



[Growing Intentional Disciple-making Cultures](#)

1 and 1/2 DAY CONFERENCE

REGISTRATION \$50 PER PERSON

(Each Church is Encouraged to bring a team of 4 or more people – every 4th Registration is FREE)

Friday, April 28, 2017 6:00 PM - Saturday, April 29, 2017 4:00 PM (Eastern Time)

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How do you move discipling from a ministry of the few to the heart of a church's culture and into the community? It happens when you, as pastors and ministry leaders, commit to modeling, maturing, and multiplying cultures of life-to-life discipling. Tampa Bay Baptist Association, in partnership with Navigator Church Ministries, is bringing you this 1.5 day conference to share a biblical, proven "growth pathway" so your church can build such a culture. Join us as thought-leaders Dr. Stephen Rummage, Paul Purvis, Bill Mowry, and many other workshop leaders share their insights on planning, formulating, and developing a disciple-making culture; raising up disciple-making leaders in your ministries; implementing the principles and strategies for growing disciples and multiplying mature believers throughout your congregations.

The goal of the conference is not to share a one-size-fits-all approach but a process to help you and your team customize a practical strategy for *making disciples who make disciples* through a process we call GiDC—Growing *intentional* Discipling Cultures. Why "culture"? We believe that the emphasis on culture is an important one. Indeed, the key characteristics of a culture are shared—language, values, story or vision, and practices or ways of doing things. Seeing this take place throughout the church is the aim. The journey to get there can begin in a particular ministry area—such as in adult ministries, the men's or women's groups, community groups, family ministries, student ministries and so forth.

Throughout the conference workshops you will acquire the insights, tools and resources to help move your church or ministry towards building this culture:

- Bible studies for personal conviction
- Coaching for practical application
- Training for skill development
- Resources for fruitful ministry
- Pathways for life-to-life relationships for ongoing spiritual growth

Day One Agenda – Friday, April 28, 2017

Time	Session
6:00pm-7:00pm	DINNER
7:00pm-7:15pm	<p>Welcome and Prayer</p> <p>Introductions</p> <p>Mike Kahn, Director, Tampa Bay Baptist Association</p>
7:15pm-7:30pm	WORSHIP
7:30pm-8:00pm	<p>Plenary Session:</p> <p>INTENTIONAL CONNECTIONS: LIFE-ON-LIFE DISCIPLESHIP</p> <p>Paul Purvis, Lead Pastor First Baptist Church Temple Terrace</p>
8:00pm-8:15pm	BREAK: Move to Workshop Breakout Session #1
8:15pm-9:15pm	<p>RELATIONAL DISCIPLESHIP Breakout Sessions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CONNECTING WITH GOD: THE INVITATION ● CONNECTING FOR MULTIPLICATION: 2:7 SERIES ● CONNECTING LIFE-TO-LIFE: ALONGSIDERS ● CONNECTING MEN-TO MEN: EVERY MAN A WARRIOR ● CONNECTING WOMEN-TO-WOMEN: JOURNEY SERIES ● CONNECTING NEW BELIEVERS: GROWING IN CHRIST ● (SPANISH) CONNECTING WITH GOD: THE INVITATION
9:15pm	Prayer and Closing

Day Two Agenda - Saturday, April 29, 2017 - Morning

Time	Session
8:00am-8:30am	BREAKFAST
8:30am-8:45am	Welcome and Prayer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emcee, Navigators Church Ministries Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mike Kahn, Director, Tampa Bay Baptist Association
8:45am-9:00pm	WORSHIP
9:00am-9:30am	Plenary Session: LIFE-ON-LIFE DISCIPLESHIP: MODELING CHRIST <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Stephen Rummage, Pastor of Bell Shoals Baptist Church and President of Florida Baptist Convention
9:30am-9:45am	BREAK: Move to Workshop Breakout Session #2
9:45pm-10:45am	RELATIONAL DISCIPLESHIP Breakout Sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CONNECTING WITH GOD: THE INVITATION CONNECTING FOR MULTIPLICATION: 2:7 SERIES CONNECTING LIFE-TO-LIFE: ALONGSIDERS CONNECTING MEN-TO MEN: EVERY MAN A WARRIOR CONNECTING WOMEN-TO-WOMEN: JOURNEY SERIES CONNECTING NEW BELIEVERS: GROWING IN CHRIST (SPANISH) CONNECTING FOR LIFE-TO-LIFE: ALONGSIDERS
10:45am-11:00am	BREAK: Move to Workshop Breakout Session #3
11:00am-12:00noon	RELATIONAL DISCIPLESHIP Breakout Sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CONNECTING WITH GOD: THE INVITATION CONNECTING FOR MULTIPLICATION: 2:7 SERIES CONNECTING LIFE-TO-LIFE: ALONGSIDERS CONNECTING MEN-TO MEN: EVERY MAN A WARRIOR CONNECTING WOMEN-TO-WOMEN: JOURNEY SERIES CONNECTING NEW BELIEVERS: GROWING IN CHRIST (SPANISH) CONNECTING FOR MULTIPLICATION: 2:7 SERIES
12:00noon – 1:00pm	Lunch

Day Two Agenda - Saturday, April 29, 2017 - Afternoon

12:00noon – 1:00pm	Lunch
1:00pm-1:15pm	WORSHIP
1:15pm-1:45pm	Plenary Session: GROWING AN INTENTIONAL DISCIPLEMAKING CULTURE <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bill Mowry, Author, Ways of the Alongsider
1:45pm-2:00pm	BREAK: Move to Workshop Breakout Session #4
2:00pm-3:00pm	RELATIONAL DISCIPLESHIP Breakout Sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CONNECTING WITH GOD: THE INVITATION• CONNECTING FOR MULTIPLICATION: 2:7 SERIES• CONNECTING LIFE-TO-LIFE: ALONGSIDERS• CONNECTING MEN-TO MEN: EVERY MAN A WARRIOR• CONNECTING WOMEN-TO-WOMEN: JOURNEY SERIES• CONNECTING NEW BELIEVERS: GROWING IN CHRIST• (SPANISH) CONNECTING NEW BELIEVERS: GROWING IN CHRIST
3:00pm-3:15pm	BREAK: Move to Closing Session
3:15pm-3:45pm	Closing Session: GROWING AN INTENTIONAL DISCIPLEMAKING CULTURE <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mike Kahn, Director Tampa Bay Baptist Association
3:45pm-4:00pm	WORSHIP AND CLOSING PRAYER
4:00pm	Dismissal

Conference Speaker Biographies

Dr. Stephen Rummage

A recognized leader in ministry, academics, and Southern Baptist denominational life, Stephen Rummage, Senior Pastor of Bell Shoals Baptist Church in Brandon, Fla., also serves as chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee.

A frequent guest speaker for churches and conferences across the United States, his daily radio teaching ministry, *Moving Forward*, airs throughout Florida and nationwide on Sirius/XM satellite radio. Dr. Rummage has a heart to see people come to know Christ and then grow in their walk with Christ. The goal of *Moving Forward* is to provide solid, Bible-based teaching to help strengthen the walk of those who follow Christ and, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to draw people into relationship with Christ. Dr. Rummage has authored or contributed to eight books, including *Moving Forward Day by Day*, *Praying with Purpose* (with Michele Henderson Rummage), *Planning Your Preaching*, *Engaging Exposition* (with Daniel Akin and Bill Curtin).

Dr. Rummage received the B. A. from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. He holds the M. Div. with a specialization in biblical languages from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, and the Ph. D. in preaching and theology from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He previously was professor of preaching and the director of the Doctor of Ministry Program at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina. He continues to teach on a visiting basis at several institutions. Dr. Rummage and his wife, Michele, have one son, Joshua.

Pastor Paul Purvis

Pastor Paul Purvis serves as Lead Pastor for First Baptist Church of Temple Terrace. He has a driving passion in his life is to glorify God through loving Jesus and leading the local church to reach its community and the world by providing a ministry that is real, relevant, and relational. He is shepherding FBC of Temple Terrace through planning, formulating, and developing a disciple-making culture; raising up discipling leaders in the church; implementing the principles and strategies for launching discipleship groups; and, multiplying mature believers throughout the congregation.

Paul was born in Hartsville, South Carolina. He was raised in a strong Christian home and at the age of seven understood the need for a personal, life long relationship with Jesus Christ. During his junior year at Furman University, he responded to God's vocational call on his life. Although he had served in various church and ministry roles prior to that time, it was after beginning the preparations for a career in politics and law that he realized that God had greater plans for him.

Pastor Paul has been married to Kimberly since 1993 and together they have 4 boys; Micah, Caleb, Noah and Luke.

Bill Mowry

Bill Mowry is a veteran staff member with The Navigators and author of the *Ways of the Alongsider*. His passion is to create ministry cultures where people are relationally doing the Great Commission, one person at a time. The approach shared in *Ways of the Alongsider* paints a fresh picture of discipling that makes it clear that this vital ministry isn't just the domain of ministry professionals. Making disciples and participating in the Great Commission is something every follower of Jesus can do.

Bill has developed Bible studies, creative assignments, and challenging reflection questions that tackle topics such as authenticity, transparency, vulnerability—and other relationship issues that you won't find in most "discipleship" curriculum. He has a masters in adult education from Ohio State and is a published author in the areas of education, learning, discipleship, and leadership. Bill and his wife, Peggy, live in Columbus, Ohio, and serve with The Navigators Church Ministries.

Breakout Session Descriptions

- **CONNECTING WITH GOD: THE INVITATION**

The Invitation workshop will provide motivation and a practical plan to help you spend quality daily time with the Lord in His Word and prayer. Whether you're currently practicing this simple discipline, needing some fresh motivation, or are just getting started in meeting with God, this workshop can help you in several ways.

You will:

- walk away with fresh motivation to meet with God.
- explore the biblical basis of God's invitation.
- discover how God wants to develop closeness and communication with you.
- learn and apply some practical tools to meditate on the Scriptures.
- learn and apply some practical tools to enhance your prayer life.
- leave with a practical action plan to help you spend daily time with God.

- **CONNECTING FOR MULTIPLICATION: 2:7 SERIES**

Based on the Scripture reference Colossians 2:7—the statement of the Apostle Paul to a New Testament church: “Rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.” What the apostle Paul, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, expresses in this passage clearly defines the specific goals of this *2:7 Series* training for small groups:

- As a Christian, become built up in Christ and strengthened (or established) in his or her faith. This series of courses includes instruction in practical Bible study techniques, Scripture memory skills, how to have an exciting devotional life, and how to be more effective in evangelism.
- As a Christian, learn to overflow with gratitude in everyday life. The series will help an individual learn to experience and enjoy a stable and consistent Christian walk.
- As a Christian, be taught (or instructed). This implies that training needs to take place before believers develop into a follower of Christ whose life can significantly impact in the lives of people around them.

- **CONNECTING LIFE-TO-LIFE: ALONGSIDERS**

The Ways of the Alongsider paints a new picture of discipling that moves this vital ministry out of the hands of ministry professionals to everyone who wants to participate in the great commission. The 10 chapters are packed with Bible studies, creative assignments, and challenging reflection questions. You will learn a new pathway to disciple people in life-to-life ways.

- **CONNECTING MEN-TO MEN: EVERY MAN A WARRIOR**

Every Man a Warrior shares discipleship in ways that “Help Men Succeed in Life”. It deals with the battles that men fight every day and how God has solutions. It teaches men how to apply Biblical truth in the areas of: Money, Marriage, Raising Children, Sex, Work, Hard Times and How to Make Your Life Count. Hear a testimony of how God used 25 years of trials and suffering to write the Every Man A Warrior curriculum into the heart of author Lonnie Berger. All men will face hard times in life. Discipleship gives men hope that through endurance and the encouragement of Scripture they can find God and win the battles they fight.

- **CONNECTING WOMEN-TO-WOMEN: JOURNEY SERIES**

Women's Journey of Discipleship incorporates Bible study, life-to-life sharing, Scripture memory, prayer principles, and emphasizes how to pass on your faith to other women in your context and among the nations. The compelling vision is to encourage women to know Jesus and become like Him, and to equip them with the skills to disciple others. This vision empowers women to embrace God's vision and passion for discipleship as He transforms their minds, will, and emotions. Discipleship in a setting for women by women who know this journey first hand.

- **CONNECTING NEW BELIEVERS: GROWING IN CHRIST**

Here's a very practical discipleship approach to help new Christians to become established in their faith. As Jesus walked alongside His first followers to help them understand new life essentials, so this journey will help you provide stable grounding for new believers. *Beginning with Christ* provides a format for telling others about salvation and the Christian life. Topics include assurance of salvation, answered prayer, victory over sin, forgiveness, and guidance. *Growing in Christ* provides a discipleship approach that focuses on assurance and lessons on Christian living that explain the fundamentals of the Christian life.

- **CONNECTING FOR THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY**

Using a discipleship approach to reach, disciple and train Hispanic followers and ministry leaders. You will learn ways to provide encouragement, shepherding, coaching, relational connectivity and be an influence multiplier. Explore culturally relevant ways of reaching, discipling and recruiting the next generation of young Hispanic and non-Hispanic disciplemakers who have a heart for reaching Hispanics for Christ.