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Coming Alongside **January , 2024**

Small, but Packing a Big Punch!



Flyweight boxing great Jimmy Wilde, who spent most of his career at around 100 lbs., is probably the smallest man to pack dynamite in both hands. He finished his career with 132 wins, only 3 defeats and a draw. He knocked out 99 of his opponents, almost always being considerably outweighed!

Small indeed can still be powerful! The Southern Baptist Convention has about 46,000 churches and over 80% of them are churches with under 200 in worship each Sunday. Therefore, we are primarily a convention of smaller churches and that is a wonderful thing.

The Tampa Bay Baptist Association desires to assist pastors and leaders of all our churches. We are proud to host Pastor Karl Vaters (see below) as he comes to train pastors and leaders for six hours to joyfully lead their smaller churches to be healthy and effective in reaching many with the gospel message.

Always remember that small can still be powerful because we serve a powerful God.

Coming alongside,
Mike



SMALL CHURCH SUMMIT (For all churches under 200)

A One-day Training with Karl Vaters

Topics include:

Small is not Broken

Thinking like a Great Small Church

Bringing New Life to an Existing Small Church

Becoming a Great Small Church

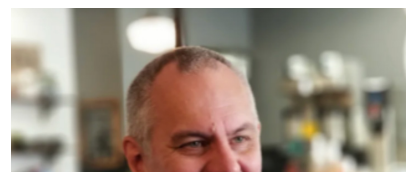
The TBBA is happy to partner with four Central Florida Baptist Associations to bring the Small Church Summit to Tampa.

Monday, February 19th
University Baptist Church
2121 E 131st Ave, Tampa, FL 33612
8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Just \$10 to register.

REGISTER NOW

Being small is not a problem to fix, but a strategy God wants to use.



Meet Karl Vaters



Karl's heart is to help pastors of small churches (up to 90 percent of us) find the resources to lead well, and to capitalize on the unique advantages that come with pastoring a small church – something virtually every pastor will spend at least some of his ministry years doing. He also believes that big and small churches can and should work together more often – to the benefit and blessing of everyone.

Karl also hosts a bi-weekly podcast, *The Church Lobby: Conversations on Faith & Ministry*. Episodes feature in-depth interviews with leaders about the topics that concern pastors, especially those who minister in a small church context.

Karl has written for many publications, including *ChristianityToday.com*, *Outreach Magazine*, and more. Karl has been in pastoral ministry for over 40 years. He is the teaching pastor of Cornerstone Christian Fellowship, a healthy small church in Orange County, California, where he has ministered for over 30 years with his wife, Shelley. They have three children and two grandkids.

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN ABOUT OTHER DATES AND LOCATIONS](#)



30 have already registered to attend the



Multiplying Disciples Workshop

with Pastor & Discipleship Strategist

Bob Magruder

from Fishhawk Fellowship Church

January 22, 2024

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

(lunch provided)

We know that we are commanded to make disciples but many churches struggle to obey this command. Hear from a practitioner who has been discipling believers for many decades and he will share how your church can begin or continue to make disciples who make disciples.

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

Contact Jan at (813) 935-3839 or jjones@tbba.org to register.

FEBRUARY



TBBA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

February 12, 2024

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

Free lunch will be provided.

TBBA Office / Suite 102

RSVP to Jan Jones (jjones@tbba.org)

or 813-935-3839



**Florida Baptist Convention
Challenge 2025 Gathering**
February 27, 2024
8:45am - 3:00pm
First Baptist Orlando

Incredible Breakout Sessions include:

Lead/Senior Pastor Track with Dr. Tommy Green

Church Worship, 250 below with Lewis Miller & Wayne Briant

Church Worship, 250 – 750 with Patrick Coats & Phillip Herrington

Church Worship, 750 above with Jeff Singletary & Al Fernandez

Hispanic Pastors with Emanuel Roque

Haitian Pastors with John Voltaire

Asian-American Pastors with Lito Lucas

Brazilian Pastors with Lecio Dornas

Second Chair Leader Track | Cyber Fraud Prevention with Micah Ferguson

Missions – Global with Myles Dowdy

Women's Ministry with Cindy Bradley

Next Gen Leaders (All Next Gen Leaders) with Nathan Schneider

Church Planting with James Peoples

Worship Leaders with Terry Williams

Christian Schools with Clayton Cloer

Second Chair Leader Track | Generosity/Stewardship with Rick Wheeler

Missions – Local with Myles Dowdy

Pastors Wives with Karen Green

Individual Registration – \$30

Church Leadership Registration (all pastors, key leaders from church) – \$120

Register before December 31st and receive 50% off.

Register at flbaptist.org/event/challenge-2025-gathering/



 **First Baptist
BRANDON**

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

 **FRIDAY**
02 February 2024

 **TIME**
7:00 PM

GUEST SPEAKER
Whitney Capps

Whitney Capps is a national speaker for Proverbs 31 Ministries and a writer for the new Bible app, First 5. Whitney's first book, *Sick of Me*, and bible study, *We Over Me*, were released in March of 2019. As a bible study geek, Whitney's delight is to dig into God's Word for profound yet practical truth.



REGISTER NOW

fbcbrandon.org/women

MARCH



2024 EXPONENTIAL CONFERENCE

Although making disciples is the clear mission of the Church, when asked, most churches say that making disciples who make disciples is still their biggest weakness.

We sense God is calling the church to return to its primary purpose, to make disciples who make disciples. In order for us to do that we must make a **one eighty** turn with five essential shifts back to disciple-making in our life and leadership. Join 5,000+ leaders and practitioners to multiply your insights and impact.

Tuesday, March 5, 2024 - Thursday, March 7, 2024

Do not miss this

THREE-DAY DISCIPLE MAKING OUTING

**EXPONENTIAL CONFERENCE
Orlando**

First Baptist Church Orlando

3000 S John Young Pkwy, Orlando, FL 32805

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SPECIAL TBBA OFFER

Only \$140 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 \$140, paid to TBBA).

APRIL



Free Relational Evangelism Training

The Tampa Bay Baptist Association is partnering with Spread Word Global to offer free Relational Evangelism training on June 1 for all of our churches. Come to this April luncheon for Pastors and Leaders to learn about this great ministry and how your church can benefit from the June training.

April 15, 2024

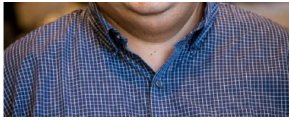
11:30 - 1:00 p.m.

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The April luncheon and June 1 Evangelism Training will be led by Pastor Artur Borges. Artur has been deeply involved in ministry life for the past 20 years, serving in many positions in pastoral and leadership roles, including



as Director of International Engagement for ShareWord Global. Most recently, Artur has successfully launched ShareWord's ministry in Brazil. He brings a great mix of leadership, international experience and passion to see God's Kingdom expanding to all nations.

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS



TBBA Pastors and Wives Christmas Party

Over 90 pastors and wives enjoyed a wonderful time together at the Puleo barn. A great big thank you goes out to Paul Puleo and the Puleo family for hosting us again for our annual Christmas party on Monday, December 4, 2023.

COMMUNITY & MINISTRY

El Shaddai Baptist

- El Shaddai church is in need of a free pulpit because of termite damage to their old one. Contact Pastor Felix Walters (813) 352-8002 if you have a pulpit that you are able to give to his church.

First Baptist of Dover

- First Baptist of Dover is seeking a Director of Children's Ministries. This is a full time (30-35 hours/week) position. College degree in a relevant field; Children's ministries experience. Send resumes to: tj.francis@fbcdooverfl.com.

First Baptist of Lutz

- First Baptist of Lutz is seeking a full-time Executive Administrative Assistant. The Assistant will report directly to the Senior Pastor and will offer support to the Pastoral Staff and to the church body. The position is in the church office, with duties divided between clerical and congregational needs. Submit resume and references to FBC Lutz, Attention: Personnel Committee.

Manhattan Baptist

- Manhattan has several pianos and two organs they would like to donate. Contact Sue Turner 813-841-4585 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 Street Baptist is seeking a P/T Bookkeeper/Secretary. Hours Tue, Wed, Thur. 9am-3pm. Experience with Microsoft Office programs required. Please send resumes or inquires to wbsbctampa@gmail.com

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