



NOVEMBER 2017

We are Family



Congratulations to the Houston Astros who won their first World Series title on November 1. I remember back in 1979 when the Pittsburgh Pirates won the World Series and they adopted "We are Family" as their theme song. Some of you baseball fans out there remember that.

Family is important to all of us. I'm very grateful for my wife, Teena and our children. I'm grateful for our extended family. But I'm also very grateful, as I know you are, for the family of God and more specifically for our Southern Baptist family. To be more specific, "we are family" as Tampa Bay Baptists who partner together to further the spread of the gospel. Two of our very special family members are in positions of honor and influence and I encourage all of you to support these family members by attending the Florida Baptist Convention Pastors Conference and the Florida Baptist Convention Annual meeting. Pastor Paul Purvis of FBC Temple Terrace is the President of this year's Pastors Conference and Dr. Stephen Rummage of Bell Shoals Baptist Church is the President of the Florida Baptist Convention. These Tampa Bay family members are great brothers who deserve our support. Please join me in attending the Pastors Conference and the Convention annual meeting at Bell Shoals Baptist Church on November 12-14, 2017. Details are given below.

Coming alongside my family,
Mike Kahn

NOVEMBER EVENTS



Florida Baptist
Convention

Right Beside You

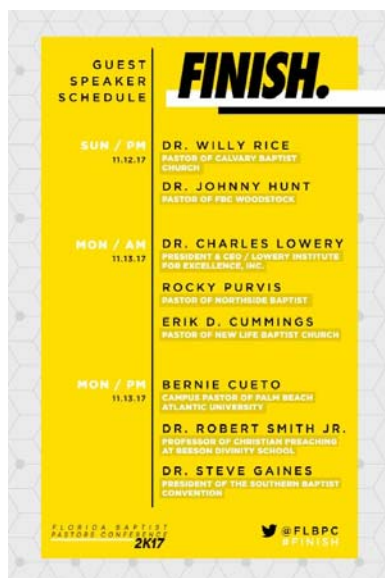


Florida Baptist
Convention

Right Beside You



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



The Florida Baptist Convention has come again to the Tampa Bay area. Come celebrate with us as our own Pastor Paul Purvis of FBC Temple Terrace serves as President of the Pastor's Conference, and our own Dr. Stephen Rummage of Bell Shoals Baptist serves as President of the Convention.

Pastor's Conference - Sunday night, Monday
November 12-13, 2017

Convention: Monday night, Tuesday
November 13-14, 2017

Hosted by:

Bell Shoals Baptist Church
2102 Bell Shoals Rd, Brandon, FL 33511 [[map](#)]

[click here for complete SCHEDULE](#)





One-Day Marriage Training

Help your married couples grow strong, Christ-centered relationships. Recruit couples to attend this one day training and become certified to lead a small group marriage ministry for church and unchurched couples.



Darin Saley, who did an incredible job teaching and facilitating our recent TBBA Marriage Retreat, will lead the training.

To RSVP **each couple** should make a check payable to CMFE for \$149, and mail it to:

- TBBA
1060 W. Busch Blvd. #101
Tampa, FL 33612

This "per-couple" registration fee is well worth it in the value you will receive from Darin's training. Continental breakfast and lunch are also included.

- Saturday Nov. 18, 2017
- 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- TBBA Offices | 1060 West Busch Blvd., Tampa, FL 33612 [[map](#)]

[Click here for flyer](#)

FUTURE EVENTS





Senior Pastors / Wives Annual Christmas Party

Pastors and wives, you are cordially invited to join us as we continue our tradition of Christmas fellowship and cheer in a new location this year. Come on downtown to First Baptist Tampa and enjoy a wonderful evening of food, song, games, and gifts.

- Sunday night, December 3, 2017
- 6:00 p.m.
- First Baptist Church of Tampa | 302 W Kennedy Blvd, Tampa FL 33606 [[map](#)]

Catering by Carrabba's!



Please RSVP with Jan Jones in the office (813) 935-3839



**TBBA Annual Preaching Conference
with Dr. Stephen Rummage
Friday and Saturday ,January 19-20, 2018**

We are looking forward to our Annual Preaching Conference with Dr. Stephen Rummage at Bells Shoals Baptist. The Conference will start with a delicious dinner at 6:30pm on Friday and will end after lunch on Saturday. The cost is only \$25. RSVP to Jan at jjones@tbba.org or 813-935-3839.



Save the Date | Coming January 20, 2018

"Abide" Women's Conference

First Baptist Brandon | January 20, 2018 - 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Cost: \$25 includes a coffee bar and brunch!

Come together with other women in the area as we welcome conference speaker Cynthia Tobias, an author and speaker who is featured frequently on Focus on the Family.

For information contact [Christy Shimkus](#), Director of Women's Ministry at FBC Brandon

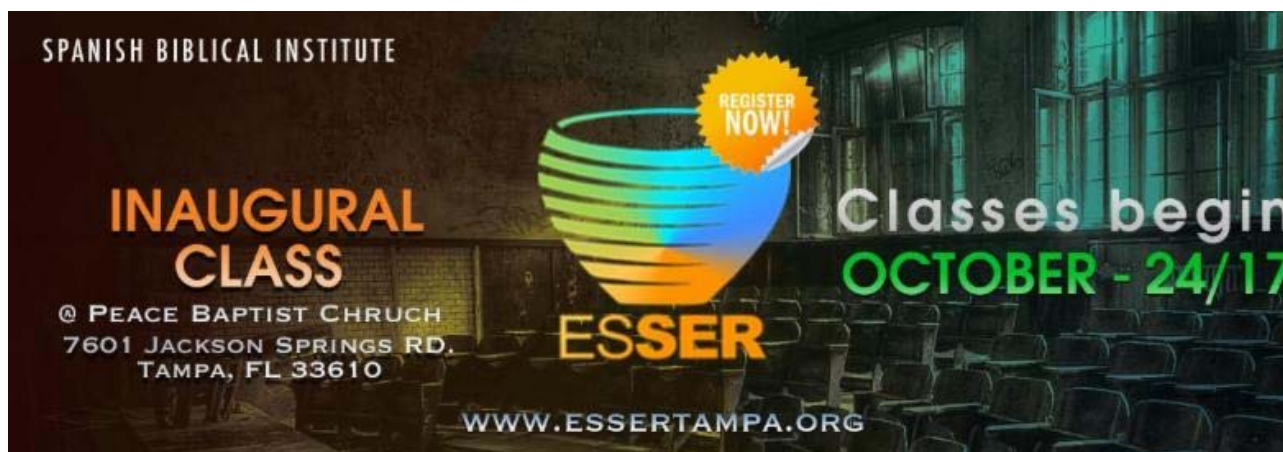
RECENT HIGHLIGHTS



Annual Celebration: God Continues Writing His Story in the TBBA

Thank you to all who attended and volunteered at our Annual Celebration Meeting held at FBC Brandon on Sunday, October 15. We had an amazing time of singing and hearing reports of some of the many ways God is writing His story through the churches of the TBBA, including church planting, discipleship, training, retreats, the Foundation and more.

Thank you to all of our pastors and churches who make this Association such a joy to serve.



Update on Esser, Spanish Biblical Institute



On October 20, 2017 we had our first Student orientation day with 30 students. On October 23 we had 15 professors in attendance for our teacher's training with the President of the Seminary of Republican Dominican, who flew in just for us.

The next day, (October 24) we kicked off ESSER with an official opening class for everyone, not only the students, and had an attendance of more than 70 people.

Our first classes launched on Saturday, October 28 with nine students, and another class in the Wimauma area had 17 students. Finally, in our first Monday night class, October 30, we had 30 students present.

God has blessed us way beyond what we have planned for and this is exactly what our Lord does with us. Teaching us to grow our faith more. He is awesome.

To Him be the glory and honor.

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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. 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.





Can We Talk?

On October 20, 2017 fifty of our pastors/leaders attended a one day evangelism conference (Can We Talk?) at Idlewild Baptist Church and because of the generosity of Idlewild and the TBBA the cost was only \$10 per person which included materials, lunch, and dinner. Everyone learned how to share the gospel in a brief and simple conversational style instead of in a lengthy presentation.

CHURCH & MINISTRY NEWS

Followup note from the USF Ministry Project goodie bags :

"The donated goodie bags have all been distributed! We used them to connect with students during the beginning weeks of school, on Wednesdays at Bull Market, and during our Engage 24 event in October. We've made hundreds of connections and the gospel has been shared countless times. During Engage 24 alone, we encouraged students walking by our designated area to summarize their life in one word. After they provided an answer, we gave them a bag and attempted to share the gospel. Within the first couple of hours, our team had already shared the gospel with a Buddhist, a Muslim, a former Catholic, a Jehovah's Witness, and a number of students from nonreligious backgrounds. The bags were a huge success as the students loved receiving little items essential to productive studying! Thank you so much!!"

Nathan Schneider

Director - Baptist Campus Ministry

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.

Exciting Central

- Congratulations to Exciting Central Baptist Church as they have called Pastor Lennox Zamore as their senior Pastor.

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.

Manhattan Baptist Church

- Manhattan Baptist Church is looking for a part time worship leader; 10 to 15 hours per week. This is a paid position. If interested, please send resume to pastorjohn@manhattanbaptist.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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