



OCTOBER 2020

EVERYDAY DECISIONS IN A COVID-19 REALITY



It has already been over six months that our personal lives, our family lives, our church lives and more have been drastically changed by the COVID 19. As if pastoring our churches wasn't challenging enough, it has become so much harder to lead churches in gathering, in ministering, and in reaching out in the midst of isolation. Most of our churches have been gathering for worship for a number of months but some are still only streaming their services. Some have had to shut back down for a few weeks due to outbreaks in the congregation.

Of course, we as your local association, feel similar pressures and burdens and therefore are continuing to minister "from a distance". We are still contacting pastors and leaders to encourage and assist them in any way possible but most meetings are still being held via Zoom.

After wrestling with what to do about our upcoming October 11 Annual Celebration, I have received approval from the Executive Committee to hold a Zoom Annual Celebration rather than an in-person gathering. I have previously sent out a Constant Contact promoting the Zoom format to our pastors but wanted everyone to know about this change. Please see below to learn some of the exciting things that will take place during our virtual celebration and RSVP if you desire to attend so that we can send you the Zoom link.

- Mike

OCTOBER EVENTS



TBBA Annual Celebration
(Changed to a Zoom-only format)

Coming Alongside even during Days of Isolation

Join us for this special time of celebration as we gather online on Zoom-only Sunday, October 11, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. on Zoom.

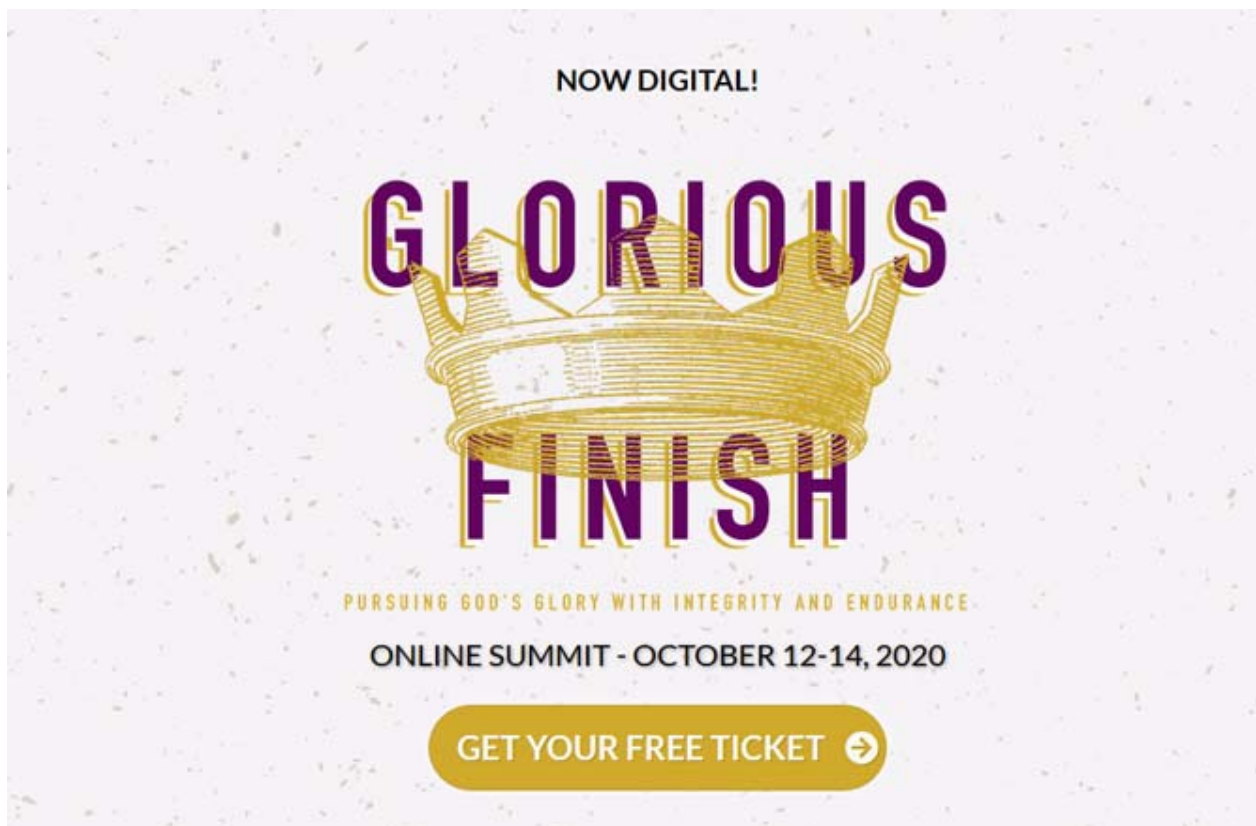


With Special Guest Dr. Stephen Rummage of Quail Springs Baptist Church in Oklahoma City, OK.

This meeting was previously announced as an in-person gathering with the option of live streaming. However, we made the decision during our September 21, 2020 Executive Committee meeting to move to an online-only format. Because of this change, we will use our time together to enjoy a live Zoom message from Dr. Rummage, to hear some testimonies of what it means to partner together, and to conduct some official business that we are required to conduct annually in accordance with our Constitution. Our Book of Reports, which has always been distributed at our Annual Celebrations, will instead be sent out on October 26, 2020 in a Constant Contact to all of our pastors and lay leaders who normally receive our e-News.

Your participation is very much needed and appreciated.

Please RSVP Jan Jones at (813) 935-3839 or [by email](#) and she will send you the Zoom link via email.



Glorious Finish: Three-Day Online Summit on Prayer
Designed to Keep Your Eyes Focused on the Glory of God

Monday, October 12, 2020 - thru - Wednesday, October 14, 2020

The Glorious Finish Online Summit is a three day experience designed to encourage and equip you to keep your eyes focused on what matters most - the glory of God.

Too many have found themselves dishonored and disqualified at the end of their journey. Our greatest hindrance to finishing well is not our passions for sin and self, but a lack of zeal for the glory of God.

All keynote sessions available on demand throughout the event. Live workshops require ticketed access.

Your Free Ticket Includes:

- Five Keynote Messages
- Two Dozen Live Workshop Options
- Prayer Times led by **Daniel Henderson**
- Instant Download Bonus: Living For His Glory eBook

This event is free, **but you must register ahead of time:**

- WHEN: Monday, October 12 - Wednesday, October 14, 2020
- WHERE: On-demand, online access
- COST: Free

[Click here to go to the Web site, then click on "get your FREE TICKET"](#)

Speakers include: Tim Armstrong, Kie Bowman, Daniel Henderson, H.B. Charles Jr, Tim Armstrong, Jeff Schwarzentraub, Robert Smith Jr., Al Toledo, Troy Keaton, Alice Moss, Dennis Henderson, Billie Henderson, Vance Pitman, Keeney Dickenson, Jim Maxim, Paul Purvis, Lindsay Taylor, Pat Jones, Len Crowley, Jason Matta, Mike Mitchener, Dale Sutherland, Brenda Brown, Matt Kyser.

Growing A Powerful Generosity System Workshop

"I learned that ministry could be done better than we're doing right now. It gives you greater insight into how you can do ministry more effectively."
— Anthony, Washington, DC



Register Today!



Generosity by LifeWay



LifeWay is Partnering with the TBBA, the Suncoast Association, and the Florida Baptist Foundation to present the

UNLEASH GENEROSITY WORKSHOP

Three Different Workshops on Three Different Dates October 13, 20, 27, 2020 | Attend one, attend all

STREAMING Online from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.



Todd McMichen
Director of LifeWay Generosity & Digital Giving

Millennials are quickly becoming a powerful generosity force. They are actually super generous. However, it is in ways the church often doesn't receive. Learn the latest trends, best practices, and how to open the six digital giving channels that modern generations are using.

Art Rainer
Best-selling author, *The Money Challenge*

It is time to flip the conversation. Past generations responded well to the stewardship message, yet this generation is very different. They actually respond better to a generosity passion. They want to live big lives and are looking to do so every day. Learn the powerful biblical principles of leadin

with generosity in discipling this generation on money.



Zach Terry

Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church,
Amelia Island, FL

Church vision moves at the speed of its resources, and nothing moves the dial faster than a key giver. Every church has them, though they all look different. We are going to dive into the unique mindset and heart of a key giver, helping pastors

learn how to shepherd and disciple well without asking for money.

The cost of this training will be \$10.00 with all proceeds going to the Benevolence Fund of the Florida Baptist Foundation in support of pastors needs.

If you had previously registered and paid for this workshop, the LifeWay Christian Resources office of Generosity & Digital Giving will contact you to offer either a full refund or transfer of your ticket to the new virtual conference.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER ONLINE](#)



One-Day Marriage Mentor Training

TBBA Office - 1060 W. Busch Blvd.

Saturday, October 24, 2020

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Take advantage of this great opportunity to train some of your leaders to become mentor couples, and to get certified as coaches.

Led by relationship Coach, Darin Saley, this one-day training offers many benefits:

- Help your married couples grow strong, Christ-centered relationships
- Encourage your staff and leaders (along with their wives) to become certified marriage "coaches"
- Equip leader couples so that they walk alongside other couples in a one-on-one setting, or in a Sunday School or small group environment



To RSVP, please send a check payable to TBBA for \$149 (per couple) to Jan Jones at 1060 W. Busch Blvd. Tampa, FL 33612. RSVP soon as we will limit the number of participants so that we can adhere to social distancing guidelines.

- Includes free continental breakfast, and lunch

Contact Jan at jjones@tbba.org or (813) 935-3839 to RSVP or for more information

NOVEMBER EVENTS



Florida Baptist Convention Annual Meeting Cancelled

In a special video announcement made August 31, 2020, Dr. Tommy Green confirmed that the November Florida Baptist Convention Annual Meeting has been cancelled.

- You can watch the 4:21 video here -> [available via Facebook](#).

For those who do not have a Facebook account, we have attempted to summarize Dr. Green's announcement below:

- "In the coming weeks" the State Board of Missions will meet to:
 - conduct business to officially cancel the 2020 Annual Meeting, and to allow for the 2021 Annual Meeting to return to The Lakes Church in Lakeland, FL.
 - adopt the FBC 2021 budget
 - recommend that all positions and appointments be extended for one year (if possible) or left vacant for one year (when not possible)

Dr. Green announced that a video update will be released on November 10, 2020 summarizing some of the work God and His FBC churches have done together in the last year.

He also announced a one-day event that will be held at FBC Orlando on February 16, 2021. This state-wide meeting will combine the Sharper and Evangelism conferences and focus on the Challenge 2025 initiative, church planting, and other targeted topic areas. Look for more details to come.

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

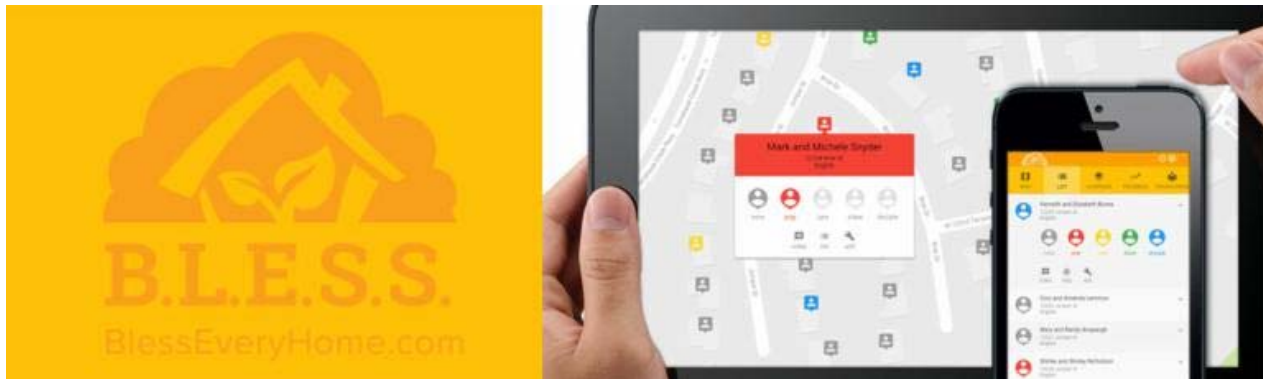


We were excited to gather with more than 80 pastors and leaders at Mission Hill Church on September 24, 2020 for an amazing time with Pastor Jim Cymbala, of the Brooklyn Tabernacle in Brooklyn, NY.

Pastor Cymbala shared from Acts 11 about how there was an incredible gospel movement of God

through ordinary believers who were filled with the Spirit and had God's hand upon them. Pastor Jim shared that the Lord wants to do the same thing today.

This day was especially meaningful because it represented the first time our pastors have gathered in this way in more than six months.



Bless Every Home Interview with Steve Bradshaw



The TBBA is strongly behind the Bless Every Home neighborhood prayer ministry. This summer, I had the opportunity to interview Steve Bradshaw of the Southern Baptist Convention of Virginia to learn more about its compelling vision of recruiting its 700 churches to faithfully participate in Bless Every Home's Pray, Care, Share strategy.

[CLICK HERE OR ON THE IMAGE ABOVE TO WATCH THE VIDEO](#)

In recent months, we have been coming alongside many of our pastors and churches who are catching the vision for this strategy. I am praying for a prayer Movement in our county to the extent that every person in every home is being repeatedly prayed for by name, by a Christ follower.

If you are interested in learning more about how this ministry might mobilize your church members to reach their neighbors, CALL the office to schedule a meeting with me.

Call Mike (813) 935-3839 or Cell (813) 629-2222

COMMUNITY & MINISTRY

Manhattan Baptist

- Manhattan Baptist Church located in South Tampa, is looking for an experienced pianist. The part-time pianist will be paid \$100 per week. The applicant must be willing to work Sunday morning and Wednesday evenings for choir rehearsal. Applicants can contact their Worship Leader, Peter Jensen at the church at 813-831-1951 for more information.

Exciting Central Baptist

- Exciting Central is seeking a full time Executive Assistant. Job summary is to facilitate the effective ministry of ECTBC by serving the senior pastor, pastoral team, and ECTBC community in excellence. This position reports directly to the Senior Pastor. Interested individuals may contact Deacon Rashad Hines at (813) 924-2374.



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