

SHEPHERD'S PIE SERVING MINISTERS

In late September, SFBC&TS hosted its second Shepherd's Pie Luncheon of 2024, welcoming pastors from across South Florida. This event continues to create opportunities for connection, fellowship, and the exchange of insights among local church leaders united by their shared passion for ministry and community impact.

The luncheon featured keynote speaker Dr. Stephan Tchividjian, CEO and Co-Founder of the National Christian Foundation South Florida, who delivered an inspiring message on the "rhythms of work, life, and ministry." Drawing from his extensive experience in both ministry and community service, Dr. Tchividjian shared profound insights that resonated deeply with attendees.

Following his address, Dr. Tchividjian participated in a Q&A session alongside Pastor Jenn Chenoweth and Dr. Marie LaBranche, moderated by Pastor Germil Agenor. Many of the questions focused on the work-life balance rhythms that Dr. Tchividjian had covered in his address, highlighting a pressing topic for today's ministry leaders.

SFBC&TS looks forward to continuing Shepherd's Pie events, furthering its mission to be a valuable resource for the community, local churches, and their leaders.



SMALL GROUPS SERVING STUDENTS

Small Groups are another aspect of SFBC&TS's mission to nurture spiritual growth and equip students for impactful ministry. Spearheaded by Chaplain David Bakthakumar, these groups provide focused spaces for connection, learning, and encouragement.

Each Small Group is tailored to a specific topic, such as spiritual growth, prayer, or discipleship, ensuring students have opportunities to deepen their faith in meaningful ways. Additionally, the College Academy program offers youth-specific Small Groups, where young men and women can come together to encourage one another in their journey toward Christ.

Through these intentional gatherings, SFBC&TS continues to cultivate a community where faith flourishes and futures are shaped for God's glory.



Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:11



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your incredible support of South Florida Bible College & Theological Seminary. Thanks to your generosity, over 60% of our students graduate debt-free, enabling them to embark on their ministry journey without the burden of loan debt.

As we approach the holiday season, we're excited to celebrate Giving Tuesday—a global day dedicated to generosity and kindness. On December 3, 2024, I invite you to join us in making a meaningful impact here at SFBC&TS and beyond.

We are committed not only to providing a quality education that equips our students to share the Gospel, but also to serving God through various community initiatives. These include hosting Pastors' gatherings, such as the Shepherd's Pie Luncheon, to support our ministers, providing support and assistance to Israel, organizing an annual BBQ to engage the community and celebrate diversity, and nurturing the next generation through our College Academy.

In 2025, we will proudly celebrate SFBC&TS's 40th anniversary of Biblical Higher Education. God has honored us as we work to remain committed to the mission He has entrusted to us, which includes:

- **COMMITMENT TO BIBLICAL TRAINING:** A thorough knowledge of the Bible is central to our educational goals. We prioritize devotion to the Word of God as the authority for all aspects of life.
- **COMMITMENT TO THE GREAT COMMISSION:** Spreading the Gospel is foundational to all our programs. We strive to inspire students to become world-changers with a passion for winning others for Christ.
- **COMMITMENT TO MINISTRY FORMATION:** Our goal is to equip students for meaningful, church-related ministries.

Keep reading to discover the incredible ways God has been at work in these areas over the past few months!

Dr. Mary Drabik

REMEMBERING ISRAEL

In early October, SFBC&TS celebrated the first return of the now annual Remembering Israel event, bringing together over 200 attendees to celebrate the deep and growing bond between the College and the city of Ariel, Israel. A profound sense of unity was abundant in the room as guests gathered to honor and strengthen this vital relationship.

Remembering Israel is quickly becoming one of SFBC&TS's most cherished annual traditions, reaffirming the college's dedication to cultivating meaningful relationships with Israel and supporting its community. SFBC&TS anticipates continuing this tradition and welcoming even more attendees next year in celebration of this important partnership.

The timing of the event carried deep significance, occurring just weeks after one of the most severe attacks on Israel in recent history. This assault, which involved hundreds of missiles launched by Iran—many intercepted by the Iron Dome—served as a powerful reminder of the ongoing volatility in the Middle East. It underscored the vital role that Israel's allies play in bolstering its resilience and security. SFBC&TS urges the community of Christ to unite in prayer for peace in Israel and the surrounding regions.



BRAZILIAN BBQ

SERVING THE COMMUNITY

It's picanha time! SFBC&TS was delighted to once again host its much-anticipated Brazilian Barbeque at Sugar Sands Park, bringing together over 100 staff members, students and families for a day filled with joy, fellowship, and delicious food. This cherished event exemplifies the unity and diversity that are not only the core of SFBC&TS's mission, but the very essence of God's Kingdom.

Under sunny skies, attendees enjoyed games, lively conversations, and a feast of international cuisine. A returning highlight of the day was Dr. Tommy, the beloved "sample man," who made his rounds though the crowd with fresh cuts of picanha for one and all... even some of the park staff! To wrap up lunch, the audience was treated to a lighthearted comedy routine that complemented the relaxed and satisfied vibe after enjoying the delicious meal.

In times like these, events like this remind us of the importance of communal love and respect. God calls His people to love their neighbor, and SFBC&TS is proud to be an exemplary beacon of unity, celebrating the beauty of diverse backgrounds, stories, and perspectives.

Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the day memorable, and a special shout out to our amazing grill master Alex Costa, and to Monica Carvalho for once again putting the amazing day together. We can't wait to do it all again next year!



YOUNG SOUND CLUB

SERVING YOUTH



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2 Timothy 3:16-17



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