



DECEMBER, 2016

MERRY CHRISTMAS



My father's favorite TV show was Hee Haw. I still remember the funny lyrics of a song that was often sung on that program:

"Gloom, despair, and agony on me
 Deep, dark depression, excessive misery
 If it weren't for bad luck, I'd have no luck at all
 Gloom, despair, and agony on me."

In contrast to that silly song we have the message that the angel of the Lord spoke to the shepherds after the birth of Jesus. "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you "good news of great joy" which will be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

No more gloom, despair, and agony because we have received the good news of great joy that God the Son came to earth to be our Savior. Let's share this good news with lots of folks who could use some joy.

Merry Christmas,
 Mike

BLESSED BY NEW STAFF ADDITIONS

We are pleased to announce the addition of two godly men, both former IMB missionaries, Robert Beckman and Lielson Penido.

Robert started on November 29, 2016 as our part-time Church Planting Catalyst.
 Lielson will start on December 5, 2016 as our part-time Language Ministry Director.

Robert takes the position vacated by Boe Ellis who accepted a full-time position with FBC Tampa.



Robert Beckman

Robert (pictured left with wife, Juli) will assist existing and new church planters, and existing churches in fulfilling the Great Commission through the planting of new churches.



Lielson Penido

Lielson will fill the position vacated by Othoniel Valdes who will leave the TBBA to become the full-time pastor at Bell Shoals Iglesia Hispana starting on January 1, 2017.

Lielson will minister to and with our language churches and ministries.

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING



2016 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Starting in 1888, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering® was established to empower the international missions efforts for Southern Baptists. After more than a century, the annual offering continues its steady growth. The National Goal this year is \$155 Million. Your giving enables missionaries to be sent to make disciples and multiply churches among unreached peoples and places for the glory of God.

Click [here](#) or on the image above to watch a recent video about the people and the purpose behind the Southern Baptist Convention's Christmas missions offering and then lead your

church to join many others to pray and sacrificially give so that millions can be saved.

2017 SAVE THE DATE

Not Even a Hint Purity Campaign Roll Out

- January 23, 2017 @ 11:30 a.m. - Lunch 'n Learn @ the Tampa Bay Baptist Conference Center



In early 2016, Mike shared with over 50 pastors about the need for them to address the epidemic of sexual sin in churches today. He stated that he would develop a notebook to assist pastors in helping their members live in purity. The notebook contains purity sermons, small group resources, practical helps for filtering mobile devices, and much more. Join us for a delicious \$5 steak and leave with a free *Not Even a Hint* Purity Campaign notebook.

Pastors' Prayer Summit

- February 20-22, 2017 - @ Calvary Chapel, St. Petersburg



Prayer in the early church was not supplemental, it was fundamental. Today, churches throughout our convention and association are awakening to the priority of prayer. Pastors and leaders are invited to join scores of others from around the country by attending this powerful two day Prayer Summit. This will be the fourth time that we have participated in this prayer gathering. It will transform your prayer life and help you lead your church to become a house of prayer for the nations.

CultureLink Discipleship & Mission Training

- March 17-18, 2017 TBBA Offices



A growing number of Southern Baptist churches are recruiting their members to go on international mission trips. Yet how are these leaders to be trained for these trips? TBBA has partnered with CultureLink because they are recognized as leaders in providing such training. They will be coming to our association offices to equip church leaders to be disciple makers and to effectively participate in or lead international mission trips.

Navigators/ TBBA *Growing an Intentional Disciple-Making Culture*

- April 28-29, 2017 - @ FBC Tampa



In 2016, FBC Temple Terrace invited the TBBA to partner with them to provide a weekend disciple making conference at their church. It was an impactful event. In 2017, the TBBA has partnered with Navigator Church Ministries to host *Growing an Intentional Disciple Making Culture*. Pastors Paul Purvis of FBC Temple Terrace and Stephen Rummage of Bell Shoals BC will be two of the featured speakers. In addition, Navigator staff will lead seven different breakout sessions.

CURRENT EVENTS

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BRING YOUR FAMILY FRIENDS CHAIRS AND BLANKETS

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Monthly Events



Pastors' Prayer Gatherings

- Hispanic Pastors, Al Lopez Park, 10:00 a.m. - First Wednesday - December 7, 2016
- Chad Driggers, Southside Brandon, 9:00 a.m. - First Thursday - First Thursday January 5, 2017
- Elbert Nasworthy, (*new location) Buchanan Baptist Church , 808 W Bearss Ave. 33613 - 11:00 a.m. - First Thursday January 5, 2017

FUTURE EVENTS



Women's Missions & Ministry Summit

Ladies, we had a good number of churches represented at our Women's Missions/Ministries Round-tables in September. They shared great passion, ideas and needs and a desire to come together again. One of the top needs they expressed was sharing and learning how to Involve Others in Ministry.

We would like to provide two dates (just choose one) that any woman interested in missions and ministries can come together in a round-table format:

- Saturday January 21, 2016
- Saturday, January 28, 2016
- 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- @ the TBBA office.

Please email Carol Clark at cclark@tbba.org to reserve your spot. We will provide food at no cost to you and please invite others from your church.

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

November 14-15, 2016 Florida Baptist Convention

- **FBC Annual Meeting at Calvary Clearwater**



The Annual Meeting of the Florida Baptist Convention came to our own backyard last month at Calvary Church in Clearwater. Thank you Dr. Tommy Green and the whole FBC staff and leadership for your vision. Of course there was incredible worship and many powerful messages. - [[click here for video of all messages](#)]

November 20, 2016 Community Prayer Event

- **Bell Shoals Baptist Church - Extraordinary Prayer**



The Lord was exalted and glorified and His people were greatly refreshed during the evening of Thanksgiving and Prayer at Bell Shoals Baptist Church. A full orchestra and a couple hundred choir members led out in inspirational worship, many pastors shared brief devotions, and then they led the congregation in prayer for our nation, our churches, our political leaders, our first responders, our military personnel, and more.

November 28, 2016 Lunch 'n Learn

- **Paul Purvis - Leading Your Church to Become a House of Prayer**



We were both encouraged and convicted as Pastor Paul Purvis shared about how the Lord has been stretching him and FBC Temple Terrace to become stronger in prayer. Over 50 pastors and leaders heard him and his Director of Prayer and International Ministries, Zak Moussa talk about the journey they have been on and how the Lord is moving in and

through the FBC members as they strive to reach their community with the gospel.

You will be greatly blessed also by watching the video here: [[click for video](#)]

RESOURCE LIBRARY

Featuring a different DVD series each month



The Kingdom Family

by Tony Evans

- The Divine Purpose of Family
- Raising Kingdom Kids
- Becoming a Kingdom Husband
- Becoming a Kingdom Wife
- Becoming a Kingdom Single
- The Concept of the Kingdom Agenda

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

Welcome Pastor Oscar Johnson

- We are blessed and excited to welcome Oscar Johnson to our Association as Pastor of Northside Ruskin.

First Baptist of New Tampa

- Seeking a part time Worship Leader. Sunday morning service and a practice on Wednesday night. Salary is \$6,500 per year. Send resumes to Roger Johns at: akuritpc@yahoo.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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