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*Coming Alongside, **August 2026***

I Love a Great Story



Recently a Tampa Bay Baptist Association pastor shared with me about the impact that the August, 2025 ShareWord Global relational evangelism training had on him personally. (See below for information about the 2026 Training event that will be held on August 29.) The pastor gave me permission to share his story without mentioning his name or the name of his neighbor, whom the Lord has recently saved. I trust that you'll enjoy the story as much as I have enjoyed it.

The pastor attended the 2025 training along with some members of his church. After the training, many people were planning on going out into the USF and Temple Terrace community to attempt to initiate gospel conversations. However, it poured rain that afternoon so no one was able to go out. Instead, some additional and unplanned training took place and the attendees were encouraged to simplify their evangelism strategies by asking the Lord to burden them for someone they already somewhat knew that they could love and ultimately share the gospel with. The Lord clearly laid on the heart of the pastor a disabled veteran neighbor of his.

Months earlier, the pastor's and neighbor's homes had been horribly impacted by flooding from Hurricane Milton and the two of them had become acquainted through shared trials. The pastor and his son had helped his neighbor with some much needed yard work that included, mowing, trimming bushes, and the pulling of weeds. These acts of service enabled them to become more than neighbors, but friends. Then after the August, ShareWord Global Conference, the pastor began to pray daily for his

neighbor and seek opportunities to engage him in spiritual conversations. Some time later the pastor was speaking to his neighbor while wearing an Orlando Magic shirt. This was a God-moment because they learned of their mutual love for basketball and the Orlando Magic. This led to both of them going to see a Magic game in Orlando.

The pastor prayed that their time while traveling and attending the game would be led by the Lord to comfortably engage in spiritual conversation. The Lord answered his prayer and the neighbor asked the question, "What translation of the Bible do you use and why?" This led to all sorts of spiritual conversation and a gospel presentation. The neighbor was definitely open to what the pastor had shared about Jesus.

Noting his new friend's interest in learning more about Jesus, the pastor bought him an ESV study Bible. His friend was excited and began a personal quest to read through the New Testament. This opened up more "God-moments" to engage in spiritual conversations.

After a period of a few more months, the neighbor knocked on the pastor's door and told him that Jesus was now his Lord and that he wanted to do the "water thing" (baptism). They spent time confirming his decision and the pastor has been discipling his friend for the past few months with some great Navigator curriculum for new believers. The neighbor is scheduled to do the "water thing" in the next few weeks.

Also, the neighbor's ten year old daughter repented and trusted Christ as her Savior in the past few days.

Recently, the pastor asked his friend if it would be alright for the pastor to publicly and confidentially share this story. He responded, "If it encourages Christians to go out and share Jesus so that others can find the peace I have found, by all means share it!"

I told you it was a great story. I pray that it inspires many pastors and believers to join in the evangelism training movement that is being held for the third year in a row with ShareWord Global, and additionally in 2026, with Mark Mittelberg. Many more of our neighbors need Jesus.

Coming alongside,
Mike

FEATURED



EQUIP. ENCOURAGE. ENGAGE.

 **SATURDAY
AUGUST 29, 2026**

 **FROM
8:30 AM – 4:00 PM**

 **HARVEST BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP**
5902 N Himes Ave,
Tampa, FL 33614

 **LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED**



Join 100's of others for evangelism training led by

***Mark Mittelberg, ShareWord Global,
and Others***

Theme: Evangelism as Overflow

For the third year in a row, TBBA is partnering with ShareWord Global to offer a Relational Evangelism training for all of our churches. In addition, we are blessed to have Mark Mittelberg with Apologetics, Inc. as our guest speaker (see below), and other breakout speakers.

Pastors, bring your leaders and members with you!

Join Us for this FREE event
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Saturday, August 29, 2026
Harvest Baptist Fellowship
5902 N Himes Ave, Tampa, FL 33614



MARK MITTELBERG

Guest Speaker for ShareWord Global Tng.

In addition to the ShareWord Global training we will be featuring Mark Mittelberg, who is the bestselling author of *Contagious Faith* and the *Becoming a Contagious Christian* training course, which have helped train 2 million people around the world to share their faith in natural ways. He is an International speaker and a Senior Apologist with Apologetics, Inc. Mark was also the original Evangelism Director at Willow Creek Community Church. He has written nearly 30

books and published pieces, focusing on apologetics, evangelism, and evangelistic leadership.

EVENT SCHEDULE

8:30 - 9:00 Registration & Check-in, Continental Breakfast
9:00 - 10:00 Large Group Session - Mark Mittelberg
10:00 - 10:30 Break (Partner Exhibits)
10:30 - 12:00 Breakout Sessions
12:05 - 12:45 Large Group Session - Mark Mittelberg
12:45 - 2:00 Partner Exhibits | Sponsored Lunch (5 Loaves 2 Fish)
2:00 - 2:30 Outreach Prep & Instructions - Shane Doyle
3:00 - 4:00 Outreach Downtown Tampa

BREAKOUT SESSION DETAILS

ShareWord Global Ignite Training - Relational Evangelism

(Two Separate Sessions - one in English & one in Spanish)

Led by Artur Borges | ShareWord Global

Learn simple, authentic evangelism skills developed by ShareWord Global using Scripture, personal testimony, and the knowledge you already have to share the gospel naturally in everyday life.

Gospel Matters - Conversational Evangelism

Led by Shane Doyle | Gospel Matters

A question-based approach to sharing faith through meaningful dialogue, building trust, and gently turning conversations toward spiritual truth.

Evangelism in the Home

Led by Faith Thompson and Ginnie Zemaitis | Apologetics, Inc.

This session equips parents to evangelize and disciple their children by integrating biblical, practical, and conversation-based strategies into everyday life, emphasizing that lasting faith is nurtured primarily in the home.

AFTERNOON OUTREACH

Put your training into practice! Join us for guided outreach at local gathering spots near downtown Tampa.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Please RSVP for you and your team using the button below.

Register here for ShareWord Global Training

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TBBA & ShareWord Global Present

CITYWIDE EVANGELISM EQUIPPING

Theme: Evangelism as Overflow

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FEATURED SPEAKER



MARK MITTELBERG

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BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Ignite Training - Relational Evangelism | Artur Borges (available in English and Spanish)

Gospel Matters - Conversational Evangelism | Shane Doyle

Apologetics Inc. | Evangelism in the Home | Faith Thompson & Ginnie Zemaitis

FREE EVENT | Registration Required

sponsored by Tampa Bay Baptist Association & ShareWord Global



Executive Committee Meeting
DATE CHANGE TO MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

Join us for fellowship, inspiration, prayer, and lunch.

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

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

- Participate in prayer with and for each other
- Hear, discuss, and vote on Committee reports
- Enjoy free lunch after the meeting

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



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Saturday, Sept. 12, 2026

More info: womeninapologetics.com/wiaconference
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UPCOMING EVENTS



We're Changing the Celebration!
We will conduct business before the celebration &

we will shorten the celebration.

**4:00 p.m. snack dinner &
4:15 p. m. - Brief Business Meeting**
(Fellowship Hall)

5:00 p.m. Celebration
(Worship Center)

Sunday, October 18, 2026

First Baptist Church of Tampa
302 W Kennedy Blvd
Tampa, FL 33606

Keynote Speaker — Pastor Cliff Lea
FBC Leesburg

Come and enjoy inspirational worship, a few stories of God's work in our churches and plants, and hear a powerful message from Pastor Cliff Lea, who has been the lead pastor at FBC Leesburg since 2007..

No RSVP required

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

PREPARE  ENRICH

Save the Date: October 24 from 9am - 3pm
Tampa Bay Baptist Association
1060 W. Busch Blvd.

Prepare/Enrich is the most trusted and proven premarital and marriage assessment in the world. **Darin Saley** will train you to become a *certified* Prepare/Enrich Facilitator.

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Many pastors today feel like they are running on empty and some are privately struggling to survive the pressures of the pastorate and of life in general. Every pastor I know is in need of a fresh filling of God's Spirit, power, and grace. A Pastors' Prayer Summit is designed to be an incredible time of spiritual renewal that enables pastors to leave the summit thriving, rather than just surviving.

These Summits can enable pastors to experience a renewed love for the Lord, others, and His mission by creating prayer environments of worship, singing, stillness, quietness, reflection, repentance, intercession, petition, and more. Pastor Paul Purvis will facilitate a wonderful time of renewal in God's manifest presence through Spirit-led, Scripture-fed, worship-based prayer.

Begins: 10:00am on Wednesday, November 4

Concludes: 4:30pm on Thursday, November 5

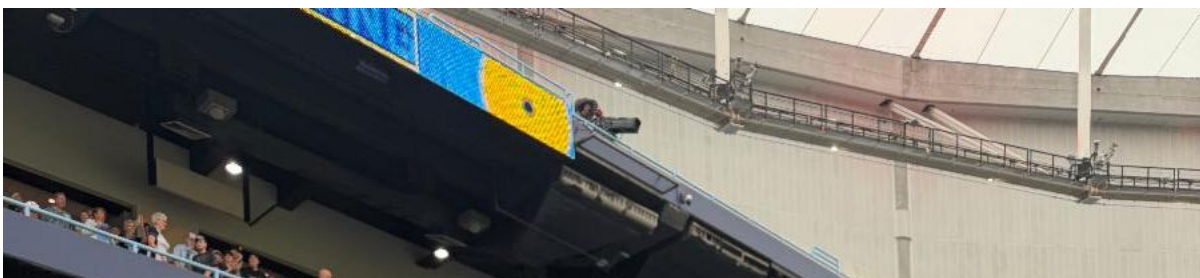
Mission Hill Church

10002 N. 56th St.

Temple Terrace, FL 33617

Look for more information in our next eNews

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS





Pastor +1 Outing at the Trop

We had a super time of fellowship at the Trop on July 30, 2026 for the Tampa Bay Rays game against the Texas Rangers. The hometown team was a 3-2 winner with an eighth-inning homer, and our pastors and their guests were the guests of honor. It is our great privilege to host events like this where our pastors can get together and fellowship around good fun, good food, and good times. We trust these kinds of outings strengthen our pastors collectively and individually, and in the process, strengthen our churches. Thank you to all of the pastors and guests who made this a special day.

COMMUNITY & MINISTRY

Christ Fellowship South Tampa (formerly Manhattan Baptist)

- **WORSHIP LEADER** — Part-time, paid position. Multi-ethnic, multi-generational congregation. Christ Fellowship South Tampa is planting a new church in the old Manhattan Baptist (4300 S Manhattan Ave | Tampa FL 33611). They are praying for a called man to come lead in the style of Maverick City, Elevation Worship, and Gospel. Contact Pastor Zachary Carroll zachary@christfellowshiptampa.com.

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