

A man with a beard and short hair, wearing a patterned button-down shirt and jeans, leaning against a concrete pillar. The image is overlaid with a dark brown semi-transparent filter.

SPEAKER

# SAL SBERNA

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# BIO

Sal Sberna, co-founder and president of Reach Youth Global, is not your typical pastor. From his motorcycle to his infectious laugh, Sal connects with people through his fun-loving, compassionate and grace-filled style. Through his work with Reach Youth Global, he helps to transform communities from the inside out by empowering organizations around the world to reach children and youth with the hope of the Gospel.



Sal Sberna served as the lead pastor of Metropolitan Baptist Church in Houston, Texas from 1995 until 2015 when he retired from preaching in order to serve as president of Reach Youth Global full-time. It was at The MET that Sal planted the seed for Reach Youth Global by establishing missions partnerships around the world, which have since grown and evolved into an established nonprofit organization.

Born in Newfoundland, Canada and raised in San Antonio, Texas, Sal has a B.A. in biblical studies from Criswell College (1984), a Master's in ministry from the Southern Baptist Center for Biblical Studies (1992) and an M.B.A. in not-for-profit management from Dallas Baptist University (2007). As Sal travels and speaks, he continues to pair his inspirational style with motivational messages about reaching the world and expanding God's Kingdom beyond the local church.

Sal and his wife, Kristi, have been married since 1981. They have two grown children, Salvatore Sberna and Kelcie Kay Eaton, and a granddaughter, Valentina. Sal and Kristi love the outdoors, and when they are not busy preaching or embarking on global mission work, they are outdoors fishing, riding ATVs, and camping.

Sal has a few other likes and dislikes. He dislikes liver of any kind, food that should be eaten hot but is served cold, people who go slow in the fast lane, and anything mechanical (he had a mechanical bypass at birth so don't ask him to fix anything). He likes people who show grace and forgiveness toward others; the smell of the salt grass early in the morning as he throws his fly line to the first red fish; the annual spring fishing sale at Bass Pro Shop (gift cards accepted); and of course serving the under-resourced and those who have not heard the gospel around the world.



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# SPEAKING TOPICS

- **Sustainable Development from the Inside Out:**  
Why resourcing local organizations is a more effective form of community development
- **Breaking Generational Poverty:**  
Investing in communities by investing in the future
- **The Gospel and Justice Connection**  
How both evangelism and humanitarian aid, working together, are critical for true community change
- **Issues Facing the Church Today:** Challenging the Traditional Missions Model



“Sal Sberna will help your congregation see the world as God does and get them on mission with Him. He’s a world-class communicator that combines biblical clarity and personal authenticity in a way that is all too rare. You’ll be glad you invited him. Our church is still talking about what he taught us!”

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**BRUCE GARNER, SENIOR PASTOR**  
CrossPoint Church, Huntington Beach, CA

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“Sal Sberna is one of the best vision casting, motivating, and compelling speakers I have heard. Sal’s depth of conviction for the cause of Christ on a global scale, bleeds through his messages thus moving his audience to engage on several levels of involvement and commitment.”

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**GREG LYONS, FOUNDER**  
Global Surge Ministries

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# LET'S TALK



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**PETE WILSON, FOUNDING AND SENIOR PASTOR**  
Cross Point Church, Nashville, TN

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*“Unlike many I have met, Sal Sberna combines excellent communication with exemplary living, which makes it easy for listeners to apply the message. He portrays vivid pictures that one cannot easily forget leaving you craving the next encounter. Sal always wants to add value to individual lives and communities to God’s glory. Here is a man who makes his message appropriately palatable by all ages by relevantly allowing God’s call to be atop his talent, tact and humor. His underlying drive is to bring Christ to the lost and nurture them in the new life in Him.”*

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**MATHIAS SSERUGO, DIRECTOR**  
Mashah Children’s Village, Uganda

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“I’ve known Sal for many years and have heard him preach on numerous occasions. He’s one of the most gifted modern day communicators of God’s word that I’ve heard. He is truly capable of taking the truth of God’s word and putting it into an easy to understand and relevant format where anyone can walk away with something. You’ll laugh, you’ll cry and you will be challenged in a way that you have not been challenged before.”

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**JOHN M. WALKER PH.D, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND CHIEF PSYCHOLOGIST**  
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*"I have known Pastor Sal for over 20 years. He has a deep love and heart for the Lord with the greatest of integrity. He is a dynamic communicator and leader that seeks to transform the lives of others through God's Word. I am excited about Sal's new endeavor and know that God will continue to use and bless his ministry. I consider it an honor to endorse Pastor Sal Sberna."*

**BRUCE FRANK, LEAD PASTOR**  
Biltmore Baptist Church



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**PETE WILSON, FOUNDING AND SENIOR PASTOR**  
Cross Point Church, Nashville, TN

*"Sal Sberna was my very first client. In all the years I've known him, his preaching has always been amazing and just keeps getting better. Have him to your place to speak. You won't regret it!"*

**WILLIAM VANDERBLOEMEN, FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT**  
Vanderbloemen Search Group

*"I'm writing to strongly endorse and recommend pastor Sal Sberna's preaching ministry. I've known Sal for many years and have heard him preach on numerous occasions. He's one the most gifted modern day communicators of God's word that I've heard. He is truly capable of taking the truth of God's word and putting it into an easy to understand and relevant format where anyone can walk away with something. It's often said of many talented communicators that everybody in the room thinks the pastor is talking to them. This is very true of Pastor Sal. The brilliance of Pastor Sal's communication is that he can find the common thread that everyone can relate to. Then he is capable of speaking it in a way that everyone can relate to. Pastor Sal can be very engaging and humorous but this is never done at the expense of a true consistency to God's word. Pastor Sal's goal in preaching is not only to inspire and inform but also to transform. There is no doubt in my opinion that Pastor Sal will be a true blessing to your congregation. You'll laugh, you'll cry and you will be challenged in a way that if you have not been challenged before."*

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