



Coming Alongside **August, 2025**

TOO BIG FOR OUR BRITCHES



One of my favorite times of the year is the college football season and I am looking forward to the 2025 season starting in the next few weeks. I remember back in 2012 when Texas A&M redshirt freshman, Johnny Manziel won the Heisman Trophy as the best college football player. He was electrifying and was destined for long-term greatness. But somewhere along the line Johnny quit doing what he had been doing to become so great. He fell into a lot of off-field controversy and even began doing drugs. His professional career ended before it ever got started and I believe that one of the reasons for this was that "he became too big for his britches". This metaphoric idiom alludes to becoming so "swollen" with conceit that one's pants no longer fit.

Like Johnny Manziel did with his football career, we can humbly start out in Christian ministry in awe of the fact that the Lord of everything would choose to use us. But somewhere along the way we can stop doing what we were doing to become useable by God and start to minister in our own strength. We can get too big for our britches.

In Deuteronomy 17, Moses gave a warning to future kings to help them continue to depend on the Lord throughout their reigns and avoid the temptation to fall into the lie that they could lead Israel or Judah in their own strength and wisdom. The future kings were to be exemplary leaders who did not cut corners. In chapter 17, Moses prohibited the kings from building up a large military organization by multiplying horses (v. 16). This could lead to a false sense of security, and departure from dependence on God. The kings were not to multiply wives (v. 17), since these women would inevitably turn the king's heart away from his devotion and obedience to the LORD. The final warning was that they were not to obtain a large personal fortune (v. 17) because this too would lead to

a false sense of security and a divided allegiance. Unfortunately most of the kings of Israel and Judah did not obey these three warnings.

And finally, every king was commanded to personally write down a copy of God's law. (v. 18). Some commentators believe that this is a reference to the book of Deuteronomy. The king was to read this law throughout his lifetime: "all the days of his life". This discipline would enable a king to walk humbly and wisely with the LORD so that he could lead the people to obey His will.

We have never been a king, we probably weren't great athletes, but most of us are leaders in gospel ministry. Let's be careful to live in humble dependence on our Lord, to obey His warnings, and to personally focus our attention on God's word by reading it and obeying it everyday.

Coming alongside,
Mike

COMING AUGUST 23, 2025



 **ShareWord
Global**

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ShareWord Global Evangelism Training (in three languages)

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

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

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

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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](#) at (813) 935-3839.

SEPTEMBER — EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



Executive Committee Meeting

with important business

Monday, September 15, 2025

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

Hear from:

Pastor Wayne Moore

Pastor Henry Payne/Darin Saley

& more

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

Join us for a time of inspiration, sharing, prayer, & fellowship around the table with free lunch provided.

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

SAVE THE DATE — ANNUAL CELEBRATION



Save the Date

TBBA Annual Celebration

Sunday, October 19, 2025

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

4:00 p.m. snack dinner | 5:00 p.m. Celebration

Keynote Speaker — Dr. Alan Brumback
Pastor, FBC Naples

Come hear from Pastor Alan Brumback as he preaches on the need for every believer to be empowered by the Holy Spirit so that he can become more like Jesus and join Jesus in fulfilling the Great Commandment and the Great Commission. We don't need more *programs* ... we need more *power*!

We will enjoy praise and worship led by the Mission Hill worship team. We will be inspired by stories about what God is doing in our TBBA churches and church plants. Come and celebrate with us.

No RSVP required

Contact Jan Jones (813) 935-3839 or email jjones@tbba.org for more info.

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS



Pastors and Wives Dinner at Maggiano's

Thank you to all who were able to join us at Maggiano's on July 10, 2025. Thanks to Darin Saley for blessing us with a good word, and thanks to our Tampa Bay Baptist Foundation and other partners for making this event and others like it possible. We had a great time together enjoying fellowship, and encouraging one another—with our wives—to keep Christ at the center of our marriages.

COMMUNITY & MINISTRY

Creekside Church

- Creekside Church has the whole *Answers in Genesis* curriculum that the church is willing to donate. Lesson posters, printed handouts, take home pages; all sorted by lesson and filed. Lesson 1-200. The only thing they don't have are the

teacher books (they use the digital version). They also have the big, flip-books for the Pre-K/first grade. If interested contact Maria (kids director) at maria@creeksidetampa.org.

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)

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.

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