



TAMPA BAY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

E-News

Coming Alongside February 2023

SOME THINGS "SHOULD" NEVER CHANGE



Many, many things are changing at a rapid pace in our culture today, and many of these changes are not for the good. However, it is good to be reminded that some things never change. Certainly we know that our Lord never changes and that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Unfortunately, some things that "should" never change, do change. For instance, I believe that many churches have altered the biblical methodology for evangelism. This should not be. The scriptures clearly teach in the gospels, the writings of Paul, and the book of James that all of us are to love our neighbors as ourselves. This means that we are to deeply love everybody, including our actual neighbors. Every believer can learn to do this. As we pray for those we know and genuinely love them, then we can share the good news of Jesus with them as led by the Holy Spirit. That has been and always will be God's method for evangelizing the world.

Last month I happily shared that the Florida Baptist Convention is using their annual **Challenge 2025** Conference in February to focus solely on evangelism. Likewise, the annual **Exponential Conference** will focus on evangelism in March of this year. You can learn about both of these events and register below in this e-News.

Also featured in this e-News is an incredible, new relational evangelism training that has been developed by Dr. Del Tackett in partnership with Focus on the Family. It is called The Engagement Project and it will take place on March 18 at North Pointe Church in Lutz (see below). I pray many pastors and leaders will attend this one day training and then use The Engagement Project resources to train all of their members to intentionally build friendships with those they know in order that they might have the privilege of sharing the gospel with them.

I look forward to seeing many of you at Challenge 2025, the Exponential Confernece, and at The Engagement Project.

Coming alongside,
Mike

UPCOMING ASSOCIATION & CONVENTION MEETINGS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

A photograph of a city skyline at night, featuring several illuminated skyscrapers against a dark blue sky. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue banner containing the text 'EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING'.

TBBA 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
[[map](#)]

Come and join us for our Executive Committee, for a time of prayer, encouragement, sharpening, discussion and some TBBA reports.

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

**As of January 27, forty eight TBBA pastors & leaders
have registered to attend.**

Reaching our State with the Gospel

Sessions include:

8:30-10:50am - Session 1

Reaching the Next Generation: Panel with Nathan Schneider

Reaching through Community Outreach: Theo Johnson

Reaching through Personal Evangelism: Jimmy Scroggins

11:00-12:15 pm – Regional Breakouts on Evangelism

1:00-2:45pm – Session 2

Reaching through Apologetics with Jeff Robinson

Reaching through Evangelistic Church Culture with Alan Brumback

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.

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](#)

FEBRUARY EVENT



Mother-Daughter Event

**True Girl Pajama Party Tour
is coming to Tampa Bay!**

**Idlewild Baptist Church
February 17, 2023**

6:30 p.m.
(doors open at 5:45 p.m.)

The moms/daughters (grands, etc...) of your church NEED to be here for best-selling author Dannah Gresh's True Girl event (author of Lies Young Girls Believe).

If your church wants some promotional materials to promote this event, Idlewild has them! If you would like posters and/or postcards or more information about the event, contact Sharon Jones (sjones@idlewild.org).

Join us at the True Girl Pajama Party Tour written by best-selling author, Dannah Gresh! For 2 ½ hours, you and your 7-12-year-old daughter will have uninterrupted bonding time growing closer to each other and closer to Jesus. You'll experience deep connection with your daughter through practical Bible teaching, live worship, hilarious games, fashion shows, and more. The event is built with both you and your girl in mind, so we promise you'll both leave feeling like it was just for you!



Tickets are on sale now!

General Admission-\$19/per person.
Groups of 10 or more-\$15/per person.

 **REGISTER NOW**

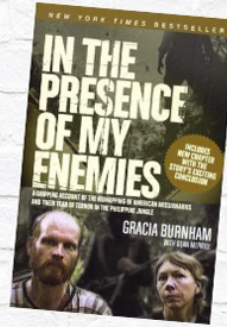
MARCH EVENTS

FIRST BAPTIST BRANDON INVITES YOU
TO A WOMEN'S CONFERENCE WITH



Gracia Burnham

Author of New York Times bestselling book *In the Presence of My Enemies*, Gracia and her husband Martin were kidnapped by terrorists and spent 13 months as hostages in the Philippine jungle in 2001. Gracia will share her story of faith in the midst of terror and tragedy.



AND GUEST WORSHIP ARTIST, AMY SHREVE

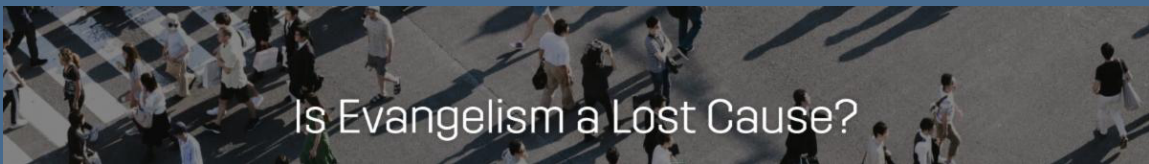


Singer, songwriter and harpist, Amy has toured both nationally and internationally. She has recorded sixteen records for six companies and has been nominated for a Dove Award.

MARCH 3 // 7-9 PM // TICKETS \$12
REGISTER AT FBCBRANDON.ORG/WOMEN



[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)



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 - Thursday, March 9

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 30 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).



A Relational Evangelism Training Event

Hosted by North Pointe Church

The Engagement Project with Dr. Del Tackett
in person at North Pointe Church

19862 Amanda Park Drive
Lutz, FL 33559 [[map](#)]

Saturday, March 18, 2023

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Dr. Tackett is well known for his development and teaching of "[The Truth Project](#)". Now he has developed "[The Engagement Project](#)" and North Pointe Church has the honor of hosting him for a day of in person training. Read Dr. Tackett's [bio here](#).

The Engagement Project teaches believers to intentionally engage with their neighbors and others they know who do not know God, by praying for them, loving them, caring about them, and sharing with them the good news about Christ.

Click on the link below to watch testimonies of people (3:43 minutes) who have been impacted by the Engagement Project. [[click here for testimonies](#)].

The investment required will be only \$50 per person, including lunch, and Streaming Access. It is a powerful tool for relational, community evangelism!



Use Coupon Code STREAM50 at checkout for special pricing

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.

Exciting Central

- Exciting Central has four 12' wood pews available for anyone that is interested. For more information, Contact Pastor Zeb McKinon at zmckinon@centraltampa.org.

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.

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