

Missions Events

Meet the Need

Give one day of your time to serve our community in a number of ways, working together on projects to improve schools, beautify neighborhoods, and meet the needs of the Tampa neighbors.

Global Impact Celebration

This special season in the life of our church is when we focus on what God is doing and wants to do with our church through missions and evangelism, reaching "Tampa and Beyond."

Friend Day

This day is set aside specifically for bringing those who may not otherwise enter the doors of the church. Through hosting this special day for our friends, we are reaching out to those who need Christ.

Festival de Gracias

This thanksgiving project focuses on reaching the migrant workers in Wimauma, Florida. We serve a Thanksgiving meal seasoned with Christian love and served with "Living Water" for thirsting souls.

Project Angel Tree

Jesus loves the little children, and He came to set the captives free. Through Angel Tree our church can bring the love of Christ at Christmas time to prisoners' kids across America.

Find out more about how you can be involved at www.idlewild.org/missions



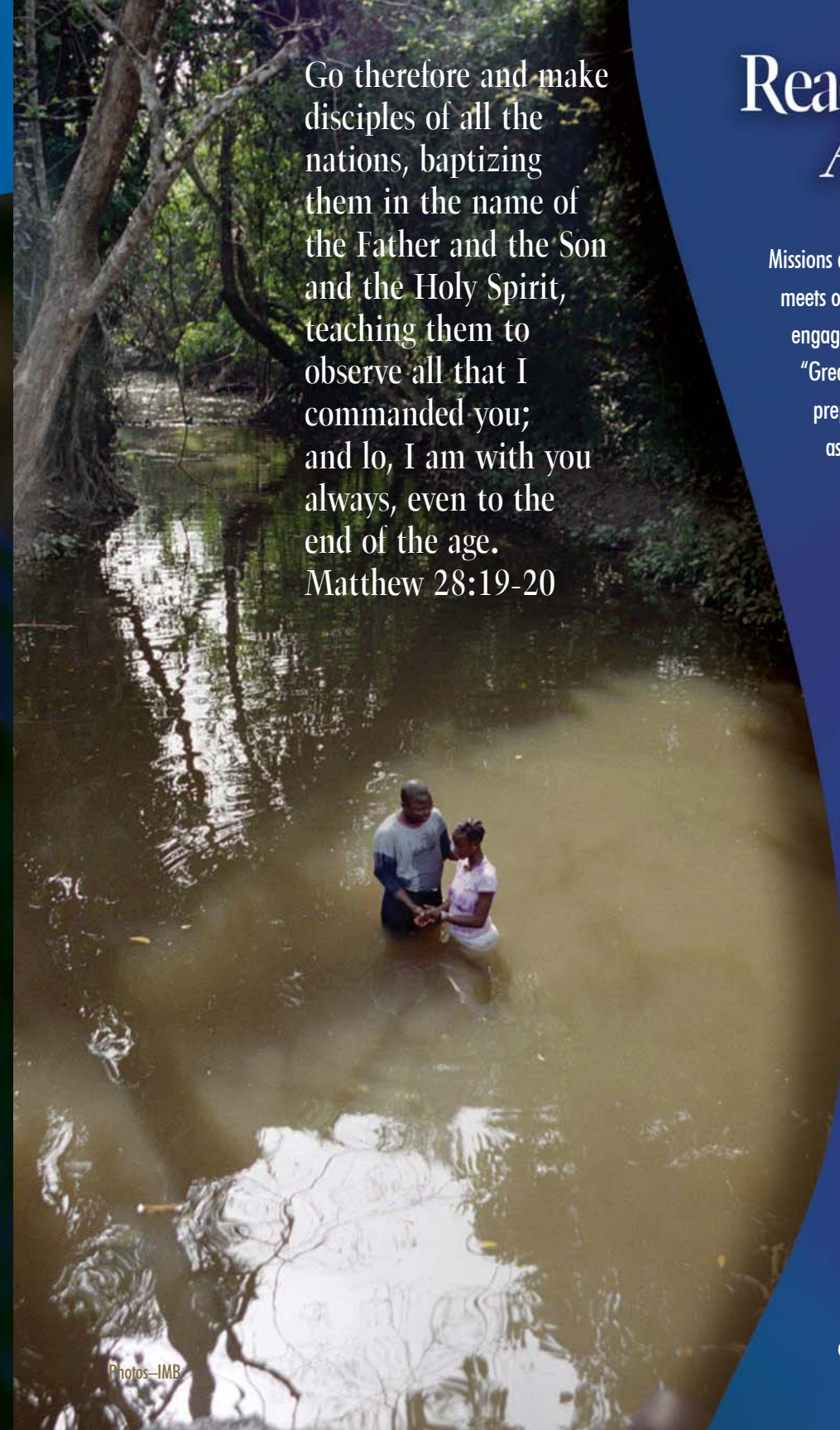
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Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

Matthew 28:19-20



Photos—IMB

Reaching Tampa... And Beyond!

Missions at Idlewild Baptist Church is where responsibility meets opportunity. We offer opportunities that will engage our members in being obedient to fulfill Jesus' "Great Commission." We offer training classes that prepare and equip you to share His message, as well as opportunities for you to minister around the world.

We desire to establish strategic partnerships with field personnel of the International Mission Board (IMB) and the North American Mission Board (NAMB). From local ministries in and around Tampa, regional ministries nearby and nationally, and international efforts around the world, we desire for you to be personally involved. Whether it is medically treating the sick in North Africa, teaching English as a second language in East Asia, doing construction in South America, sharing business principles in seminars in Europe, or programming computers in India, we are only limited by our availability. Your gifts and skills can be matched with creative and innovative marketplace ministries that allow you hands-on encounters across cultures. Your vocational experience may be the very platform God wants to use to meet needs and share His love. Just contact our office for more information. Join with us as we obediently seek to finish the Great Commission!

Praying... Giving... Going...

You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth. Acts 1:8



We are commanded in Scriptures to preach the Gospel to the whole world. Acts 1:8 says that we are to be His witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, and also into the Ends of the Earth.



Here is how this strategically translates for Idlewild Baptist Church in the 21st century:

- Jerusalem—Tampa
- Judea/Samaria—Florida/United States
- Ends of the Earth—The World

Pray...Give...Go...

Pray

Touch the heart of the world through praying for missions. God will pave the way in all that we do when we come before His throne with clean hands and hearts. Our effectual fervent prayer will avail much, and it is a means in which the harvest is prepared as well as the laborers. Specific missionary prayer requests will be made available to the church body.

Give

The example in Scripture is for the Lord's people to give to His work. This is not only seen by the financial contribution, but through time and talents. We can truly serve the Father through giving of ourselves. Everything that we own is His, and we are commanded to be good stewards of His treasure (Matthew 6:21).

Go

After all is said and done, a practical way to be involved is to go. God has given us a command to go into all of the world. We can begin at home and then move beyond our walls of comfort and familiarity. Our focus is to reach **Tampa and beyond** with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

"That repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."
Luke 24:47



- Go.... where you never thought you would.
- Do.... what you never thought you could.
- Be.... what you always knew you should.

Yearly Focused Missions Involvement

2nd - 5th Grade

- Jerusalem outreach through cards, gift packs, visits to nursing facilities, and Operation Backpack in conjunction with VBS



- Judea/Samaria and Ends of the Earth outreach through ministering to military personnel and migrant families

Children's Choir

- Once a month ministry in a nursing home

5th Grade

- Once a month ministry in a nursing home plus a Jerusalem project in March

Middle School

- Quarterly Jerusalem projects plus a yearly Judea/Samaria project

High School

- Quarterly Jerusalem projects plus a yearly Ends of the Earth project

College-Age

- Weekly Jerusalem projects along with yearly projects
 - Midwest Project
 - World Changers (U.S.)
 - East Asia
 - Churchwide missions projects

Single Adults

- Yearly Festival de Gracias (Thanksgiving)
- Churchwide missions projects
- Seasonal missions projects



Adult Families

- Jerusalem projects, specific family missions projects, along with churchwide projects

Senior Adults

- Jerusalem projects, yearly evangelistic Samaria project, along with churchwide missions projects