



JULY 2017

STAYING FOCUSED ON PRAYER



I just finished reading through the book of Isaiah and the below verses deeply convicted me regarding my prayer life. Isaiah 62:6-7 "On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have appointed watchmen. All day and all night they will never keep silent. You who remind the LORD, take no rest for yourselves; And give Him no rest until He establishes and makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth."

The appointed watchmen were to be praying all day and all night and they were to never keep silent. They were called to "remind the LORD" of His promises and to do this to such an extent that they were to take "no rest" until His kingdom would come on earth. I have at times been too silent and too restful in my prayer life and am repenting of this. Join me in "reminding" the LORD of His

promises and giving Him no rest until He does exceeding and abundantly above all we can ask or think for His glory.

Three practical ways that we can personally remind the LORD and lead others to do the same are given below. Please utilize these free prayer tools and invite your church members to do the same.

Pray 4 Every Home: We are excited to endorse a new Website Pray4EveryHome.com as a great way to help you and your church family identify your neighbors, and begin and sustain an intentional prayer strategy for them. You can learn more by clicking on the arrow on the image above or by clicking here: [\[video\]](#).

Pray for Planters: The North American Mission Board just released a new Website that helps churches connect and pray for church planters in all of the Send Cities across the U.S. To get started, just click on the link here (www.prayforplanters.com) and select a region from the map.

Pastors' Prayer: I am excited also to let you know we are going into our third year of monthly Pastors' Prayer Gatherings. It is a simple idea, to get some pastors in the room for an hour and pray. If you have not attended one of these meetings, I invite you to get connected. The monthly prayer times are as follows:

- Every First-Wednesday
 - August 2, 2017 | Hispanic Pastors' Prayer | Al Lopez Park | 10:00 a.m.

- Every First-Thursday
 - August 3, 2017 | Journey Church [[map](#)] | 9:00 a.m.

- Every First-Thursday
 - August 3, 2017 | Buchanan Baptist | [[map](#)] | 11:00 a.m.

AUGUST EVENTS



Pastors & Leaders
Meet the New BCM Director for USF
August 7, 2017

We are excited to host Nathan Schneider on Monday, August 7, 2017 at the Tampa Bay Baptist Conference Center . Nathan will be serving on the Tampa campus of the University of South Florida. Nathan has served as student pastor of Redemption Church (formerly FBC North Mobile) since June 2012, where he led and implemented a comprehensive vision for reaching and disciplining students to impact the world with the Gospel. He holds the master of divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C., and is working toward a doctor of ministry degree from Southeastern in its next generation track. He and his wife, Michelle, have a son, Ezra, and daughter, Karis.

- August 7, 2014
- 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Tampa Bay Baptist Conference Center [[map](#)] | 15601 Lake Magdalene Blvd, Tampa, FL 33613
- Delicious steak meal provided for only \$5

Please RSVP to Jan Jones (813) 935-3839 | jjones@tbba.org



Pastors' Lunch 'n Learn August 14, 2017

Pastor Howard Parker
(Calvary Church - Clearwater)
"Sexual Purity and Church Staff/Leaders"

We are grateful to have Pastor Howard Parker, Executive Pastor at Calvary Church in Clearwater, coming to the Tampa Bay Baptist Conference Center to speak about how they are using Covenant Eyes accountability and filtering on all mobile devices to protect their entire church staff from pornographic and provocative images.

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Fourth Annual TBBA
Equip Tampa Bay Leadership Conference
Saturday, August 19, 2017

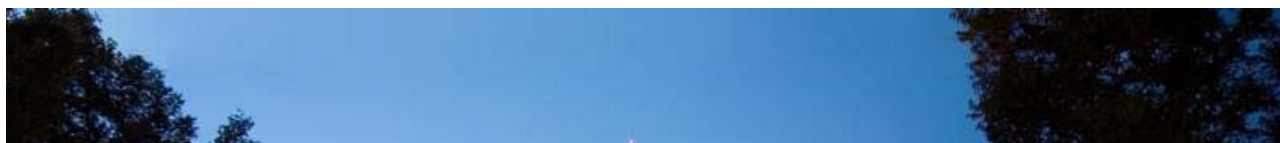
We hope you, your staff and lay leaders will take the opportunity to spend a Saturday morning together for some great training at our Fourth-Annual TBBA Equip Tampa Bay Leadership Conference.

- Saturday, August 19, 2017
- Seminole Heights Baptist Church [[map](#)] | 801 E Hillsborough Ave, Tampa, FL 33604
- 8:00 a.m. - Sign in/Continental Breakfast provided
- First Session at 8:45 a.m.
- Final Session ends at 11:30 a.m.
- Lunch provided after last session

Tracks for:

Senior Pastors, Discipleship, Administration,
Age-graded Sunday School (pre-school to adults), Small Groups,
Technical Ministry, Women's Ministry

Register your leaders by calling (813) 935-3839 or email: JJones@tbba.org





New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

Do you know anyone interested in theological education? Are you looking to continue your formal education? Are church members considering a call to vocational ministry? Are church leaders desiring to equip themselves with more knowledge about God's Word? New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary offers support locally by offering affordable classes at the NOBTS Tampa Extension Center!

Fully accredited options are:

- Certificate (various areas of study) 12-18 hours
- Diploma (Christian Ministry) 48 hours
- Associates degree (Christian, Worship, Children's, Womens Ministry) 70 hours
- Bachelor degree (Christian, Worship Ministry) 126 hours-including online courses

All courses are hybrid classes which:

- Meet bi-weekly for 4 sessions
- Meet Mondays, 6-10PM
- Held on the campus of First Baptist Church of Brandon
- Led by certified NOBTS Adjunct Professors

FALL 2017:

- Registration deadline - August 18, 2017
- Classes start date - August 21, 2017
- Courses offered fall of 2017:

1. Practice of Evangelism
2. Christian Doctrine
3. The Person and Work of Christ
4. Hermeneutics

Apply online today at www.NOBTS.edu.

FUTURE EVENTS



Missions Intensive - IMB Two-day Global Training Event September 6-7, 2017

We would like to invite you to attend a [two-day IMB training event](#) (click on this link and watch a two-minute video that highlights what you can expect from the training) at Idlewild Baptist Church on September 6-7.

This training is designed to equip pastors and church leaders to cultivate a whole-life discipleship culture that leads to the healthy sending of disciples who are making disciples cross-culturally in fulfillment of Christ's commission.

The two days will be filled with practical and theologically rich sessions coupled with church team assessment activities that will equip you to identify tangible next steps you can take as you lead your church to further engage in global missions.

Idlewild Baptist Church
18333 Exciting Idlewild Blvd.
Lutz, FL 33548

Registration:

September 6-7, 2017

8:30-5:30 both days

\$129 includes conference materials, breakfast and lunch for both days.

We encourage lead pastors to recruit 3-4 key church leaders to attend together.



Annual Preaching Conference Bell Shoals September 15-16, 2017

We are blessed again this year to have Dr. Stephen Rummage leading our Annual Preaching Conference.

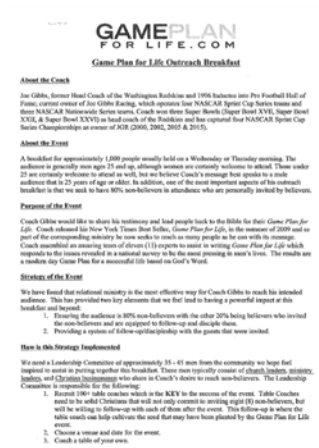
- Friday Night, September 15, 2017 | Saturday Morning, September 16, 2017
- Bell Shoals Baptist [[map](#)] | 2102 Bell Shoals Rd, Brandon, FL 33511
- Includes dinner on Friday, breakfast and lunch on Saturday
- and some other resources and books
- Complete details coming soon
- All for just \$25 per person

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Get Involved in an Evangelistic Breakfast with Coach Joe Gibbs on October 18, 2017



Coach Joe Gibbs and his Game Plan for Life team are working with Tampa's local CBMC and All Pro Pastors to present the Gospel at an evangelistic breakfast on October 18 at the Florida State Fairgrounds.

We are praying for over 100 churches, pastors and leaders to host tables (for \$300) and invite lost men (and women) to come and hear Joe share about football, NASCAR and how Christ has changed his life and how He will do the same for others.

Just click on the image (left) to view / download the "Strategy Document." You will find all of your next steps and contact info there.



RECENT HIGHLIGHTS



Stewardship Training

Pastor Rob Taylor, Stewardship Pastor at Exciting Idlewild Baptist Church did a great job teaching 23 pastors and leaders about how to grow a generous church. The best quote he shared was,

"Does your church family know what you want from them or do they know what you want for them?"

Rob highly recommended that churches start a small group ministry that trains their members to be good stewards with the *Financial Peace University* resource. As a result, the TBBA has purchased two kits of *Financial Peace University* that can be checked out by a local church and used to lead a small group study.

CHURCH & MINISTRY NEWS

Welcome Bags Needed: BCM Summer Ministry Project

We invite our TBBA churches to join us in coming alongside a longtime ministry in Tampa, the Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM) at the University of South Florida for a summer ministry project.

Every August the BCM passes out "welcome bags" to the new students to introduce them to the ministry. The BCM mission statement is.... "BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS THAT MATTER....We are a community with a purpose. A place where college students come together to ask questions, explore who Jesus Christ is and search for something bigger than themselves...something that's beyond their busy worlds of homework, stress, work and ideas of success. From our weekly

worship experience, to intramurals, to trips that take you halfway around the world, we are a passionate community that journeys through life together. "

In 2016 the BCM Reached 6,225 total students -- 1,079 International Students - 278 students in Bible Studies - 41 involved in Missions - 41 Salvations

We are encouraging each welcome bag to look exactly like this:

- Each Quart size zip-lock bag or party favor bag includes one each of the following:
 - Granola Bar; Highlighter; Pen; Gum; Sticky Notes; Chocolate or other candy; Index Cards; #2 Pencil; and Eraser

The TBBA needs the welcome bags no later than Monday, August 7, 2017.

Belmont Baptist Church

- Belmont is seeking a pianist. This is a paid position and requires a practice weekly as well as playing for their Sunday am and Sunday pm services along with one Saturday night monthly service. For more information, please contact Jason Fowler, Worship Director, at (813) 760-9379.

East Chelsea Baptist Church

- East Chelsea is looking for a part-time Worship leader. This is a paid position and would require both am and pm services on Sundays and Wednesday pm service. For more information or to apply for position, please contact Pastor Raymond James at (813) 621-9771.

Southside Baptist Church

- Southside in Brandon is seeking to fill a paid part-time nursery worker position. The position is approximately ten hours per week, Sunday Mornings, Sunday Evenings, and Wednesday evenings. Please send resumes to ricky@southsidebrandon.org.

Tampa Shores Baptist Church

- Tampa Shores is seeking a bi-vocational student Pastor, middle school leader, and children's Pastor. All positions are \$100.00 per week. For more information or to apply, please contact Pastor Vergil Morgan at vmorgan@tampashores.org or (813) 855-6161



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