



TAMPA BAY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

E-News

Coming Alongside February, 2022

Evangelism: A Beetle or a Bentley?



The Volkswagen Beetle became the best-selling car in the world in 1968 and maintained that position throughout the 1970s. The Beetle became the first car to outsell the Model T in total production number. It was a dependable, yet basic car that many throughout the world enjoyed driving.

In contrast, a Bentley automobile is a luxury car with exceptional craftsmanship that is exquisitely built. They are so special that they are not mass produced but they are individually ordered and obtained. They are very expensive and as a result only a few people can afford to purchase one.

The Beetle and the Bentley are both designed to dependably and safely get a person from one place to another. However, the Bentley provides a much more enjoyable driving experience.

What do the Beetle and the Bentley have to do with Evangelism? The TBBA has recently been promoting a lifestyle evangelism curriculum called *All for One*. It is respectfully speaking, a Bentley sort of strategy. Although it is free, because it is eight sessions long and includes homework and accountability, it is “costly” to pastors, leaders, and students because of the time commitment and expectations. Therefore, only a portion of pastors and churches may feel like they can “afford” to implement it.



That is exactly why a new and simpler evangelism strategy was developed by the



TBBA. It is called *What If? PLEASE*.

It is a VW Beetle sort of strategy that is designed to be used by lots and lots of church members. It is not near as costly in regards to time commitments and expectations and much of the strategy can

be taught from the pulpit on Sunday mornings.

The Beetle (*What If? PLEASE*) and the Bentley (*All for One*) are both designed to dependably enable Christ-followers to show and share Jesus with people they know and with people they do not know.

I hope that many, many TBBA pastors will attend one of the two *What If? PLEASE* Evangelism Conversations mentioned below to hear about this new evangelism strategy that is for everyone, and not just for a few.

Mike

FEBRUARY EVENTS

WHAT IF?

What If? P.L.E.A.S.E. Evangelism Conversations

**Let's Talk about Simple and Effective Ways to Show and Share Jesus
This is NOT *All for One* Evangelism**

A 2021 Gallup poll indicated that only 47 percent of Americans are members of a local church, synagogue, or mosque. The percentage was 70 percent as recently as 1999. The 47 percent number is the lowest percentage in the past eight decades. Our nation is certainly not trending in a good spiritual direction and many Christian leaders wonder about how this trend can be changed for the better.

Join us in February or March for one of two identical meetings, where we ask the question "What if?"... What if our pastors and churches could learn and deploy a compelling and yet ***simple*** evangelism strategy?

We hope you will come to talk and listen. Just pick the date that works for you:

February 16, 2022

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

West Broad Street Baptist Church

3809 W Broad St, Tampa, FL 33614 [[map](#)]

March 24, 2022

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

Harvest Baptist Fellowship

5902 N Himes Ave, Tampa, FL 33614 [[map](#)]

Enjoy lunch, fellowship and training for free.

RSVP with Jan Jones by phone (813) 935-3839 or [Email](#)



FBC Challenge 2025

February 22, 2022
8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church of Orlando
3000 S John Young Pkwy, Orlando, FL 32805 [[map](#)]

[REGISTER HERE](#)

As believers we are challenged to live out our faith in our daily lives through evangelism and discipleship. As pastors, I know that you face intense challenges and hardships as you seek to advance God's Kingdom right where He has placed you.

We know as Florida Baptists we can do more together than we ever could alone. Baptisms. Church Plants. Church Revitalizations. Mission Engagements. Maguire State Missions Offering. Cooperative Program Giving.

These are not just checklist items. They are indicators of the feet on the ground working for the glory of God. No one person, no one church can accomplish all that God has called us to.

So we work together. We challenge and sharpen one another. We encourage our brothers and we pick each other up when it is too hard to go it alone.

Gather with us on February 22 for a time of facing our challenges, addressing our ministry contexts and struggles and equipping one another to continue the fight for the advancement of the Gospel.

COST

Individual Registration - \$30 | \$15 early bird price through January 7
Church Leadership Registration (all pastors, key leaders from church) - \$120 | \$60
early bird price through January 7

SCHEDULE

8:00 am Registration Opens
8:30 - 8:50 am Kickoff Celebration
9:00 - 10:30 am Breakout Sessions 1
10:45 - 12:30 pm General Session
12:30 - 1:15 pm Lunch
1:15 - 2:45 pm Breakout Sessions 2
3:00 - 4:00 pm General Session

[REGISTER HERE](#)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Executive Committee Meeting

February 21, 2022
10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Northgate Baptist Church
1301 W Linebaugh Ave
Tampa 33612

We are excited to be meeting together for a time of encouragement, sharpening, discussion and some official TBBA business.

Thank you for participating.

RSVP to Jan by phone (813) 935-3839 or email jjones@tbba.org.

We look forward to seeing you there.

MARCH EVENTS



multiplying disciples
For Church Leaders



Change of Date

Multiplying Disciples for Pastors & Church Leaders

Two-Day Discipleship Training for Pastors, Teams, and Lay Leaders

Formerly March 4-5, 2022

**The date is changing to a weekend in May and will be
communicated soon.**

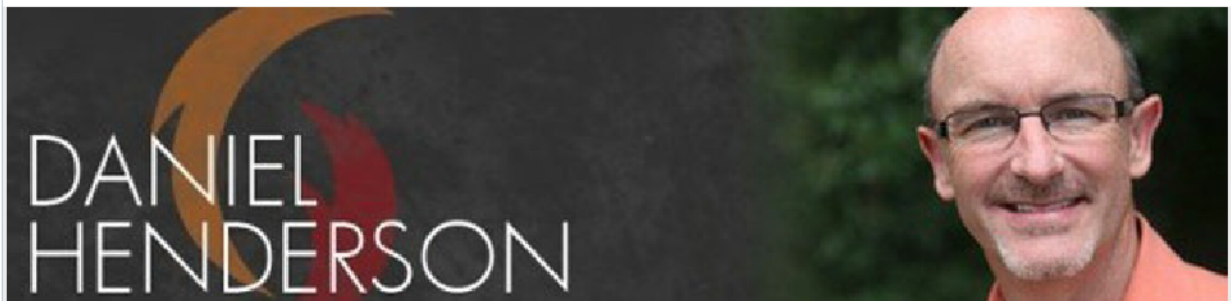
Christ Fellowship Church
300 E Sligh Ave, Tampa, FL 33604 [[map](#)]

Friday Night
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Saturday Morning
8:30 a.m. to noon

Join us in Central Tampa for a super weekend of teaching and training
around the topic of disciple-making in our personal ministries and churches.

Complete details coming soon.



Save the Date

**Daniel Henderson Prayer Summit
March 28-30, 2022**

Mission Hill Church
1002 56th St. Temple Terrace FL 33617

Details coming soon.

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS



Pastors' Workshop for Multiplying Disciples One-Day Discipleship Training for Pastors and Staff

We had a great time on Thursday, January 27, 2022 at Christ Fellowship Church with 48 pastors and leaders in attendance for our disciple making workshop. Pastors Bruce Moore, Bob Magruder, Tony Hoffman and Mike Kahn shared about starting and sustaining disciple making movements in every local church. A *Multiplying* workbook was provided for every attendee so that they might use it, or another resource, to disciple church members who will disciple other church members. Mike is starting two pastors' discipling groups with a total of ten pastors who will be participating.

COMMUNITY & MINISTRY



Harvest Baptist Fellowship

- Harvest Baptist Fellowship, is seeking a co-vocational ministry position. The

focus will be Youth and College Age singles. We would like to find a person or a Husband/Wife team who is bi-lingual Spanish/English. Resumes can be submitted to webmaster@hbftampa.com

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.

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.

First Baptist Lutz

- The FBC of Lutz is looking for a part-time custodian, about 20 hours a week. Duties include setting up rooms for meetings, minor repair and maintenance, and some custodial duties(emptying trash, taking bags to dumpster). Mon.-Thurs. Hourly pay, negotiable. For more information contact: Pastor Paul via e-mail pvahue@lutzfbc.org or call church office 813-949-7495

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.

Sheldon Road Baptist

- Sheldon Road Baptist is looking for a part time music leader. Does not need to be a member. Please call Pastor Mark Nunes at (813) 545-6374 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. Also seeking a parttime bookkeeper/secretary. Must have knowledge of general bookkeeping, QuickBooks, Excel, Word, and Publisher. Good communication and organizational skills. Is comfortable working in a church environment. Prior experience is preferred but on the job training is available. Becoming a Church member is NOT required. For more information, please contact the church office at (813) 886-4022 and email resume to : wbsbctampa@gmail.com.

