

Business Forum Meeting Recap

Great first meeting this week with high attendance and an excellent speech!

Summary & Highlights

- Business Forum member Dr. Dave Lombard, Executive Pastor at The Pointe Church, shared his remarkable story and career path.
- Tony Tranquill recognized for his presidency and board service; Kim Ward takes the reins.
- Tip Session Highlights:
 - Bill Shinn (turning 90 this year!) announced upcoming Prognostication competition awards and is seeking the next owner.
 - 35,000+ visitors attended Fort Wayne Zoo over the holiday despite weather (Rick S.).
 - Winter sale at Christopher James with up to 50% off (Chris L.).
 - Hoover the Mover moving into a new 230,000 sq. ft. warehouse (Tad L.).
 - Fort Wayne FC stadium opens May 2nd; season tickets available (Scott S.).
 - General business updates and gratitude shared among members.
 - Zach Kessie won the drawing.

Next Meeting

January 14 @ Ruth Chris
Speaker/Sponsor: TK Herman

Speaker & Speech Summary

Dr. Lombard delivered a deeply personal keynote describing his journey from trauma through pursuits of safety—knowledge, military service, and wealth—to a calling in ministry. He now applies psychological, military, and business expertise to church leadership and operations.

- Early trauma and resilience through academics and leadership.
- Pursuit of psychology and military service for understanding and protection.
- Post-military focus on wealth and real estate, followed by personal struggles.
- Spiritual awakening and calling to ministry at The Point Church.
- Finding lasting purpose and peace through faith.

An audio recording of the talk is available upon request, subject to Dr. Lombard's approval.