



TAMPA BAY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

*E-News*

*Coming Alongside July, 2024*

## THERE'S NO TIME LIKE THE PRESENT



I heard about a man who while cleaning out his desk, found a shoe-repair ticket that was ten years old. Figuring he had nothing to lose, he went to the shop and gave the ticket to the repairman, who began to search the back room for the unclaimed shoes. After several minutes, he reappeared and gave the ticket back to the man.

"What's wrong?" asked the man. "Couldn't you find my shoes?"

"Oh, I found them," replied the repairmen, "and they'll be ready next Friday."

I cannot speak for you but I know at times I fail to promptly do what I know I should do. King Joash was described in 2 Chronicles 24 as one who did what was right in the sight of the Lord, and he even decided to restore the Temple of the Lord. According to verse 5, he gathered the priests and Levites and said to them, "Go to the towns of Judah and collect the money due annually from all Israel, to repair the Temple of your God. Do it now." But the Levites did not act at once.

That is interesting. The king clearly told the priests and Levites to collect the money right away but for some reason they did not do it. The chapter does not indicate why they did not obey their king. One Bible commentator wrote that "perhaps they felt that the townspeople of the outer towns would not embrace and support this work." Another commentator stated that they may have felt that they were too busy to take on such an added responsibility.

Whatever the reason for their disobedience was, it can be rightly stated that it is easy for people to dismiss doing what they know they ought to be doing. We can make excuses, blame others, or even convince ourselves that we will one day get around to doing it.

But it is always best to obey our Lord right away. Has He clearly told you something you should start or stop doing? He still and often speaks to us through the preached and taught Word of God, through personal Bible reading, through small groups, through personal interactions, through circumstances, and more. Let's not be like the priests and Levites who served under King Joash. Let's obey our Lord today and everyday because there is no time like the present.

Coming alongside,  
Mike

## REGISTER TODAY!



### ***TBBA Preaching Conference*** *with Pastor H.B. Charles, Jr.*

Dr. Charles is one of the most prominent expository preachers in our nation today and he is also an incredible teacher of preachers. You do not want to miss this preaching conference!

August 20-21, 2024

Tuesday Night - 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Morning - 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Living Faith Bible Fellowship  
6400 N 15th St, Tampa, FL 33610

Cost is only \$25/person

## JULY EVENTS



### Small Church Training

**Thursday, July 18, 2024**

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

**8:30 a.m. to noon**

Pastor Alonso served on staff at FBC Temple Terrace (now Mission Hill) for a number of years before accepting the call to pastor at Wahoo Baptist Church (located about one-hour north of Tampa off of I-75). The church was running about 35 in attendance each week and had been declining for years. Paul taught his people some biblical and simple strategies that turned their church around to such an extent that they are now averaging close to 200 in attendance each week.

Come and here him share these three strategies:

1. Know your audience - church community demographics
2. Focus on the church leadership
3. Change the church culture - church outreach & ministries

A free, light breakfast will be provided.

RSVP to Jan Jones (813) 935-3839 or email [jjones@tbba.org](mailto:jjones@tbba.org)

## J15 MONTHLY PASTORS GATHERINGS

**J15 Monthly Pastors Gatherings**



Pastors, join us once a month at 11:30am for a time in the word, earnest prayer, and fellowship during a free lunch.

Every first Thursday at FBC Tampa (downtown)  
**JULY MEETING CHANGED TO JULY 11, 2024**

Every fourth Wednesday at King's Avenue (Brandon)

[ [Details Here](#) ]

## SAVE THE DATE



TAMPA BAY BAPTIST  
ASSOCIATION

# Annual Celebration

October 20, 2024 - Christ Fellowship Church



## TBBA Annual Celebration

Sunday Night, October 20, 2024

Christ Fellowship Church  
300 E Sligh Ave, Tampa, FL 33604

Celebration service 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Doors open at 4:00 p.m. for light hors d'oeuvres

*Details coming soon!*



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**Wednesday, September 11, 2024**

11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Lunch provided. This is a free event.

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RSVP to Jan Jones (813) 935-3839 or email [jjones@tbba.org](mailto:jjones@tbba.org)

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

*Save the date*

### Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, September 16, 2024  
10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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

**RECENT HIGHLIGHTS**

## Pastors' & Wives' Dinner Date at Maggiano's

Many pastors and wives enjoyed a wonderful time together at the Maggiano's Little Italy at the Westshore Mall. The dining room was beautiful, the food was abundant and delicious, the fellowship was great, and Pastor Paul Purvis shared an encouraging word with the folk which was entitled, "Don't Quit Before You Finish." A special thanks goes out to the generous sponsors who covered the cost of the evening, especially the Tampa Bay Baptist Foundation.



**COMMUNITY & MINISTRY**



#### Bell Shoals Academy

- Bell Shoals Academy is donating 150-200 children's chairs (pictured above). Contact Daniel Padron (School Headmaster) at 813 431-4049.

#### 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.

#### Friendship Baptist

- Friendship is looking for the DVD series "Back to the Basics" by Adrian Rogers. If you have this item in your library, and would be willing to loan it to the church, please contact Barbara Melton, at 813-633-5950.

#### Manhattan Baptist

- Manhattan has several pianos and two organs they would like to donate. Contact Sue Turner (813) 841-4585.

#### 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.

#### University Baptist

- UBC is seeking a part-time associate pastor to assist the senior pastor in

developing disciples in a multicultural urban community. The pay is \$12,000 with vacation. If you are called to this kind of ministry, please send resume to [ubc@ubctampaorg](mailto:ubc@ubctampaorg).

### 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](mailto:wbsbctampa@gmail.com)

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