

Kanisa la Baptisti Nyantole

Yesu akasema "Mimi ni nuru ya ulimwengu. Mtu ye yote akinifuata hata tembea gizani kamwe, bali atakuwa na nuru ya uzima." Yohanna 8:12

The Focus

Kelly and Laura Sager—Tanzania

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

A Word From Tanzania

Hello from heart of Africa. We are Kelly and Laura Sager, and for the past 18 years we've been blessed to serve as your missionaries with the International Mission Board in Kigoma, Tanzania. Kigoma is in western Tanzania on the shores of Lake Tanganyika. We live a few minutes from where Henry Stanley met Dr. David Livingstone in 1871 in the village of Ujiji. We feel blessed to have been sent out from Southern Baptist churches like those in the Treasure Valley. Thank you for the part that you and your church play in the work of sharing the gospel among the nations. We could not do what we do in Africa without the faithful prayers, financial support, and encouragement of Southern Baptists.

We are not strangers to the Treasure Valley. Laura and I were raised in rural eastern Oregon. I (Kelly) was born in Nyssa. My parents graduated from Fruitland High School. I

have an uncle who played basketball for Idaho State and coached in Weiser. To say the least, Idaho is a big part of our family's history.

We would love to connect with pastors, churches, and anyone else to hear how God is working in your lives. We would also like to share with you the exciting things God is doing among the nations as we partner together to make His name great.

Our email address is africa8@gmail.com. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us, letting us know if you have any questions about our work in Tanzania. It would be a blessing and an honor to know how we might serve and pray for you.

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MOMENTUM

REGISTRATIONS DUE (\$30)

Momentum Kids' Camp
May 8th

Momentum Camp
JUNE 19
(grades 7-12)

to your SBC Church
(This allows mailing time for your coordinator)

An Introduction

Hello Treasure Valley Southern Baptist Association.
I pray that you are all doing well.

Normally within this section of the newsletter you would be able to read an outstanding article from the moderator or as of late, our vice moderator. Please know that I will make every attempt to follow this great tradition; however, in this article I believe it best to introduce my family and myself.

My name is Mike Ellis. My beautiful, amazing wife of 20 years is Tera and we have 3 wonderful boys, Christian, Josh, and Tommy. We reside in Payette and have done so since 2019. Tera works as a kindergarten teacher at Treasure Valley Classical Academy in Fruitland and our boys are all students in high, middle, and elementary school. Tera and I both grew up in this area; Tera in Parma, and I in Nampa.

Our ministry journey started in 2004 while we lived for a short time in Post Falls, Idaho. It was there that I was baptized and discipled by Pastor Steve Ruth, who happened to be Tera's childhood pastor. One year earlier, I had received Jesus and was saved from a life that was leading me to not only spiritual death but perhaps even a physical death. During that first year of being a Christian I did not receive any discipleship, nor did I regularly attend a church. I was struggling, my marriage of one year was struggling, and Satan had a strangle hold on me. To remedy this Tera and I decided to move away, and that is what brought us to Post Falls. My time there, albeit short, was life-changing. Not only was I baptized, I finally found the true path on which to walk, and had the call to ministry confirmed in my life.

The surrender to ministry led us back to Southwestern Idaho. It was there that I would serve in just about any role in which I was able. I served as a deacon, Sunday school leader, VBS volunteer, camp speaker and so on. While I loved and still cherish those many opportunities, they never completely fulfilled the call that was put upon my life. In 2010 I decided to take the next step and work toward vocational ministry. I started online seminary at Liberty University, but this proved to be difficult while working 65 plus hours a week at my secular job. Tera and I both knew that something needed to change to make this work. After a year of prayer, struggle, and not getting much sleep, God led us to Wyoming. It was a new start and an amazing opportunity. I was blessed with a youth and music ministry while also working and completing seminary.

We were blessed to live in the northeast corner of Wyoming for 8 years. During the course of the last two years of our time there, God was opening doors for us to move to Payette and plant a church here in the western part of the valley, and here we are. We are planting New Life Baptist Church in Ontario. We had started in our living room in September of 2019 just after moving back in July. We quickly outgrew that room and due to that we lost people. Everyone knows what came next in the early months of 2020. With covid 19 on the rise we were feeling defeated and tired, but God had a better plan. In April of 2020, I was contacted by Clint Henry with an opportunity of a building. We accepted, and in June of 2020 we held our first service.

Why am I telling you all of this? I believe that God has a great plan for the Treasure Valley. I believe that with the influx of people that are moving to this area we have an extraordinary gift of being able to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ. However, this blessing does not stop there. We can and should be in on the ground floor of building a Jesus Christ centered culture all throughout this valley for our current and next generation of believers. Leave no doubt in your mind though, this will be hard work, but that my friends is the beauty of being a Southern Baptist. What one little church in Ontario, Oregon cannot do on its own, is capable of doing amazing Godly things with other churches that partner with them. Now is the time to come together, united with a common goal of seeing the gospel prosper, churches being planted, real ministry being performed, real needs being met, and Godly love lived out every day. This responsibility falls to us. It is on us to see that not only this generation thrives with God but the next as well. So, let's roll up our sleeves and get to doing what it is that we have all been called to do, and remember that nothing is impossible with God.

If you have any questions, concerns, ideas, or you just want to visit, please do not hesitate to contact me at pastormikeellis@gmail.com. I cannot wait to hear about your ministries and how we can partner together to see them fulfilled.

I look forward to serving you as moderator of our great Treasure Valley Southern Baptist Association.
Grace and Peace to you.

Mike Ellis



**PASTORS' BREAKFAST
SEE MAY 28th on Calendar**

TVSBA CALENDAR

See our website for complete information

APRIL through JULY

- 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 at K.J.'s Restaurant in Meridian 9 a.m.
- May 29**—Fifth Sunday Sing, Lizard Butte, Marsing, 6 p.m.
- June 4**—Momentum Kids' Camp Training at Central Valley 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- June 20-24**—MOMENTUM KIDS--Kids' Camp at Cathedral Pines (grades 3-6)
- July 17-22**--MOMENTUM--Youth Camp at Living Waters Ranch, Challis (grades 7-12)
- July 28**--Executive Board Meeting, Location to be determined.
(6:30 p.m. registration; 7 p.m. meeting)
- July 31**--Fifth Sunday Sing, New Covenant Baptist Church, Nampa, 6 p.m.

Don't Miss Out on VBS Training, May 7th or May 14th



Vacation Bible School Training

MAY 7, 2022 - 9:00 AM-NOON

PIECE PARK BAPTIST CHURCH
5350 N PIERCE PARK LN, BOISE, ID 83714

Bible Study overview for all ages and administrative tips and tools! As well as Crafts, Preschool, Music, Missions, Director, and Decorations.



Entrenamiento de Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones

MAYO 14, 2022 - 10:00 AM-1:00 PM

IGLESIA BAUTISTA AGUA VIVA
7515 WEST CAMAS ST., BOISE, ID 83109

¡Descripción general del estudio bíblico para todas las edades y consejos administrativos! Director, Preescolares, Niños, Música, Manualidades, Misiones, Decoraciones, y Snacks.



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CHRISTIANITY IN EARLY AMERICAN HISTORY

July 22-23

Child Care Available!

When: Friday 6:30pm-9:00pm

Saturday 11:00am-5:00pm

Lunch Provided!

Where: Central Valley Baptist Church

Cost: None! **RSVP** by website, phone, or email



A Seminar teaching how Christianity impacted the formation of our country. High School students welcome!

NEWS FROM OUR TVSBA TEAMS

Church Planting Evangelism Team (CPET)

The CPET Team exists to provide support for new church plants, pastors, and churches serving the Treasure Valley. Our goal is to involve every church and mission with a Church Plant and/or Church Planter by the year 2030.

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CHURCH PLANTS NEEDING PARTNERS

Avimor Community ... Pastor Tom Miller

Church of Grace (Iglesia de la Gracia) Nampa ...
Pastor Tim Martin

New Hope (Nueva Esperanza) Caldwell and Ontario ...
Pastor Ismael Trinidad

New Life Ontario ... Pastor Mike Ellis

Riverside Emmett ... Pastor Hugh Orr

FUTURE PLANTERS NEEDING PARTNERS

David and Ally Pryor... Meridian/North Nampa

Randy and Lenette Jackson... Nampa

Matthew and Bethany McDonald...
Basque work in Boise

The CHURCH HEALTH Team Wants to Offer Opportunities for Growth!

Women's Retreat—As you receive this newsletter, the TVSBA sponsored women's retreat, "Whatever Is..."pure, etc., based on Philippians 4:8 will be getting underway at Trinity Pines in Cascade, Idaho. Rebekah Gregory Perkins is our speaker this year, with many of our own women leading breakouts on various topics. We'll have about 70 women attending, which is spectacular, since covid has changed so many lives.

Men's Retreat—Although no men's retreat is scheduled at this time, we'd love to see someone with a heart for it step forward. Feel free to volunteer.

Pastors' Fellowship—Our first pastors' breakfast will be on Saturday, May 28th, at KJ's Restaurant in Meridian. All pastors are invited! Our pastors need fellowship, and our team is glad to help!

Future Events— We're looking forward to providing some training events as time goes on.

Does your church have a Church Health type event, and you need financial help to make it happen? Contact Van Kierstead or Michele Ring and we'll pass your idea on to our other team members, Mike Ellis, and Steve and Valorie Ruth.





camp at Cathedral Pines
for kids who finished grades 3-6
registration & \$30 deposit due MAY 16th
register through your church

for questions contact
Michele Ring
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208-442-4448

COST \$150

JUNE 20-24, 2022 MONDAY-FRIDAY

in the beginning GOD...

*We will be looking at God's creation story
with the help of Steve Levinson
from Genesis Seminars in North Carolina.*

Crafts, and Sports Activities such as Swimming, Archery, Kickball, etc.
Bible Study, Mission Study, Large Group Worship

Adult help is needed in various areas!

Register through your local Southern Baptist Church.
Deposit: \$30

CONSUMED

MOMENTUM Camp JULY 17-22, 2022

Grades 7-12

SPEAKER: Al Tennyson

Living Waters Ranch, Challis

COST: \$225



**COME EXPERIENCE
THE BEST WEEK OF YOUR YEAR!**

Worship

Impactful Bible Study

Large Group Activities

Challenging Speaker

Small-Group Time

Register with your Southern Baptist Church



**TVSBA CHURCHES
MISSIONS GIVING ~
Through March 31, 2022**

The association extends its thanks to our TVSBA churches who have worked hard to stay faithful in giving. Thank you!

Agua Viva	
Anchor Baptist	
Bend	\$150.00
Boise Korean	\$100.00
Boise River, Mtn. Home	
Calvary, Boise	\$1,373.53
Calvary Church, Nampa	\$635.60
Calvary, Weiser	\$100.00
Central Valley, Cascade	\$547.00
Central Valley, Meridian	\$ 2,000.00
Crosspoint (formerly FSBC, Caldwell)	\$1,313.73
Emmanuel Baptist, Mountain Home	\$1,047.32
First Baptist, Fruitland	\$103.22
FSBC, Mountain Home	\$2,692.73
Idaho Vision Church	
Iglesia Bautista de la Gracia	
Igelsia Bautista de Peniel	
Iglesia Bautista Nueva Esperanza, Caldwell	\$105.00
Iglesia Bautista Nueva Esperanza, Ontario	\$105.00
Lizard Butte	\$227.70
New Covenant	\$4,641.00
New Life, Ontario, Oregon	\$265.33
Pierce Park	\$425.00
Restored Community	
Riverside Church, Emmett	\$659.00
Sand Hollow	
Silver Sage Baptist	\$224.52
Trinity	\$100.00
University Baptist	\$667.38
Word of Truth	\$30.00
YEAR TO DATE GIVING	\$17,513.06
Needed to Meet 2021 Budget Thus Far	\$13,500.00
Amount Over (Under) Budget	\$4,013.06

NOTE: The TVSBA total budget for the year 2022 is \$60,000. Church giving is projected to bring in \$54,000 of that amount and Nyssa rent is \$6,000, for a total of \$60,000. However, due to Covid and financial problems with the church in Nyssa, rent is presently just \$100.00 per month, leaving a shortfall in projected rental income.

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



Fifth Sunday Sing

Sunday, May 29, 2022

6 p.m. at

Lizard Butte

Baptist Church

116 4th Ave.

Marsing, Idaho 83639

Bring your selections!

Fellowship to follow.