

Coming Alongside September, 2024

# A GOOD CHANGEUP



Some of today's best baseball pitchers throw at speeds over 100 mph. Pittsburgh Pirates rookie sensation, Paul Skenes threw a 102 mph fastball on his 98th pitch of the game. My arm hurts just thinking about this. But great pitchers also need to throw other types of pitches and some have effectively used a pitch called the changeup.

It is an off-speed pitch that is often thrown 10-15 mph slower than a fastball, but it is disguised in such a way that the hitter doesn't recognize it and swings too early. Pedro Martinez and Tom Glavine are two of the greatest pitchers who effectively threw changeups at opportune times and won multiple Cy Young Awards as the best pitchers in baseball in a particular year.

Sometimes we need to change things up in life. We can all get in a rut and throwing a spiritual "changeup" can be just what the Lord uses to get our attention. I was gloriously saved at a Student Retreat in Ridgecrest, North Carolina and it was the changeup that the Lord used to get my attention. Married couples might need time away from their children, pastors might need a sabbatical, and men and women might need a weekend retreat. A good change-up can help us hear clearly from the Lord and this can result in us deeply repenting and returning to Him as our first love.

I am grateful for my brother and co-laborer at the association, Lielson Penido. For seven years he has worked with other Spanish pastors and leaders to throw a changeup by offering an annual Spanish men's retreat, usually at Word of Life in Hudson. This year the retreat will be held on September 6-7 and we trust that about 200 men will slow down and remove distractions so that they can hear God's voice through His word. Many have been renewed through this annual

retreat changeup. Please join me in praying for personal revival for the men who attend this year.

Do you need to change things up? We all do at times.

Coming alongside, Mike

# **SEPTEMBER EVENTS**



# Legacy & Estate Planning with David Russo

# Stewardship. Simplified.

Florida Baptist Financial Services Florida Baptist Foundation Church Growth Investment Fund



# Legacy and Estate Planning with David Russo

Florida Baptist Financial Services

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

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

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

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

### **J15 MONTHLY PASTORS GATHERINGS**

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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)

September meeting MOVED to September 12, 2024

Every fourth Wednesday at King's Avenue BC (Brandon)

[ Details Here ]



September 14, 2024

# SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCE

Small Groups Reimagine

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH 110 MCMULLEN BOOTH RD, CLEARWATER FL, 33759



# **Three Great Trainings**

- Sunday School Conference Small Groups Reimagine
- Special Needs Classes
- Evangelical Counsel for Abuse Prevention (ECAP) Classes

(Training offered in other languages)

September 14, 2024

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Calvary Baptist Church** 

110 N Mcmullen Booth Rd Clearwater, FL 33759

\$10 per person until September 12, 2024

# REGISTER HERE

Onsite registration will be available on September 14th.

Nursery is NOT provided

**Keynote Speaker**: Pastor Justin Facenda — "Small Groups Reimagine"

Track-1 — Sunday School Breakout classes
 Track-2 — Special Needs Breakouts classes
 Track-3 — Language Breakout classes
 Track- 4 — ECAP Breakout classes

[ Get more info and the complete schedule and lineup here ]



## **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

Join us for a time of announcements and prayer, a time of business and updates, and a time of fellowship around the table with free lunch provided.

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

# **OCTOBER EVENTS**



#### **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

Special Guest Preacher –



Aaron Filippone
Pastor | Indian Rocks Baptist Church

Pastor Aaron was recently called to Indian Rocks after serving the past 13 years leading a staff of 15 campus pastors for Family Church in West Palm Beach, FL.

#### Special Music –

We are excited to be led by the worship team of Christ Fellowship Church and special guests.

#### Stories from the field -

Pastors and church planters will share stories about what God is doing in our TBBA churches and church plants.

This is one of the biggest events of the year in the life of our Association. We look forward to celebrating with you!

No RSVP required.

**Coming Alongside!** 

# **SAVE THE DATE**



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### **Pastors and Wives Christmas Dinner!**

For Senior Pastors and Wives at the Puleo Barn

Monday, December 2, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Don't miss it. | Registration opens in November

# **RECENT HIGHLIGHTS**



TBBA Preaching Conference with H.B. Charles, Jr.

Praise God, we had a great turnout of pastors for our Annual Preaching Conference on August 20-21, 2024 at Living Faith Bible Fellowship in Tampa. Thank you to Pastor Darryl Williamson and his team for hosting us, and thank you to our speaker, Pastor H.B. Charles, Jr. of Shiloh Metropolitan Baptist Church in Jacksonville, FL.

Pastor H.B. challenged and encouraged us to preach the Word expositionally, to study the Word diligently, and to prepare our messages carefully, as he began the conference with one word: "Progress."

And to a man, we surely made some, especially letting the text drive our message, and making sure the main idea of the text is always the main idea of our sermon.

From preparation, to delivery, Pastor H.B. shared very transparently from a well of wisdom that he has acquired from over 34 years of preaching. It was easy to see his passion for helping preachers preach more faithfully.

If you were able to make it, thank you for being with us. If you could not make, we hope you will look forward to joining us next year, as we continue to strive together to encourage, equip and multiply our churches for the glory of our Lord.

### **CAN YOU REFER A TENANT TO US?**

We are offering our Suite 103 for rent, and we would love it if you could refer a great professional office user / tenant to us. The space is almost 1,500 SF with a waiting room; a receptionist area; a large, open space, a private bathroom; four, really big private offices; dedicated parking plus overflow parking; and a spot on our monument sign.

This would be a perfect space for any professional use. For more information, please contact Boe Ellis (813) 445-8600 or boe.ellis@cjellis.com.

Click on the image -> for the flyer.



## **COMMUNITY & MINISTRY**

Pastor's Library — Books Available

Pastor Charles Scrivens, who passed away last year, left to his son, Lanse, his
entire collection of books that he had amassed over 60-plus years. Lanse has
invited our pastors to "come and look at the books" and possibly take some of
them home for your collection. Contact Lanse Scrivens by email
lanse@lansescriven.com.

• 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.

#### 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.

#### 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 <u>wbsbctampa@gmail.com</u>

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