



Coming Alongside **September, 2025**

THANKS TO THE LORD & TO TBBA CHURCHES



Our TBBA staff is grateful to the LORD and the 150+ Tampa Bay Baptist Association churches for the privilege of humbly serving Him through our churches and church plants. What we get to do would not be possible without His powerful grace and the partnership and financial support of many churches. This time of year is a good time for me to share some of the highlights of what the LORD has recently done in and through the TBBA, the

churches, and plants.

- Since August of 2023, pastors have gathered each month to earnestly pray together, interact around a biblical topic, and then hang out and eat lunch together. These gatherings are called J15 (based on John 15) Pastors' Gatherings. There is a Tampa J15, a Brandon J15 and in June of 2025, Lielson Penido launched a Spanish J15. It is desired that the monthly J15 Pastors' Gatherings will make it easier for pastors and planters to connect with others in genuine friendships so that they can be spiritually, relationally, and emotionally healthy and thereby better lead their churches to impact our county with the gospel message.
- Hurricanes Helene and Milton caused damage to many TBBA churches. Some churches were flooded, some had roof damage, and some had structural damage due to fallen trees. We contacted many TBBA pastors to ask them about their buildings and their homes. The TBBA, and mostly the Tampa Bay Baptist Foundation, gave thousands of dollars to assist churches in need. Also, the TBBA staff contacted pastors to ask them to send volunteers to help other churches in need.
- In April, Dr. Bob Magruder spoke to about 30 pastors about Multiplying Disciples. Bob is serving full-time in the disciple making ministry and is assisting the TBBA by working with individual pastors to help them grow a disciple making culture in their churches. He has been following up with pastors who

attended the April meeting. As a result, he has been helping many TBBA pastors start and sustain a disciple making movement in their churches.

- In May, over 40 TBBA pastors and leaders met at Mission Hill Church for a 3 hour Prayer Summit led by Pastor Paul Purvis. It was an intimate and powerful time with the LORD and each other. We enjoyed great fellowship and a lunch afterward.
- In May, Dr. Stephen Rummage led a Preaching Conference for about 35 TBBA pastors at Living Faith Bible Fellowship. It was an incredible time of learning how to study a biblical text and then let the sermon flow from the message of the text.
- In July, 84 pastors and wives enjoyed a wonderful date night at Maggianos Restaurant at the Westshore Mall. It was a family style meal with two appetizers, two salads, four main entrees, and two desserts. It was greatly enjoyed by all.
- We held our 2025 Annual Pastors & Wives Retreat at the Innisbrook Resort on July 31 – August 2 with 13 couples in attendance. It was a great time of marital refreshment and equipping for the couples.
- The TBBA partnered with ShareWord Global to lead an evangelism training in 2024. They led a similar training at Mission Hill Church on August 23 that was attended by about 250 people. The training was offered in English, Spanish, and French. ShareWord Global is so positive about their partnership with the TBBA that they have hired an employee who lives in Tampa. This will enable them to offer similar evangelism training throughout the year to individual churches or groups of churches in our region.

In addition, there are a number of churches that are close to closing their doors or in need of other help. Below are a few of the churches we were able to assist.

- Palm Ave BC – The church averages about eight elderly worshipers each Sunday. After many years of coming alongside these wonderful saints, the members have voted to ask Idlewild BC to help them. The two churches signed a Letter of Intent on May 7, 2025 for them to merge together. Idlewild is currently doing due diligence before signing formal documents to merge.
- Manhattan BC – Pastor John Garbreana passed away in 2024 and we met with the Pastor Search Committee and told them that they needed to consider options for their future (full-time pastor, bi-vocational pastor, revitalization by another TBBA church, etc.). The church set up a council to evaluate what the Lord wanted for the church. There were many meetings with the council and their interim pastor, Boe Ellis. The church voted to merge with Christ Fellowship Church in March of 2025.
- Through many meetings with church elders the Lord opened the door for Kings Avenue BC to merge with Extraordinary Church (SBC church) and that merger took place in August of 2025.
- Buchanan BC – Former deacon, Wayne Kirkland was called as the interim and then permanent pastor over 1.5 years ago. The church is declining due to some deaths of elderly congregants and is surviving on financial reserves that will run

out before the end of 2025. We have been working with Pastor Wayne and the leaders to help them make a godly decision about the church's future.

Partnerships

- For the fourth year in a row, we partnered with Pastor Johnny Carr and South Tampa Fellowship to offer a 12-month (Jan. - Dec.) co-hort to six pastors. The focus is on Leading like Jesus led. Johnny uses the Heart2Serve curriculum developed by Chick-Fila to train the six pastors on two Fridays during the year and then he meets one on one with them via Zoom ten times per year.
- We partnered with missionary Dennis Pethers who coached 8 pastors for one year on a monthly basis so that they can become disciple makers inside and outside their churches. The coaching was both impactful and encouraging and it ended in July.

Church Planting

- We are striving to work more closely with a few TBBA churches that are (1) already training members to possibly plant a church (2) or that are working to develop a Church Planting Network (3) or that are assisting members in planting churches. We have met and will continue to meet with pastors of these churches to listen to them and discover new ways that they can be assisted in their church planting work.

Again, we are grateful for your partnership and look forward to greater things for the glory of God in the days ahead.

Coming alongside,
Mike

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

Theme: "*Empowered*"

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.

Keynote Speaker - Dr. Alan Brumback

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 or she 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*!



FEATURED THIS MONTH



Executive Committee Meeting

with important business

Monday, September 15, 2025

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

Hear about

2026 TBBA Ministry Plans

Churches joining the TBBA

Hear from:

Pastor Wayne Moore

Darin Saley - Marriage Conference

& 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

OTHER SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Maguire State Missions Offering



Dear Church Leader,

The Maguire State Mission Offering is almost here! Your church's gift goes 100% to support starting new churches in our state. This is the final call to order promotional materials—including prayer guides, posters, and envelopes — to help your church highlight this important statewide mission effort. Don't miss the chance to equip your congregation and join us in advancing the gospel across Florida.

Visit fbaptist.org/send to access the promotional video and fbaptist.org/order to order your materials.



God is doing incredible things across our state through the Send Network Florida partnership with the North American Mission Board. This partnership allows us as Florida Baptists to faithfully respond to God's call to plant churches.

As you give generously to the Maguire State Mission Offering, you are coming Right Beside churches and providing them with financial support as they begin new churches here in Florida where our population is vastly increasing every year.

During the month of September, would you consider joining thousands of Florida Baptists in prayer emphasis and giving to support vital church planting efforts?

One hundred percent of all dollars received through the MSMO will be utilized for church planting in Florida. With your faithful giving and through your prayers, we can do More For The Kingdom.

Will you help new church plants with gifts to the Maguire State Mission Offering?

Why? Because 75 percent of Florida's 22.2 million population—16.7 million—do not have a saving relationship with Jesus Christ.

State Goal: \$1,000,000

- 100 percent of the State Mission Offering will be earmarked for church planting.
- *No funds are allocated for administration or promotion*

Week of Prayer: Sept 7-14, 2025

Order Materials for Your Church Today!

Pastor Friends Gathering

NEW MISSIONS

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gathering

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TIM DETELLIS
PRESIDENT
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JIM HENRY
PASTOR EMERITUS
FBC ORLANDO

PAUL S. PURVIS
LEAD PASTOR
MISSION HILL CHURCH

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2025
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
FREE EVENT: LUNCH INCLUDED
RSVP TO PASTORFRIENDS.COM

EVENT LOCATION

MISSION HILL CHURCH

10002 N 56TH STREET, TEMPLE TERRACE, FL 33617
(813) 988-1138 | MISSIONHILL.ORG

PASTOR FRIENDS *gathering*

We are excited to promote this conference and lunch event at Mission Hill in partnership with Pastor Friends. The event is designed to encourage pastors and church leaders.

Thursday, September 11, 2025

Mission Hill Church

Please RSVP for you and your leaders. -> [Click Here](#)

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

Generations Church
(formerly 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.

SAVE THE DATE



Adore Women's Prayer Retreat
Praising God for who He is

Saturday
November 1, 2025
 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Mission Hill Church
 10002 N 56th St, Temple Terrace, FL 33617-4022

Cost: \$10 per person (includes snacks & lunch)

Guest Speaker: Katrina Sellers
 Katrina is the pastor's wife at First Baptist Church of Floral City and is the mom to four children. She is also the Women's Missions and Ministries/ Missions Education President for Florida and enjoys writing and speaking to women about the BIG God she serves.

Register at <https://flbaptist.org/events/>

Women's Missions & Ministries
 Missions Education
 Florida Baptist Convention

Right Beside You.

Contact Cindy at cbradley@flbaptist.org for more information.

Adore — Women's Prayer Retreat

The “Adore” Women’s Prayer Retreat is designed to help women learn more about what it means to adore God through prayer. One of the most important elements of prayer is simply adoring God for who He is – His character, His attributes, and His mighty works. During this retreat we will explore biblical foundations and practical applications of prayers of adoration.

Saturday, November 1, 2025

9:00 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.

Mission Hill Church

10002 N 56th St, Temple Terrace, FL 33617

Speaker: Katrina Sellers --Katrina is the pastor's wife at First Baptist Church of Floral City, Mom to four, and teaches Bible to high school students. She also serves as the Women's Missions and Ministries/Missions Education President for Florida and enjoys writing and speaking to women about the faithful God she serves.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Registration Deadline: Thursday October 30, 2025

Cost: \$10 per person (includes snacks and lunch).

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS



The Lord greatly blessed the personal evangelism training that took place on August 23 at Mission Hill Church. ShareWord Global personnel led the training in English, Spanish, and French and about 250 people attended the three hour training. ShareWord Global has trained local TBBA pastors to lead this same training for any church or group of churches that want to have their members trained to show and share Jesus in the future. Contact the TBBA staff to let us know if you want to do this.

A special thanks goes out to Pastor Paul Purvis and the many Mission Hill Church staff members and volunteers who made this training a great success.

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.

Manhattan Baptist

- Manhattan Baptist would like to donate its 2003 E450 Ford, 26-passenger church van. Needs work! Contact Dale Fasenmyer (813)-293-3253.

- 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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