



TAMPA BAY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

E-News

Coming Alongside **October, 2021**

LIFESTYLE EVANGELISM: The 5 "C"s



LIFESTYLE EVANGELISM
KEEPING IT IN PERSPECTIVE



I am continuing to write about the need for thousands of saved church members to show and share Jesus with others.

Some believers mistakenly think that their only responsibility is to live a godly life. Then others will be amazed by how they live and will ask them about what it is that is so unique about them. This will seldom happen. Other believers think that evangelism is all about boldly asking others (strangers and those they know) about whether or not they are sure they will go to heaven when they die, and then sharing the gospel with them. This can often be a good strategy for witnessing, but it is not the only strategy. Lifestyle evangelism with people we know, does include living a godly life and telling others about Jesus. However, it is bigger than this. It involves what I call, the 5 "C"s.

The above diagram shows what the five "C"s are and how they relate to each other. It is an everyday, consistent lifestyle of being on mission so that Jesus might use us to show and share Him with others, any time and anywhere. Below is a description of the 5 "C"s

- **Christ-Centered** - The first and most important truth about biblical evangelism is that we need to daily deny ourselves and fully submit ourselves to Christ so that He can supernaturally live and witness through us. He will lead us in what we should do and/or say in every encounter with others. Acts 1:8 You shall receive power after the Holy Spirit has come upon you and you shall be My witnesses ...
- **Caring** - When Christ lives in and through us, then we will pray for lost people and care about them, just like Jesus cares about them. Jesus loved Zacchaeus when others despised him. He loved the woman at the well even though she had been married five times ...
- **Connecting** - When Christ lives through us then we will pursue spending time with lost neighbors, co-workers, acquaintances, friends, etc. We will have them over for a meal, watch sports with them, hang out with them, and have fun with them. We will do this not because we have to, but because Christ is changing us to such an extent that we want to spend time with outsiders.
- **Conversing** - When Christ is living through us and we are caring about and connecting with others, then we can naturally steer conversations to spiritual things and the gospel. We can share our salvation story and His story of the cross and the empty tomb. Colossians 4:5 Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders, making the most of every opportunity.
- **Continuing** - Regardless of how people respond to us as we show and share Jesus with them we should continue to pray for, love, and serve them while attempting to engage them in further spiritual and gospel conversations. We should patiently reach out to them knowing that our Lord is patient with all people, including us.

This cycle of the 5 "C"s never stops. Everyday we should ask Jesus to empower and lead us, and fill us with love for others. We should continue to pray for others and intentionally try to connect and converse with them. Finally, we should faithfully continue to be their friends regardless of how they respond to us.

To learn more about how your church might train its members to live the 5 "C"s of lifestyle evangelism, call Jan at (813) 935-3839 or email her at jjones@tbba.org.

FEATURED



TAMPA BAY BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION

Annual Celebration

October 17, 2021 - FBC TAMPA

Sunday, October 17, 2021
at 5:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church of Tampa
302 W Kennedy Blvd. | Tampa FL 33606 [[map](#)]

We are looking forward to great praise and worship led by the FBC Tampa praise team and choir, and a great message from our speaker, Pastor Erik Cummings, pastor of New Life Baptist Church in Carol City, FL, and current president of the Florida Baptist Convention.



In addition we will hear stories from

- pastors
- church planters
- One More Child

about how partnering with the TBBA and other churches produces life change through the power of the gospel.

Due to safety concerns, no food will be served.

OCTOBER EVENTS



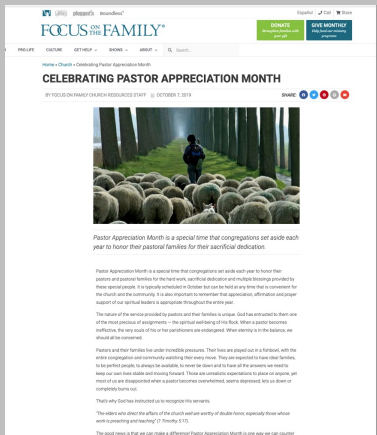
October is Pastor Appreciation Month

For all of you pastors reading this: Thank you, **pastors**, for all you do for our Lord Jesus Christ and His Church (and for our Association of churches). We are praying for

an abundance of grace for you and your family, that out of that abundance you will have grace overflowing as you continue to prayerfully and boldly lead and disciple your congregations.

For all of you staff and other church leaders: Please join us in finding some ways to offer genuine and special thanks this month. Gift cards, and other gifts are great, but the most important thing we can give our pastors is a encouragement.

It goes a long, long way, when a pastor can hear things like "thank you, Pastor, for that Word on Sunday, it made a huge difference in my life," or "thank you for all you do throughout the week, Pastor, to study and prepare, and to shepherd our flock."



If you need some help coming up with ideas:

[click here](#) or on the image on the left for a great article from Focus on the Family.

The TBBA exists to "encourage, equip and multiply," and that begins with our pastors. Thank you again. Keep it up! Please let us know how we can pray and serve for you.



Church leaders,

I want to make you aware of an exciting training opportunity from our International Mission Board



which will be at Calvary in just a few weeks. You can find out ways your church can connect directly with international missions work in South Asia. This is one of the most exciting church planting movements we have ever been a part of. Through our cooperative network you are already a part, but your church can be directly involved in ways that will raise the missions passion in your church and help generate leaders and vision to take the gospel to the nations. This is your invitation to join us at Calvary on October 7 or October 7-8.

- Willy Rice, Pastor, Calvary Church Clearwater

You are invited to two different, free IMB mobilization events

Come and connect with our IMB South Asia leaders

Calvary Church Clearwater

110 McMullen Booth Rd, Clearwater, FL 33759 [[map](#)]

"Intro to South Asia"

This is a One-Day Training

Thursday Morning / Mid-Day

October 7, 2021

9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Get missionally engaged with IMB, and with South Asia!

We will review Biblical foundations, and help churches figure out how to practically do missions among the unreached.

We will also give an overview of field realities and an intro to South Asia strategies and tools, highlighting very specific ways that churches can partner with IMB South Asia through praying, giving, going, and sending.

RSVP Online -> [CLICK HERE](#)

"Becoming a Sending Church"

This is a Two-Day Training

Thursday, October 7, 2021

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Friday, October 8, 2021

8:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Helping churches develop a stronger sending culture, which results in longer term sending to priority fields in South Asia.

Priorities for "Senders" and "Goers" - Enhance sending capacity - Affinity structure - Priority job requests - Partnering with IMB with us to see every South Asian people group engaged.

As a priority, we also plan to give specific attention to potential "goers" in your church / network.

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SOUTH ASIAN PEOPLES October events

South Asia is the epicenter of lostness. The need for more laborers in South Asia becomes greater by the day. Join us October 4 at Houston's First Church in Houston, TX or October 7 at Calvary Clearwater Church in Clearwater, FL to learn more about the realities and needs throughout South Asia and how you and your church can be part of the no place left vision.

Intro to South Asia

October 4 (Houston's First Church, Houston, Tx.)
OR **October 7** (Calvary Clearwater Church, Clearwater, Fla.)
9 am – 2:30 pm

- ▶ Biblical foundation for missions as a priority
- ▶ South Asia field realities
- ▶ IMB – South Asia vision and strategy, including stories from the field
- ▶ Ways you and your church can be involved:
 - + Prayer + Projects + Partnership
 - + Pipeline for Sending + Next Steps

We encourage you to invite other pastors or church leaders!

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October 7-8 (Calvary Clearwater Church, Clearwater, Fla.)
Day 1: 2 pm – 5 pm, Day 2: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

- ▶ Biblical Missiology
- ▶ Church assessment and strategic plan:
 - + Priorities for Goers
 - + Priorities for Senders
 - + Case Study: X150 Pipeline
- ▶ South Asia Overview
 - + Brief overview of vision & strategy
 - + Team Structure in South Asia – mega-segments, strategy leaders, and teams
 - + Brief report of progress in the Core Missionary Task
 - + Where are the gaps? What are the needs?
- ▶ Job Fair
 - + Review of the priority jobs in South Asia
 - + Meet Affinity leadership to discuss specific jobs + Q & A

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SOUTH ASIA



Making Disciples - A Pastors Forum with Pastor Paul Purvis & a Few Other Pastors at Mission Hill Church

Wednesday, October 20, 2021
Noon to 2:00 p.m.

Due to generous sponsors
(TBBA, Tampa Bay for Christ, & more)

this is a free event.

Mission Hill Church (Temple Terrace)
10002 N 56th St, Temple Terrace, FL 33617 [[map](#)]

If our desire is to reach every person in Tampa Bay with the hope of the gospel, it is going to take partnerships. It's also going to take an intentional desire to reproduce multiplying disciples. The TBBA and TB4C are partnering together to put on this event. We look forward to gathering together and discussing these priorities with like minded pastors in our area.

RSVP required. Free Lunch will be provided.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER ONLINE](#)

Or [email](#) or call Jan Jones (813) 935-3839.

NOVEMBER EVENTS



Marriage Training Sessions



Darin Saley

One Day Marriage Mentor Training

Saturday, November 6, 2021

8am-5pm

TBBA Suite 102

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

Led by biblical counselor and 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 them to walk alongside couples in a one-on-one setting, or in a Sunday School or small group environment.

Includes free continental breakfast, and lunch

Contact Jan at jjones@tbba.org or (813) 935-3839 if you have any questions.

To RSVP, please send a check payable to TBBA for \$100 (per couple) to Jan Jones at 1060 W. Busch Blvd. Tampa, FL 33612.



2021 FLORIDA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION

NOVEMBER
8TH & 9TH

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LAKELAND, FL

Florida Baptist Convention

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The banner features a collage of images: a man being prayed for, a city skyline, and a group of people celebrating. The text is overlaid on a background of orange, blue, and yellow geometric shapes.

Florida Baptist Convention Annual Meeting in Lakeland

November 8-9, 2021

The Lakes Church

1010 E Memorial Blvd, Lakeland, FL 33801 [[map](#)]

In addition, join many others for the

Pastors' Conference

Sunday, November 7 @ 6pm through

Monday, November 8 @ 3pm

Visit flbaptist.org/state-convention/ for complete details.

We hope to see you there!



Lunch and Learn

Lunch and Learn is Back!

And so is the famous \$5.00 Steak

Thursday, November 11, 2021

11:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

Tampa Bay Baptist Conference Center
15601 Lake Magdalene Blvd, Tampa, FL 33613 [[map](#)]

"Church Planting in the Northeast ... & in Tampa"

With Joe Souza and Hal Haller of the Baptist Convention of New England

How are pastors in the least-reached places in North America planting churches differently than we are right here in Florida?



Pastor Joe Souza - Church Planter, Catalyst
BCNE Ethnic Ministry Coordinator

Pastor Joe is a native of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, where he was active in Southern Baptist life before moving to Orlando, FL, and later Boston to plant churches. He previously served NAMB as the lead catalyst for Boston church planting. He serves today across the entire six-state region of New England helping ethnic pastors and congregations minister in a "foreign" context, and mobilize first and second-generation leaders.

Pastor Hal Haller - BCNE Associate Executive Director

With 25 years of church planting experience, Hal has started churches in multiple places and led several church planting



networks, including Jacksonville, FL, and before joining the BCNE, as Executive Director for the New York Baptist Convention. Hal's real passion is to help churches think strategically about reaching and discipling people in their unique settings.

Join us for this time of fellowship, food and discussion around the Great Commission... and how reproducing disciples should always result in new, reproducing churches being planted.

We are excited to get together at the conference center again. There is plenty of room, and we will be limiting the number of attendees. So RSVP now.

And don't forget to bring your \$5.00 donation toward the ribeye. Thanks.

RSVP [by email](#) or phone to Jan (813) 935-3839

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS



Refresh Prayer Conference

Featuring Daniel Henderson, Jim Cymbala, and the Gettys

A special thanks goes out to Pastor Ken Whitten and the Idlewild Baptist Church team for hosting the Refresh Prayer Conference. Five TBBA pastors and their church members along with hundreds of Idlewild members comprised the approximately 600 people who were refreshed over this weekend event.

The weekend included:

- a sermon by Jim Cymbala on Praying Instead of Worrying

- wonderful times of praying God's Word that were led by Daniel Henderson
- breakouts by Keith Getty and Daniel Henderson on prayer and worship
- a lunch meeting with Daniel Henderson and pastors and church staff
- a concert by the Gettys on Saturday night.

Everyone was spiritually refreshed and they were also encouraged to take what they experienced over the weekend and continue to grow in prayer individually and to be part of helping their churches become houses of prayer for the nations.

COMMUNITY & MINISTRY



Iglesia de Odessa

- Pastor Ray Sanabria is looking for a worship leader for a brand new Spanish-speaking church plant in the Odessa area. Contact Pastor Ray by [email](#) or (813) 784-1155.

Bell Shoals Baptist Church

- Bell Shoals Baptist Church has preschool curriculum to give to a church that needs it. Lifeway "Bible Studies for Life" (kindergarten age). For more information contact Marta Cortez at mcortez@bellshoals.com or call (813) 689-4229 x486.

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 Church

- Carrollwood Baptist Church is seeking a Financial Ministry Assistant. This position is responsible for Carrollwood Baptist Church's accounts receivable, accounts payable, payroll, and other designated financial, office and church ministry related tasks. This person works closely with CBC's ministerial and other team members as well as with persons in the church congregation and

public. The normal time for this position is 40 hours per week.

First Baptist of Wesley Chapel

- First Baptist Church of Wesley Chapel is currently accepting resumes to fill a part-time position for Director of Music. This position is a paid position requiring about 10-15 hours a week of time. Please submit resumes to fbcwesleychapel@gmail.com or for more information please call the church office at (813) 973-7185.

Manhattan Baptist

- Manhattan Baptist Church 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.

West Broad Street Baptist

- West Broad is seeking to fill a position for a Youth Leader - Working with youth in Christian studies. Send resume to Pastor Roger Bunner (wbsbctampa@gmail.com) (813) 886-4022.