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In Our Churches

Churches Searching for a Pastor:

Faith Baptist Church, Los Angeles
Los Angeles Crenshaw, Gardena
Ocean Gate Baptist, Hawthorne

Gardena-Torrance Baptist Church,

called Dr. John Shouse as Interim Pastor, as of December 5th, 2004. Dr. Shouse is Professor of Theology for Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary.

New Mt Calvary, Rev. Lonnie Dawson, pastor, had 510 in attendance for Sunday School on Dec. 12th. They do a high attendance promotion twice a year.

Churches! If you would like to share what your church has planned or what it has already accomplished, send in your notices by the 15th of the month. You can email it, mail it or drop it off. This way we can celebrate with you and you might inspire another church.

January dates:

4th - Minister's Breakfast, 8am
8th - Prayer Meeting, 10am
11th - Minister's Breakfast, 8am
11th - Team Leader Meeting, 10:30am
11th - Church Planting Team, 12:00pm
11th - Treasurer's Seminar, 7pm
14th-15th - Mediation Training, Riverside
18th - Minister's Breakfast, 8am
18th - Executive Board Meeting, 9:00am
19th - SoCal DOM Luncheon
21st-22nd - Mediation Training, Riverside
25th - Minister's Breakfast
25th - Healthy Church Team Mtg, 10:30am
28th-29th - Mediation Training, Riverside

Coming in February:

2nd-6th - A.I.M. Conference, Austin, TX
7th - CLTI Semester 4 begins
21st-23rd - On Target Evangelism Conference
Costa Mesa

January Eyes On

"Giving our best to the churches so that the churches can give their best for God's Kingdom"

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Treasurer's Seminar

January 11th, 2005

7:00pm

Held at Gardena-Torrance Baptist Church
1457 W. 179th Street, Gardena.

Facilitators: **MGM Financial Group**

\$50/church (includes one book)
\$10 each additional book

This seminar is for the Pastor, the Treasurer, the Bookkeeper and the Finance Team. Learn what the tax laws are, learn what is required of churches, learn how to help your pastor keep more of his salary.

Every year the laws change. The IRS is getting more aggressive in auditing churches and pastors. If you keep your financial records properly, you don't need to worry.

The church's money is God's money and we must be good stewards. **BRING YOUR WHOLE FINANCE TEAM with you pastors.**

To register send a church check to:

Crescent Bay WLA Association and mail it to the association office.



January 2005

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Birthdays In January

1 - Rev. Neal Browning
4 - Mrs. Noel de Guzman
8 - Mrs. Abel Owens
21 - Mrs. James Cross
24 - Rev. Darnell Jones
30 - Rev. Elmer Ponce

Anniversaries In Jan.

None reported.

If your pastor's birthday or wedding anniversary isn't listed, let us know.

Director of Missions



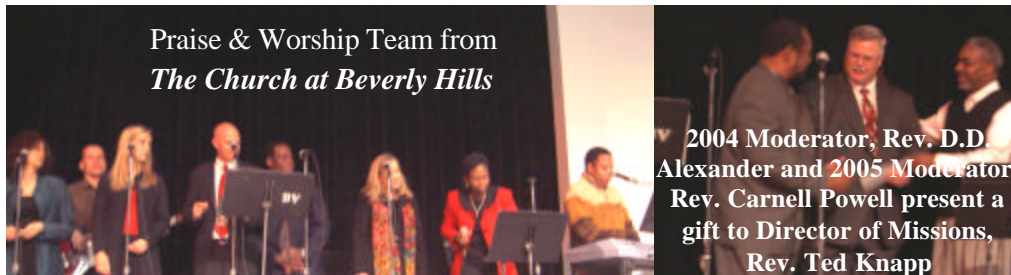
Greetings and Happy New Year! I pray that 2004 has been a great blessing to you, your family and your church. It's hard to believe that a year has passed again so quickly. It was two years ago, January 1, 2003 that I became your Director Of Missions. These two years have gone by so fast. We finished the year out with our Annual Christmas Banquet. I would like to give a special thank you to all of you who supported and attended our banquet this year. Everyone I have talked to has shared how blessed they were by the music and fellowship. Everyone has said that it was a great success. And we praise the Lord for that.

It has been a privilege serving you. 2004 has been an exciting year for Crescent Bay, and now we begin walking into the year 2005. I don't know what this coming year has before us; however, because of the blessings of watching God work His miracles during this last year, we walk humbly and confidently toward this New Year 2005. I know that there will be adversities, however, I am confident that as long as we walk in faith, trusting in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we will continue to grow and touch, serving the 92 Churches of Crescent Bay.

As we look toward 2005, we have several new ministries that we are working on. This year we are looking to offer to take your church role and transpose it onto a demographic overlay of your community. And as a result, it will show you where your ministry focus is reaching. This new tool will be a great help in plotting areas where your church might do outreach. Also, we are working on offering a Christian Mediation Service through our association. Several leaders are going to be trained and certified in Christian Mediation. We are also moving to a Healthy Church computerized survey assessment tool. This computerization process will shorten our response time by months. These are just a few things we are looking to add to the many ministry tools that we presently offer. All of us who are serving here at your Crescent Bay Association are working hard to bring you the best ministries that are available.

With Christ leading us, "Our Association's Future Is Bright". May God Bless each of the Crescent Bay Pastors and Churches! May God bless each one of you as you walk into the year 2005!

Ted Knapp



Praise & Worship Team from
The Church at Beverly Hills

2004 Moderator, Rev. D.D. Alexander and 2005 Moderator, Rev. Carnell Powell present a gift to Director of Missions, Rev. Ted Knapp

2004 Annual Associational Christmas Banquet



I have been contacted by the LA Clippers for a special night of basketball entertainment. I have selected the date of April 9, the Clippers vs. the San Antonio Spurs. I will promote this event as a Father/Child Night. I need your help to promote the event in your newsletters.

Here is the information about the game that I picked for our Father/Child Night with the Clippers. The Clippers will be playing the San Antonio Spurs. I thought that would be a great game for our people to see MVP, Tim Duncan.

For me to break even I need to sell 282 tickets. There are incentives for the children; a few of them will get to shoot hoops on the court and some of the children will get to slap hands with the Clippers as they run out onto the floor through the tunnel. My idea is that each church to schedule the event will select a child to shoot hoops and a child to stand in the tunnel to slap the players hands as they run onto the court. The tickets will cost \$16 per person and the seats are in the upper deck corner. We can change the seats to upper deck center for \$23 each.

The tickets can be ordered through my office or on-line with a credit card. Once the tickets are purchased, there will be no refunds for obvious reasons.

If you have questions please let me know. Thank you for your help.

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FINANCES FOR November

Balance 10/31/2004		13,806.15
Received		
Budget	2,639.02	
Designated	<u>6,302.00</u>	
Total Received		8,941.02
Total Cash		22,747.17
Disbursed		
Budget	9,831.56	
Designated	<u>12,228.82</u>	
Total Disbursed		<u>22,060.38</u>
Balance 11/30/2004		686.79

CHURCHES GIVING IN November

Berkland Baptist Church, Los Angeles	
Calvary Baptist Church, Hawthorne	
Central Baptist Church, Inglewood	
Centro Cristiano Shalom Adonai, Gardena	
Crusaders For Christ, Culver City	
Faith In Christ Missionary Baptist, Los Angeles	
First Southern Baptist, Culver City	
Gardena Korean Missions, Gardena	
Gardena-Torrance Japanese Mission, Gardena	
Grant Avenue Baptist, Redondo Beach	
Greater New Holy Trinity, Los Angeles	
Holy Tabernacle of God, Inglewood	
Iglesia Cristiana Eben-Ezer, Inglewood	
Iglesia Hispana Central, Inglewood	
Los Angeles Crenshaw Baptist, Gardena	
Mount Carmel Holy Assembly, Los Angeles	
New Mt Calvary Baptist, Los Angeles	
New Providence Baptist, Los Angeles	
New Rock of Ages, Hawthorne	
Ocean Gate CC Yeshua, Hawthorne	
Pacific Baptist, El Segundo	
Triedstone Missionary, Los Angeles	
Total from Churches	<u>2,639.02</u>



Congratulations!

Rev. David & Barbara Turner (former pastor of Westside Baptist Church, Los Angeles) are the very proud parents of Grace Ann Turner, born December 8th. Her stats are: 8lbs 8ozs and 19 1/2".



February 21-22, 2005
The Passion of the Church
Costa Mesa, CA
\$89* per person
Featuring:

[Ed Young](#), Senior Pastor, Fellowship Church, Grapevine TX
[Thom Rainer](#), Dean Billy Graham School of Missions, Evangelism and Church Growth The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville KY
[Voddie Baucham, Jr.](#), Bible Teacher, Voddie Baucham Ministries, Spring TX
[James Emery White](#), Senior Pastor, Mecklenburg Community Church, Charlotte, NC

Recap of 2004 Conference

Almost 1,000 persons attended the On Target Evangelism Conference Feb. 23-24, 2004 to learn about being on the cutting edge of ministry in order to lead their church members to effectively reach people for Jesus Christ.

Annually sponsored by California Southern Baptist Convention's Healthy Church Group, the On Target Evangelism Conference featured speakers who taught leadership principles to build solid and strategic abilities as well as enhance evangelistic effectiveness in churches today.

To Register:

Online – www.ontargetevangelism.com

Phone - 559.229.9533 x. 245

Mail – CSBC, 678 E Shaw Ave., Fresno 93710

*\$89 by Jan. 31st, \$109 Feb. 1st-16th, \$129 after Feb. 17th

Church Leadership Training Institute (C.L.T.I.)

Semester #4: February 7th 2005

Deacon Ministry:
Equipping Deacon Caring Skills, Vol 2 \$25

General Study:
Search For Significance \$25

Spiritual Enrichment:
Disciples Prayer Life, part 1 \$40

Women's Enrichment:
On Mission With God, part 1 \$40

Youth Leadership Sunday School:
Youth Sunday School for a New Century \$25

Classes are held on Monday nights at 7:00pm at Gardena-Torrance Baptist Church, 1457 W. 179th Street, Gardena, CA 90248. For a complete listing of the classes for each semester, call the association office or Willard Smith, 323/758-8688.

Coastal Community Seminary Extension

Classes beginning February 7th, 2005

At Gardena-Torrance Baptist Church
 1457 W 179th Street, Gardena

Course	Instructor
Systematic Theology	Rev. Hozell Francis
Pastoral Ministry	Rev. Willie Williams

Classes beginning February 10th, 2005

At Long Beach Harbor Assn Office
 5704 Orange Ave., Long Beach

Course	Instructor
Contemporary Christian Preaching	TBA
Introduction to Christian Ethics	Rev. Jim Thomas

For more information call the Long Beach Harbor Association at 562/984-8110



Director de Misiones

Saludos y feliz Año Nuevo. Mi oración es que el 2004 haya sido de gran bendición para usted, toda su familia y su iglesia. Es increíble como ha pasado este año tan rápido. Fue hace dos años, Enero 1, 2003 que fui nombrado tu Director de Misiones. Estos dos años han pasado rápido. Hemos terminado este año con el Banquete de Navidad. Quiero agradecerles por su apoyo y asistencia al Banquete este año. Muchas personas me han comentado que han sido bendecidas con la música y el compañerismo. Todos dicen que fue un gran éxito; por lo cual agradecemos al Señor.

Ha sido un privilegio servirles. 2004 ha sido un año emocionante para la Asociación Crescent Bay. Y ahora ya estamos para empezar el 2005. No sabemos que nos trae este nuevo año pero conociendo el trabajo de Dios, sus milagros y bendiciones caminamos humildes y confiados hacia el 2005. Se que habrán adversidades, pero tengo confianza que si andamos en fe confiando en Nuestro Señor y Salvador Jesucristo continuaremos creciendo y sirviendo a las 92 iglesias de la Asociación Crescent Bay.



Para el 2005 tenemos varios ministerios nuevos en los cuales estamos trabajando. Y como resultado podremos saber hacia adonde están enfocados los diferentes ministerios. Este plan será de gran ayuda para determinar hacia adonde la iglesia debe dirigirse. También estamos trabajando para ofrecer un Servicio Cristiano de Mediación a través de nuestra asociación. Muchos de nuestros líderes recibirán entrenamiento para obtener una certificación en Mediación Cristiana. También tenemos en mente usar un proceso computarizado para continuar con las encuestas para determinar la salud de las iglesias. Esto será una gran ayuda para ganar tiempo. Estas son solamente unas cuantas cosas que se aumentaran los ministerios que actualmente se ofrecen. Todos los que estamos sirviendo en la Asociación Crescent Bay estamos trabajando arduamente para presentarles los mejores ministerios disponibles.

Con Cristo como nuestra guía "El futuro de nuestra Asociación es brillante". Que Dios bendiga a cada uno de los pastores e iglesias de nuestra asociación. Que Dios bendiga a cada uno de ustedes en el año 2005.

Ted Knapp

Associate Ministries Director



Director de Ministerios Asociados

It is with the greatest pleasure that we are wishing each and every one a very merry Christmas, and a most joyous New Year. The Lord has tremendously blessed us to have the blessed opportunity to praise Him and give thanks to His Holy Name.

If you did not get the things that you desired for Christmas, be thankful for the gift of God's only begotten Son, who gave His life that we might have life and have it to the fullest. If you can't do anything else give God some praise and tell someone that you love them and that God love them also.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Abel Owens*

Es con gran placer que deseamos a todos y cada uno de ustedes Feliz Navidad y un año Nuevo lleno de gozo. El Señor nos ha bendecido grandemente y nos da la oportunidad de adorarle y darle gracias.

Si no has recibido lo que deseabas en Navidad, agradece porque Dios nos envió a su único hijo quien dio su vida para que nosotros podamos tener vida y vida en abundancia. Si no puedes hacer otra cosa adora a Dios y demuestra tu amor a otros y díles que Dios también los ama.

*Sinceramente,
Abel Owens*

Educational Ministries Director



Director del Ministerio Educativo

Teachers! Teachers!

Do you have the gift of teaching? Are you available to teach others?

The educational ministries of Long Beach Harbor and Crescent Bay WLA Association are expanding their seminary extension training by offering a diploma in Pastoral Ministries and Certificates in Biblical background, church leadership, and Pastoral Training. In order to accomplish this task, we are seeking qualified and gifted teachers. The requirements are as follow:

Diploma Series: Masters Degree or equivalent. Center director's endorsement
Certificate Series: No minimum educational requirement. Center directors endorsement.

If you are interested in teaching, call me at the association office.

Rev. Willard Smith

¡Maestros, Maestros!

¿Tienes el don de enseñar? ¿Estas disponible para enseñar a otros?

El ministerio educacional de Long Beach, Harbor y de la Asociación Crescent Bay esta expandiendo su seminario de entrenamiento para ofrecer diplomas en Ministerios Pastorales y Certificados de Conocimiento Bíblico, Liderazgo de la Iglesia y Entrenamiento Pastoral. Con el fin de lograr este propósito estamos buscando maestros que posean el don de enseñar y que reúnan los requisitos necesarios. Los requisitos son los siguientes: Tener un diploma de maestro o equivalente. Ser aprobado y recomendado por el grupo de directores.

Si estas interesado, llámame a la oficina de la asociación.

Rev. Willard Smith

African-American Church Starting Strategist



Inicio Estratégico de la Iglesia Afro-Americana

I PLANT, APOLLOS WATERS, BUT GOD GIVES THE INCREASE.

Church planting was something I thought at one time I could never do. But to my dismay, I am often reminded that, "Through Christ I can do all things" (Phil 4:13). I have come to live by this principle. Every day there are challenges that confront Christians. Some we categorize as pit falls or stumbling blocks. But anything that obstructs the flow of the Holy Spirit in our everyday lives is a conflict of good against evil and requires us to make choices. Do we take the challenge and venture into unknown territories or do we take the passive role and sit back and wait to see what happens. Some people believe that if we sit back and wait the problem will solve itself. Well, there may some cases where this approach may work but not in church planting, unless God gives a divine order to stand still and wait on Him for instructions.

The point I am trying to make is this: As Christians we are called to share the good news, the gospel of Jesus Christ. Matthews 28:18-20, is our great commission. It commands us to go, and it says it provides for us POWER to use against our enemy. The enemy is the world. We battle against principalities in high places, rulers of darkness and so forth. Just like in the days when Jesus walked the earth, all forces came against Him to put him to death on the cross. The enemy wanted to stop the Gospel from reaching the four corners of the world. His plan is to cut off the word of God by draining churches of their power. A powerless church is a dead church. As a church planter, empowered by God, I can see how the enemy is draining power from many of our churches. I completed two On Mission tours this year in the United States and I could not believe the conditions of so many of our churches. I experienced what it means to grieve the Holy Spirit. Pastors despondent, members feeling no one loves them, children rebelling. The list goes on and on.

It is at this point I began to see how important the church planter is to the administering the gospel. It's not so much about starting new churches but about empowering pastors and members to use to power God has given them to spread the Gospel. As a strategist I try to instill hope and reassurance that this battle is not won by mite or strength but by the Spirit of God. I look upon the faces of people and see new hope after I share the good news with them lets me know why my job is special. But I am only one piece of the pie. I plant; Apollo waters but God gives the increase. If God is calling you to be a church planter take the challenge, use His power, and in this case... wait on the increase.

Rev. Thomas Blackwell

Yo Planto, Apolo Riega, pero Dios da el Crecimiento.

Plantar nuevas iglesias fue algo que alguna vez pensé que nunca podría hacer. Pero para mi sorpresa siempre recuerdo que "En Cristo todo lo puedo" (Filipenses 4:13). Vivo alrededor de este principio. Los cristianos tenemos retos todos los días. Algunos son menores, pero cuando estos retos obstaculizan que el Espíritu Santo fluya en nuestro diario vivir se convierte en un conflicto de lo bueno contra lo malo y es necesario que tomemos decisiones. Aceptamos los retos y nos aventuramos hacia lo desconocido o tomamos una posición pasiva y nos sentamos y esperamos a ver que pasa. Algunos piensan que sentándose y esperando el problema se resolverá. Bueno, habrán casos en que esa posición de resultado pero no en el plantamiento de iglesias. A menos que Dios de una orden divina para permanecer quietos y esperar sus instrucciones.

El punto que estoy tratando de explicar es que como cristianos estamos llamados a compartir las Buenas Nuevas, el Evangelio de Cristo. Mateo 28: 18-20 es nuestra Gran Comisión. Nos exige ir y dice que nos da PODER contra el enemigo. El enemigo es el mundo. Nuestra lucha es contra principados de los lugares altos, príncipes de la oscuridad y mucho más. Así como en los días cuando Jesús camino en la tierra y todas las fuerzas estaban contra El para darle muerte de cruz. El enemigo queria que el Evangelio no llegara a los cuatro extremos del mundo. Su poder es quitar la Palabra de Dios del Mundo quitando el poder a las iglesias. Una iglesia sin poder es una iglesia muerta. Como plantador de iglesias iluminado con el poder de Dios, puedo ver como el enemigo esta quitando poder a muchas de nuestras iglesias. Este año hice dos viajes misioneros dentro del país. No podía creer las condiciones en las que se encontraban muchas de nuestras iglesias. Experimente lo que es afligir al Espíritu Santo. Pastores desanimados, miembros sin sentir el amor de nadie, niños rebeldes y muchas otras cosas.

Fue al ver todo esto que empecé a ver lo importante que es que los plantadores de iglesias prediquen el Evangelio. Lo importante no es empezar iglesias nuevas, sino enseñar a los pastores y miembros a usar el poder que Dios les ha dado para predicar el Evangelio. Como estrategia yo trato de infundir esperanza y certeza que esta lucha no se gana con la fuerza, sino con el Espíritu de Dios. Después que comparto las Buenas Nuevas con la gente, veo en sus rostros esperanza. Esto me dice porque mi trabajo es especial. Pero solo soy un pedazo del pastel. Yo planto, Apolo riega pero solo Dios da el crecimiento. Si Dios te esta llamando a ser un plantador de iglesias acepta el reto. Usa su PODER y en este caso... espera que aumente.

Rev. Thomas Blackwell

