



TAMPA BAY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

E-News

Coming Alongside December, 2022



Sharing like the Shepherds

In the second chapter of the Gospel of Luke it is recorded that God sent a multitude of angels to tell the story of the birth of Jesus the Messiah to some lowly shepherds. These men acted on the incredible news that they heard. Scripture states that after the angels returned to heaven, the shepherds decided to go to Bethlehem to see the baby and they "hurried" to the village. After seeing Jesus, Luke 2:17-18 states that the shepherds "told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child. 18 All who heard the shepherds' story were astonished, " ...

Today, there is a great need for all of our church members to share the story about Jesus just like the shepherds did as recorded in the Gospel of Luke. We must not keep it to ourselves. I am excited to inform you that on March 7-9, 2023, the TBBA, along with the Tampa Bay Baptist Foundation will be financially assisting many pastors so that they can attend the 2023 Exponential Conference in Orlando. This year's conference will focus on teaching pastors and leaders to inspire and equip their church members to often show and share Jesus with the lost people they know and do not know. You can find information about this event below in this e-News. Pastors and leaders, sign up to attend this conference so that more and more of us can share the story about Jesus with everyone, just like the shepherds did.

Coming alongside,
Mike

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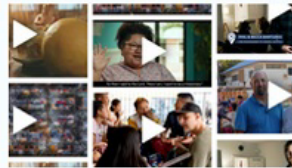
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Thank you for leading your churches to come alongside!

JANUARY EVENTS



Pastors' Lunch 'n Learn



Navigating Relocation with Pastor Brant Adams

January 23, 2023

11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Tampa Bay Baptist Conference Center
15601 Lake Magdalene Blvd, Tampa, FL 33613

[[map](#)]

Job Well Done!!

Sometimes there are unique challenges that pastors face and there are no text books or seminary classes that can inform them on how to deal with these problems. Pastor Brant Adams faced one such challenge at his church and he earnestly sought the Lord, the counsel of other pastors, and the counsel of his church leadership in how to lead the former Seminole Heights Baptist Church to sell their property and relocate the church family to another location.

Come and enjoy our famous \$5 steak and an intriguing Q & A with Pastor Brant Adams (Harvest Baptist Fellowship) as he shares about how the Lord led him and his congregation through their relocation process.

RSVP with Jan jjones@tbba.org | (813) 935-3839

FEBRUARY EVENTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Executive Committee Meeting

February 20, 2023

10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Free lunch will be provided.

TBBA Office | Suite 102
1060 W Busch Blvd. Tampa FL 33612

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Come and join us for our Executive Committee, 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.



The Florida Baptist Convention presents
Challenge 2025 Gathering

February 28, 2023

8:00 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.

First Baptist Church Orlando

3000 S John Young Pkwy, Orlando, FL 32805

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From the Florida Baptist [Website](#): As believers we are challenged to live out our faith in our daily lives through evangelism and discipleship. We each face challenges and hardships as we seek to advance God's Kingdom right where He has placed us. We know as Florida Baptists we can do more together than we ever could alone.

Baptisms. Church Plants. Church Revitalizations. Mission Engagements.

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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 sisters and we pick each other up when it is too hard to go it alone.

Gather with us on February 28 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.

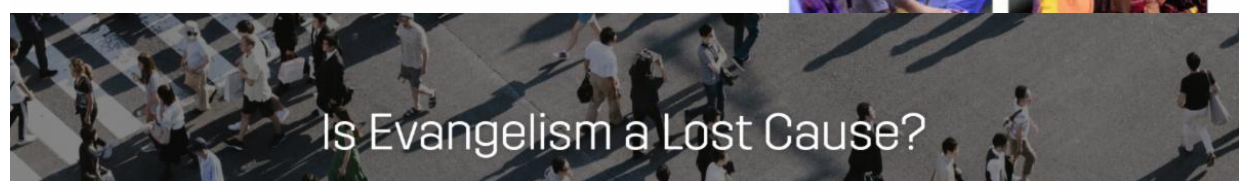
COST

Individual Registration – \$30 | Church Leadership Registration (all pastors, key leaders from church) – \$120 | Register now for a 50% discount available through December 15th.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

MARCH EVENTS

EXPONENTIAL

A collage of images related to the Exponential Orlando 2023 event. The background is a gradient of yellow, orange, and blue. On the left, the text "Exponential Orlando 2023" is displayed in bold black font, with "MARCH 7-9" in a yellow box below it and "TBBA SPECIAL OFFER" in a black box below that. To the right, there are several smaller images: a man in a white shirt pointing upwards, a group of people with their hands raised in a dark setting, a man playing a guitar, a large crowd of people walking on a red carpet, a man in a blue shirt talking to a woman, and a man in a yellow shirt with his arms raised. The "EX" logo is prominently displayed in the center-right.

Is Evangelism a Lost Cause?

Today evangelism programs and ministries have a hard time getting off the ground and an even harder time becoming part of the DNA of most of our churches.

While evangelism might "appear" to be a lost cause in 2022, Scripture clearly teaches that God's commitment to evangelism is relentless, ultimate, and ongoing. God remains on a mission to restore a broken relationship with every single person we encounter.

Join thousands of others at Exponential 2023, where they will be teaching and training pastors and leaders about what it means to embrace evangelism and equip others to do the same.

Do not miss this

THREE-DAY EVANGELISM OUTING

EXPONENTIAL CONFERENCE Orlando

First Baptist Church Orlando
3000 S John Young Pkwy, Orlando, FL 32805
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Tuesday March 7 through Thursday March 9, 2023

SPECIAL TBBA OFFER

Only \$100 per person

includes conference registration AND two nights lodging!

Thanks to the generosity of the Tampa Bay Baptist Association and the Tampa Bay Baptist Foundation, we are able to make this three-day outing affordable for the first 20+ pastors who can attend.

Email or call Jan at jjones@tbba.org | (813) 935-3839
to take care of your official registration.

(Do not register with Exponential directly. We are paying for all of the tickets and housing, so will be asking you to reimburse us a check for \$100, paid to TBBA).

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS



Pastors and Wives Christmas Party

Once again, thanks to the generosity of our host, Paul Puleo and Family, our Association had an amazing time at our annual Pastors and Wives Christmas Party on December 5, 2022 in Lutz.

More than 100 people were blessed to experience some wonderful appetizers, barbecue, desserts, and yuletide carols. We shared the Christmas story from Matthew 1 in three different languages. We prayed with and for each other for a great Christmas season, and even shared some gifts, all just to let our pastors and their wives know how much we love and

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 for more information. They are also seeking a pianist position - qualifications are to be able to sight read music and play specific parts as needed during rehearsals. For more information including compensation and schedule, please contact Jason.

Buchanan Baptist

- Buchanan Baptist Church is seeking a mature piano player for their Sunday morning services. Please contact the church at buchananbaptistchurch.org for more information.

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 Church of Dover

- First Baptist Church of Dover is seeking an Associate Pastor of Senior Adults. The Associate Pastor of Senior Adults will report to the Senior Pastor. The Associate Pastor will provide direct oversight and ministry to the senior adult members of First Baptist Church of Dover. More information including salary can be obtained by contacting Pastor TJ Francis at TJ.francis@fbdoverfl.com or contacting the church office at (813) 719-2273.

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.

Tampa Bay Christian Academy

- Tampa Bay Christian Academy is looking for someone who wants to use his/her handyman skills and organizational skills to make a meaningful impact by

partnering with what God is doing at their school. This would entail light cleaning, routine facilities maintenance, and general handyman skills. Full time starting at \$15/hr. If interested please contact Amber Peavyhouse by email at ampeavyhouse@tbcarams.org, or at 813-622-0771.

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