

A publication of the Treasure Valley Southern Baptist Association

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"A network of churches cooperation to assist each other in fulfilling the Great Commission."

## A Call for Support WHY CAMP?



"Believers in the Old Testament looked forward to the Cross; we have the advantage of looking backward to the Cross. However, all of history is centered on the Cross."

"As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up..."

These are quotes I remember. No, not from someone's podcast, or from my pastor's last week's sermon, but from over 50 years ago, at Cathedral Pines Camp. Those words were part of a sermon from some long-forgotten pastor, which pointed me to saving faith in Jesus Christ and gave me an eternity-long relationship with Him. This little girl from an un-saved home had her life eternally changed at camp.

Don't you want the children and teens in your life to be able to say the same thing? By the time you read this, our Momentum Kids' Camp, with its 40 children and 23 adults, will already be over. Our Momentum Camp for youth will still be available, however, with a last-minute late registration.

We need to support our camps in every way possible. **Why? Statistics show that 43% of Christians made their faith decision before the age of 12.**

**Another 32% chose to follow Christ between the ages of 12 and 21.** Guess what; those are the ages of kids in our camps!

Additionally, the average child in America today spends just 4 minutes a day outside, and only has about 40 minutes of meaningful conversation with his parents weekly.

Kids need to know they're valued and loved, but most of all they need to know Jesus!

Again, statistically, it takes a pastor or a youth worker to encourage kids to go to camp—not just parents. If your church, as a whole, doesn't actively work together to promote and support camp, it just won't happen. What can you do? You could help pay a kid's way to camp, pray for all the campers, give to our fund that supports camps, encourage kids in your church to attend, volunteer to be a cabin leader, and so much more. Contact the association office for more suggestions.



### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

Make sure your church is represented at the **Executive Board Meeting on Thursday, July 28th**

It will be held at **Calvary Church, Nampa**  
Registration is at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting starts at 7 p.m.

**"If I could re-live my life, I would devote my entire ministry to reaching children for God!"**

**Dwight L Moody, 19th century evangelist**

## Moderator's Message

# The Light of Jesus Christ

We find ourselves amid great turmoil. As you read this article, some lofty decisions will have already been made by our fellow Southern Baptist Churches in Anaheim, California. These are decisions that will undoubtedly lead to more division in an already divided denomination. However, I continue to pray for unity in Jesus Christ as these decisions are made. As I write this article, my heart is heavy with the burden of the sexual abuse injustices within our denomination. The immediate reaction to this report that was released just three weeks ago is maddening. The scurry among churches to create policy, write manuals, perform background checks, learn to recognize behaviors, and remodel buildings, even if they are necessary actions, will always come up short for those who were abused. The smearing of our convention throughout the media, and the loss of our already struggling witness to Jesus Christ in a world that desperately needs Him, are all devastating.

This turmoil continues in our land as well. We have the creation of laws that are meant to silence those who profess Jesus Christ. We have agenda-seeking so-called leaders coming into power longing to remove the freedoms given to us by God, which cost the lives of many men and women of faith. Fear is no longer creeping in. It is now ruling the streets of our lives. Where faith was prevalent not so long ago, we now find abandoned pews and empty buildings. We now see more stacked chairs against the wall where Sunday school classrooms were full of students. We live in darkness, and it is overwhelming. I often wonder if Christians will ever switch the proverbial light switch back on?

I do not presume to have the answers to fix all these problems. I, too, am pastoring a small struggling church and feel the same weight and pressure that you may feel. I would, however, like to share a passage of Scripture that keeps me focused on the mission that I believe all Christians have been called to respond. Please read 2 Corinthians, chapters 1-4. This light that we long for so dearly can only be found in Jesus Christ. Jesus tells us in the Sermon on the Mount that we are the light of the world. (Matt. 5:14-16). We know and understand from the Gospel of John (1:9) that Jesus himself is the light of the world. So how can we be the light if Jesus is the light? This is possible because the Holy Spirit of Jesus Christ lives in those who have been saved. In 2 Corinthians 1:1-7, we learn very plainly that we suffer; because of that suffering, God comforts us. This is so that we may comfort others in their suffering. The light of Jesus Christ shines through the broken cracks of this very fragile clay jar that we call our lives. He shines in the brokenness of who we are. He shows the world around us who He is and what He has done through the carnage of the past, present, and future sins in our lives. If we desire this world to change, if we desire all glory and honor to be given to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, if we truly desire God's will to be done on this earth, then we need to remove the masks and bandages that we have placed over our brokenness and let Christ shine through every one of them. For this reason, Jesus took our place in death to heal us, comfort us, live in us, shine through us, show the world who He is, and save us. If you want the light of Jesus Christ to shine on this dark and fallen world, you need to get out from underneath the basket in which you are hiding. (Matt. 5:15) Those of us who have been saved by the blood of Jesus Christ are the only hope this world has. You are the change that this world needs to see. Let your light shine!

Grace and Peace to you all.

Mike Ellis

Moderator of the Treasure Valley Southern Baptist Association

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We need to fill the clerk position for the Treasure Valley Southern Baptist Association. Please contact Mike Ellis at [pastormikeellis@gmail.com](mailto:pastormikeellis@gmail.com) with your questions and suggestions.

# CONSUMED

**MOMENTUM Camp JULY 17-22, 2022**

**Grades 7-12**

**SPEAKER: Al Tennyson**

**Living Waters Ranch, Challis**

**COST: \$225**



**THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE HAS PASSED,  
BUT WE'LL DO EVERYTHING WE CAN  
TO GET YOU IN!**

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THE OFFICE AT [tvdbaoffice.mring@gmail.com](mailto:tvdbaoffice.mring@gmail.com)**

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Guard the  
**GOOD TREASURE**  
entrusted to you,  
with the help of the  
**HOLY SPIRIT.**

2 Timothy 1:14, NRSV

## Executive Board Meeting

Thursday, July 28, 2022  
7 p.m., (6:30 p.m. registration),

CALVARY CHURCH, 417 ALMOND ST.,  
NAMPA, IDAHO

R.S.V.P. to [tvdbaoffice.mring@gmail.com](mailto:tvdbaoffice.mring@gmail.com)



## 2022 TVSBA CALENDAR

### JANUARY ~ FEBRUARY ~ MARCH

- Jan. 30**—Fifth Sunday Sing, Silver Sage Baptist Church, Boise 6 p.m.  
**Feb. 24**--Executive Board Meeting, Agua Viva, Boise 6:30/7 p.m. meeting

### APRIL ~ MAY ~ JUNE

- Apr. 8**—Levanta Ministries Open House, 5154 W. Tia Izez St., Eagle  
*(r.s.v.p. by April 4th to info@levantacr.org)*  
**Apr. 23-24**—Boise Harvest Crusade, Extra Mile Arena, Boise State.  
**Apr. 29-May 1**—TVSBA Women's Retreat at Trinity Pines, Cascade  
**May 7**—VBS Training at Pierce Park, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. (English-speaking)  
**May 14**—VBS Training at Agua Viva, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Spanish-speaking)  
**May 28**—Pastors' Fellowship Breakfast, 9 a.m. at K.J.'s Restaurant in Meridian  
**May 29**—Fifth Sunday Sing, Lizard Butte, Marsing, 6 p.m. CANCELED  
**June 20-24**—MOMENTUM KIDS--Kids' Camp at Cathedral Pines (grades 3-6)

## .....HERE'S WHAT IS COMING UP!.....

### JULY ~ AUGUST ~ SEPTEMBER

- July 17-22**--MOMENTUM--Youth Camp at Living Waters Ranch, Challis  
(grades 7-12)  
**July 28**--Executive Board Meeting, Calvary Church in Nampa  
(417 Almond St.)  
(6:30 p.m. registration; 7 p.m. meeting)  
**July 31**--Fifth Sunday Sing, New Covenant Baptist Church,  
Nampa, 6 p.m.

### OCTOBER ~ NOVEMBER ~ DECEMBER

- Oct. 1**--TVSBA Annual Meeting, at Pierce Park Baptist Church 9 a.m.  
(8:30 registration)  
**Oct. 30**—Fifth Sunday Sing, Restored Community Church, 6 p.m.  
**Dec. 2**—Pastors and Wives/Staff and Spouses' Christmas Fellowship —  
Location to be decided. 6:30 p.m. (appetizers); 7 p.m. (dinner)


### RECURRING DATES

**THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH: A-Team Meetings**, 9 a.m.  
at Central Valley Baptist, Meridian (call to confirm if you want to attend)  
**Thank you to our hosts for 2022!**

**Questions?** Contact Michele Ring at 208-442-4448  
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**TVSBA CHURCHES/MISSIONS GIVING ~  
2022 (through May)**

**Jan-May**

Agua Viva, Boise		\$90.00
Anchor Baptist, Kuna		
Bend Southern Baptist, Horseshoe Bend		\$650.00
Boise Korean, Boise		\$200.00
Boise River Community, Mtn. Home		
Calvary Baptist Church, Boise		\$2,438.68
Calvary Baptist Church, Weiser		\$100.00
Calvary Church, Nampa		\$1,085.60
Central Valley Baptist, Cascade		\$1,078.00
Central Valley Baptist, Meridian		\$5,000.00
Crosspoint , Caldwell		\$1,313.73
Emmanuel Baptist, Mountain Home		\$1,612.30
First Baptist Church, Fruitland		\$203.42
First Southern Baptist Church, Mtn. Home		\$4,453.98
Idaho Vision Church		
Iglesia Bautista de la Gracia, Nampa		
Iglesia Bautista Nueva Esperanza, Caldwell		\$155.00
Iglesia Bautista Nueva Esperanza, Ontario		\$175.00
Igelsia Bautista de Peniel, Nampa		
Lizard Butte Baptist, Marsing		\$381.67
New Covenant, Nampa		\$4,641.00
New Life, Ontario		\$306.90
Pierce Park, Boise		\$725.00
Restored Community, Eagle		
Riverside Church, Emmett		\$1,422.00
Sand Hollow, Caldwell		\$00.00
Silver Sage, Boise		\$352.58
Trinity Baptist, Boise		\$250.00
University Baptist Church, Boise		\$1,656.30
Word of Truth, Caldwell		\$50.00
<b>TOTAL as of May 31, 2022</b>		<b>\$28,341.16</b>
<b>YTD Budget (to May31)</b>		<b>\$22,500.00</b>
<b>Over (Under) Budget:</b>		<b>\$5,841.16</b>

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CHURCH'S GIVING**

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**SHOUT**  
for **JOY** to **GOD**,  
all the earth!

**SING**  
the **GLORY**  
of **HIS NAME.**



Psalm 66:1-2, NIV

**Fifth Sunday  
Sing**

**6 p.m. on July 31st**

at New Covenant Baptist  
Church  
624 Lake Lowell Ave., Nampa

If you have a special to play  
or sing, bring it!

Fellowship to follow.