



JANUARY, 2016

BETTER TOGETHER IN 2016

He is making all things new - Revelation 21:5



As another New Year's Day has come and gone, we are reminded - along with the rest of the world - of our dreams and goals and resolutions for a new year.

As I thought about that word "new," I couldn't help but think of the words of our Lord, who said He is making all things new (Revelation 21:5). Paul said "if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Be encouraged, as the end of this Christmas season and the start of a new year are upon us again. Every day God extends his mercy to us anew (Lamentations 3:21-23). Every day, we are being inwardly renewed (2 Corinthians 4:16). Because of Jesus' death and resurrection we can walk in newness of life (Romans 6:4).

I pray this new year we can walk in that joy together for the sake of the Gospel and for the benefit of those who have yet to hear and respond to it. May your churches flourish this year in the Spirit of Christ in evangelism and disciple-making and may the mission of God overflow from your abounding love for each other and for the lost.

We are better together in 2016. Looking forward to a great year. - Mike

CURRENT EVENTS



Free, Live Webinar:

Igniting Prayer In Your Church in 2016

Learn vital lessons from experienced pastors on establishing and leading a dynamic culture of prayer in your church.

- Wednesday, January 6, 2016
- 2:00 p.m. (Est)

We all know that Jesus wants his church to be a house of prayer, but we are often at a loss when it comes to seeing this actually happen. Learn from other leaders who have seen breakthrough and blessing, as you participate in this interactive hour of helpful insight. Plus, learn more about some vital resources that are available to you to make 2016 a year of powerful prayer-energized renewal.

Don't let another year go by without experiencing a new level or life-changing prayer in your ministry. Join five dynamic pastors as they share the stories and lessons of breakthrough in regard to prayer. Find inspiration by their testimonies of the power of prayer in the life of a leader and the local church.

[CLICK HERE to register. Free to participate. Space is limited.](#)

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2016

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302 W Kennedy Blvd
Tampa, FL 33606

Presented by the TBBA | Tampa Church Planting

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

[Last Chance to RSVP is Monday, January 11, 2016 - Click here to register now](#)

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, 2016
- 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.



Purity Precedes Power

Pastors, come out and join us on Monday, January 25, 2016 for a one of our famous \$5.00 steaks and a discussion of a very important issue for every pastor, leader, and church member.

The statistics tell us that 70 percent of the men in your church are struggling with pornography. This problem is not only a man problem, it affects women, and it is spreading to our children at an alarming rate and through iPhones and other electronic media.

In response, Pastor Mike will be discussing the extent of the problem and introducing some solutions and tools to assist you and your church members to walk in freedom, and better fulfill the Great Commission.

- Pastors Lunch 'n Learn
- January 25, 2016
- 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Tampa Bay Baptist Conference Center | 15601 Lake Magdalene Blvd. | Tampa, FL 33613 [[map](#)]

RSVP to [Jan Jones](#) or call (813) 935-3839

Weekly/Monthly Events

Pastors' Prayer Gatherings

- Hispanic Pastors, Al Lopez Park, 10:00 a.m. - First Wednesday - January 6, 2016
- Chad Driggers, Southside Brandon, 9:00 a.m. - First Thursday - January 7, 2016
- Elbert Nasworthy, Conf. Center, 11:00 a.m. - First Thursday - January 7, 2016

Church Planter Network Luncheon

- 11:30 a.m. - Second Thursday, January 14, 2016 ([click here to register](#))

FUTURE EVENTS



Executive Committee Meeting February 15, 2016 *Free BBQ Lunch*

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.

No RSVP needed.

One Day Soul Winning Workshop



This workshop will teach a pastor in one morning how to train his people to witness.

Several approaches will be shared: Phone apps; Three Circles / Life Conversation Guide; Hand-to-Hand Evangelism.

Join David Burton at the TBBA for the morning sessions followed by some optional, neighborhood door-to-door evangelism.

- February 20, 2016
- 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

- Door-to-door evangelism 11:00 - noon
- Location Association offices | 1060 W. Busch Blvd. | Tampa FL 33612

To RSVP to [Jan Jones](#) or call (813) 935-3839



Church Planter Training in Orlando

The Florida Baptist Convention and the North America Mission Board are teaming up to do a regional church planting conference and training called The BLVD.

- February 23-24, 2016
- Church at the Cross | 700 Good Homes Rd. | Orlando, FL 32818 [[map](#)]

This conference is for churches, church planters and core team members who are ready to get more information about next steps in the process of planting. We will be sending a group over from the Association. Please join us.

Contact Boe Ellis (813) 424-1791, bellis@tampachurchplanting.com

[Click here for details and registration](#)

CultureLink Discipleship and Missional Training



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

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.



Kids Camp at the Conference Center



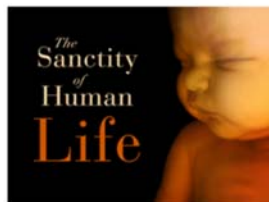
July 29-31, 2016

Deposit of \$40 due by February 8, 2016.

Save the Date - Coming July 29-31, 2016, The TBBA is partnering with First Baptist Riverview to host at the Tampa Bay Baptist Conference Center its annual Kids Camp (for kids that have finished 2nd - 5th grades).

For more information contact - Briedee Manning -
bmanning5@tampabay.rr.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Sanctity of Life Sunday - Sunday January 17, 2016 is the third Sunday of January, and the Sunday we celebrate each year the sanctity of every life created by God.



ACP Reports - It's LAST CALL for ACP reports. If you have not turned in your report, we still need them by January 8, 2016! 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 in 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



Church Planter Christmas Party - What a blessing we experienced on December 14, 2015 as we celebrated with more than 80 adults, kids and volunteers the joy of Christmas and the Lord's work in and through our church planters and their families.

The goal was simple: we wanted our church planters' wives and kids to know how much we appreciate them and appreciate their family's commitment and faithfulness to the mission of the Lord Jesus. Special thanks to all our families who were able to come.

Special thanks to Jeremy Vanderloop for blessing us through his musical gifts. Special thanks to Pastors Bruce Moore and Brian Elliott for opening up Christ Fellowship's amazing facilities to us. And finally, special thanks to all of our pastors and churches who faithfully support the TBBA, and in doing so, enable us to encourage these families to persevere in the Gospel work for the Glory of Christ in our city.

Pastors and Wives Christmas Party - More than 90 pastors and wives celebrated Christmas together at the Puleo Farm in Lutz, FL on December 7, 2016. We enjoyed great fellowship around great food that included barbecue chicken and ribs and all the fixins and desserts!

What a blessing for our pastors and their wives to be out at the Puleo's each and every year. Special thanks to Paul and Sharon Puleo for loving our pastors and wives, for giving amazing gifts, and for hosting such a beautiful, beautiful event.

JUST A THOUGHT



Contextualizing the Gospel *in* the World

Take a look at what people are resolving for 2016 - taken from a recent post on a site called [Statistic Brain](#):

1. Lose Weight
2. Get Organized
3. Spend Less, Save More
4. Enjoy Life to the Fullest
5. Staying Fit and Healthy
6. Learn Something Exciting
7. Quit Smoking
8. Help Others in Their Dreams
9. Fall in Love
10. Spend More Time With Family

As Christians, we might claim more than a few of these resolutions for ourselves. Who doesn't need to get organized, be fit, fall in love, and spend more time with family? As Christians, on first glance we might just add some things to the list "read the Bible more," or "spend more time in prayer," things like that.

But, on second glance, there is a deeper connection to be made to this list and the people behind the resolutions. They represent people who may or may not be following Christ. At least nationally, we know around 70 percent of the U.S. population claims some affiliation to Christianity, and yet only two out of 10 Americans attend weekly worship services.

Here in Tampa (Hillsborough County), the percentage of the population that claims affiliation with a Protestant group is reportedly around 25 percent, and yet U.S. Census data from 2010 ranked Tampa Bay as having among the lowest percentage of "church attenders" in America (50th of 51 in areas of at least one million people).

From the who to the what. Practically speaking, the article goes on to say that while nearly half of Americans will make New Year's resolutions, only eight percent of people are successful in achieving them. Eight percent! What's more, the research showed that people who explicitly make resolutions are 10 times more likely to attain their goals than people who don't explicitly make resolutions.

As your Association, and as an Association of churches, we can learn something here too. Setting goals and making resolutions is a good thing, especially when you write them down. Use the S.M.A.R.T. acronym. Write down some goals for 2016 that are (s) specific, (m) measurable, (a) attainable, (r) realistic, and (t) timely.

And remember, what goal for us is not "realistic?" Be encouraged this New Year. We serve Christ!

CHURCH & MINISTRY NEWS

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 your resume/qualifications to pastorg@swbctampa.com. This is a part time paid position.
- Stone Wall is also in search of a part-time secretary (10-15 hrs / week). Needs to be proficient in Microsoft office, (publisher, power point, excel, & word). Light cleaning duties, ordering and picking up supplies, answering calls, and printing resources for worship services. Please call Pastor George at 813-545-1376

Carrollwood Baptist

- 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.](#)

Wellswood Baptist Church

- Wellswood is seeking a part-time pianist / worship leader for its Sunday morning and Wednesday night services, pays \$150 per week. Please contact Larry Raulerson - (813) 205-7692, ldrhunt@gmail.com.

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.

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