



TAMPA BAY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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## Don't Forget to Remember



Two of my favorite quotes about memory are:

1. "As you get older three things happen. The first is that your memory goes, and ... I can't remember the other two."
2. "Not only is my short-term memory horrible, but so is my short-term memory."

There are practical facts, dates, and numbers that we need to remember. We need to know our Social Security number, the passwords for all of our electronic devices, and the passwords for our financial institutions. There are relational dates and events that we need to remember and celebrate such as one's wedding anniversary, Valentine's Day, family member birthdays, vacations, and more. Recently our family watched some old family videos of us when we were on vacation or during our childrens' birthday parties, and more. It was so much fun to be reminded of such good memories.

But there are also many spiritual truths that we should remember because hiding God's word in our hearts helps us become more like Jesus. I still remember when my pastor, Dr. John Corts disciplined me and a few others and also challenged us to memorize God's word. I admit that I struggled to do this at the time because it was hard work. But I discovered that the habit of consistently hiding a verse or passage in my heart was an effective way for me to hear the Lord speak to me from His word so that He might renew and revive me. A few of my favorite memory verses are:

Psalm 119:50 "This is my comfort in my affliction, that Your word has revived me."

Psalm 119:93. "I will never forget your precepts, for by them You have revived me."

Psalm 119:165 "Those who love Thy law have great peace, and nothing causes them to stumble."

When the Spirit of God personally speaks to us through the written word of God, then powerful, godly things happen in our lives.

Don't forget to remember ... God's word.

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*

*Free lunch will be provided so please*

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

*1060 W Busch Blvd.*

*Tampa, 33612*

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](http://ecap.net)

**Our May 15 Executive Committee Meeting will primarily focus on hearing from a**

**few leaders from the ECAP Ministry in order that churches can be aware of the dangers of abuse in the church.**

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 MAY EVENTS

[64FELLOWSHIP.COM/RECLAIM](https://64FELLOWSHIP.COM/RECLAIM)

# RECLAIM

CONNECTING AND ENCOURAGING PASTORS IN YOUR AREA

MAY 22, 2023

**FEATHER SOUND COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
13880 FEATHER SOUND DR, CLEARWATER, FL 33762

- LUNCH PROVIDED BY THE 6:4 FELLOWSHIP -



**DENNIS HENDERSON**  
6:4 NATIONAL DIRECTOR



**PAUL PURVIS**  
6:4 NATIONAL LEADERSHIP TEAM

**Pastors' Encouragement and Prayer Luncheon**  
with 6:4 Fellowship

**May 22, 2023**

10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Feather Sound Community Church

*This is a free event for our pastors. RSVP below.*

Many years ago my prayer life, and therefore my relationship with God, was greatly impacted by the ministry of Daniel Henderson and the 6:4 Fellowship (Mike Kahn). As a result, I invited TBBA pastors about eight years ago to join me in attending 3-day annual prayer summits and many of our pastors were also renewed by these incredible prayer retreats.

The 6:4 Fellowship derives its name from:  
Acts 6:4 But we will devote ourselves to prayer and the ministry of the word.

This fellowship has helped many pastors and churches in our region and around our nation, experience Spirit-led, word-based, earnest prayer in life-changing ways.

## **Is it time to refuel?**

Do you need to refresh, or recharge, your passion for ministry and fellowship with like-minded pastors in our area?

The RECLAIM regional gatherings are designed to reconnect (or connect for the first time) the pastors in each region for a time of equipping, edifying, and prayer, as a strategic cadre united in purpose. This is a great opportunity to refuel and invigorate your passion for your ministry committed to prayer and the ministry of the Word.

**RSVP here -> [64fellowship.com/reclaim/](https://64fellowship.com/reclaim/)**



**women**  
MINISTRIES

*Prayer Experience*

## **Women's Prayer Experience**

Mission Hill Church Central Campus  
10002 N. 56th St Temple Terrace, FL 33617

9:00 a.m. to noon  
Cost \$5 (Light breakfast provided)

Ladies! Sometimes we need a little help to find the quiet that we long for. The Interactive Prayer Experience is designed to encourage you to meet with God on a personal level, through a variety of expressions.

With Cindy Bradley, Women's Missions & Ministries Catalyst, Florida Baptist Convention.

Childcare available with pre-registration for children 6 weeks to 4<sup>th</sup> grade

 REGISTER NOW

## JUNE EVENTS

 2023  
Annual Meeting

**NEW ORLEANS**  
  
Serving the Lord      Serving others

**Join Us for the 2023 Annual Meeting & Pastors' Conference**

**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

### Every Home for Christ

Six TBBA pastors, and many other evangelical pastors and leaders attended an informative luncheon meeting with leaders from Every Home for Christ. EHC shared about strategies and their free resources for reaching people we know and people we do not know with the gosepl. Visit [everyhomeusa.com](http://everyhomeusa.com) to learn more.



## 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. 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

- Carrollwood Baptist is seeking the following: Student Ministerial Intern - 10-15hrs/week. Paid position working under the supervision of the Student Pastor. Submit resume to [churchoffice@carrollwoodbaptist.org](mailto: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](mailto:Salt2light85@gmail.com) or [Cindy.Lewandowski@verizon.net](mailto: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](mailto: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 [fbc-secretary@fbfcc.org](mailto:fbc-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.

#### Tampa Bay Christian Academy

- Tampa Bay Christian Academy is looking for someone who wants to use his/her handyman skills and organization to make a meaningful impact by partnering with what God is doing at our 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: email [ampeavyhouse@tbcarams.org](mailto:ampeavyhouse@tbcarams.org), (813) 622-0771.

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