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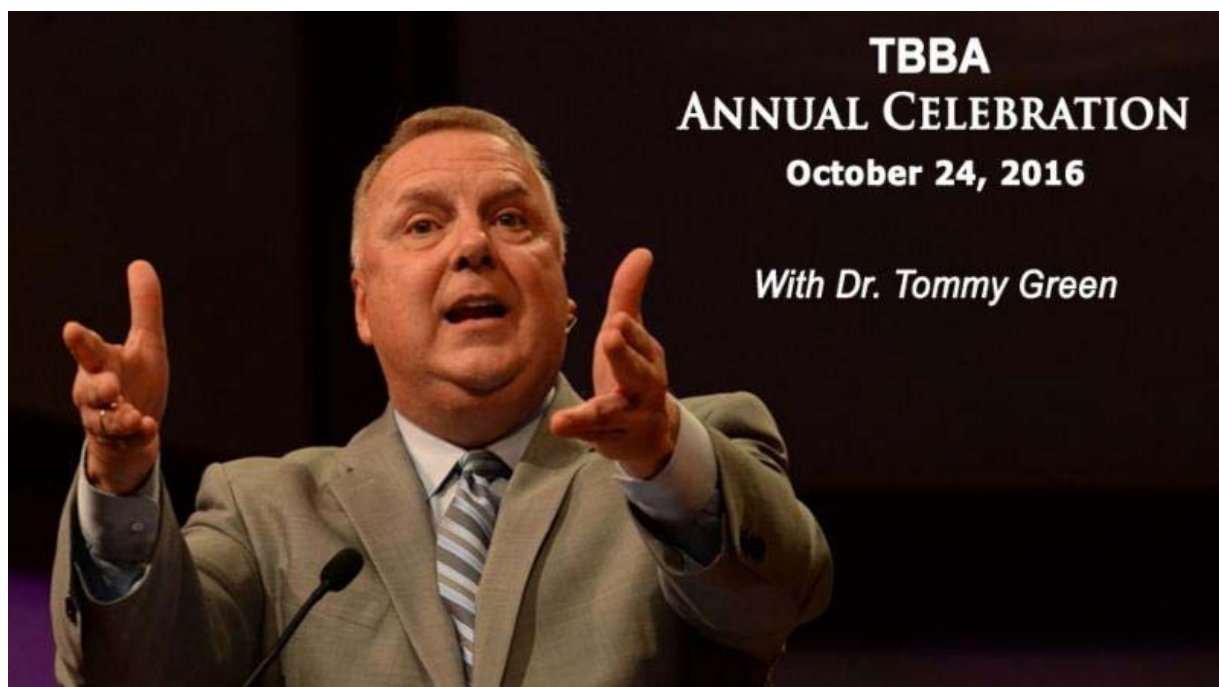
More and More

The Apostle Paul encouraged the Thessalonians twice in chapter four of his first letter to do something "more and more". In 4:1 he commended them because they were already pleasing God but he urged them to "do so more and more". In 4:9-10 he again commended them but this time it was because they were already loving one another throughout Macedonia. Then he encouraged them to "do this more and more".

This reminds me to press on toward the goal because I am not even close to having arrived. I am grateful for the friendships I have that build me up in Christ but also graciously sharpen me to pursue the "more and more" mindset. Don't forget that more and more people need Jesus and the Lord wants to do more and more through us as a result of doing more and more in us.

Coming alongside,
Mike

FEATURED EVENT



TBBA Annual Celebration

It's that time of year again, time for our annual business meeting, and so much more. It's time to celebrate together, to celebrate what God is doing in our association of churches!

So, come out and fellowship and worship and pray. Hear a number of encouraging reports from your peers. And let's celebrate our year with keynote speaker Dr. Tommy Green, Executive Director / Treasurer of the Florida Baptist Convention.

- Monday, October 24, 2016
- Arrive early, free meal served beginning at 5:00 p.m.
- Worship begins at 6:45 p.m.
- First Baptist Church Temple Terrace | 10002 N 56th Temple Terrace 33617 [[map](#)]
- Praise & Worship lead by Buck Buchanan of FBC Temple Terrace

We're looking forward to a wonderful time with you. No RSVP required.

CURRENT EVENTS



Project 3:16 Central Florida Regional Prayer Gathering

Multiple locations in Tampa Bay area
Sunday, November 6
3:16pm - 4:16pm

Project 3:16 is a call to prayer across the Central Region of Florida. On November 6, we will gather in churches and/or parks throughout our area to call upon the name that is above every name, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Before the Lord does a mighty work, he first calls His people to pray. Our families, churches, communities, cities, and our nation needs prayer, perhaps like never before. The answer for America begins with the power of prayer. Jesus prioritized prayer when He said, "My house shall be called a house of prayer". Therefore, we are calling on churches throughout Central Florida to join with us in times of earnest prayer. We will soon identify churches and/or parks around our city where we can gather to pray and we will let you know of these locations.

A few of the things we will be praying for are:

Revival in our churches
Schools

Families

Spiritual awakening in our nation
Pastors & church leaders and more

CHURCH
LEGAL-HEALTH
SEMINAR

REGISTER TODAY



SPEAKER: DAVID GIBBS III



Church Legal Health Seminar

National Center For Life and Liberty
Thursday, October 20, 2016

The National Center for Life and Liberty and Word of Life are pleased to host the Church Legal-Health Seminar series at South Tampa Fellowship. The goal of these seminars is to provide tools and resources to assist ministry leaders in performing an organizational "checkup." Our desire for every church is maximum ministry opportunity with minimum liability. To ensure minimum liability, ministries need to properly and proactively protect themselves. Attorney David Gibbs III will explain each aspect of our legal-health checkup and discuss various pressing legal issues in today's current cultural climate.

Seminar topics include:

- Church Position on Biblical Marriage and Sexuality
- Church Emergency Response Preparedness
- Child Safety Procedures and Policies
- Plagiarism and Copyright in Ministry
- Financial Integrity
- Tax Exemption
- Protecting Ministry Assets
- Critical Ministry Documents

SPEAKER: Attorney - David Gibbs III

COST: \$75 per person

DATE: October 20, 2016

LOCATION: South Tampa Fellowship

97 Biscayne Avenue

Tampa, FL 33606



[Register now](#)



Women Discipling Women Two Dates in October!

Ladies, this year's final two gatherings for Women Discipling Women will be studying "Real-Life Discipleship." Here are the details:

- Saturday, October 1, 2016
. 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- Saturday, October 22, 2016. 9:00 am - 12:00 p.m.
- Location: TBBA, 1060 W. Busch Blvd., Tampa FL 33612 [[map](#)]

The First gathering on October 1, 2016 will cover:

- Disciple: Being Intentional with Spiritual Parents; Making the Transition to Parenthood
- Explaining the Discipleship Process; Discipling Together; Releasing to Disciple Alone
- Maintaining Relationships Among Spiritual Parents

Our second gathering on October 22, 2016 will cover:

- One Necessary Tool: A Small-Group Curriculum
- Why Bible Storying?; A Storying Session; How to Use Bible Stories to Make Disciples
- The Phrase from the Stage; Guiding the Story in Their Heads, Hearts, and Hands

These gatherings are FREE but we need you to RSVP no later than the Wednesday before so that we will have enough materials and food for all. Please come and bring a friend.

RSVP to Carol Clark

cclark@tbba.org; Call or Text 813-928-2761

Monthly Events



Pastors' Prayer Gatherings

- Hispanic Pastors, Al Lopez Park, 10:00 a.m. - First Wednesday - October 5, 2016
- Chad Driggers, Southside Brandon, 9:00 a.m. - First Thursday - October 6, 2016
- Elbert Nasworthy, Conference Center, 11:00 a.m. - First Thursday - October 6, 2016



Church Planter Network Luncheon

- 11:30 a.m. - Second Thursday the month - October 13, 2016

[RSVP via Eventbrite here.](#)

FUTURE EVENTS

FREE LUNCHEON BY SAVING GRACE MINISTRIES OF TAMPA

<p>LOCATION: SEMINOLE HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH 811 E. HILLSBOROUGH AVE, TAMPA, FL</p>	<p>WHEN: NOVEMBER 3RD TIME: 12-2 PM</p>
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GUEST SPEAKERS:

KEN WHITTEN, SENIOR PASTOR,
IDLEWILD BAPTIST CHURCH

ANNE-LEIGH GAYLORD MOE, SHAREHOLDER,
BUSH ROSS ATTORNEYS AT LAW

STEVE HOPPER, WRITER & SPEAKER,
FROM PRISON TO PURPOSE

TERRY KING, FOUNDER OF SAVING
GRACE MINISTRIES, BUFFALO

Coming Alongside Former Prisoners

Free Pastors' Luncheon

Pastors, come enjoy a free catered lunch! Listen to Terry King, founder of Saving Grace Ministries talk about how God's people worked together to help drastically reduce the prisoner recidivism rate and positively change the culture for Christ in Buffalo, New York.

Listen to Pastor Ken Whitten, Author Steve Hopper, and Attorney Anne Leigh-Gaylord Moe of Bush Ross as they speak of the possibilities of doing even greater things together in Tampa Bay. We will be sharing ways churches of any size can partner with SGM Tampa, thru prayer, participation, and for some, your provision.

- November 3, 2016
- 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Seminole Heights Baptist Church, 801 W. Hillsborough Ave, Tampa FL 33604

Please RSVP to Tonya Towner by Tuesday, October 25, 2016
tonya.towner@sgmworld.org or call (813) 787-7111.



Pastors' Wives Fall Brunch

Join us for a free brunch and a great time of fellowship. Enjoy a Sweet & Savory pie buffet, and a "Slice of Life" testimony from a fellow Pastor's wife.

- November 5, 2016
- 10:00 a.m. - 'til
- TBBA Office, 1060 W. Busch Blvd., Tampa FL 33612 [[map](#)]

Prayer, Encouragement, and Door Prizes included! Reserve your spot today!

RSVP Kristi Vicente
jkvice@verizon.net or Kristi (813) 453-5807.



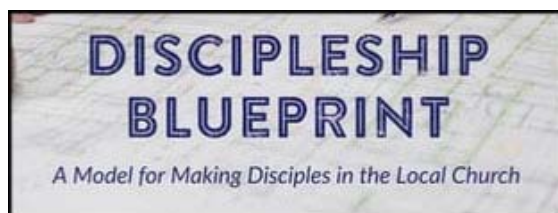
2016 Florida Baptist Convention Annual Meeting Calvary Church

Join hundreds of other Pastors and Leaders to hear inspirational worship and preaching, to enjoy being with friends, and to hear great stories of what God is doing in Florida and beyond through the Florida Baptist Convention.

Pastors' Conference November 13-14
Featuring Jimmy Scroggins, Russell Moore, Ken Weathersby, Ken Whitten & more

Annual Meeting November 14-15

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS



Discipleship Training @ First Baptist Church of Temple Terrace

We had a great time September 16-17, 2016 at First Temple Terrace with around 75 people from multiple churches in our association, as we all came together to learn more about a reproducible small-group model of discipleship.

Special thanks to Pastors Paul Purvis and Nick Colton of Temple Terrace for being the catalysts for the training and for graciously hosting it in their Community Life Center. Thanks also to Tim LaFleur from [Replicate Ministries](#) for leading the training.



SEND Philly Vision Tour

Our Association was blessed this past September 19-21, 2016 to participate in the North American Mission Board's "Catch the Vision" tour in Philadelphia, PA.

We are grateful to have had eight of our pastors, led by Pastor Ken Whitten of Idlewild Baptist Church, travel from Tampa to meet with NAMB Team Leader Barry Whitworth, Church Planting Catalyst David Pearson, and Church Planter Buff McNickle. In addition to our Florida group, pastors traveled from Louisiana, Arkansas, Tennessee and Kentucky to learn more about what it means to become a partner church with church planters in one of the least-reached cities in our country.

According to Pearson, Philadelphia is at best around three percent Evangelical. And while Southern Baptists are at work in Philly, Pearson said the momentum of 20 years of planting churches in Philly is only now starting to show visible fruit. In fact, we celebrated with Pearson's team that they will be seeing soon the planting of the first Anglo Southern Baptist church within the city limits.

We boarded a bus Tuesday morning and invested an entire day with different church planters in different parts of the city; planters who for the most part have moved their families to Philly intentionally to engage the lostness.

We learned while some of the church planters may already have some kind of existing

partnerships with both their sending churches and others, some did not have any partnerships. All are in great need of help, all kinds of help.

From simply leading your church to pray for a church planter, or maybe adopting a particular part of the city, Tampa pastors were asked to do at least that. After seeing first-hand the great need for the Gospel in the fifth-largest city in the U.S., Pastor Whitten urged all of the visiting pastors to consider a formal, long-term partnership that would additionally send mission teams and support church planters financially.

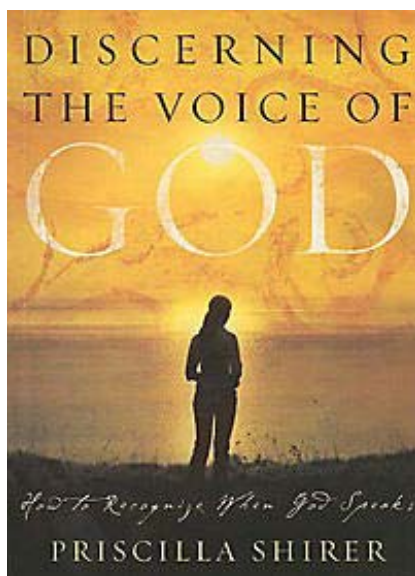
This most recent vision trip was a great encouragement to pastors in Philadelphia and to our pastors who are excited about leading their churches to participate in a movement there. [Please contact Pastor Mike](#) to learn more about getting your church connected.



*Second-Annual
TBBA Preaching
Conference*
Dr. Stephen Rummage

34 preachers from the Tampa Bay area attended "Preaching Truth in a Culture of Change" led by Dr. Stephen Rummage, Senior Pastor of Bell Shoals Baptist Church. Engaging the Biblical Text and Engaging the Listener were two of the themes for this two-day workshop. Our thanks go to Dr. Rummage, chef Jerry and the staff of Bell Shoals for hosting this event.

TBBA Resource Library



Featuring a different DVD series each month

Discerning the Voice of God: How to Recognize When God Speaks, Priscilla Shirer.

Is that You, God? God loves you and desires a personal relationship with you. He wants to speak directly to you. But do you recognize His voice? Discerning the Voice of God helps you know if what you hear is from God. Through this practical study you will become more familiar with God's Holy Spirit, His character, His language, and the tone of His voice. 6 Video Sessions, 29-47 minutes each. Anticipating the Voice of God; The Holy Spirit; The Voice of the Holy Spirit; God's Voice Reveals His Character; God's Voice Reveals His Plan; Responding to God's Voice

If you are interested in using this for a group study in your church, please contact Carol Clark at (813) 935-3839.

CHURCH & MINISTRY NEWS

Carrollwood Baptist Church

- Carrollwood Baptist Church is taking applications for the full-time position of "Director of Family Ministries." This position will be responsible for co-directing CBC's Learning Center and directing the church's overall Children's Ministry program. The person filling this position will split time between the Learning Center and the church's Children's Ministry. For more information and/or to submit a resume, contact churchoffice@carrollwoodbaptistchurch.org. Also there is an opening for a custodial position. It involves general cleaning and some lifting. If interested, please contact Bill Wester at (813) 962-3214

First Baptist of New Tampa

- Seeking a part time Worship Leader. Sunday morning service and a practice on Wednesday night. Salary is \$6500/yr. Send resumes to Roger Johns at: akuritpc@yahoo.com.

Open Water Church

- Open Water Church has around 150-170 dark green chairs with dark grey legs in good condition to give away to another church or ministry in need. Must be picked up by October 23rd. If interested, contact Tonya Towner at tonya@openwaterchurch.com

Tampa Shores Church

- Tampa Shores Church is looking for a volunteer children's director (ages infant through elementary) who is mission minded and community focused . It is desired that this position would grow into a part time paid staff position by the end of 2017. Also the church would like to replace their pews with chairs. They need about 60 nice stack-able chairs. If anyone can help with this need, please contact Pastor Vergil Morgan at vmorgan@tampashores.org

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