

# The Focus

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

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### New Churches Added to the TVSBA

## Strengthening our Ministry Through Teams

What a blessing to add three new churches to the TVSBA at the annual meeting! New Life Baptist Church, with Mike Ellis as its pastor and now meeting at the old FSBC Ontario church property; Nueva Esperanza, meeting at Crosspoint Church in Caldwell, with Ishmael Trinidad as the pastor; and Riverside, Emmett, with Pastor Hugh Orr, were all admitted to the TVSBA by unanimous acclamation. Welcome, new churches!

### YOU ARE NEEDED ON A TEAM!

As our association has been discussing our need of a more focused outreach into the Treasure Valley, we realize the job is huge. The work is huge, but our God is capable of handling huge jobs. The Treasure Valley is growing at an amazing rate. Two examples are: Meridian is ranked at the THIRD fastest growing city in the entire U.S.! Nampa is ranked at TENTH, rounding out the top ten cities. To have two of our local cities in the top ten throughout the entire nation is just a snapshot of the need for the Gospel in our valley.

As our association has evaluated its need for a stronger Gospel witness, we know that more of an active team approach to ministry is essential.

Currently, our CPET team (Church Planting and Evangelism

Training) and our Church Health team both have active heads, but lack the team support needed for more effectiveness in their ministry.

The CPET team is led by Clint Henry and Dan Ozuna. They work with new mission works. Especially since the Treasure Valley is growing at such a high rate, there is more and more need for additional help on this team.

Our camp ministry is named Momentum Camps, with both a kids' age group (3rd-6th grade) and a youth age group (7th-12th grades). Rocky Mason (Momentum Kids) and Todd Liston (Momentum) are the heads of those ministries. Both camp ministries are thankful for the faithful work and support from individuals, but with even stronger team support, those ministries would continue to grow. Those with a special affinity for our children or youth would love the ministry opportunities that working on a camp planning team would afford them. Both camps are blessed with able leadership, so that helps the ministry be stronger.

The Church Health team is led by Van Kierstead and Michele Ring. Their team is in charge of men's and women's retreats and events, the youth's Rally in the Valley event, as well as the pastors and wives, staff and spouses' appreciation Christmas dinner. They want to see the Church Health team expand its role in a  
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LUKE 2:11, ESV

## A Message from Jerry Martin, TVSBA Moderator

### Holidays and Impactful Ministry

The biggest and quickest return on outreach ministry is the local neighborhood school. Here are a few ministry ideas which are proven to glorify God and identify His local church as caring and serving (meeting needs).

1. Work with the office (principal and secretary) for a day to provide a faculty and staff lunch. In these COVID19 days, pizza, Chick-Fil-A, Taco Bell tacos, etc. are easy ways to have the food professionally prepared and handled. Ask the office staff for their ideas, preferences, and input. Some communities may allow hamburgers, spaghetti, or a baked potato bar prepared by the church, especially if the church has someone licensed in food prep.
2. Christmas goodies the last days before Christmas break...the last week if possible.
3. Coffee gift cards (remember to include custodial, nurses, etc. so all are included).
4. Classroom necessities are real winners: tissues, hand sanitizer, writing and copy paper, etc.
5. Brainstorming with your leaders is always worthwhile.
6. Ask the school for one or more needy families to adopt for Christmas.
7. But how can we pay for these if finances are tight? Decide as a church family what to do, knowing where God guides He provides and where God leads He feeds. Make a funding outreach request to the TVSBA Church Planting-Evangelism Team. Go to [www.uisbc.org/resources...click](http://www.uisbc.org/resources...click) on Convention Documents...and download a funding request form. We can do more together than we can alone.

While few, if any, of us are rich; our Father owns the cattle on a thousand hills and the wealth in every mine. We are children of the King. Let's not be guilty of not doing because of being guilty of not having because we didn't ask and we know our request is not asking amiss.

*Keep givin em Heaven,*

*Brother Jerry*

## Strengthening our Ministry Through Teams, *continued*

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significant way, adding areas such as encouragement and training in ministries like children and youth. They'd also like to enhance our pastoral encouragement ministry.

The Church Health team has shown its ability to work across churches, in that the women's retreat has been run by a team for several years, now. In any given year, ten to fifteen women from across the association plan the spring event, and over thirty usually have some essential job to do. This is a model of what we can do with effective teams.

The TVSBA Church Leadership team, while currently inactive due to a lack of a team leader, could play an essential role in our growth as an association. Our pastors could greatly benefit from training and help. Many of our pastors are

bi-vocational, and need access to information and ministry help that fits their busy lifestyles. Through an active Church Leadership team, we could provide that extra help needed.

How could you help? Well, first of all, we need to build teams that focus on our areas of passion. If you have a passion for a particular area or a God-given talent, and are willing to do the work to help others in that area, you could be an essential member of one of our teams.

Each of our team leaders is preparing to enlist more workers. Our team leaders can tell you more, and lead you through the process. We want to have a few meetings a year, so that we are truly working groups.

Although we don't know the official 2020 census numbers yet, we do know that our valley is growing

at a tremendous rate. We need to form our teams for ministry to an ever-growing population.

Our valley is growing in the double digits, but overall, our churches are not. As we look at the future of our valley, we want to be more effective. Under the Lord's guidance, we could greatly enhance our TVSBA ministry.

### **REACH OUT to....**

Clint or Dan to help plant churches and help in evangelism training.

Rocky or Todd to help in planning camps for our kids and youth.

Van or Michele to help enhance our church ministries.

Jerry to let him know you are interested in re-activating Church Leadership.

All contact info is on p. 7



# Christmas Dinner & Fellowship

Pastors and  
Their Wives  
Support Staff  
and Their  
Spouses

Friday,  
December 4

(6:30 p.m. appetizers;  
7 p.m. dinner)

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

*R.S.V.P. to Michele at  
tvsbaoffice.mring@gmail.com*

*Please bring a small gift for a gift  
exchange.  
THANK YOU to the fifteen volunteers  
who are working on this event!*

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## A Quick Glimpse at KEY 2021 Dates...complete calendar in January.

- Jan. 31**—Fifth Sunday Sing, University Baptist Church, 6 p.m.  
**Feb. 18**--Executive Board Meeting, LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED 6:30/7 p.m. meeting  
February or March—Men's Retreat planned—watch for information  
**Mar. 19-21**—TVSBA Women's Retreat at Trinity Pines, Cascade  
**April 16-18**—Boise Harvest Crusade, Extra Mile Arena, Boise State.  
See <https://harvest.org/boise-harvest-2020/>  
**May 30**—Fifth Sunday Sing, LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED 6 p.m.  
**June 14-18**—MOMENTUM KIDS--Kids' Camp at Cathedral Pines, Ketchum (grades 3-6)  
**July 18-23**--MOMENTUM--Youth Camp at Living Waters Ranch, Challis (grades 7-12)  
**July 29**--Executive Board Meeting, LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED  
(6:30 p.m. registration; 7 p.m. meeting)  
**Aug. 29**--Fifth Sunday Sing, LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED, 6 p.m.  
**Oct. 2**--TVSBA Annual Meeting, at Calvary Baptist Church, Boise. 9 a.m. (8:30 registration)  
**Dec. 3**—Pastors and Wives/Staff and Spouses Christmas Fellowship —  
LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED 6:30 p.m. (appetizers); 7 p.m. (dinner)



## MISSION STATEMENT

*Levanta Ministries is a Christ-centered, interdenominational, short-term recovery and restoration center in Costa Rica designed for women and their dependents who have suffered abuse. By working closely with local Christian churches, community volunteers, foreign mission teams, and partnering U.S. churches, Levanta Ministries aims to care for the physical, spiritual, and emotional needs of its participants during their healing process and to equip and empower them to break the chains of abuse.*

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We continue to be encouraged as we watch God work in and through Levanta! This strengthens us to serve with great joy and humility. This month we welcomed Pastor Shane Okimoto to our U.S. board of directors. Shane is senior pastor at Waiakea Baptist Bible Church in Hilo, Hawaii. He earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Willamette University, as well as a master's of divinity from Gateway Seminary. He also serves on the Hilo Rotary Club board and the executive boards of the local and state Baptist conventions. Pastor Okimoto's faithfulness to the Word of God, desire to teach, and share the gospel in word and deed, and his life-style of purposefully ministering to those around him are just a few of the reasons we feel incredibly blessed the Lord has allowed him to be part of our team! Welcome, Pastor Okimoto!

We are immensely grateful to all who are faithfully supporting Levanta Ministries. It is a labor of love and sacrifice for all of us and your contributions of support through prayer, encouragement and giving never go unnoticed by our team. It is our prayer that you can experience the joy of knowing God's Word is being preached and is bringing healing to hurting marriages and families.

Several Costa Rican ministries have reached out to Levanta for help with domestic violence issues, commenting that we are unique in how we serve and very needed. Thank you all for helping to fill the gap!

**Our staff is busy planning and preparing to host a Levanta Conference for community churches and families once Covid-19 restrictions are lifted. This program will equip churches and families to bring gospel centered solutions to the domestic violence epidemic that they are facing. This is just one of the comprehensive methods we are using to confront domestic violence with the peace of the gospel. Please pray for this work!**

Please continue to pray for:

- Holiness, spiritual fortitude, wisdom, and provisions for the Angulo and Granera Families who serve Levanta so faithfully
- Nine individuals, small groups, or churches to commit to \$100 per month to support the work

- The first family God would have participate in our one-year, in-house program and that our staff would have wisdom in identifying this family in whom we will be investing so much

- All the families and women that are currently being counseled and aided by our staff

- The many volunteers, including the recording studio owner and psychologist that have offered their services to Levanta Ministries free of charge

- Provisions as we search for the location for the Casa de Entrevista that will also serve as the ministry office

- Future partnerships with U.S. churches for planting strong and equipped churches where the gospel is needed





# Fifth Sunday Sing

November 29th, 6 p.m.

at Calvary Church

417 Almond St., Nampa

Come to enjoy sweet  
singing & fellowship.

## Fellowship to follow

Bring a vocal or instrumental special  
if you'd like to share.



## IS YOUR CHURCH SIGNED UP TO HELP? HAVE YOU INVITED FRIENDS & FAMILY? Volunteers are needed

**Serve sign-ups will not go live until 2021.** Go to the website for up-to-date information.

### **Areas of Service:**

Follow-Up: men, women, and teens are needed to assist those making professions of faith with directions and resources for spiritual growth.

Usher: men, women, and teens are needed to assist with greeting, seating and the event offering.

Prayer: Hundreds of people are needed to pray before, during and after the outreach.

Peace Officers: Off-duty police officers are needed to assist with security.

**SEE the website [www.boise.harvest.org](http://www.boise.harvest.org) for more information and details.**






**The Treasure Valley has experienced explosive population growth in the last ten years.  
Are you reaching out to the lost who've moved into our mission field?**

# TVSBA CHURCHES/MISSIONS GIVING ~ 2020

The association extends its thanks to our TVSBA churches who have worked hard to stay faithful in giving, in spite of the challenges forced upon us by Covid. Thank you!

(Giving through October 26)

Jan-Oct 26th

Agua Viva		\$ 180.00
Anchor Baptist		\$ 300.00
Bend		\$ 450.00
Boise Korean		\$ 350.00
Boise River, Mtn. Home		
Calvary, Boise		\$ 8,498.66
Calvary Church, Nampa		\$ 1,109.09
Calvary, Weiser		\$ 800.00
Central Valley, Cascade		\$ 1,647.00
Central Valley, Meridian		\$ 10,000.00
Council Valley Baptist Church		
Creeside Baptist Church		\$ 461.24
Emmanuel Baptist, MH		\$ 2,372.07
First Baptist, Fruitland		\$ 878.91
FSBC, Caldwell (Crosspoint)		\$ 852.88
FSBC, Mountain Home		\$ 3,455.47
Idaho Vision Church		\$ 180.00
Iglesia Bautista de la Gracia		
Iglesia Bautista de Peniel		
Iglesia Bautista Nueva Esperanza		\$ 315.00
Lizard Butte		\$ 1,301.33
New Covenant		\$ 4,226.40
New Life, Ontario, Oregon		\$ 203.73
Pierce Park		\$ 1,125.00
Restored Community		\$ 2,350.00
Riverside Church, Emmett		\$ 1,675.00
Sand Hollow		
Silver Sage Baptist		\$ 549.67
Trinity		\$ 500.00
University Baptist		\$ 2,283.27
Word of Truth		\$ 100.00
<b>YEAR TO DATE GIVING</b>		<b>\$ 46,164.72</b>
<b>Needed to Meet Budget</b>		<b>\$ 45,000.00</b>
<b>Amount Over (Under) Budget</b>		<b>\$ 1,164.72</b>

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Ryan Karp—Chosen People Ministries  
Sunday evening, November 15 at 6 p.m.  
Speaking on the End Times  
Emmanuel Baptist Church  
3850 Airbase Rd.  
Mountain Home, Idaho



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The harvest is

*plentiful,*



but the laborers are *few...*  
Luke 10:2, NRSV

## APPENDIX to the Email Edition of *The Focus*

### Church Health Proposal at the TVSBA Annual Meeting October 3, 2020

We, as an A-Team, are proposing that we enlarge and strengthen our teams, making them fully functional to better strengthen our association as a whole. The Church Health Team will be an important part of this process, since our focus is on the churches' individual health, thus strengthening our association.

Therefore, I am proposing:

A Church Health Team led by one or two leaders, who may or may not also fill the role of one of the members.

Members who specialize in the various aspects of church health. The team will work together, with each member specializing in his/her area of focus.

Suggested members of the Church Health Team are:

Team leaders, plus:

- 1—Pastoral Encourager and Liaison—preferably a pastor would be in this position (with help!)
- 2—Women's Ministry Liaison—women's retreats, events, and training
- 3—Men's Ministry Liaison—men's retreats, events, and training
- 4—Children's Ministry/Sunday School Liaison—children's and youth worker training events

I would like for our Church Health Team to provide training. We can do this in individual areas, perhaps. For example, Calvary Baptist has been sponsoring a great children's ministry training for the last couple of years. We could do this type of thing for our other areas, such as women's or men's ministry, as well. My vision is to go back to a gigantic training weekend, like the UISBC used to sponsor for us, at which we offer a variety of training opportunities.

I am also very interested in providing other training. For example, our association could sponsor a Walk Thru the Bible seminar for our entire area. Once again, we have resources as an association to do what any one church within our association would find hard to do. I am very interested in exploring our options. The cost for a Walk Thru the Bible Seminar, for example, would be \$1200 plus the speaker's lodging, food, and travel expenses. This is just an idea; other options are available.

By strengthening our Church Health Team, as well as our other teams, we will be better equipped to handle our association as it is. Stronger teams will help make a stronger association. Even if we get a DOM, there is nothing wrong with stronger teams; they will only benefit us!

**Our teams are currently enlisting more help! I have been tasked with finding members for the Church Health Team, so I am asking you to please pray about how you might be able to help!**

Michele Ring

**For more information on volunteering for other teams, contact the various team leaders, as listed on p. 7 of the newsletter**