

The Focus

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

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Updates from the Annual Meeting Introducing Jim and Jan Richardson

For some time, the Treasure Valley Disaster Relief team has lacked a director, which has greatly hindered their ability to respond to disasters. That has changed recently, with the addition of Jim and Jan Richardson to the local team.

Here is word from Jim...

Thank you, as I am grateful for the privilege of serving as the new Treasure Valley Director of the SBA Disaster Relief team. It was a blessing to get work alongside of you at the recent DR training in Gooding and meet you at the TVSBA annual meeting.

Our next Disaster Relief training for chaplains will be held on November 18th & 19th at Central Valley Baptist Church in Meridian. If you are interested please contact me.

As you already know, many of our fellow SBC Disaster Relief teams from other states have responded to Florida to help with the devastation from Hurricane Ian. Please join me in praying for our teams as they bring Help, Hope, and Healing to the residents of Florida.

I believe it will be a great idea to bring the resources and talents of our DR teams locally to the Treasure Valley. I am currently working with the Canyon County police and emergency

organizations such as The Red Cross and Rubicon. Recently we were advised by Rubicon of a veteran's widow in Horseshoe Bend who needed help and put them in touch with our chainsaw team to work on her house.

Every time my wife and I are sent by God to a disaster, we always come home so blessed by the people to whom we minister and those we work alongside.

Our last deployment was to Colorado as a fire swept through the Boulder area, destroying over 1,000 homes. We met a couple from France who shared their story of how God had spared their lives and those of their neighbors. The fire winds were so strong that a sighting outside the back door showed only smoke. Our friend told his wife to get a few things together and leave, even though there was no warning from authorities or alerts by phone. He just thought it would be wise to leave. She left and he locked up his house, grabbed a couple of things, looked back, and saw that his yard and house were already ablaze. He frantically drove down the hill and at the bottom saw that his entire neighborhood was on fire. On the curb and saw his next door neighbors lying in the street, with both of their backs on fire! *(finish this exciting story on page 3!)*

Praise
the LORD!

*I will give thanks
to the LORD
with my whole heart,
in the company
of the upright,
in the congregation.*

Psalms 111:1

Growth Starts with You!

Hello Treasure Valley Southern Baptist Association.

I pray that you are well in Christ. I want to welcome College Baptist Church to our Association. They were unanimously voted into the Association during the annual meeting held on October 1st. I ask that you continually pray for them as their work in Meridian continues to grow.

Growth is something that every ministry leader has thought about within their work. Their question remains; how do we get people into our church, Sunday school, VBS, mission programs, association, etc.? Every person who has ever been involved in ministry profoundly understands this challenge. I do not have any desire to get off in the weeds on the million and one ways to make growth happen in your ministry, so please; keep reading.

I want to remind you that proper growth in any ministry can only start with you. We use the word growth to suggest the idea of development. To develop is to recognize your starting point, mark it, and then add to it. Development should be tangible and easy to identify. One of the biggest mistakes I have made in ministry is believing that growth only comes in numbers. It is easy to look around at the “big” churches and think you are failing in the area of growth.

Look at what Jesus says in John 15:5; “I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in me and I in him produces much fruit, because you can do nothing without me.” Are you living as the branch that extends from Christ? Is Jesus working through you, or are you working alone with your ideas of how things should be? Proper growth starts with you. When you die to yourself and seek to live a life as Christ did, you will develop into the person that the Father wants you to be. Growth is in Him, in His discipleship, not in the number of people who fill the pews on Sunday morning and not in the number of people who may come to an event. True growth is in Christ, and as He is the vine, He will provide everlasting growth to all in Him. God has demonstrated His greatness by growing this association; let us continue in His greatness.

I would love to hear from you all. Please email me at pastormikeellis@gmail.com.

Grace and Peace to you.

Mike Ellis

Moderator

Treasure Valley Southern Baptist Association

Introducing Jim and Jan Richardson, Disaster Relief

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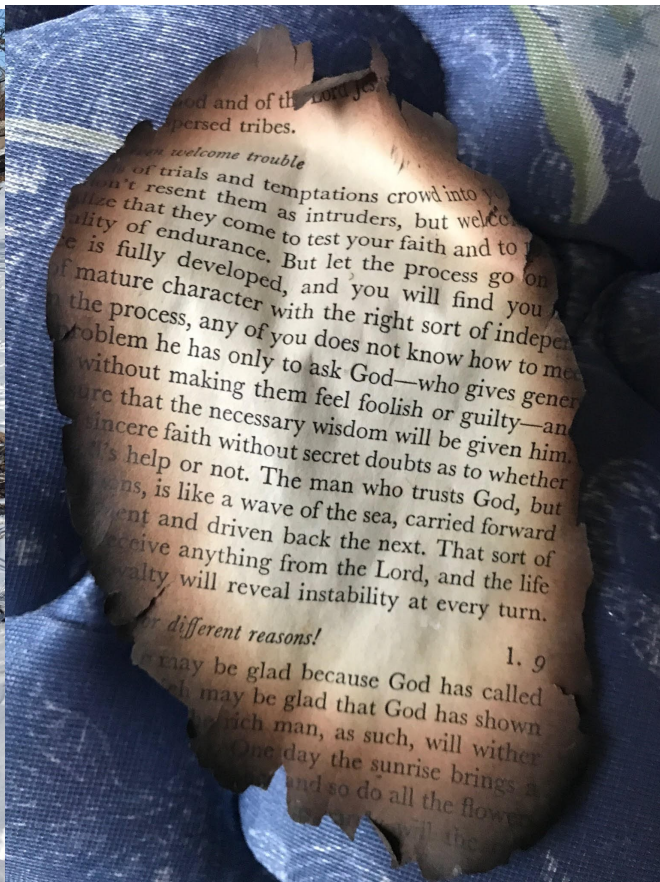
As a believer he said he thought, "If I stop to save their lives I will probably die myself," but he knew if he died he would be with Jesus so he pulled his neighbors into his car as they both were screaming in agony. He sped out of the neighborhood, not knowing what to do next. He called his wife, who had already escaped, and she suggested he call 911. Fortunately, an ambulance was close by; he met it and the EMTs took his neighbors to the hospital where they were treated for a few days. After they were released from the hospital the couple could not bear to go back to their home alone so they asked their rescuers to join them. The entire neighborhood was gone, with no homes left. All was just rubble. The amazing part of the story as they sifted through all the ashes, the two couples found only one thing...a single page from the Bible.

To God be the glory!

*Interested in the Chaplain Training at Central Valley Baptist Church in November?
Contact Jim Richardson at jimandjan20@yahoo.com*



Jim and Jan Richardson, as they fellowship with their newfound friends, in the aftermath of the Boulder fire tragedy.



All that was left of the French family's belongings after the fire in Boulder.

These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world. 1 Peter 1:7

Christmas Dinner & Fellowship

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



Friday, December 3
At Nampa Calvary Church
417 Almond St.

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

Help needed to make this a success!

In order to make sure that our TVSBA church staff have a relaxing evening, our laymen host this dinner and fellowship. We'd love to have you volunteer to help!

Contact Michele Ring to sign up.

We have shifts from about noon through the end of the evening about at 10 p.m. We need volunteers to set up to decorate, cook, serve, and clean up.

No one is expected to stay the entire time.

Contact Michele Ring

208-442-4448

Or tvbsaoffice.mring@gmail.com to get more information on how you can help.

2023 Calendar



Treasure Valley
Southern Baptist Association

2023 TVSBA CALENDAR

JANUARY ~ FEBRUARY ~ MARCH

- Jan. 28**—Pastors' Fellowship Breakfast, 9 a.m. at K.J.'s Restaurant in Meridian
Jan. 29—Fifth Sunday Sing, Emmanuel Baptist, Mountain Home, 6 p.m.
Feb. 23--Executive Board Meeting, University Baptist, Boise 6:30/7 p.m. meeting

APRIL ~ MAY ~ JUNE

- Vacation Bible School Trainings**—sponsored by the UISBC—Date to be determined
Apr. 21-23—TVSBA Women's Retreat at Trinity Pines, Cascade
Apr. 29—Pastors' Fellowship Breakfast, 9 a.m. at K.J.'s Restaurant in Meridian
Apr. 30—Fifth Sunday Sing, New Covenant, Nampa, 6 p.m.
June 26-30—MOMENTUM KIDS--Kids' Camp at Cathedral Pines (grades 3-6)

JULY ~ AUGUST ~ SEPTEMBER

- July 16-21**--MOMENTUM--Youth Camp at Living Waters Ranch, Challis (grades 7-12)
July 27--Executive Board Meeting, New Covenant, Nampa
(6:30 p.m. registration; 7 p.m. meeting)
July 29—Pastors' Fellowship Breakfast, 9 a.m. at K.J.'s Restaurant in Meridian
July 30--Fifth Sunday Sing, Location TBD, 6 p.m.

OCTOBER ~ NOVEMBER ~ DECEMBER

- Oct. 7**--TVSBA Annual Meeting, at Crosspoint Church 9 a.m. (8:30 registration)
Proposed Walk Thru the Bible event—Date to be determined
Oct. 28—Pastors' Fellowship Breakfast, 9 a.m. at K.J.'s Restaurant in Meridian
Oct. 29—Fifth Sunday Sing, Location TBD, 6 p.m.
Dec. 1—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 2023!

Questions? Contact Michele Ring at 208-442-4448 or
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Calendar approved at Annual Meeting 2022



UISBC Disaster Relief Training

Where: Central Valley Baptist Church

600 N. Ten Mile Road

Meridian, ID 83642 When: November 18-19, 2022

Training Sessions Available:

Introduction to Disaster Relief

This is the only required class in Disaster Relief to serve on teams as a worker or helper. This class starts your adventure that has the potential to change your life as you provide spiritual and physical help to those in crisis. Train to meet the urgent needs of those in difficult situations with loving care and a timely response as James 2:15-16 instructs us to do. **Disaster relief is Christian love in action.**

Cost for initial training is \$45 covers: 1 background check, Manual (emailed), 1 badge, 1 cap and 1 T-shirt. No cost if you decide not to join Disaster Relief.

Recertification cost \$20 covers: 1 background check and 1 badge. (Every 3 years)

Recovery/Mud out- If Time allows.

Chaplain- Go with Recovery Teams, Feeding Teams etc. to provide Spiritual care for Team members and home owners and others that ask why you are here.

No cost for this training.

Schedule

Friday, November 18, 2022

6:30 AM – 7:30 AM	Registration, Fellowship and continental breakfast
7:30 AM – 7:45 AM	Devotion
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Introduction to Disaster Relief Class and background check.
10:00 AM – Noon	Classroom Chaplaincy
Noon – 12:30 PM	Lunch - Pizza and salad
12:30 PM – 5:30 PM	Classroom Chaplaincy

Dinner on your own

Saturday November 19, 2022

6:30 AM - 7:30 AM	Fellowship and continental breakfast
7:40 AM - 8:00 AM	Devotion
8:00 AM - Noon	Classroom Chaplaincy
Noon – 12:30 PM	Lunch – Cold cuts and boiled eggs
8:00 AM - Noon	Classroom Chaplaincy

Accommodations

The Church is available for camping so come prepared with sleeping bags/cots or air mattress and personal items and enjoy the fellowship and convenience. Men and Women in separate rooms. Friday night is dinner on your own. Breakfast Saturday will be cold cereal, fruit and muffins. Lunch will be cold cuts and boiled eggs. Saturday dinner will be on your own. If you need hotel or restaurant, there are several choices in Meridian ID.

Contact Person/ more Information

Russel Hohmann Call: 801-644-4638 Email: disaster.relief@uisbc.org

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IDAHO BAPTIST COLLEGE

Spring 2023. Enrollment for spring semester is open.

Classes Begin: Jan. 9, 2023 **Classes End: April 21, 2023 (Finals' week, Apr. 24-28, 2023)**

Scholarship for ABI is due by Dec. 20, 2022 so have your application to Idaho Baptist College Submitted before that if you plan on getting a scholarship.

OT 3104 Old Testament Survey Part 2, David Howell, 3 hours, Mon. 6:30-9 p.m.

In person studies at Central Valley Baptist Church, 600 N. Ten Mile Rd. Meridian, Idaho, and online.

This can be taken as a stand alone course or as a continuation from OT Survey Part 1. This is a survey of all the prophetic books of the Old Testament (Isaiah through Malachi) as well as miscellaneous books known as the Writings (Psalms, Job, Proverbs, Ruth, Song of Songs, Ecclesiastes, Lamentations, Esther, Daniel, Ezra, Nehemiah, and 1 & 2 Chronicles). \$350 (cost includes tuition, fees, and books).

Textbooks: *Old Testament Survey*, 2nd ed., Paul R. House and Eric Mitchell, ISBN: 978-0-8054-4036-2, \$39.99

A Survey of the Old Testament, 3rd ed., Andrew E. Hill and John H. Walton, ISBN: 978-0-310-28095-8, \$49.99

GM 2501 Disciplines of Discipleship, David Carver Jr., 2 hours, Mon. 6:30-8:30 p.m.

In person studies at Water's Edge Fellowship 1725 West Main Street Burley, Idaho and online.

A study of spiritual disciplines valuable to growing Christians with a focus on implementations of these disciplines in the Christian life. \$250 (cost includes tuition, fees, and books).

Textbook: *Fruitful Discipleship*, W. Edward Thiele, ISBN: 978-09145-2033-4, \$19.99

NT 2177 Galatians, Gene Moseley, 2 hours, Thurs., 6:30-8:30 p.m.

In person studies at Central Valley Baptist Church, 600 N. Ten Mile Rd. Meridian, Idaho, and online.

An textual exposition of the major truths found in Paul's letter to the Galatians. \$250 (cost includes tuition, fees, and books).

Textbook: *Tyndale New Testament Commentary: Galatians*, R. Alan Cole, ISBN: 978-0-8308-4239-1, \$18.00

Summer 2023—See the Idaho Baptist College website for details.

Classes Begin: May 8, 2023

Classes End: Aug. 4, 2023 (Finals Aug. 7-11 2023)

NT 2181 1 & 2 Thessalonians, Thad Roduner, 2 hours, Mon. 6:30-9 p.m.

In person studies at Central Valley Baptist Church, 600 N. Ten Mile Rd. Meridian, Idaho, and online. SEE the IBC WEBSITE for additional information. idahobaptistcollege.com

TVSBA CHURCHES/MISSIONS GIVING ~ 2022

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

(Giving through September 30)

Jan-Sept

\$	270.00	Agua Viva	
		Anchor Baptist	
\$	650.00	Bend	
\$	400.00	Boise Korean	
		Boise River, Mtn. Home	
\$	3,786.80	Calvary, Boise	
\$	1,985.60	Calvary Church, Nampa	
\$	100.00	Calvary, Weiser	
\$	2,193.00	Central Valley, Cascade	
\$	8,000.00	Central Valley, Meridian	
\$	100.00	College Baptist, Meridian	
\$	1,313.73	Crosspoint, Caldwell	
\$	2,946.72	Emmanuel Baptist, MH	
\$	468.26	First Baptist, Fruitland	
\$	8,084.16	FSBC, Mountain Home	
		Idaho Vision Church	
		Iglesia Bautista de la Gracia	
\$	500.00	Igelsia Bautista de Peniel	
\$	255.00	Ig. Bautista Nueva Esperanza (CA LDWELL)	
\$	315.00	Ig. Baut. Nueva Esperanza (ONTARIO)	
\$	667.19	Lizard Butte	
\$	7,623.62	New Covenant	
\$	506.90	New Life Baptist, Ontario	
\$	1,341.67	Pierce Park	
\$	1,000.00	Restored Community	
\$	3,214.00	Riverside Church, Emmett	
		Sand Hollow	
\$	569.34	Silver Sage Baptist	
\$	450.00	Trinity Baptist	
\$	2,537.78	University Baptist	
\$	50.00	Word of Truth	
		THIS MONTH'S GIVING	
\$	49,328.77	YTD CHURCH GIVING	
\$	40,500.00	BUDGET PROJECTION TO DATE	
\$	8,828.77	OVER (UNDER) Budget	

NOTE: The church to whom we rent in Nyssa has been unable to meet its rent of \$500 per month. The additional church giving has enabled the association to meet its \$60,000 annual budget. Thank you for your gifts to the association.

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*Thanks be unto God
for his unspeakable gift.*

2 Corinthians 9:15, KJV

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

You're invited to encourage one another in the Lord.



PASTORS! BREAKFAST

CANCELLED!

Sorry for any inconvenience.
Our next pastors' breakfast is on
December 31st.

at KJ's Restaurant
1565 S. Meridian Rd.,
Meridian, Idaho

(take the Meridian exit and go south 1 block)

**SATURDAY MORNING,
OCT. 29, 2022
at 9:00 a.m.**

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R.S.V.P. to MICHELE at tvbsaoffice.mring@gmail.com