



JUNE 2018

## "Speak, for your servant hears."



Southern Baptists have been in the national news lately, and sadly for the wrong reasons. The Executive Director - Treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention has recently resigned due to a morally inappropriate relationship, one of our seminary presidents has been terminated, and a very popular and influential Southern Baptist female Bible teacher has stated that many women have experienced horrific abuses within the power structures of our Christian world.

I believe that our Lord is speaking to us today in the midst of these problems. We should call out to Him as Samuel did when he said, "Speak, for your servant hears." We must not take sin lightly but we also must not become critical of others during these difficult times. Let's allow our failures to drive us all to live more virtuous lives as described by the Apostle Paul in his letter to the Colossians. He told them to put on "compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience". Two verses later he told them, "beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity". Pray that the upcoming Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting will be an incredible time of humility and brokenness. We need God to powerfully move among us and enable us to not just talk about Jesus but to also walk like Jesus. Let's strive to become more than ever before a people who deeply love and greatly respect all men, women, boys, and girls as we reflect the grace and goodness of our Savior.

I like what Dr. Al Mohler, President of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary recently wrote about the challenges we are now facing. "This moment requires the very best of us. The Southern Baptist Convention is on trial and our public credibility is at stake. May God have mercy on us all."

Mike

## JUNE EVENTS





## Foster Parent Training and Certification



Saturday June 2, 2018 | 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
 First Baptist Church of Lutz  
 18116 US Highway 41 N. | Lutz, FL 33549

Join us on our campus as TJ Perry from the Florida Baptist Children's Home leads us in Foster Parent Training and Certification.

Call our church office for more information (813) 949-7495  
*Child Care is available from birth through age four*



## *Finishing Strong*

Monday, June 4, 2018 @ 11:30 a.m.

TBBA Office - 1060 W. Busch Blvd. | Tampa FL 33612

Recently a prominent Southern Baptist Convention leader was forced to resign due to a "recent morally inappropriate" relationship. This news has deeply saddened many followers of Christ. This story unfortunately seems to be repeated all too often. What can Christian leaders and especially pastors do to better protect themselves from a similar failure?

I believe that one of the best ways to help pastors and leaders is to encourage and assist them to find a godly brother who they can safely and openly share their lives with on a regular basis. Yet most pastors struggle with the thought of trusting someone that they can be totally honest with.

Come to the "Finishing Strong" luncheon and receive a free copy of Steve Farrar's book, "Finishing Strong."



Pastor Ron Upton  
Idlewild Baptist Church



Pastor David Oates  
Seaglass Church

Come hear these two pastors share about how a godly, trusted friend has been used of God to sharpen them to be more like Jesus.

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

AN OPEN LETTER TO  
YOUNGER SOUTHERN



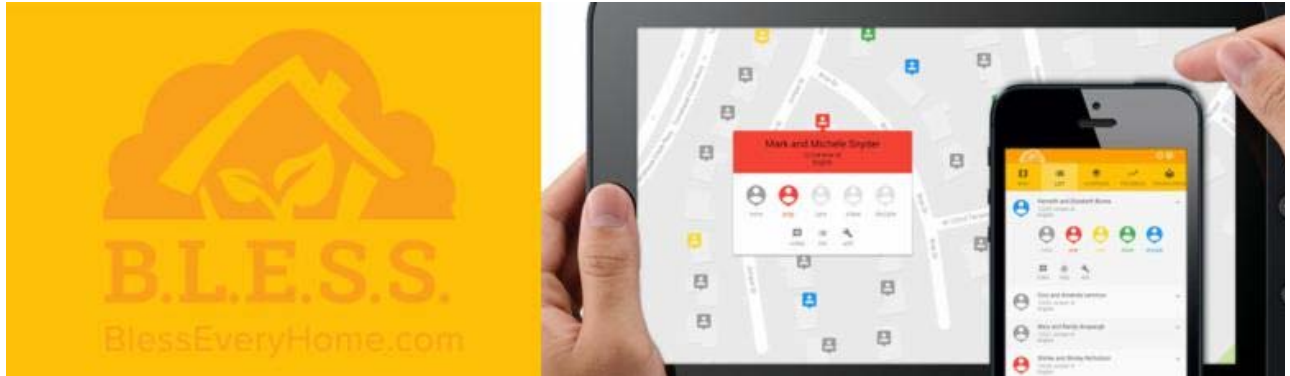
## *Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas*

June 12-13, 2018

In the wake of all of the negative press and all the challenges facing our denomination, this year's Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas will surely be an important meeting. In preparation for that meeting June 12-13, 2018 we are asking for your presence, your prayers and your participation.

We also want to provide here a link to an insightful article written by Pastor Nathan Akin on *Baptist 21*. It is an "Open Letter" written by a young Southern Baptist to other young Southern Baptists. We think it is a worth the read for all of us.

Read the article as here: <https://baptist21.com/sbc/2018/an-open-letter-to-younger-southern-baptists/>



## **Bless Every Home Luncheon Founder - Chris Cooper**

**Thursday, June 28, 2018**

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

TBBA Office | 1060 W Busch, Tampa FL 33612

Lunch is on us!

Don't miss a great opportunity to hear from Chris Cooper, the founder of the Mapping Center for Evangelism and Bless Every Home. His ideas are helping to transform neighborhoods and churches across the country and around the world by combining technology and the power of prayer.

Come find out how you and your church can get involved, or come and learn from the founder how



you can better use these technologies.

RSVP to [Jan Jones](#)

## FUTURE EVENTS

**EQUIPPING TAMPA BAY**  
**LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

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**SAT | AUG 18 | 8:30AM-1:00 PM**  
**@ SEMINOLE HEIGHTS CHURCH**  
**801 E HILLSBOROUGH AVE, 33604**  
**COST: \$5.00 (INCLUDES BREAKFAST & LUNCH)**

Save the Date for the Annual Leadership Conference  
Saturday, August 18, 2018

Details coming soon | Call (813) 935-3839 or email [Jan Jones](#)

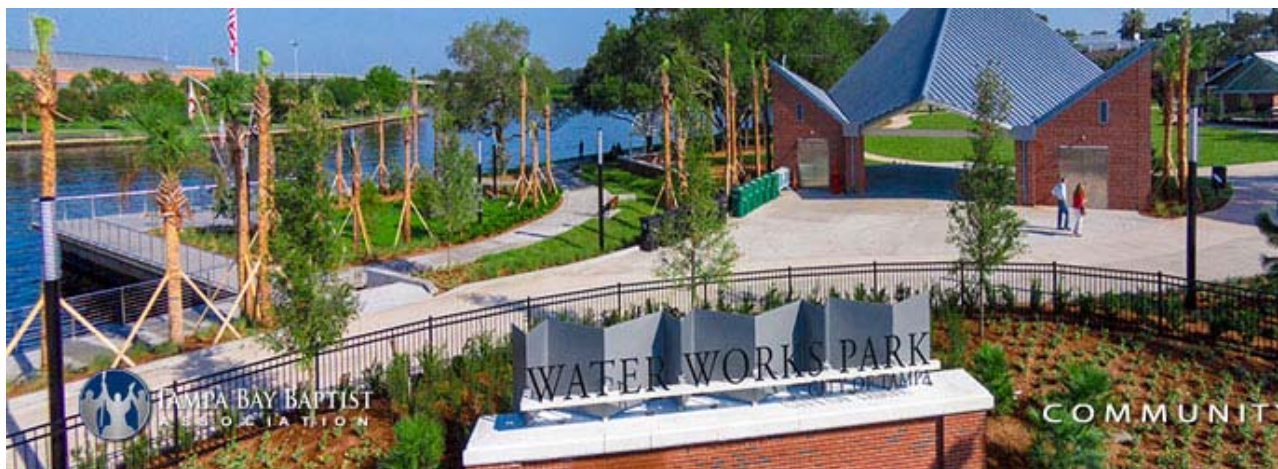
## RECENT HIGHLIGHTS





## Saturate Tampa Bay August 4 - November 21

The Kick-off luncheon for the Saturate Tampa Bay outreach was an exciting time for about 100 pastors and leaders to hear about this compelling evangelistic strategy and then to sign up to participate. "Christ for All Peoples" ministry will be providing over 900,000 free Jesus DVDs for evangelical church members to distribute in neighborhoods around their churches from August 4 - November 21 of this year. It is not too late for your church to sign up to participate in taking the gospel to every residence in Hillsborough and Pinellas counties and some of Pasco county. Call Mike at (813) 629-2222 to sign your church up for this once in a lifetime outreach.



## TBBA Ministry Projects

**June through August**

Focus on Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM)

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 2017 the BCM Reached 3,225 total students -- 850 International Students - 210 students in Bible Studies - 50 involved in Missions - 10 Salvations.

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

- Each *Quart size zip-lock bag or party favor bag* includes one each of the following:
- Granola bar; hard candy (no chocolate), chewing gum, highlighter; pencil with eraser, pens, sticky notes, index cards. No tracks or church info cards, please, thanks).

The TBBA needs the welcome bags no later than Monday, August 13, 2018.

#### Balm Baptist Church

- Balm Baptist Church has a Communion Table and Pulpit for anyone who could use it, contact Pastor Daniel Duncan at (813) 634-2171.

#### Manhattan Baptist

- 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).

#### First Baptist Church of Riverview

- First Baptist Church of Riverview would like you to join them for kids camp (2nd - 5th grade). Spaces are still available. Theme - *Maker Fun Factory*  
Dates July 23 - 27, 2018 cost- \$270 per person. Location - Tampa Bay Baptist Conference Center. Deposit \$50.00 Due Now.  
Contact: Bridee Manning - [Bridee@Fbcriverview.org](mailto:Bridee@Fbcriverview.org) or (813) 677-6377

#### Seafarers Center - Tampa Port Ministries

- Volunteers needed - They are essential to their mission.  
Consider being part of a great outreach to people from all over the world.  
Ministry needs: Van Driver: 6pm to 9pm any evening Monday - Friday and/or 9am to 3pm Saturdays. Provide transportation for crew members from the ship to the Seafarers Center or to local shopping venues. Requirements: Drivers license with clean DMV record, Port pass and TWIC card (provided by Ministry) Contact Steve Finnesy at [stevefinnesy@gmail.com](mailto:stevefinnesy@gmail.com) for more information.

#### Tampa Bay Baptist Conference Center

- The Tampa Bay Baptist Conference Center is in need of help for the summer season during camp. Pay is \$8.50 an hour. If interested please contact Eric or Sandra Brown at [www.tbbcc.org](http://www.tbbcc.org) or (813) 961-1059.

#### Tampa Shores Church

- Tampa Shores is looking for a student pastor. Prefer couple with high energy, a true heart for the next generation. This position provides a stipend. Position could move to full time as we continue to grow. For more information contact Pastor Vergil Morgan at [www.tampashores.org](http://www.tampashores.org) .



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