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NOVEMBER 2020

I SAW THE LORD



In Isaiah 6 we read about Isaiah's vision of the Lord. In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw also the Lord, sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; ... And one cried unto another and said, "Holy, holy holy is the Lord of hosts, the whole earth is full of His glory." And the posts of the door moved at the voice of Him who cried, and the house was filled with smoke. Then said I, "Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts."

I love this passage because it speaks so clearly to us about the glory, majesty, and holiness of our Lord and how "seeing" the Lord as He is, and not how we think He is, convicts us and can transform us in every situation. Verse 1 states that, "In the year that King Uzziah died", Isaiah saw the Lord. Judah experienced political difficulties, like the death of a king, just like every nation has through its existence. What we need today is what Isaiah needed, an encounter with the living God. Then and only then does everything else make sense. Isaiah saw the Lord and then he saw his own sin and was deeply grieved by it. He confessed his sin and was forgiven and restored to fulfill God's call on his life.

Friends, let's resort to the one thing that we know to do. Let's gaze at the Lord and let's glance at the trials and challenges surrounding us. Let's pray for each other that the Lord's Church would experience unity and power like never before, no matter which political party leads us. We are those who are called to follow the call of God by saying with Isaiah in verse 8, "Here am I; send me."

- Mike

NOVEMBER EVENTS

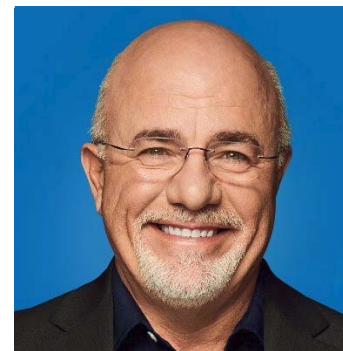
Ramsey+
(50% - 90% Reduction in Cost)
Thursday, November 19

2:30pm Zoom Meeting

The Zoom invitation will be sent to Pastors on September 16.

Reduction is due to a Generous Tampa Bay Region Donor

Offer is Available to First 100 Churches to Register



In these days of economic downturn for both families and churches, it is good to know of opportunities that can bless others in financial ways. Due to a generous local donor, Ramsey Ministries is offering their site license at a greatly reduced cost, which allows a church to provide access to Dave Ramsey content for one year. This includes 5 classes (Financial Peace University, Legacy Journey, Smart Money Smart Kids, the Jump Start Course, a new Budgeting course), the Everydollar+ budgeting tool, and a host of other resources. The Ramsey ministry has a team dedicated to help your church involve as many families as possible throughout the year.

Your entire church family can take advantage of the Ramsey offerings with the following reduced prices for Tampa Bay Baptist Association churches. This is all digitally offered.

Church worship attendance (Pre-COVID)

500 or less (90% reduction)

250 or less - \$250

251 - 499 - (\$250 - \$481)

500 - \$481

501 or more (50% reduction)

1000 - \$4807

FPU can be offered in Small groups or self- study format

There are 4 Requirements in addition to the above cost.

1. The buy-in of the Senior Pastor.
2. TBBA pursues getting multiple churches involved.
3. Willingness of each church to connect to a local Middle School or High School to offer FPU for free to teachers, administrators, etc.
4. One church leader/member who will contact one lead person in the school to assist them in offering Ramsey resources for free.

After attending the Zoom meeting, pastors who want their churches to participate, should call Joshua Fitzmorris at (615) 850-1504 or email him at joshua.fitzmorris@daveramsey.com.



IMB International Missions Emphasis

2020 Week of Prayer for International Missions
and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
November 29-December 6, 2020

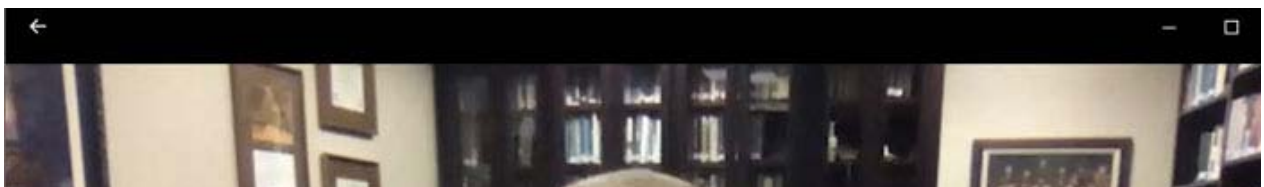
Get ready now for Christmas and your church's Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
with resources available on the IMB Website:

- Online, Daily Prayer Guide
- Share Videos, ads, graphics
- Download Impact Guides
- Download Posters

Lead your church through eight days of prayer focusing on different
missionaries each day (click on the image below).



RECENT HIGHLIGHTS





2020 Annual Celebration

We were excited to host our first ever, all-online Annual Celebration on Sunday, October 11, 2020. We had great participation with more than 30 senior pastors enjoying a great message from our guest speaker, Dr. Stephen Rummage of Quail Springs Baptist Church in Oklahoma City, OK. In addition, three TBBA pastors shared about the benefits of partnering together with other pastors and churches and our association. Since we could not distribute the 2020 Book of Reports during our Zoom Annual Celebration, we instead emailed it out to all of the TBBA Senior Pastors and Associate Pastors. If you desire to receive a copy please email Jan at jjones@tbba.org.

While the Zoom format afforded us some opportunities, we are looking forward to having our 2021 Annual Celebration in person at First Baptist Tampa on October 17, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. We are especially looking forward to our special guest speaker, Pastor Erik Cummings of New Life Baptist Church of Carol City in Miami, FL. He was scheduled to be our speaker for the 2020 in-person meeting (which was cancelled), so we are glad that he agreed to be our preacher for 2021.

Click [here](#) or on the image above to watch the video archive of the meeting.





A United Church Election Day Prayer Gathering

On Election Day, November 3, about forty Gospel preaching pastors and their leaders gathered at Gaslight Park in downtown Tampa to pray together based on the Model Prayer of Jesus as recorded in Matthew 6:9-13. There was a wonderfully diverse gathering of believers across racial and denominational lines. The prayer time acknowledged that we are committed to living as a church united around the Gospel and the Word of God regardless of what the outcome of the national election would be. We prayed in small groups with others who were not like us. We prayed for God's glory to become known for His kingdom reign in our nation and around the world, for the Lord to provide our needs, for the Lord to forgive us of our sins, for victory over the Evil One, and for His kingdom, power, and glory to be revealed and experienced.

COMMUNITY & MINISTRY

Carrollwood Baptist

- Carrollwood Baptist Church is seeking a part-time nursery worker for a minimum of 5 hours per week on Sunday morning and Wednesday evening. Main duties include care and playtime of infants through preschool age. Pay starts at \$12.00 per hour. Salary negotiable with relevant experience. Interested individuals may contact Rhonda Alain at salt2light85@gmail.com to apply for this position.

Manhattan Baptist

- Manhattan Baptist Church located in South Tampa, is looking for an experienced pianist. The part-time pianist will be paid \$100 per week. The applicant must be willing to work Sunday morning and Wednesday evenings for choir rehearsal. Applicants can contact their Worship Leader, Peter Jensen at the church at 813-831-1951 for more information.

Exciting Central Baptist

- Exciting Central is seeking a full time Executive Assistant. Job summary is to facilitate the effective ministry of ECTBC by serving the senior pastor, pastoral team, and ECTBC community in excellence. This position reports directly to the Senior Pastor. Interested individuals may contact Deacon Rashad Hines at (813) 924-2374.



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