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

## Sow the Seed—University Baptist Ministers



Lost baggage, a missing wallet, and a cancelled flight - it will all be worth it for one life saved with the Gospel. University Baptist Church (UBC) took their first international mission trip in a very long time. All the things mentioned above were experienced, and so much *more* for the glory of God.

We truly did not know what was in store for us as we set out to Panama City, Panama, on August 7th, but we knew we had one mission in mind: to further the Kingdom of God. Two years ago UBC prayerfully formed a team to go on an international mission trip to Brazil. The trip was cancelled multiple times due to COVID. It became abundantly clear, albeit confusing, that God was closing that door.

God redirected our church to Panama City, Panama.

Our little church of 35-50 took a team of nine people to Panama - a resounding three times the size of the team for Brazil! From the beginning of forming our team, God showed His faithfulness.

We partnered with Tim and Tina Louderback from the IMB (International Mission Board) for our week in Panama. The IMB has a new mission focus for churches who are wanting to have an entry level mission trip called "Americas Connect" (<https://www.imb.org/go-americas/>). Together we worked with local churches to meet in the homes of people from their local community. One church member in particular, Tatianna, had built relationships with her neighbors throughout 2020. She asked nine families in whom she had been investing if they would be open to hearing the gospel from people that had traveled from the states. All nine families opened their homes to our team. They were intrigued as to why we would travel from the US to their neighborhood, a place where tourists do not go. The families listened to what we shared because the thought rang in their minds that, "what we said had to be important if we were willing to make that trip." Missions **matters**. Traveling internationally **matters**. Home after home accepted the good news of the gospel! Praise God!

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## Sow the Seed, continued...

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While some team members sat inside the homes and shared the gospel other members walked the community praying for lives to be transformed.

Our team was also involved in helping restore an abandoned church building. We had the privilege of experiencing two church services in the freshly painted building. What an honor it was to sing the same worship songs together in different languages! On Wednesday our team traveled an hour to the city of Colon.

In Colon, we sat in a church building that had nothing more than four walls of cinder block, a tin roof, and old rusted theater seats. Our team was humbly reminded that the gospel is enough. Comfy seats and coffee are nice accommodations, but the gospel alone is all that is needed to transform lives and save souls.

Thursday we traveled back to Panama City and engaged in conversational English with the Panamanian college students. They were so grateful to have the opportunity to practice their English. What an incredibly *easy* way to connect with non-believers and build relationships in order to give them the hope of an eternity spent with Jesus! This opportunity does not stop and start in Panama. As a result of the surrounding universities, the nations have come to the Treasure Valley. Don't miss **your opportunity** to invest in the lives of international students who are longing for community. Reach out to Phillip Grant ([phillip.grant89@gmail.com](mailto:phillip.grant89@gmail.com)) to get connected with this opportunity at BSU.

Thursday evening we engaged in a homeless and prostitute ministry. We sought to communicate love and care to the people we encountered on the streets. As we visited with them, we prayed for their hearts to be transformed and lives restored.

The most shocking part of our week came when someone asked the missionary, Tim, what most surprised him about the week. He looked at each of us at the dinner table and simply said, "The salvations. When teams from the US come we normally see *maybe* one (which still would be worth it) salvation all week." Every single person sitting at the table dropped his jaw in shock! We saw **at least 40 people saved!!** Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

How grateful we are to have seen the impact of the annual Lottie Moon Christmas offering firsthand!

- Your sister in Christ, Jennifer Newton (Co-Leader of the Panama Mission Trip)

P.S. Tim Louderback will be at the UISBC convention this October! Seek to connect with Tim, hear the stories firsthand from the missionary himself, and learn about partnering with him and his wife in Panama!

*NOTE: Jerry is taking a small break from his Moderator's Message this month. Please pray for him as he is facing gallbladder surgery and some other medical issues.*

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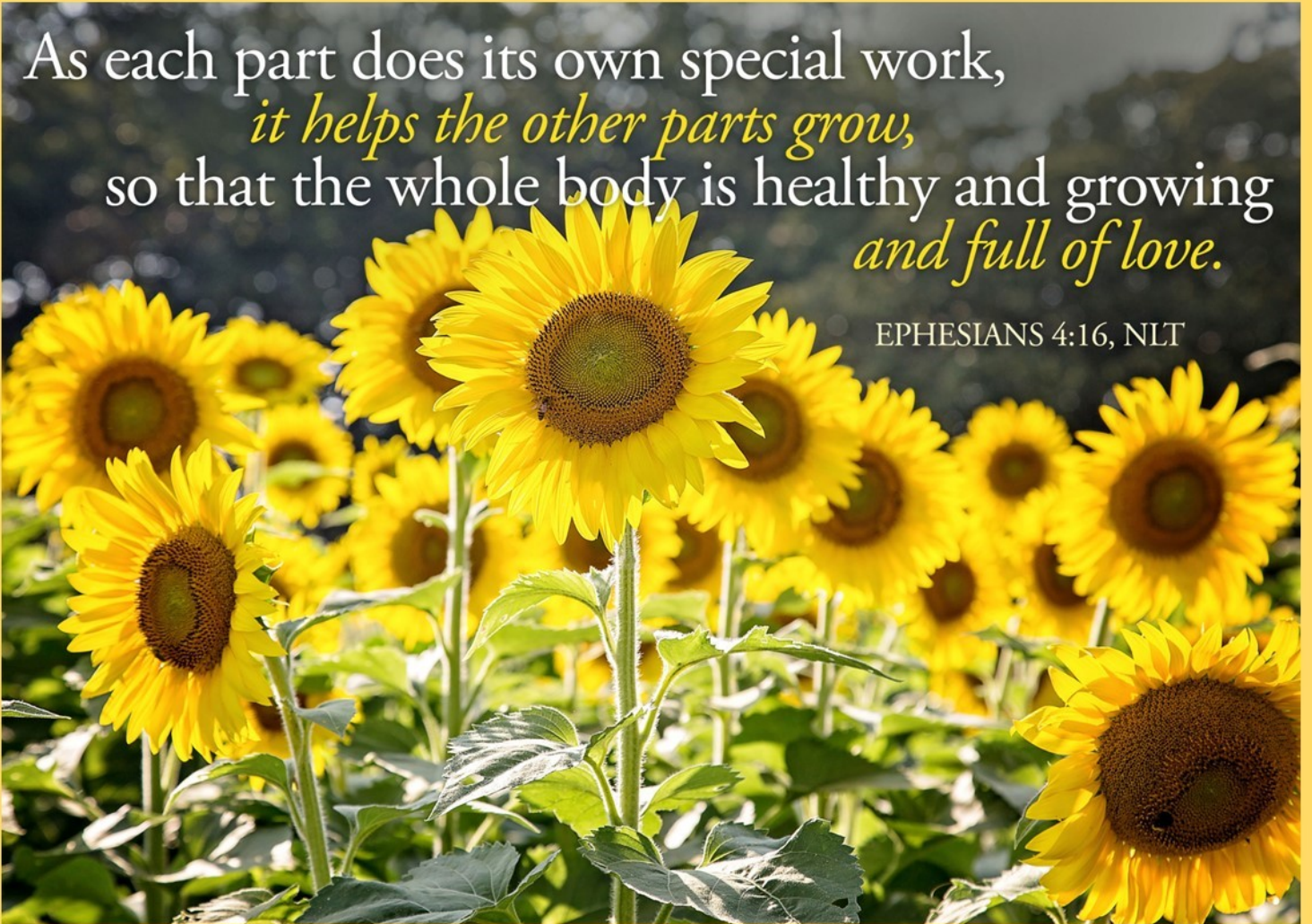




# Treasure Valley Southern Baptist Association

As each part does its own special work,  
*it helps the other parts grow,*  
so that the whole body is healthy and growing  
*and full of love.*

EPHESIANS 4:16, NLT



## ANNUAL MEETING

9 a.m. (8:30 a.m. registration)

Saturday, October 2, 2021

Calvary Baptist Church  
911 S. Cole Rd.  
Boise, Idaho



## Organizational and Strategic Priorities

You're invited to a seminar for pastors,  
pastoral staff, and church leadership.

Join us on...

OCTOBER 16, 2021

From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Lunch will be provided.

Location to be determined.

Watch for further information.

*R.S.V.P.s* needed due to lunch plans.

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Pat Kilby is the senior pastor of Cary First Baptist Church, in Cary, North Carolina. Pastor Kilby grew up in the Treasure Valley, where his father was a pastor. He has never lost his passion and love for our valley, and has traveled here several times to encourage our local pastors. He will be sharing the keys to a healthy church from his wealth of experience in ministry.







**Praise God for His provisions for Levanta Ministries this year! Serving the Lord through working with domestic violence victims in Costa Rica, and world-wide through podcasts.**

We are in the process of identifying the property that will serve as our Temporary Refuge and Ministry Center. Through generous donors we have the funds to move forward and are waiting for God's direction in acquiring the facility. This process has been delayed by stronger Covid restrictions than

we are seeing in Idaho which has made meeting at possible property locations difficult.

**Biblical counseling still serves as a large part of our overall ministry to those suffering from the effects of violence. We are especially joyful when God restores a marriage for His glory. Here is a testimony from a couple who have been working with our Director, Pastor Alonso and his wife Vivian...**

Counseling with Alo and Vivi has been a real and timely display of God's love and grace for our lives, both personally and in our marriage. Their genuine love, their unconditionality, their sincerity, have marked our hearts. The wisdom with which they have advised us, always directing us towards God, and turning our hearts to Him, in each step, has been super useful. Their knowledge and tools used in counseling have been fundamental, so that we can turn theory into practical actions, and into exercises that we can practice daily, and that as a result lead us to experience changes. God continues to show us his love through Alo and Vivi, and we cannot help but thank God for them. They have been the people that He has given us as guides, as confidants, as consolation and as refuge on many occasions. We have never felt judged or singled out, they have always listened to us patiently, and they have corrected us with a lot of love. Alo and Vivi have become our family, that family that God brought into our lives as a huge show of grace. They have been used by God to mold our hearts, draw us closer to God and lead us to live the fullness of a marriage that pleases God. We are blessed to have them always... always!

**Christ is impacting children's lives through Levanta Ministries.** We have also had huge victory in the counseling of the life of a young man who was suffering from severe depression and self-harm stemming from many years of domestic violence in his home. He, along with his mother and brother, are now in a safe location and through the faithful work of God and our staff member Ervin, the young man has been set free from self-harm and is now thriving.

**Our podcast ministry continues to reach people with the gospel and is now accompanied by a weekly blog.** Our feedback from domestic violence sufferers as well as pastors and lay leaders who are ministering to those suffering has been very encouraging. We praise God for this venue for sharing Christ to this population group.

**Our hearts are feeling the Lord's leading and timing to fulfill an early desire of our ministry, a church plant in Tirasses, a community where domestic violence is extremely high!** This will be a joint effort with El Lugar church in Costa Rica, our Levanta Ministries Team, and our partnering churches here in the States. The ground has been prayed for and the seed for this work will be a men's Bible study on Biblical Manhood using curriculum and resources from our Levanta staff. **PLEASE PRAY FOR THIS WORK!**

**A growing support network of churches is vital for our work!** We will still have hopes of taking a small team to Costa Rica in November to share in the Levanta Ministries work. Details are still coming together and we will share more through our newsletters. If you are a pastor or missions leader, we will work hard to find scholarship funds for you if the Lord gives you a desire in your heart to see our work up close.

**Our entire Levanta Team Praises God for you and we are ever grateful for your prayers and support!!**

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## Dr. Philip Roberts

Ministry Associate and Director of  
International Theological Education



## How to Witness to Mormons

**Saturday,  
October 23, 2021  
Check at [cbcboise.org](https://cbcboise.org) for  
times.**

**Calvary Baptist Church  
911 S. Cole Rd.  
Boise**

See more information at <https://gmfonline.org/dr-philip-roberts/>

Published author of a number of books on interfaith evangelism including *Mormonism Unmasked* and contributions to *The Counterfeit Gospel of Mormonism*

**TVSBA CHURCHES/MISSIONS GIVING ~  
2021(through Aug 30)**

**Jan-Aug 30**

Agua Viva, Boise	\$270.00
Anchor Baptist, Meridian	\$00.00
Bend Southern Baptist, Horseshoe Bend	\$200.00
Boise Korean, Boise	\$400.00
Boise River Community, Mtn. Home	\$00.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Boise	\$7,297.10
Calvary Baptist Church, Weiser	\$700.00
Calvary Church Nampa	\$1,221.77
Central Valley Baptist, Cascade	\$1,046.00
Central Valley Baptist, Meridian	\$8,000.00
Creekside Baptist Church, Eagle	\$694.68
Crosspoint Church, Caldwell (FSBC Caldwell)	\$546.91
Emmanuel Baptist, Mountain Home	\$2,050.11
First Baptist Church, Fruitland	\$615.61
First Southern Baptist Church, Mtn. Home	\$3,214.47
Idaho Vision Church, Boise	\$180.00
Iglesia Bautista de la Gracia, Nampa	\$00.00
Iglesia Bautista Nueva Esperanza, Caldwell	\$315.00
Iglesia Bautista Nueva Esperanza, Ontario	\$280.00
Iglesia Bautista de Peniel, Nampa	\$600.00
Lizard Butte Baptist, Marsing	\$1,199.27
New Covenant, Nampa	\$6,162.94
New Life, Ontario	\$445.68
Pierce Park, Boise	\$875.00
Restored Community, Eagle	\$1,750.00
Riverside Church , Emmett	\$1,990.48
Sand Hollow, Caldwell	\$00.00
Silver Sage, Boise	\$613.77
Trinity Community, Boise	\$400.00
University Baptist Church, Boise	\$1,889.07
Word of Truth, Caldwell	\$70.00

**TOTAL as of Aug. 30, 2021 \$43,027.86**

**YTD Budget (to Aug 31) \$36,000.00**

**Over (Under) Budget: \$7,027.86**



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**“A network of churches cooperation to assist each other in fulfilling the Great Commission.”**

*Save the Date*

*O Holy Night*

**Christmas Dinner  
& Fellowship**

**Pastors and Their Wives  
Support Staff and Their Spouses**

**Friday, December 3**  
(6:30 p.m. appetizers; 7 p.m. dinner)

Location to be decided.  
We'll keep you posted.  
R.S.V.P. to [tvbsbaoffice.mring@gmail.com](mailto:tvbsbaoffice.mring@gmail.com)