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Ministry Matters!



[Saying No is Hard](#)

Making good changes always involves saying "no". For me that is never easy. For me: Saying no to evening snacks is almost impossible. Saying no to worthy projects and ministry opportunities is hard. Saying no to people I care about tears me up. Learning to say no is indispensable to leading with excellence. [to continue [...>](#)]



Branch's Church- Seeking a full time Senior Pastor

Fil-Am Church - Seeking a Bivocational Pastor

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**The State of Pastors:
Leading in Complexity
Thursday, January 26
FREE WEBINAR**

Sign up at Barna.com/pastors2017

OR... join with others in our faith community at [Winfree Baptist Church](#). Bring a sack lunch if needed. Feel free to come to all or part.

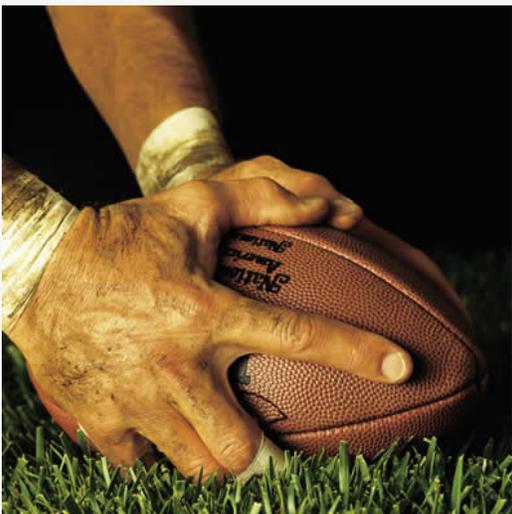
11 am - 1 pm (EST): The State of Faith and Culture: Bringing Clarity to Our Complex Times

1 pm - 3 pm (EST): The State of Pastors 2017 Research Release: Pastoring in an Age of Complexity

Contact Pastor David Benjamin, david.benjamin@winfreechurch.org to let them know you will attend or if your schedule frees up at the last minute, there **will be** a seat for you!

THINK ABOUT IT

**"Leadership begins at the place we connect - the heart."
- Dan Reiland**



Hosting a Super Bowl Party? Remember These Tips.

NFL rules require caution from churches regarding this event.

The National Football League has a few **requirements that churches and other organizations must follow** in order to host a Super Bowl party. These requirements emerged a few years ago, after a dispute arose between the NFL and a large church

that wanted to host a party.

As the big game approaches, here are four tips regarding these requirements that church leaders should note:

1. **Do not rent any equipment.** Churches must use equipment they already own and regularly use to conduct their religious worship.
2. **Show the game live in your facility only.** Recording the Super Bowl to exhibit later is not allowed. And streaming the party online, which might include portions of the broadcast shown at your facility, is also not allowed.
3. **Do not charge admission.** However, the NFL allows churches to collect an offering to cover expenses.
4. **Be careful about how the party is promoted.** Don't call it

"Super Bowl Party" but rather "Big Game Party" or something similar.

To read complete article, [click here.](#)

Did You Know?

Rev. Christy Foldenauer is the new Pastor at Tomahawk Baptist Church. Here are a few tidbits on her life so you can get to know her:

What is your most memorable moment in ministry? The phone call for a first interview at Tomahawk was especially memorable, because it was completely unexpected but also a real answer to prayer. That's a long story, so if you want to hear it, we'll have to have coffee. :)

Where were you raised?

Right here in RVA, off of Staples Mill Road - I attended Hermitage High School.

What was your first job? I swept the parking lot and bagged groceries at Safeway, which was a grocery store in the area. It was a great place to learn about work ethic, and taught me that I love meeting new people (and how to bag groceries at lightning speed without breaking the eggs...)

Tell us about your family:

I've been married almost 20 years to **Adam**. Adam is a Client Solutions Director at Impactmakers, which is a really neat company in Richmond with a goal of doing socially-conscious business. (If you've never heard of this company, you should check them out!) Outside of work, Adam competes regularly in triathlons. My three kids are **Ashton**, a 7th grader who plays basketball and double bass, **Lauren**, a 5th grader who swims and is a voracious reader, and **Nate**, a 2nd grader who loves collecting (currently Pokemon!) and bike riding.

What do you do in your free time? In my current stage of life, a lot of my free time is spent with kids - joining them in activities they enjoy. I love creative endeavors and music; writing (especially poetry) and DIY-style projects at home are things I especially enjoy.





**We would LOVE to share YOUR story. Answer the questions above, or add your own, and send to brenda@mdba.org.*



Ministers & Staff Luncheons Schedule Noon - 1:30 pm

The lunches are free, thanks to the generosity of the host church. However, we do ask you to sign up so those preparing the meal will know how much and for ample seating. Contact Brenda Green to register, preferably a couple of days

before.

February 9 - Oak Forest Church

"The Art of Neighboring"- Your leaders will greatly benefit from learning how they too can reach their "unreachable" neighbors with the love of Jesus.

April 20- Mount Hermon Church

"Emotionally Healthy Spirituality" - Join our panelists as they share how this approach to discipleship has impacted their lives, as well as their churches.

May 11 - TBD

"Witness to An Ancient Legacy" - Hear the sounds of the hymns the first Christians sung and see the holy sights of Aleppo, Syria before the devastation from the now war-torn country. It will be fascinating!

***In March we will once again bring THE GATHERING. Stay tuned for details.**

(No summer meetings)

Save the Date!

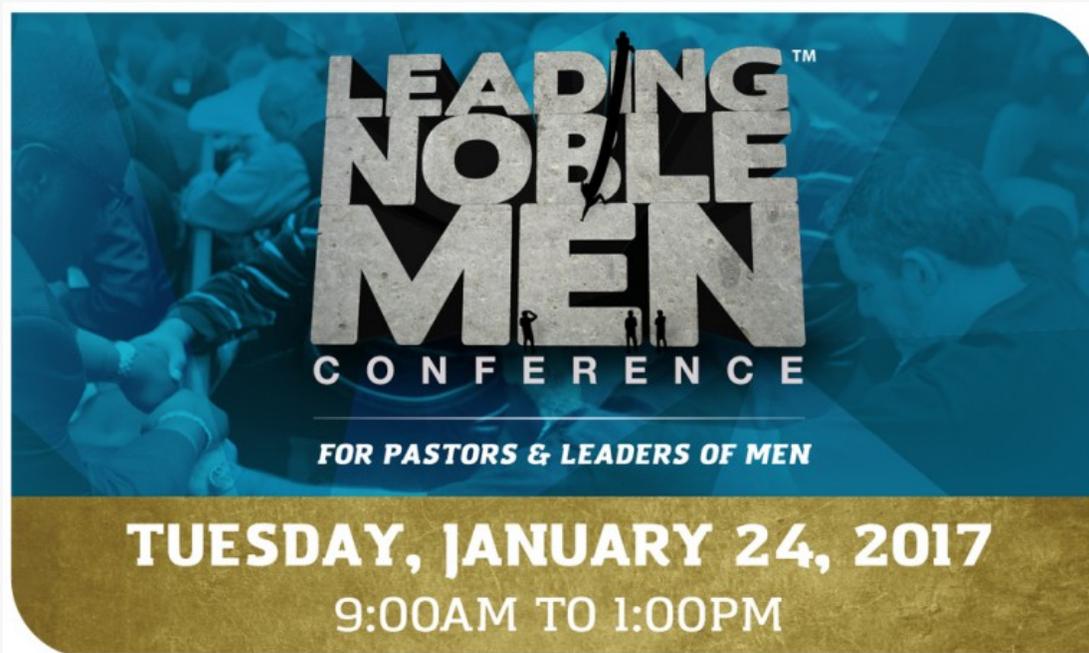


**October 19-20, 2017
Winfree Baptist Church**

Reimagine Church Conference

- Spiritual encouragement and practical steps to reimagine God's dream for your church.

More details to come on the mdba.org website.



Grove Avenue Baptist Church, 8701 Ridge Rd., Richmond.
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