A  
 11:30am - Lunch  
 12:30pm - Closing Session 4  
 1:30pm - End

**Seats are limited, reserve your seat by registering early.**  
**Call Jan Jones @ 813-935-3839 or email: [jjones@tbba.org](mailto:jjones@tbba.org)**

Register and Pay for registration online:



## RESOURCES

The Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program has established three scholarships to reward Florida high school graduates for high academic achievement. These scholarships also require a certain number of service hours. The [Tampa Bay Baptist Conference Center](#) would like to support students that are working towards a possible scholarship under that Bright Futures Scholarship Program. During the summer camp months, June-August, there are many different tasks that must be accomplished in the day-to-day operations and upkeep of the facility. The conference center would like to extend the invitation to all high school students in search of service hours to contact them at (813) 961-1059. Come join them while you work on your academic future and serve the Kingdom at the same time.



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## RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

### Southern Baptist Convention



About 5400 people attended the Southern Baptist Convention in Columbus, Ohio recently. There were many highlights including the 2 hour and 15 minutes of Extraordinary Prayer that President Dr. Ronnie Floyd facilitated. There was an incredible sense of the manifest presence of God during the prayer time as prayers of praise, thanksgiving, repentance, confession, and intercession for our nation and the world were expressed.

### Stewardship Meeting



We had over 20 pastors attend the stewardship training on July 21st. Tim Martin, who is on contract with the Florida Baptist Convention, presented a thorough explanation of the value of church stewardship. Free resources were distributed to all attendees and all of these resources are available digitally by visiting the [convention website: www.flbaptist.org](http://www.flbaptist.org).

## CHURCH & MINISTRY NEWS

### SHELDON ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

Music Director position open at Sheldon Road Baptist Church in Town & Country. The requirements are Sunday mornings only with choir practice following the service, specials for Easter and Christmas. This is a paid position. Interested candidates please e-mail your resume to [revmnunes@yahoo.com](mailto:revmnunes@yahoo.com).



### STONE WALL BAPTIST CHURCH

Stone Wall Baptist Church is looking for a godly worship leader to lead the Sunday morning worship service. The style of worship is mostly contemporary with a bit of traditional. If interested, please call (813-545-1376) or email Pastor George Calderon at [pastorg@swbctampa.com](mailto:pastorg@swbctampa.com). This is a part time paid position.

### THE WAY CHURCH

The Way Church (formerly Salem Baptist Church) is looking for a part-time drummer and bass guitar player. Five hours per week (including worship service playing time). These positions are paid positions. If interested, individuals may email their resume to: [ctw1712@gmail.com](mailto:ctw1712@gmail.com).

### 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 7th. You can download a flyer with needed items at this link: [Backpack Flyer](#).

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