

Be Transformed

SBA LIVE

January 2021

Joining God on Mission Together.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2021



The office is quiet but there sure is a lot going on. It is like the pot is simmering on the stove, but we know the stew is about to start boiling. You do not want to miss the moment when God steps in. Let me share just a few details about what I mean:

- Initiatives Workshop: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 @ Friendship Baptist
 - Meal begins at 6:30 pm
 - learn how you can be involved in serving schools, gospel racial reconciliation, revitalization/discipleship, and mission partnerships
- 2021 Mission Opportunities: developing strategies now!
 - Mexico: Gospel-driven medical mission in the spring of 2021
 - Medical personnel and mission/ministry volunteers are needed
 - Missoula, Montana: multiple opportunities throughout the year
 - Work with Southern Baptist churches in community VBS
 - Bless Missoula as part of a Go. Love. Serve. Community Service Week.
 - Serve as support (kitchen & cleanup crew) during Explore Church Family Retreat
 - Lead during sporting (hunting/fishing retreat)
 - Facilitate during a marriage enrichment event
 - Experience outdoor recreation Montana style during each mission adventure
 - Marianna Hurricane Relief: trips planned to fit your group needs
 - Partner with local churches as they continue gospel-driven relief efforts
 - A great experience to train others in missions while still being close to home
- Community-wide Youth Mission Camp
 - It is too early to say much, but some very exciting plans are being made to bring an attractive option for a local mission camp experience to our churches.

In closing, the following are some personal reflections on the Book of Jonah. Blessings as you continue the journey,

Andy

The word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai: “Get up! Go to the great city of Ninevah and preach against it because their evil has come up before me” (Jonah 1. 1 – 2).

- God’s word does not wait on us. God is already at work and calls us to join Him.
- There is urgency in God’s call. There should be urgency in our response.
- Movement and change will be part of an obedient response to God’s call. We cannot remain the same or stay in the same place and answer His call.
- God’s call beckons us to go to a place that has risks. Ninevah was a great city but it was not a safe city; their evil had “come up before the Lord.”
- God’s call is an invitation to be with Him. His presence is more important than achievement.

Father God instill Your urgency within us. Move us from the comfort of the familiar to go with You. In Jesus’ name, amen.



[Florida Baptists](#) will come together to sharpen, encourage and equip one another during the [Challenge 2025 Gathering](#) scheduled for Feb. 16 at First Baptist Church in Orlando.

[Tommy Green](#), executive director-treasurer of the Florida Baptist Convention, called the event "an incredible regathering of the Florida Baptist family. Our focus will be on the mission of reaching Florida for Christ. I encourage our pastors to attend and be equipped by dynamic practitioners in many areas of ministry."



Anyone wishing to participate in the 2021 Mobile Dental Mission may contact Mary Nanny for January / February meeting time and place.

(Mary Nanny 321-505-2562)



January 12, 2021

6:30 / Meal

SBA Initiatives...

**Discipleship / Revitalization
Gospel & Racial Reconciliation
Intentional Mission Projects
Serving Schools**

Friendship Baptist

14364 140th St.

Live Oak, Fl

March 9, 2021 - 6:30

(Evangelism Training)

**Westside Baptist
13969 Railroad Ave.**

May 11, 2021 - 6:30

(SBA Initiatives)

**O'Brien Baptist
9544 CR 349
O'Brien, Fl**

Sept. 14, 2021 - 6:30

(Budget Discussion)

**SBA offices
1747 Walker Ave. SW
Live Oak, Fl**

2021

Annual Celebration

October 10, 2021

Hosted by:

Mt. Olive Baptist Church

5317 98th Terr

Live Oak, Fl 32060

Guest Speaker: Tommy Green

This is the time of year when we simultaneously look back over the past year and look forward to the next. This past year has been especially hard on everyone and yet, as we pause and reflect, we can see the evidence of God's faithfulness. Even with all the COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines, the Suwannee Baptist Association was able to advance the Kingdom, expand the Revitalization Team, and launch and complete the first Revitalization Cohort of pastors/leaders.

Personally, I would like to thank and congratulate all the members of our inaugural Revitalization Cohort: Andy Jordan (AMS, Suwannee Baptist Association), Tommy Brett (Southside), Daniel Bryant (Journey), Gavin Cashmore (Suwannee Station), Jordan Daniels (Live Oak, First), Eric Linton (Shady Grove), Matthew McDonald (Friendship), David McKeithen (Antioch), and Tim Setzer (Westside). Thank you for your commitment during a year filled with unique trials, new challenges, and almost constant adjustments. Thank you for your patience with me as we launched something new to strengthen and revitalize churches.

As we look forward to 2021, I am gripped by a sense of hope. Hope for our world and nation as we make advances against a global pandemic. And hope for our pastors and churches as they implement new strategies, creating disciples that will bring a renewed vision to the Body of Christ.

David Garrett
Discipleship/Revitalization Consultant

Celebrate this historical time in our association.

Join in prayer for our Administrative Team and others as we move forward in our long range planning for the construction and use of a "Ministry Hub" to serve our churches and community.



Community Ministries

* Feeding Ministry partnered with First Baptist Live Oak. Volunteers needed weekly

* FBC, Live oak Men’s Prayer Breakfast WED. 6:30 in the sanctuary

* Mt. Gilead Food Ministry
2nd & 4th Sat 7:30 - 11:30
(corner of Hwy 90 W and Falmouth rd.)
Gene Watson: 386-209-4252

O’Brien Baptist Food Ministry
3rd Tuesday 10:00 - 1:00
9544 E. CR 349, O’Brien, FL
Keith Jones: 352-210-2219

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“Take heart!
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John 16:33 NIV