



## GARY D. TOWNSEND

DIRECTOR, *Church Staff Benefits Department*

Serving the Convention since 2004

### **Primary Responsibility:**

To serve as Florida's representative of GuideStone Financial Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention.

### **Birth:**

Plant City, Florida

### **Spouse:**

Susan

### **Education:**

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, M.Div., 1982

Palm Beach Atlantic College, West Palm Beach, Florida, B.A., 1979

University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, A.A., 1977

### **Previous Experience:**

Associate Director, Stewardship Department, Florida Baptist Convention, Jacksonville, Florida, 2004-2006

Director of Missions, Marion Baptist Association, Ocala, Florida, 1996-2004

Pastor, First Baptist Church, Jensen Beach, Florida, 1982-1996

Supply Preacher, Various churches, 1981-1982

Youth Minister, Bethany Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky, 1980-1981

### **Denominational Activities:**

President, Florida Directors of Missions

Member, State Board of Missions, Florida Baptist Convention

Mission Trips: Cuba, Montana

### **Certifications:**

Church Consultation Level I Training

Certified F.A.I.T.H. Trainer

Church Mediation Consultant for Conflict Management

Supervision I and Supervision II Training

### **Church Membership:**

First Baptist Church, Ocala, Florida