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REPORT TO THE ASSOCIATIONS  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**  
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The mission of the Sunday School/Small Groups Department is to network with churches and associations to build Great Commission Sunday schools. The primary purpose of the department is to assist churches in establishing, conducting, enlarging and improving their Sunday school/small group ministries. The emphasis is to help churches understand the role of Sunday school/small groups in evangelism and discipleship through a study of God's Word.

**The following were some of the department's staff activities during the year 2010-2011:**

- The Sunday School Department conducted an eight week student summer missionary Vacation Bible School in 42 churches throughout South Florida. Many of these churches had not conducted VBS in two or more years. This project resulted in an enrollment of 4,295 students and 285 professions of faith. Ten college students served as VBS missionaries;
- The Sunday School Department conducted the South Florida Bible Study Summit, training 155 leaders from 23 churches;
- The Sunday School Department assisted 23 associations, resulting in 1084 leaders trained from 159 churches.
- The Sunday School Department conducted four regional Sunday School Conventions, training 894 Sunday school leaders from 139 churches;
- The Sunday School Department provided training for 26 faculty at the National VBS Institute held at LifeWay Christian Resources at Ridgecrest;
- The Sunday School Department provided four state Vacation Bible School clinics involving 472 VBS faculty members from 86 churches and associations;
- Sunday School Department staff consulted and coached 186 church and associational staff at 68 churches and 24 associations.
- The Sunday School Department assisted in starting 104 new Sunday schools;
- In partnership with LifeWay, the Sunday School Department conducted a three day Transformational Church conference. Thirty church and associational staff were trained to serve as consultants to pastors and church staff throughout Florida. The goal is that people will become more like Christ, the church will function more like the body of Christ, and the community will experience transformation.
- The Sunday School Department has trained 2844 leaders at 49 events this past year.