



TAMPA BAY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

E-News

Coming Alongside APRIL 2023

THE CROSS AND THE RESURRECTION



Bible commentators have stated that Isaiah 53 is the most quoted and alluded to Old Testament chapter in the New Testament. Sometimes this chapter is referred to as the "Suffering Servant" and we understand that it was clearly pointing ahead to the sufferings and crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

This Easter season is a great time for God's people to be reminded from this chapter of the depths of suffering that our Savior went through to provide salvation for us.

Isaiah 53

3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

4 Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

5 But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people?

10 Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.

In verse 3 it is stated twice that the Servant was despised, He was rejected by men,

and acquainted with grief. Verse 5 states that He was pierced for our transgressions and crushed for our iniquities. Verse 10 again mentions that the Lord crushed Him. According to Thomas Constable, "the words "pierced" and "crushed" describe extreme distress resulting in death. The Hebrew words behind these terms are the strongest ones in that language that describe violent and excruciating death." Verse 8 states that He was cut off from the land of the living which indicates that this future Servant would in fact die. However, the same verse indicates, what we celebrate this Easter Sunday, that the Lord shall prolong His days. This clearly pointed to the resurrection of our Lord.

All of the suffering and pain described in this chapter was for those of us who He has redeemed. The word "our" occurs four times (our griefs, our sorrows, our transgressions, our iniquities) . The word "us" occurs two times (brought us peace, laid on Him the iniquity of us all). The word "we" occurs five times (we esteemed Him not, we esteemed Him stricken, with His wounds we are healed, all we ... have gone astray, we have turned ... to his own way).

The most remarkable truth from this chapter is that this was the Lord's doing. It is stated, "the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all"; "it was the will of the Lord to crush Him"; "He has put Him to grief".

Our God and Savior suffered and died in our place on the cross so that all of our transgressions and iniquities could be forgiven. Then He rose again on the third day. Hallelujah what a Savior!

Coming alongside,
Mike

FEATURED EVENT



Evangelical Council
For Abuse Prevention

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

Creating Awareness

Evangelical Council for Abuse Prevention

*Coming to our Executive Committee Meeting
10:30am on May 15, 2023*

We are pleased to recommend ECAP as a great ministry that is now partnering with the Florida Baptist Convention to help churches in preventing and dealing with sexual abuse issues, and with developing and implementing abuse prevention policies.

We appreciate Pastor JJ Johnson's (STF) endorsement of this ministry as the gold-standard of non-profits in this particular area of ministry. We are also eager to share with you that the Florida Baptist Convention will financially assist churches to take advantage of ECAP's services. Learn more below and visit ECAP's Website here -> ecap.net

And make sure to attend our Executive Committee meeting at the TBBA offices on May 15, 2023.

The Evangelical Council for Abuse Prevention (ECAP) exists to help Christian ministries protect children from abuse so they can hear the gospel and grow in discipleship. The last several years have revealed that the church is not immune from the problem of abuse, and that many ministries are not equipped to resist abuse or appropriately respond to allegations of abuse. ECAP was formed to equip ministry leaders to develop and implement sensible policies and procedures that protect kids and deter predators.

ECAP has developed a set of Child Safety Standards, covering the topics of Governance, Child Safety Operations, Screening, Training and Response. These Standards are the basis of an accreditation program, which independently verifies that an organization complies to defined standards. Christian ministries that serve children are invited to apply to become Accreditation Candidate Members in order to begin the process of becoming compliant to our Child Safety Standards. By becoming an ECAP member, you gain access to a number of products and resources which will help you align with their Standards.

OTHER EVENTS



TAMPA, FL APRIL 13TH Equip your church to share Jesus

Pastors' Prayer & Evangelism Luncheon (Sponsored by Every Home for Christ)

This event is sold out!

I am sending the event details below as a reminder to the many of you who have already registered. I look forward to seeing you on April 13, 2023.

Every Home for Christ will provide a FREE lunch. They are not selling anything or taking up any offering. Their desire is to honor pastors and be a blessing to your ministry.

When: Thursday, April 13, 2023

Time: 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Where: Historic Rialto Theatre, 1617 North Franklin Street, Tampa, FL

Cost: FREE (no obligation)

If you could not attend this year, we hope you can make it for next year.

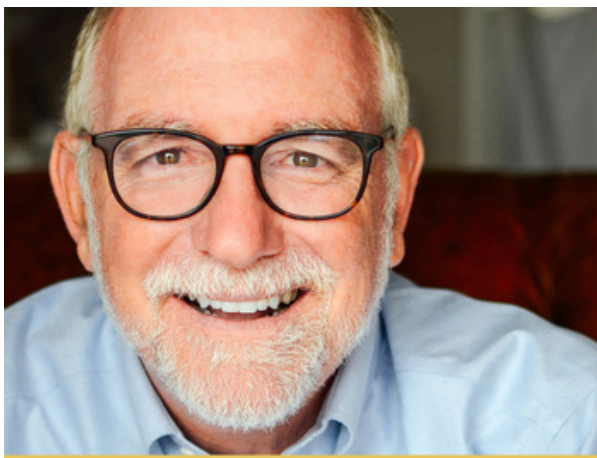


THE ENGAGEMENT PROJECT

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We may do this again in the near future.

A special thank you goes out to Pastor Steve Wells and his church staff at North Pointe for hosting about 150 pastors and leaders from five TBBA churches at this training event. The attendees were taught how to love their neighbors and engage them with grace, wisdom, and truth so that they might influence their neighbors to follow Christ. The training was incredible and we were so impressed that we have contacted The Engagement Project personnel to find out how this training might be made available again for other pastors and leaders in our association who did not attend the event. The details are still being worked out and will hopefully be announced in the near future.



AN EVENING WITH

**BOB
GOFF**

MAY 12, 2023

SAVE THE DATE

An Evening with Bob Goff

Fishhawk Fellowship Church

May 12, 2023

You, your family, and your friends are invited to join the Fishhawk Fellowship family for an evening with Bob Goff at their church. Bob is a renowned author and speaker who will bring an inspiring message of hope and joy, encouraging you to love others well and make a difference where you are!

Date: Friday, May 12, 2023

General Admission Doors Open: 6:30 p.m.

General Session: 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

About Bob:

Bob practiced law for 25 years and gave up his law firm to pursue writing and speaking full time. He is the author of the newly released New York Times best-seller, *Undistracted* as well as the NYT bestselling books *Love Does*, *Everybody Always*, and *Dream Big*. He is the founder of Love Does—a nonprofit human rights organization operating in India, Uganda, Nepal, Somalia, Afghanistan, USA, Congo and Dominican Republic.

Registration and details coming soon.



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

TBBA Executive Committee Meeting

May 15, 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, and hear from our special guest, The Evangelical Council for Abuse Prevention (ECAP), a great ministry that is partnering now with the Florida Baptist Convention to help churches in dealing with sexual abuse issues, church ministries and policies.

Thank you for participating.

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

We look forward to seeing you there.


Save the date

SBC ANNUAL MEETING New Orleans, LA

June 11-12, 2023 - Pastors' Conference
June 13-14 - Convention

We hope you will join us at the SBC Annual Meeting this year in New Orleans.

[Click here for all of the details.](#)



BOOK YOUR HOTEL TODAY!

Hotel Reservations Are Now Open!

Reservations must be made by May 15, 2023, in order to be guaranteed convention rate.

Reservations cancelled on or after May 15, 2023, may result in a penalty of one night's room and tax.

[RESERVE A ROOM](#) [MORE INFO](#)

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

EXPONENTIAL

**Exponential
Orlando 2023**

MARCH 7-9

TBBA SPECIAL OFFER



Nineteen of our pastors and wives joined 5,000 others at the Exponential Conference in Orlando in March, 2023. The theme was personal evangelism. We were inspired by the worship and preaching. There were over 100 breakout sessions that covered evangelism, multiplying disciples, and church planting. It is our hope that many more of the TBBA pastors will be able to attend this conference next March, 2024.

Learn more and download resources here -> exponential.com

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.

Carrollwood Baptist

The church is seeking to fill the following positions:

- Student Ministerial Intern - 10-15hrs/week. Paid position working under the supervision of the Student Pastor. Submit resume to churchoffice@carrollwoodbaptist.org
- Childcare Preschool Lead Coordinator - Part time childcare nursery lead coordinator position available. Pay rate begins at \$15 hr. (negotiable w/prior experience). Six hour week position of extra hours for events or meetings. Contact Rhonda at Salt2light85@gmail.com or Cindy.Lewandowski@verizon.net.

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.

Friendship Baptist

- Friendship Baptist Church in Sun City Center has approximately 85 hymn books that they would like to donate to a church. They are in excellent condition. The copyright is 1991. If interested contact Barbara Melton @ 813-633-5950 or fb-secretary@fbfcc.org for more details.

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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