

Santa Rosa Baptist Association

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VIEW

Associational Mission Strategist

I feel like I am on a rollercoaster, and I feel like I am just trying to hold on. Why? This year is flying by so quickly and WOW what we have been able to watch God work through the partnerships in the Santa Rosa Baptist Association (SRBA).

The big emphasis in October was the 117th annual meeting of the SRBA. This was held at Ferris Hill Baptist Church. Thank you to pastor Ray Dye for hosting this meeting and the many people who helped make this time meaningful and memorable. The hostess team did a great job decorating and making everyone feel welcome. Rev. Cameron Theodos, from Immanuel, blessed us with a great time of music worship.

As far as the actual meeting is concerned, I will have the audio of the meeting downloaded on the website soon. What you will find, during our meeting, are testimonies from the Pastor of Ferris Hill, Ray Dye, and the Pastor of Pine Terrace, Nathan Brown. The Associational Mission Strategist report from Dr. Jim Waters. The final part of the meeting was a challenge from Lewis Miller, our Florida Baptist Convention West Region Catalyst, on Missional Clarity. If you were unable to attend the meeting, I encourage you to go to our website and listen and celebrate what God is doing through our partnerships in the Gospel through the SRBA.

At the annual meeting, our association unanimously voted to welcome two new churches to the SRBA. I officially say "welcome" to Pastor Robert LePine of Vietnamese Living Faith Church in East Milton. They are currently meeting in and working with Eastside Baptist and Pastor Jim Liberacki. I also say "welcome" to Pastor Christian Phan of Vietnamese Christian Church. They are currently meeting in Santa Rosa Shores in Gulf Breeze along with Pastor Bill Eddins.

This month we became aware of a church starting in the Midway area in the next year. A NAMB certified church planter, that currently resides in Mississippi, is moving to our county in mid-December, along with five other couples. This team will be starting Redemption Baptist Church. Please pray for pastor Rob Jones and his team as they make this transition soon.

Each month I keep before you the churches without permanent pastors and ask you to simply, but most importantly, pray. At present, Cora, New Life, and Olivet are in the process of seeking God's man to lead them in reaching their communities for Jesus. Each of these churches has been blessed with great interim pastors: Olivet (Rev. Chip Fox), New Life (Dr. David Spencer), and Cora (Rev. Matthew Dobson). Continue to pray for these interim pastors also as they lead these churches during these times of transition.

A couple of dates to put on your calendar:

Leadership Training- November 14, 2024; La Hacienda (Milton); 6:30 PM —This is a time for all the SRBA Ministry Point Persons to get together and dream about what God wants to do through the SRBA in the coming year. Make plans to attend if you are a SRBA ministry leader(point-person). RSVP at: srassociation.org/events

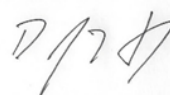
Executive Committee Christmas Banquet- December 3, 2024; Immanuel Baptist Church; 6:30 PM

Make plans to attend this time that we gather to celebrate Immanuel- "God with Us." We will have a great time of fellowship and food. This is open to all on the executive committee. We ask for a donation of \$5 per person to offset some of the cost of the night. Hope to see you there.

Finally, continue to pray for the Association Secretary, Patti, as she continues her recovery. She has come a long way from where she was "Go Jesus"! However, I know she is still not where she wants to be.

It is truly an honor and pleasure serving you through the SRBA. If you are near the office, stop in and say "hi". If you are not near the office, pick up the phone and call and catch us up. We want to celebrate what God is doing in your journey and also know how we can be praying for you and your church.

Pressing Toward the Mark,



Dr. Jim Waters, SRBA Associational Mission Strategist



Church	9/15/24 10/15/24	2024 Total	Church	9/15/24 10/15/24	2024 Total	Church	9/15/24 10/15/24	2024 Total
Antioch Fellowship	50.00	400.00	Hic. Hammock	0.00	100.00	Pine Level	212.80	3065.32
Avalon	0.00	4,202.10	Immanuel	0.00	13,500.00	Pine Terrace	2778.05	18,706.02
Bagdad First	0.00	45.00	James Street	87.76	452.66	Pleasant Home	0.00	2,433.45
Berrydale	328.54	3,614.31	Jay First	833.34	4,166.70	Providence	0.00	0.00
Billory	214.14	2,563.00	Journey	0.00	0.00	Replicate	0.00	450.00
Blackwater	177.48	1,930.41	Live Oak	25.00	225.00	S. R. Shores	202.38	1,666.29
Calvary	0.00	450.00	Living Truth	1300.00	14,333.00	Springhill	2.25	675.00
Cora	459.36	4,426.67	Midway	0.00	110.00	Stump Springs	0.00	333.63
East Side	100.00	900.00	Milton First	1366.43	12967.82	The Point, SBC	61.09	840.74
Ferris Hill	0.00	2,000.00	Mission Casa	50.00	400.00	Wallace	1216.22	9562.79
Floridatown	150.00	1,350.00	Navarre First	617.68	4863.82	Woodbine	0.00	800.00
Friendship	839.54	7,696.74	New Bethel	108.12	1,302.96			
GB First	0.00	300.00	New Life	229.48	1,816.84			
Harold First	78.00	559.00	Olivet	497.28	4,449.70			
						Total GIFTS	12,300.21	127,758.97



We appreciate all of you and your giving; as you give to your church, the church gives to the association. In this way, we all work together for the Kingdom of God, seeing people saved and lives changed!! Thank you so much!

Upcoming Events

PASTOR’S PEER LEARNING GROUP MEETINGS:

- **Milton** Peer Learning Group: Monday, November 4th, 10:30am @ SRBA office
- **Navarre** Peer Learning Group; Thursday, November 14th @ 10:30 am at Navarre FBC
- **Pace** Peer Learning Group: Thursday, November 21st @ 11 am at Immanuel

Events Calendar 2024:

Florida Baptist Convention: November 10-12 FL Baptist State Convention @ **First Baptist Orlando** 3000 S John Young Pkwy, Orlando Theme: A Holy People. “*Shining His Light in a World of Darkness.*”

If interested, register for the **NAMB & IMB Prayer Breakfast** or the **Minister’s Wives luncheon.** <https://flbaptist.org/events/>

SRBA Ministry Leadership Orientation—November 14th @ La Hacienda, Milton. RSVP to [sassociation.org/events](https://www.srassociation.org/events)

Lottie Moon Week of Prayer & Offering - December 1-8

Executive Committee Christmas Banquet @ Immanuel Baptist Church, Tuesday, December 3rd @ 6:30pm . Please RSVP by Nov. 22nd , <https://www.srassociation.org/events> or email patti@sassociation.org.



Lottie Moon Week of Prayer
December 1– 8, 2024

We Pray for Missionaries Around the World
Every day, 155,473 people enter eternity without the hope of Jesus. Please join us as we observe the Week of Prayer for International Missions, where Southern Baptists pray for IMB missionaries, their ministries and the unreached people and places they serve.

