



OCTOBER 2017

Helping the Hurting: Houston, Florida, The Islands



We have all seen images of the devastation that has occurred from the three hurricanes that have recently hit Houston, the state of Florida, and the Caribbean Islands. Many of our church members have already sacrificially given of their money and time to help the hurricane victims in Texas and Florida. Thank you for the difference that you have been making.

Our Florida Baptist Disaster Relief teams have been tirelessly serving throughout our state to help thousands of victims begin to rebuild their lives physically, emotionally, and spiritually. As of Monday, October 2 they have served 556,896 meals throughout the state and they are still feeding in Fort Myers and the Keys. Florida Baptists have given grants of around \$750,000 to repair churches and help pastors in Florida. More importantly, there have been thousands of gospel conversations and many have made professions of faith in Christ. Also, if you have intended to give to help the hurricane victims, but have not yet done this, it is not too late to give. Go to www.flbaptist.org/give to do so.

I anticipate that we will soon know of practical ways to help in the Islands, and especially Puerto Rico. Giving is a great first step and if you or your church wants to do this then they can write a check to Florida Baptist Disaster Relief and put Puerto Rico in the memo line.

OCTOBER EVENTS



Don't Miss Our Exciting Annual Celebration

Sunday Night, October 15, 2017
 First Baptist Church of Brandon
 216 N Parsons Ave, Brandon, FL 33510 [map]
 Starting at 5:00pm

Our theme this year is "Tell the Story" from Mark 5:18-20 (MSG)

As Jesus was getting into the boat, the demon-delivered man begged to go along, but he wouldn't let him. Jesus said, "Go home to your own people. Tell them your story - what the Master did, how he had mercy on you." The man went back and began to preach in the Ten Towns area about what Jesus had done for him. He was the talk of the town.

Enjoy great worship with our Haitian and Brazilian choirs; hear stories of what the Master has done in and through our churches and church plants as they have partnered with the TBBA:



Pastor Zelvis Applin, Church Planter, South Hills Church



Pastor Roger Bunner, West Broad Street BC



Pastor Carl Ellison, FBC New Tampa



Pastor Brant Adams, Seminole Heights BC



Pastor David & Tonya Towner, Open Water BC



Hurricane Irma Relief Efforts

Also hear from our TBBA staff members:



Robert Beckman, Bobby Patton, Mike Kahn, and Lielson Penido

Hear about how the TBBA is striving every day to "hit the bullseye" by Encouraging Pastors, Equipping Pastors and Leaders, and Establishing churches. Enjoy hearing TBBA staff members tell their story of the goodness of God during the past year.

While, we are not serving food, we would still appreciate your RSVP to Jan at jjones@tbba.org or 813-935-3839

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PLAN FOR LIFE

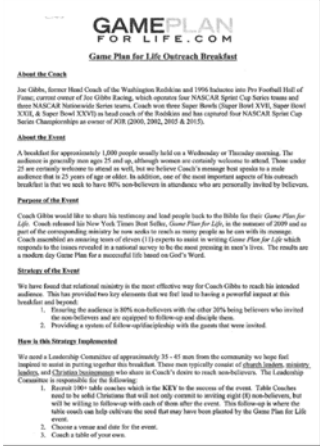
WITH JOE GIBBS

ALL PRO PASTORS

CBMC

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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. [For Tickets: AllProCBMC.com](http://AllProCBMC.com)

Spanish Biblical Institute

The Tampa Bay Baptist Association is sponsoring the Biblical Institute ESSER in partnership with the Theological Baptist Seminary of Dominican Republic and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. ESSER seeks to make available to all Spanish speaking people within a local church, good biblical instruction regardless of ones academic degree or immigration status. ESSER seeks to provide each student with a simple yet profound knowledge in how to become a disciple of Jesus. At the conclusion of the 20-month class program, each student will receive an Associate in Theology degree recognized by most theological Baptist seminaries in the United States.

ACPs Have Been Simplified

Notes: Total Churches and Clergy Reported to the Annual Church Profiles (ACPs) from the Florida Baptist Convention.

Item/Statistic	2016	2015	2016-2015 Numeric Change	2016-2015 Percent Change
State Conventions	42	42	0	0.00%
Associations	1,136	1,139	-3	-0.26%
Churches	47,277	46,793	479	1.02%
Church-type Missions Operating ¹⁾	4,492	4,448	+154	3.39%
Total Members	15,314,978	15,294,764	+77,264	+0.51%
Total Baptists	280,773	295,212	-14,439	-4.89%
Ratio of Baptists, Total Members	1.54	1.52	--	--
Weekly Worship Average Attendance	5,200,716	5,577,088	-376,372	-6.73%
Undesignated Receipts	\$9,216,198,700	\$9,154,427,472	\$61,771,228	0.67%
Cooperative Program ²⁾	www.dca.net/ip/statistics.asp	www.dca.net/ip/statistics.asp	--	--

NOTES:

- Some state conventions no longer use the designation of church-type mission to categorize congregations which are not self-sustaining, self-sustaining, and self-supporting. This practice has impacted the number of churches and church-type missions.
- Cooperative Program as reported on the Annual Church Profile is not broken out in this table. CP based on the actual amount given through the state convention, is provided at the SAC Annual in the Executive Committee Annual Report.

Other 2016 Items - Not Asked by All State Conventions³⁾

Item/Statistic	2016	2015
Other Offerings ⁴⁾	204,363	344,645
Sunday School/Bible Study/Small Group Average Attendance ⁵⁾	3,303,144	3,405,303
Total Receipts ⁶⁾	\$11,461,572,538	\$11,545,861,431
Total Mission Expenses ⁷⁾	\$1,189,656,873	\$1,205,295,079
Great Commission Giving ⁸⁾	\$666,017,306	\$613,201,805

NOTES:

- Items for items in this table have incomplete data for 2016 due to the fact that not all state conventions asked the item or did so in a way not compatible with the standard definition. Similar actions occurred in 2015. Thus, comparisons between the two years may not be appropriate. See the Notes in the 2015 SAC Statistical Summary for specific details to determine if a comparison is desirable.
- California Southern Baptist Convention, Florida Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist of Texas Convention did not ask this item or the information necessary to obtain the item.
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- Alabama State Board of Missions, California Southern Baptist Convention, Florida Baptist Convention, Georgia Baptist Mission Board, and the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma did not ask this item or the information necessary to obtain the item.
- Alabama State Board of Missions, Arkansas Baptist State Convention, the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, and the Southern Baptist of Texas Convention did not ask this item or the information necessary to obtain the item.

the Annual Church Profiles (ACPs) from the Florida Baptist Convention.

These profiles have been simplified into seven questions which can be more easily completed.

Please complete your ACPs by October 31, 2017 and return them electronically or by mail in the prepaid envelope that you received with your letter.

Thank you!

FUTURE EVENTS



Join us at Bell Shoals Brandon for this year's State Convention!

PASTORS CONFERENCE - NOVEMBER 12-13

CONVENTION: NOVEMBER 13-14

FBC BELL SHOALS BRANDON

[click here for the FL Baptist Web Site](#)



Save the Date

FAMILY CHURCH PLANTER CHRISTMAS PARTY

- Friday, December 1, 2017
- 6:30 p.m. (location tbd)

Details Coming Next Month!





Save the Date

Senior Pastors / Wives Annual Christmas Party

- Sunday, December 3, 2017
- 6:00 p.m.
- First Baptist Church of Tampa | 302 W Kennedy Blvd.
- Tampa FL 33606

Details Coming Next Month | Catering by Carrabba's!

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS



Chad Vandiver, Canada Mobilization Specialist for NAMB provided encouraging updates and challenging facts for the spread of the gospel across North America. Chad shared how the churches of Tampa Bay Baptist Association can continue to be involved in what God is doing by using the site PrayForPlanters.com; going on a vision tour of Canada; adopting neighborhoods and partnering with church planters.

CHURCH & MINISTRY NEWS

Upcoming TBBA Ministry Project

The TBBA ministry project for the months of November and December will be featuring Cook's Hat Food Pantry at Seminole Heights BC. The Cook's Hat Food Pantry is an arm of Mission Tampa, and they are always in need of staple foods.

For the months of November and December they are requesting that people/churches provide canned corn, green beans, pork and beans, peanut butter and jelly, soups, spaghetti/sauce, tuna and other staples. They would like to have these items delivered to the TBBA by November 15th (for the November Thanksgiving drive) and for the December Christmas drive, no later than December 15th. The TBBA will deliver these items to the Cook's Hat facility. Also, if you/church would like to volunteer to help you may call 813-728-5045 or email mtcookshat@gmail.com. To find out more about this ministry go to missiontampa.org

Belmont Baptist

- 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.

Carrollwood Baptist

- Carrollwood Baptist will be having a Worldcrafts event on October 22, 2017 from 4-6pm to help support their various mission works. There will be food tasting from different countries and the opportunity to see samples and purchase products from the various areas.

Element Church

- The Element Church houses a foster care closet that supplies clothing and other supplies for any foster care family in the community so that they can get what they need for their foster children. There is an ongoing need for consumable supplies, mainly diapers, wipes, formula, tooth brushes and tooth paste. Contact Hannah at Element Church for more information about how to donate at hannah@iamelement.org.

Idlewild Baptist

- Idlewild has a FT Manager and PT Coordinator position opening in their Children's Ministry. If you're a happy, admin gifted, and friendly believer... contact Pastor Patrick at 813-264-1515 or pnewbill@idlewild.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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