



TAMPA BAY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

E-News

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From "It is finished" to "He has risen"

This upcoming Easter season is a great time for all of us to reflect deeply on the amazing love and grace of our Lord that was shown to the world through His death on the cross and His resurrection from the dead three days later. The cross and empty tomb changes everything for the people of God who have been rescued from the penalty and power of sin.

The below verses are a reminder of what He did for us and what we enjoy because of His sacrificial death on our behalf. I encourage you to slowly read through them and as a result, praise God for all that He has done for you.

Isaiah 53:3-6 He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. 4 Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned--every one--to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Matthew 27 29 And after twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand; and they knelt down before Him and mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" 30 They spat on Him, and took the reed and began to beat Him on the head. 46 About the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice saying, "ELI, ELI, LAMA SABACHTHANI?" that is, "MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?"

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 19 1 Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. 18 There they crucified Him, and with Him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. 25 but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

John 20 16 Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him in Hebrew, "Rabboni!" (which means, Teacher). 17 Jesus said to her, "Stop clinging to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I ascend to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God.'" 19 So when it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." 20 And when He had said this, He showed them both His hands and His side. The disciples then rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Romans 5:8 But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

2 Corinthians 5:21 He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Ephesians 2 4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places

in Christ Jesus,

Hebrews 12:2b ... who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

1 Peter 3:18 For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit;

As the Apostle Paul wrote, "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift."

Gratefully,
Mike



MORE MONTHLY PASTORS FORUMS

TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2021

With Mike and Jeff Singletary

1:30 p.m. - to - 3:00 p.m.

The Zoom invitation has already been emailed a few times by Jeffery Singletary and will be resent on Monday, March 15.

THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 2021

1:30 p.m. - to - 3:00 p.m.

[[CLICK FOR MAR 25 ZOOM MEETING](#)]

Meeting ID = 812 9956 6449 | password = 123456

Join us for one or even both of these times, times that are designed for pastors to share how they are doing personally, and to share what is working and not working in their churches.

We hope you can share questions and ideas that will help us build each other up.

We are better together. | Thank you for your participation.

PASTOR PRAYER GATHERINGS



All pastors are invited to participate in these monthly times of earnest prayer. We have continued to safely distance as we cry out to the Lord for personal revival and for a regional spiritual awakening.

First Saturday @ 9:00 a.m. with Eloy Rodriguez & Hispanic Pastors

April 3, 2021

Bethel Iglesia Bautista
5706 N Hesperides St.
Tampa FL 33614 [[map](#)]

(Eloy (407) 927-1359)

First Thursday @ 9:00 a.m. with Dan Reid

April 1, 2021

Journey Church (meeting at Southside Brandon)

415 W Lumsden Rd,
Brandon, FL 33511 [[map](#)]

Call Dan for info (813) 597-6426

First-Thursday @ 11:00 a.m. with Elbert Nasworthy

April 1, 2021

Living Faith Bible Fellowship
6400 N 15th St,
Tampa, FL 33610 [[map](#)]

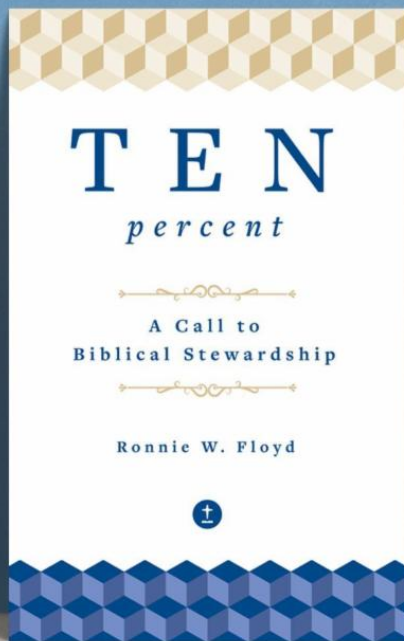
Come in person

Call Elbert for info (813) 318-1340

Future gatherings will meet at various locations

Thank you for making fervent and intentional prayer a priority in your life and ministry. We hope these prayer gatherings will revive and refresh you in these difficult days of the pandemic.

SBC OFFERS DIGITAL KIT: STEWARDSHIP RESOURCES



This stewardship focus builds upon biblical financial principles to help you prioritize, elevate, and accelerate generosity.



sbc.net/stewardship

Now Available from the SBC

This Bible-based, theologically sound stewardship emphasis includes a six-week sermon series and curriculum for Sunday School or small groups. This emphasis can be used in any size church to advance stewardship through a pastor-friendly approach focused on the local church.

Ten Percent: A Call To Biblical Stewardship focuses on six main principles:

1. God is the owner of everything
2. We own absolutely nothing
3. Honor God with at least the first ten percent
4. Bring the full ten percent to the church
5. Practice over-and-above giving
6. Focus on the Great Commission always

APRIL EVENTS



**Join us for a Good Friday service:
(Various preachers)**

Friday, April 2, 2021

6:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church of Wesley Chapel

29716 State Road 54
Wesley Chapel, Florida 33543 [[map](#)]

SAVE THE DATE

Restore!

WOMEN'S SPRING RETREAT
APRIL 23-24, 2021
LAKE YALE

Women's Spring Retreat

Date: April 23 @ 5:30pm - April 24 @ 3:00pm

Location: Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center

These past several months have been hard to say the least. It has not been uncommon for many of us to feel like we have lost our joy and need restoration. How does God restore your soul? What is your part in that process, and what is God's part? What kinds of spiritual practices put us in a place where God can restore and transform our soul? Join us for our 2021 Women's Spring Retreat as we worship and seek God together, connect with one another personally (safely and with social distance), relax in a peaceful setting, and take steps to have the joy of our salvation restored.

Cost:

Option A — \$120: 1 night/3 meals (double occupancy)

Option B — \$205: 2 nights/6 meals (double occupancy)

Option C — \$70: Commuter/3 meals

Private room: Please add \$65 extra for each night per person. There is a limited number of private rooms.

Online registration is available for this event. Call Madison Handley at 904-396-2351 for any registration questions.



Featured Guests



KELLY KING
LifeWay Women's
Specialist
Nashville, TN



VANESSA HARTSELL
Ignite Life
Director & Founder
Las Vegas, NV



TERESA HARMENING
Worship Leader
Leesville BC
Addielou, TX



SANDY WISDOM-MARTIN
National WMU
Executive Director
Birmingham, AL

COST \$120 -- 1 night (includes 3 meals + program fees)
PER PERSON \$205 -- 2 nights (includes 6 meals + program fees)
PERSON \$70 -- commuters (includes 3 meals + program fees)

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!
Register at flbaptist.org/events

Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.
--PSALM 52:12 (ESV)



Right Beside You.

Contact Cindy Bradley @ cbradley@flbaptist.org
for more information.

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS



Pastors Prayer Summit

We are happy to report that the Annual Pastor's Prayer Summit held February 8-10, 2021

at DaySpring Conference Center in Parrish, FL was a wonderful time of worship, confession, prayer, and fellowship. We were blessed to have 41 evangelical pastors and leaders in attendance to once again be led by our conference leader, Dennis Fuqua, director of International Renewal Ministries.

Thank you to those who attended, and also to those who could not attend but who were praying for the pastors and leaders who were there. It was truly a powerful time of renewal and we look forward to enjoying it again next year.

Save the Date
Join us next year - February 7 - 9, 2022

COMMUNITY & MINISTRY

East Chelsea Baptist Church

- East Chelsea Baptist Church is looking for a part time paid music director. Please call Pastor Raymond James at 813-621-9771 for more details.

Carrollwood Baptist

- Carrollwood Baptist Church is seeking a part-time nursery worker for a minimum of 5 hours per week on Sunday morning and Wednesday evening. Main duties include care and playtime of infants through preschool age. Pay starts at \$12.00 per hour. Salary negotiable with relevant experience. Interested individuals may contact Rhonda Alain at salt2light85@gmail.com to apply for this position.

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.

No Greater Love Baptist Church

- No Greater Love Baptist Church, located in the Palm River-Claire Mel area, is looking for an experienced worship leader/musician on a part-time basis. The applicant must be proficient at playing keyboard. The leader will be compensated with what is comparable to the measure of his or her gift. In addition there is an option for benefits. The applicant must be willing to work Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings for choir rehearsal. Applicants can contact Pastor Larry J. Mouton Jr. at (682) 308-4853, or send their resumes to: lmouton@nogreaterlovetampa.com.

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.

West Broad Street Baptist

- West Broad is seeking to fill two positions. (1) Youth Leader - Working with youth in Christian studies and (2) Worship / Choir Leader - Leading music for choir and congregation. Send resumes to Pastor Roger Bunner (wbsbctampa@gmail.com) (813) 886-4022.