



TAMPA BAY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

E-News

Coming Alongside August, 2022



## 2021-22 TBBA Ministry Update

In the past, I have occasionally written about some of the specific ways that we are working with churches and church plants in our association and even throughout our state. Your TBBA staff considers it a great privilege to come alongside of each of you for the spread of the gospel and for the glory of God. Thank you for your faithful relational and financial partnerships.

### The following are just some of the highlights from the past year of ministry .

- 1) Mission Hill Church graciously invited the TBBA to partner with them to invite **pastors & wives** to attend a **date night** on September 30, 2021 at the Temple Terrace Golf & Country Club. About 70 people enjoyed a great Cuban dinner, fellowship, gifts, and an opportunity to hear an encouraging message from God's word.
- 2) About 250 people attended the **Annual Celebration** at FBC Tampa. Inspiring worship was led by the FBC Tampa worship team and Eric Cummings was the guest preacher.
- 3) In September, October, and November of 2021, Mike trained three groups of church members in an **All for One lifestyle evangelism** 8-hour intensive. (40 members of Friendship BC, 12 members of Belmont BC, and 30 members of No Greater Love)
- 4) On November 6, 2021 Darin Saley taught church leaders the *Adventures in Marriage* curriculum so that the leaders could **start a Marriage small group ministry** for their church members. On February 5, 2022 Darin Saley taught church leaders the *Start Smart* curriculum so that the leaders could **start a pre-marital ministry** for engaged couples at their churches.
- 5) Robert coordinated a well-attended **Christmas party for Church planters** and their families at Christ Fellowship Church in early December. A few nights later the TBBA pastoral staff met with over 80 pastors & wives to **celebrate Christmas** at the Puleo farm on December 6, 2021.
- 6) Lielson **led Sunday AM worship** for Pastor Ray Sanabria's church plant from

August, 2021 until March, 2022

**7)** On January 27, 2022 the TBBA put on a five-hour **Multiplying Disciples Workshop** for Pastors & Church Staff at Christ Fellowship Church. 48 pastors, wives, and staff members attended.

**8)** Mike has been personally **discipling 10 pastors**, including Lielson, for 20 sessions so that Lielson and the pastors can start a disciple making ministry at their churches. He has two groups of five pastors. Once the groups are finished then Mike and Lielson will recruit 3-4 more pastors to disciple, and they will do this twice a year.

**9)** A **Portuguese church plant** started meeting in early, 2022 in Lielson's home on Sunday afternoons. Lielson has met numerous times with the pastors of a TBBA church to see if they might agree to sponsor this new church plant.

**10)** Mission Hill Church partnered with the TBBA to host a three-day **Prayer Summit** that was led by Daniel Henderson from March 28-30. The TBBA continues to promote these prayer summits so that pastors can be spiritually and emotionally refreshed and then pastor their church members out of a vibrant, healthy relationship with God.

**11)** Lielson worked closely with Christ Fellowship Church staff and Pastor Carlos Diaz to help a **new Spanish church** get started at Christ Fellowship Church in early 2022.

**12)** Mike taught **three What If? PLEASE Evangelism Trainings** in February, March, and May of 2022. Over 70 pastors and leaders have been trained in the PLEASE strategy of evangelism and over ten churches have already launched or will soon launch this simple, lifestyle evangelism strategy.

**13)** In addition, **Boe Ellis filmed Mike teaching the What If? PLEASE strategy** at Idlewild. The videos and brochure have been emailed to all of the TBBA churches and leaders. They have also been emailed to a number of other state Associational Missions Strategists.

**14)** Lielson worked to offer **VBS training** for our language churches in 2022 at Iglesia Bautista Bethel.

**15)** On May 25-26 and on June 30, 2022 Dr. Rick Blackwood taught two levels of a **preaching conference** called *Leading from the Pulpit*. Joseph Hufstetler of Destination Church invited the TBBA to partner with Destination Church to put on this event.

**16)** On July 16, **ESSER** (Spanish church member training) had a **graduation ceremony** of seventeen students coming from 5 different churches. Even in the middle of a pandemic the students remained faithful through virtual classes.

**17)** On August 3, 2022 Robert coordinated a **Rays baseball game event** that had almost 40 pastors and guests in attendance. Each person received a Rays cap and money for lunch and parking.

**18)** We will host our 2022 annual **Pastors & Wives Retreat at Innisbrook** on September 15-17, 2022 with 15 couples. Our friend and marriage counselor, Darin Saley will once again be the speaker.

**Monthly Prayer** For over seven years we have continued to offer 3 monthly **Pastors' Prayer gatherings** with two being in Tampa (English & Spanish) and one in

Brandon. Typically, there are 12-15 in Tampa (English), 5 in Tampa (Spanish), and 5 in Brandon.

**Across the State** Mike has taught the *All for One* and the What If? PLEASE strategies at a Greater Orlando Baptist Association training event in 2022 and will teach both of them to the Ridge Baptist Association on August 16, 2022. He will teach an *All for One* 8-hour intensive in Panama City on September 9-10, 2022. He has been invited to be one of the featured presenters at the Annual Retreat for Associational Missions Strategists in Jacksonville in January of 2023. He will speak on the What If? PLEASE strategy.

We do all that we do for the glory of God and for the benefit of pastors, leaders, and the churches. It is our joy to serve you as you serve the Lord.

Coming alongside,  
Mike

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### multiplying disciples For Church Leaders



### **Multiplying Disciples** **Pastors, bring your Church Members** Impacting >> Influencing

**Start & Sustain a Disciple Making Movement at your Church**  
A two-Day Discipleship Training

Many Pastors are doing all they know to do to help their members become more like Jesus. They are faithfully proclaiming God's Word each week and offering other programmatic opportunities for spiritual growth for their members.

But is preaching and programming enough to make disciples in our society today? I don't believe that it is. As Howard Hendricks often stated, "You can impress from a distance, but you can only impact from up close." What if we, as pastors and leaders, were equipped to also disciple our members "up close" in triad groups (one on three) so that they might be impacted to

- be continuously filled with and empowered by the Holy Spirit
- be filled with the Word of God and its liberating truths
- be earnest in worship-based, biblical prayer
- be showing and sharing Jesus on a daily basis
- be giving generously to the church
- be serving in the church and in the community
- and more

What if our members who were discipled, would then disciple others in the same way and so on and so forth?

**Pastors and leaders, we have designed the Multiplying Disciples Conference (info is shown below) for you to be able to come and bring many church members with you, so that they might be inspired to join you in starting and sustaining a disciple making movement in your churches. We look forward to seeing you there!**

**September 23-24, 2022**

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

Friday Night

6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Saturday Morning

8:30 a.m. to noon

### **Breakout Session Leaders**

Tony Hoffman - FBC Leesburg

Mike Kahn - TBBA

Bob Magruder - Fishhawk Fellowship

& more

Cost \$10/person @ the door (\$100 maximum/church)

Free Disciple Making Curriculum for All Pastors

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

to let her know how many people will be attending from your church

## Multiplying Disciples Conference Preacher

Bruce Moore - Christ Fellowship

Bruce Moore - He has been the pastor of Christ Fellowship Church in Tampa for 11 years. He has been a personal disciple-maker for all of his adult life and has led CFC to be a church that makes disciples who make disciples. Pastor Bruce has also been active with NAMB and the BLVD training for 7 years.



## Multiplying Disciples Conference Preacher

Keith Thompson - FBC Riverview

Keith Thompson - He has served in pastoral ministry for more than 13 years, and has been the pastor of FBC Riverview for about 6 months. His desire is that God will use him to lead FBC to be a church that is deeply committed to fulfilling the Great Commission through disciple making triads.



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# Annual Celebration

October 16, 2022 - South Tampa Fellowship

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**Preacher - Dr. Ben Mandrell**  
President & CEO of Lifeway

Prior to joining Lifeway, Ben planted a church in Colorado and pastored a church in Tennessee.

Incredible praise and worship will be led by the STF worship team and stories will be shared about what God is doing in our TBBA churches and church plants. We are looking forward to seeing you at our Annual Celebration at:

South Tampa Fellowship  
5101 Bayshore Blvd  
Tampa, FL 33611

4:00 p.m. snack / dinner & 5:00 p.m. Celebration



**Help Plant Churches**  
**Maguire State Mission Offering Materials**  
**Lives changed by the Gospel – that is why we labor together.**

Would you support church planting by giving through the Maguire State Mission Offering?

Millions in Florida are currently unreached with the Gospel. God calls us to share the Gospel, make disciples, and to serve our local community and the nations. The light of the Gospel brings hope of restoration – both today and eternally as new churches make change possible in previously unreached neighborhoods.

Florida Baptists' gifts through the Maguire State Mission Offering provide critical funds every month (for up to four years) to help church plants launch across the state. Your generous gifts, prayerful commitment and unified participation through this offering help reach Floridians.

God is moving. Join with fellow Florida Baptists as we pray together for church planters across our state. Pray that the Gospel would continue to advance in a disciple making movement.

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Spanish Prayer Guide  
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## RECENT HIGHLIGHTS



# CHOOSE LIFE

## LUNCHEON | TAMPA BAY

### Choose Life Event

We were blessed on July 21 to have more than 40 pastors and leaders come out to FBC Tampa to hear from three different, local crisis pregnancy care centers: Oasis, A Woman's Place, and Choices Clinic. There was much great information shared by each presenter and also a clear presentation of how churches can get their members personally involved with the Choose Life movement.





# Tampa Bay Rays Pastors + 1 Outing

Almost forty pastors, planters and family members enjoyed a fun day of fellowship, eating lots of good food, and occasionally watching the Tampa Bay Rays defeat the Toronto Blue Jays . Everyone received a Rays cap of their choice and three of the boys left the game with baseballs that were thrown up into the stands by different Rays players.

## COMMUNITY & MINISTRY

### Belmont Baptist

- Belmont Baptist Church is seeking to pay someone with experience with A/V and Facebook streaming to help on Sunday mornings in the sound booth during the 11:00 a.m. service. Please contact Jason at [finance@belmonttampa.org](mailto:finance@belmonttampa.org) for more information.

### Buchanan Baptist

- Buchanan Baptist Church is seeking a mature piano player for their Sunday morning services. Please contact the church at [buchananbaptistchurch.org](http://buchananbaptistchurch.org) for more information.

### 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](mailto:webmaster@hbftampa.com)

### East Chelsea Baptist

- 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](mailto: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](mailto:wbsbctampa@gmail.com)) (813) 886-4022. Also seeking a part-time 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](mailto:wbsbctampa@gmail.com).