



DECEMBER 2017

## An Indescribable Gift!



I trust that you have been blessed through the years to give and receive many different gifts at Christmas time. One of my favorite gifts I was given was an electric football game. The Baltimore Colts were the team I loved so I painted my players blue and white and put the number 19 on my quarterback, who of course was Johnny Unitas. My buddies and I enjoyed many hours of exciting electric football in my home.

When I was fifteen years of age I was transformed by grace at the Ridgecrest Conference Center when I received the gift of all gifts, the indescribable gift of Jesus Christ. Nothing or no one can compare to what He has given us through His substitutionary atonement on the cross. His indescribable gift changes everything and I know that you join me this Christmas season in celebrating His birth.

Coming alongside,  
Mike

## FUTURE EVENTS





**TBBA Annual Preaching Conference**  
with Dr. Stephen Rummage  
January 19-20, 2018  
**Rescheduled to March 1**  
**Sharper Conference at Bell Shoals**

Our Annual Preaching Conference with Dr. Stephen Rummage will be part of the Florida Baptist Convention's *Sharper Conference* that will be held at Bells Shoals Baptist on Thursday, March 1. Details will be forthcoming.

RSVP to Jan at [jjones@tbba.org](mailto:jjones@tbba.org) or 813-935-3839.



Thursday, January 18 at 12pm

The Crossing Church

10130 Tuscany Ridge Rd, Tampa 33619

Join other TBBA Pastors and staff members at a free luncheon at the Crossing Church to learn about Revive Florida and how your church might train and mobilize many to share the gospel in the Fall of 2018.

RSVP to Jan at [jjones@tbba.org](mailto:jjones@tbba.org)







## Abide Women's Conference

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.

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

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





## Pastors' Prayer Summit

First Baptist Temple Terrace | February 19-21, 2018  
10002 N 56th St, Temple Terrace, FL 33617 [ [map](#) ]

All pastors are invited to be spiritually renewed through this prayer summit experience. Join over 100 pastors from across the country as they seek the Lord through worship, prayer, repentance, stillness, listening, and more. Learn how to then go back to your church and more effectively lead it to be a "house of prayer for the nations".

For information contact FBCTT (813) 988-1138

[To register click here](#)



## Priscilla Shire Live Event

Saturday, April 28, 2018  
Idlewild Baptist Church  
18333 Exciting Idlewild Blvd | Lutz, FL 33548



Priscilla's desire is to see women come to a full understanding of who they are in Christ by hearing the uncompromising truth of Scripture. With passionate Bible teaching from Priscilla and worship by Anthony Evans, you don't want to miss this intimate and inspiring event for women of every age, culture, and background.

[Click here for more information](#)

## RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

### Florida Baptist Convention



We are grateful for the leadership of Pastor Paul Purvis (FBC Temple Terrace) and Dr. Stephen Rummage (Bell Shoals) as they led the Florida Baptist Pastors' Conference and the Florida Baptist Convention. Hundreds of pastors were inspired and encouraged through the preaching and resources at the Pastors' Conference and over 1,000 pastors and leaders attended the Florida Baptist Convention.

One of the highlights was that we heard the first ever convention sermon preached in Spanish and then translated into English. The Lord is truly leading Southern Baptists to become more and more diverse.

### Pastor's Wives November Lunch



We had ten pastor's wives and leaders attend our annual Fall luncheon on November 4 at the Association offices. Two ladies spoke and it was an encouragement to all who attended. It was a restful and fun time for the ladies with a delicious lunch catered by Chipotle. We are looking forward to our spring event.

## CHURCH & MINISTRY NEWS





## TBBA Ministry Projects

### January and February

Help Support a local Pregnancy Care Center

**North Tampa:** Oasis Pregnancy Care Center, 3632 Land O Lakes Blvd., Suite 108, Land O Lakes 34639. Contact person: Pete (813)406-4965, or [peter@oasispregnancycenter.org](mailto:peter@oasispregnancycenter.org)

**Central Tampa:** Assure Women's Center, 14620 N. Nebraska Ave. , Bldg C, 33613 (Contact Person: Melissa, 813-316-3760, or [melissa@14-6.com](mailto:melissa@14-6.com))

**Brandon:** Choices Women's Center-LifeCare Network, 122 N. Moon Ave., Brandon 33510. Contact person: Jessica, 813-654-0491 x1005 or [jessica@lifecarenetwork.net](mailto:jessica@lifecarenetwork.net)

**South Tampa:** A Woman's Place, 3308 W. Kennedy Blvd., suite B, 33609, Contact Person: Yvonne, 813-932-4404, or [www.AWomansPlaceClinic.com](http://www.AWomansPlaceClinic.com)

**Donated Items Needed:** Baby bottles, baby shampoo, baby wash, baby lotion, bibs, crib sheets, diapers (newborn), wipes, onesies sleepers, pacifiers

### 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.

### 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](mailto:hannah@iamelement.org).

### Friendship Baptist Church

- Friendship Baptist Church is seeking temporary volunteer help at their newly launched Saturday Evening Worship service in Sun City Center. Pianists/keybordists, praise team members, or guitarists/musicians who can lend a hand on a Saturday evening at 5:00 PM, starting December 2, or December 9th, or any other Saturday evening in December, would be greatly appreciated. If you have any experience with sound systems or ideas as to incorporating CD's in worship, that would also be helpful. Please contact pastor Manny Hernandez at [manny.fbchurch@gmail.com](mailto:manny.fbchurch@gmail.com) or 941-993-8744.

### 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](mailto:Pastorjohn@manhattanbaptist.org).

### Tampa Shores Baptist Church

- Tampa Shores is seeking to fill three different part-time positions: a bi-vocational student Pastor; middle school leader; and children's Pastor. Each position pays \$100.00 per week. For more information or to apply, please contact Pastor Vergil Morgan at [vmorgan@tampashores.org](mailto:vmorgan@tampashores.org) or (813) 855-6161



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