



DECEMBER, 2015

BETTER TOGETHER IN 2015

So the church throughout all Judea, and Galilee, and Samaria enjoyed peace, being built up; and going on in the fear of the Lord and the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it continued to increase. - Acts 9:31



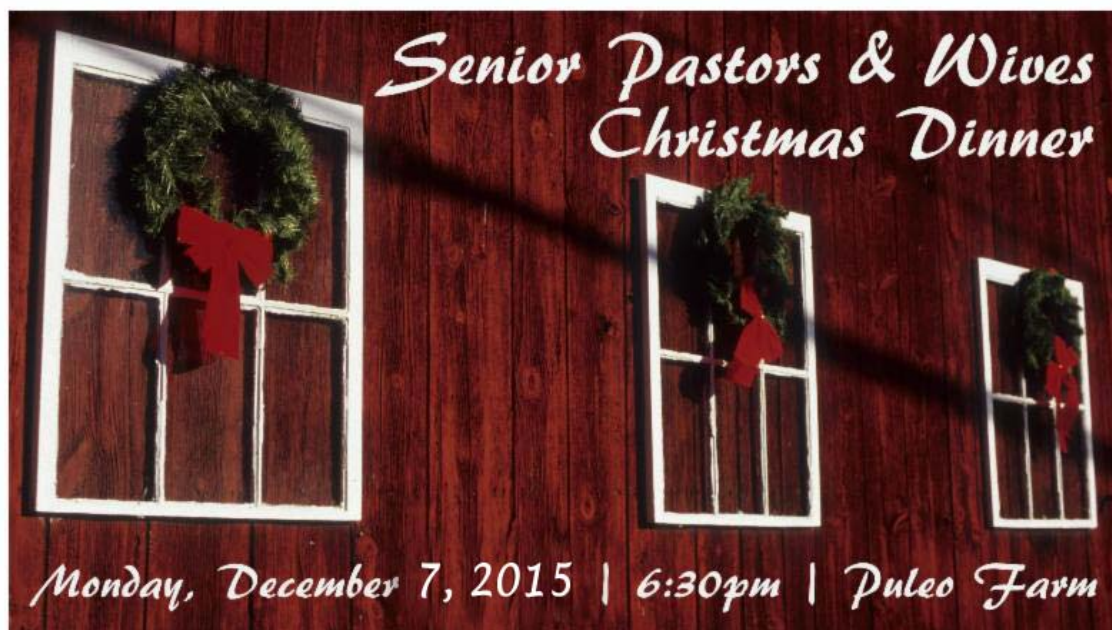
We are honored to co-labor with our pastors, church planters, and leaders to assist them in any way possible to see our churches "built up" and continuing "to increase". 2015 has been another great year of partnership between the Tampa Bay Baptist Association and our churches. Below are just some of the ways God has blessed.

- Monthly Church Planter Network lunches began in March with 12-20 attending each month
- Four groups of three Senior Pastors have been or are being discipled so that they in turn will make disciples who make disciples in their churches (there will be at least two groups of pastors being discipled each year)
- Worked closely with Pastor David Whitten of FishHawk Fellowship and the leaders of Balm Baptist Church to help them partner together. [[video here](#)]
- Worked closely with Pastor Willy Rice of Calvary Clearwater and the leaders of Tampa Shores Baptist to help them partner together. [[video here](#)]
- Met numerous times with the leadership of FBC Mango to assist them in being revitalized by a nearby sister Southern Baptist Church in the near future.
- Leadership Conference with 9 breakout groups - 130 attended
- Expository Preaching Training with H. B. Charles - 30 attended

- Intentionally Evangelistic Church Strategy Conference - 32 attended
- Pastors' Luncheon with Pastor Ken Whitten on how to balance family and ministry - 40 attended
- Pastors' Luncheon with Pastor Stephen Rummage on Planning your Preaching - 40 attended
- Hosted a Pastors' Tax Conference - 20 attended
- Many training events, through our partnership with the Florida Baptist Convention, for our Hispanic and Haitian pastors and leaders - 30+ attended each event
- Pastors Luncheon to learn about how to best protect our churches in response to the Supreme Court decision on Same Sex Marriage - 39 attended
- Monthly Pastors' Prayer Gatherings at 3 locations with 15-20 attending each month
- Quarterly Pastors' Wives lunches began in November and will meet in three different parts of the county - 15 attended
- Pastors & Wives Christmas Party - anticipate 90+ attending
- Church Planters & family Christmas Party - anticipate 40 to 50 attending

We are very grateful for the sacrificial financial support of the many churches that give to the TBBA so that we can accomplish more together.

CURRENT EVENTS



Pastor's Christmas Party

Senior Pastors and wives are invited to join us at our Annual Christmas Dinner at Paul and Sharon Puleo's Farm at [19202 Hanna Road Lutz 33549](http://19202HannaRoadLutz33549) on Monday, December 7 at 6:30 pm. We will enjoy a delicious dinner, Christmas music, fellowship and an evening of fun together. Dress suggestion for men and ladies is very casual (slacks, jeans, boots - no suits or ties). RSVP no later than December 4 by email at jjones@tbba.org or by calling Jan Jones at (813) 935-3839.



Church Planter Family Christmas Party

We are so proud of our Church Planters and their families. So, we have planned a special night to celebrate Christ together with great fellowship, music, food, and of course, gifts for our church planters' wives and kids!

- Monday, December 14, 2015
- 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- Christ Fellowship Church, address [[map](#)]

Early RSVPs greatly appreciated. Please [click here to register](#).

Monthly Events

Pastors' Prayer Gatherings

- Hispanic Pastors, Al Lopez Park, 10:00 a.m. - First Wednesday - December 2, 2015
- Chad Driggers, Southside Brandon, 9:00 a.m. - First Thursday - December 3, 2015
- Elbert Nasworthy, Conf. Center, 11:00 a.m. - First Thursday - December 3, 2015

Church Planter Network Luncheon

- 11:30 a.m. - Second Thursday, December 10, 2015 ([click here to register](#))

FUTURE EVENTS

CHURCHES PLANTING CHURCHES TRAINING

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Sean Pierce
Planter, Pastor, D.O.M.,
NAMB - DCPI National Trainer
Albany - Hudson Valley, NY

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2016

Presented by the TBBA | Tampa Church Planting

FIRST BAPTIST TAMPA
302 W Kennedy Blvd
Tampa, FL 33606

Breakfast at 7:45 A.M. | Morning sessions begin 8:30 a.m.
Lunch at noon | Afternoon sessions 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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Churches Planting Churches | One Day Training | January 12, 2016

For Senior Pastors, Missions Pastors, Youth Pastors, Music Pastors, Lay leaders, anyone who is interested in learning how and why a church can become a church planting church!

Join us on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 for our Churches Planting Churches training. We are bringing in one of our tribe's best and brightest all the way from the frozen Northeast.

You won't want to miss our friend Sean Pierce. He has been planting and pastoring and serving as a D.O.M. and as a NAMB Church Planting Catalyst for more than 25 years. He has also taught the NAMB / DCPI Churches Planting Churches curriculum all across New York, New England and beyond.

- January 12, 2016 - One day training
- First Baptist Church Tampa | 302 W. Kennedy Blvd. | Tampa FL 33606 [[map](#)]
- Breakfast at 7:45 a.m. | Morning sessions begin at 8:30 a.m.
- Lunch at noon | Afternoon sessions from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Morning sessions are a fly-over intended for every leader:
 - Drill down on culture, contextualization and target areas in Tampa.
 - Hear from your peers who are doing various models of church planting right now.
- Afternoon sessions are workshop-style, geared to help you leave this training with actions steps that you can take back to your church and put into practice. *Afternoon attendees should attend the morning sessions also.

God is doing an amazing work in our city to take the Gospel to neighborhoods that don't have it. Don't miss this opportunity to see where He would have you plug in.

RSVP online via [EventBrite HERE](#) or call Boe Ellis (813) 424-1791

bellis@tampachurchplanting.com | [Click here for printable flyer \(.pdf\)](#)

Can't make it? We hope you will make sure someone from your church does!



Women Discipling Women

Our discipleship series for women continues in January with Part IV: "Three Keys to Making Disciples," a great class led by Carol Clark.

What are your hopes and dreams for your journey with Jesus? Who will follow you? What spiritual legacy will you leave for the next generation?

- When: Saturday, January 23, 2015
- Time: 9:00 a.m. 'til noon
- Where: TBBA Office
- Lunch: will be provided

Your attendance at prior sessions is not required, so get involved. Please RSVP for this event by Friday, January 15, 2016 by contacting Carol at cclark@tbba.org or call (813) 935-3839.



Executive Committee Meeting February 15, 2016

Save the date for February 15, 2016 as we come together in the TBBA office for our next Executive Committee meeting.

We'll hear some announcements, do some business together and then, we'll eat some great

barbecue. So mark your calendar. We look forward to seeing you.

CultureLink Discipleship and Missional Training



Save the date for **March 4-5, 2016** as we are blessed to have Culture Link come back to the TBBA offices to lead a seminar on how to train effective short-term mission teams.

CULTURELink [Eventbrite Registration here](#) | [Web site here](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



ACP Reports - It's still time for ACP reports. We need them! These reports are a vital part of how we collect information from our partnering churches. If you have not begun working on yours and need help, call Carol (813) 928-2761, or email cclark@tbba.org.



Honduras CWE Mission Trip - We are excited to be partnering with Construction for Worldwide Evangelism (CWE) in Honduras next February, 2016.

If you are interested, please connect with Pastor Othoniel Valdes. He is holding some spots for the TBBA.

These spots are for pastors and "general laborers." They can be filled by men or women who are able to do physical work. We also need skilled concrete finishers, roof carpenters, and kitchen assistants. Does that sound like you?

- Dates: February 13-20, 2016
- Cost from Miami: \$880 (This covers the flight from Miami, all the transportation in Honduras, lodging and all meals)

- Location: Catacamas, Honduras
- Scope of work: Install roof and pour concrete floor.

Please call (813) 935-3839 or email Othoniel ovaldes@tbba.org with your questions. Volunteers will be added on a first come-first serve basis with a \$200 deposit paid when you register.



Philadelphia Vision Tour - We are excited to have one of our churches interested in exploring a formal partnership with the SEND - Philadelphia church planting team. The next step is to take a vision tour to Philly together.

Along those lines, we are planning a possible trip (one night - two days) for early March, 2016. Our housing will be taken care of. If you feel like God might be leading you to get more information, please contact Boe Ellis (813) 424-1791 (bellis@tampachurchplanting.com).

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS



Florida Baptist Convention - We had a great time with 15 local pastors, wives, and leaders in

Panama City, FL, November 9-10, 2015. It was a wonderful time of fellowship and inspiration as Florida Baptists enthusiastically voted to approve Dr. Tommy Green's new 51-percent / 49-percent vision.

Even sweeter was that fact that we all road tripped together on Southside Baptist Church's new church bus. Thank you Pastor Chad Driggers for sharing your bus with our group!



Are Your By Laws Up to Date? - We had a very informative lunch 'n learn on November 16, 2015 with Attorney Gary Yeldell of Wise Counsel. He is a PK who owns his own law practice, and represents the Florida Baptist Convention and its churches in a lot of matters, including trial cases, corporate concerns and bylaws and policies.

He shared with almost 40 of our pastors how we can protect our churches in response to the recent Supreme Court decision on Same-Sex Marriage.

Gary provided a practical recommendation to better prepare our churches for any law suits that will result from having to deny access to our facilities for uses which are not consistent with our statement of belief. [Click here for Gary's PowerPoint slides](#).

Please contact Gary for anything you may need to make sure you are protecting your church. Find his contact info below:

Gary Yeldell | Wise Counsel | (904) 635-1330 wgy@wclegal.com



Women Discipling Women - Our discipleship series for women continued in November with Part III: "How to Grow Disciples." More than 25 women attended, representing 10 local churches.

CHURCH & MINISTRY NEWS

Carrollwood Baptist

- Welcome Pastor Joe Alain and his wife Rhonda as Senior Pastor starting in November, 2015!
- The Florida Baptist Convention and Carrollwood Baptist are partnering to host "Making Memories," a Girls and Moms Missions Event (and grandmothers, aunts, other mother figures). The dates are Friday, March 4-5, 2016 at 5395 Ehrlich Rd., Tampa, FL 33625. Cost is \$15 per person. Register, contact Delicia Garland at dgarland@flbaptist.org | (800) 226-8584 Ext 3141. [Click here for flyer.](#)

Sheldon Road Baptist Church

- Sheldon Road is in need of a Church Secretary. Part time hours. If interested please contact pastor Nunes at (813) 545-6374 for more information.
- Sheldon Road is also in need of a Music Director. The requirements are Sunday mornings only with choir practice following the service, specials for Easter and Christmas. This is a paid position as bi-vocational. Interested candidates please e-mail your resume to revmnunes@yahoo.com.

Open Water Church

- Open Water is looking for a part time bookkeeper that has experience in church accounting. This is a paid position. If interested, please send resume to Tonya at tonya@openwaterchurch.com. or contact the church office at 813-920-9922.

First Baptist Riverview

- **Save the Date** - Coming July 29-31, 2016, First Baptist Riverview will host at the Tampa Bay Baptist Conference Center its annual Kids Camp (for kids that have finished 2nd - 5th grades). Deposit of \$40 due by February 8, 2016. For more information contact - Bridee Manning - bmanning5@tampabay.rr.com.

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