



*Coming Alongside July, 2025*

## ASSOCIATION-WIDE EVANGELISM TRAINING



Mother Teresa is quoted as saying, "I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things." I fully agree with her. In God's family we all have spiritual gifts and talents that are very useful and necessary for the benefit of everyone in every church and for the fulfillment of the Great Commission. This is true among local churches, with denominational conventions, and with evangelical ministry organizations.

There are things the Tampa Bay Baptist Association can do for the churches and pastors in our region and there are things we cannot do, but others can do

One ministry organization that we have proudly partnered with is ShareWord Global. They are doing the best job of any ministry that we are aware of in training and mobilizing believers to often show and share Jesus with lost people. This includes both people we know and with people we do not know but we engage with throughout any given day. ShareWord Global trainers are coming to Tampa to thoroughly equip church members in sharing the gospel on Saturday, August 23. (See information below for details and to register.)

The training focuses on four simple skills.

1. Learn how to intentionally build caring relationships with those who you work with, live near, play with, ...
  2. Write out and learn to share your story of how you were saved and how Jesus has changed your life.
  3. Learn a simple gospel presentation that is easy to remember.
  4. Learn about free Apps that can assist you in sharing Jesus.
- OPTION: Go out after the training and a free lunch to the USF campus to share Jesus with students.

With God's help and the encouragement of each other, we can do this. Sign up to attend in August and encourage others from your church to join you.

Coming alongside,  
Mike

COMING THIS AUGUST



**ShareWord Global**

**WHEN WAS THE  
LAST TIME YOU  
SHARED YOUR FAITH?**

**IGNITE**

This free event will ignite your joy and passion for the Gospel and help build your confidence to share your faith with Scripture.

What you'll come to appreciate is what we've learned many times over; that bringing the life-changing hope of the Gospel to others will change you as well.

*Together, we can tell the world.*

## ShareWord Global Evangelism Training

**August 23, 2025  
At Mission Hill Church**

*TBBA is partnering with ShareWord Global to offer a free Relational Evangelism training for all of our churches. Bring your pastors and leaders.*

**IGNITE**  
**Relational Evangelism Training**  
*Join Us for this FREE event*

**Four Core Evangelism Skills**

Come and learn this simple "Grid-Evangelism" training aimed at bringing church-wide evangelism participation within reach.

**You can take these tools and strategies and train your entire church in one Saturday.**

Training 8:30am - 12:00pm Lunch 12:00pm - 12:45pm  
Witnessing @ USF 1:00pm - 2:30pm

**Register HERE**

**SBC CONVENTION ROUND-UP**







**The Annual Meeting of the SBC gathered in Dallas in June 10-11, 2025 with enthusiastic attendance and a number of highlights that we want to share here.**

*From Baptist Press:*

**By the numbers:**

- 10,599 messengers
- 4,141 guests
- 3,433 exhibitors
- 18,173 total Attendees

**IMB Report:**

- Over the past year, 12,000 Southern Baptists went on short-term mission trips with the IMB, and the IMB sent 423 new missionaries to the nations. In addition, the IMB sent 33 Project 3000 missionary explorers who located 214 previously unreached people groups and engaged 109 of those groups with the gospel for the very first time.
- In 2024, through the support of Southern Baptist churches, 1.6 million people heard a gospel presentation; 145,000 professed faith in Jesus; and 68,000 were baptized—discipled by IMB missionaries. In addition, 2,400 new churches were planted, and 84,000 new leaders are being trained among the nations.

**NAMB Report:**

- Kevin Ezell shared that Southern Baptist church plants increased 13 percent in 2024 compared to the previous year. NAMB's Send Network president, Vance Pitman, challenged churches to increase their involvement in church planting by raising up disciples who will plant or help plant churches.

**ERLC Report:**

- Defund Planned Parenthood: More than 30,000 Southern Baptists and others signed a petition to let our lawmakers know we don't want our taxpayer dollars funding the abortion industry, including Planned Parenthood. Join us in praying we see this predatory organization defunded, among others, and precious preborn lives saved.

**Other News:**

- Adopted resolutions on sports gambling, pornography, the natural family, religious liberty
- Read more at [SBC.net/resolutions](https://www.sbc.net/resolutions)
- Elected Clint Pressley, senior pastor of Hickory Grove Baptist Church in Charlotte, North Carolina, to a second term as SBC president.

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**FINAL CALL!**

**SENIOR PASTORS & WIVES OUTING**



## Senior Pastors and Wives Dinner Date

**Thursday Night, July 10, 2025**

Maggiano's Little Italy  
Westshore Mall  
203 Westshore Plaza, Tampa, FL 33609  
6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

We want you to take your wife on a dinner date — **on us!** Enjoy a delicious dinner and an encouraging Word.

RSVP with Jan and put it on your calendar. | RSVP with **your wife's name** too!

***This is a free event for senior pastors and their wives.***

([jjones@tbba.org](mailto:jjones@tbba.org)) | 813-935-3839

## J15 Pastors Gatherings



### **Are You Involved? Can You Visit a J15 Group this Month?**

J15 is a monthly pastors' gathering designed to help pastors more deeply love God (John 15:4-7), love each other (John 15:12-15, 17), and as a result effectively lead their church members to personally share the gospel and make disciples (John 15:8,16).

#### **Each J15 Gathering will often include the following:**

1. Reminding Together – a brief, interactive biblical thought (no sermons allowed)
2. Praying Together – earnest prayer based on God's word (about 45 minutes)
3. Eating Together – friendships are more easily developed around good food

We look forward to being with you!

#### ***Tampa:***

##### **Every First Thursday**

First Baptist Church of Tampa  
302 W Kennedy Blvd, Tampa, FL 33606  
11:30am – 1:00pm  
(lunch provided)

##### **Every Second Monday — Spanish-Speaking**

TBBA Office  
1060 W Busch Blvd., Tampa FL 33612  
4:30 p.m.



***Brandon:***

**Every Fourth Wednesday**

King's Avenue Baptist Church  
2602 S Kings Ave, Brandon, FL 33511  
11:30am – 1:00pm  
(lunch provided)



**Abiding in Jesus**



**Abiding in His word**



**Praying earnestly**



**Loving your brothers**

**RSVP needed for lunch**

Need more info? Contact [Jan Jones](#) and [Lielson Penido](#) (813) 935-3839.

## RECENT HIGHLIGHTS



### **Top Golf Outing**

We had a great time with 21 pastors and leaders at Top Golf in Tampa. A few brand new Tampa Bay Baptist Association pastors attended along with the rest of us. The golfing was fun, the fellowship was sweet, and the food was awesome!



## COMMUNITY & MINISTRY

### East Chelsea Baptist

- East Chelsea Baptist Church is searching for a Worship Leader. This is a part time position - Sunday morning and Sunday evening. Contact Pastor Raymond James for more information - 813-621-9771.

### Tyndale Christian Academy / Dover FBC

- Tyndale Christian Academy is a Christian School passionate about the word of God, higher education, and training virtuous students. Tyndale is located at First Baptist Church of Dover in Dover, Florida. We are seeking a Full Time Second Grade Teacher for the 2025-2026 school year. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree, preferably in Education. The position's starting salary is \$42,000. How to apply: Please send cover letter and resume to our principal, Rachael Bowen, via email ([principal@tyndaleacademy.com](mailto:principal@tyndaleacademy.com))

### Manhattan Baptist

- Manhattan Baptist has five old, solid-wood pews that it would like to donate for any Kingdom purpose! Four are 10-footers, and one is 14 feet long. Please come and get'em. Call Sue Turner in the church office (813) 831-1951 or email [info@manhattanbaptist.org](mailto:info@manhattanbaptist.org).

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