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VIEW

Associational Mission Strategist

I am currently sitting at my house participating in my first ever "Snow Day". WOW, I thought I lived in Florida. As I sit on the couch next to a fire in the fireplace, I am truly blessed to have this time to hunker down and spend some quality time with Rhonda and the rest of our family. It is always a blessing when the Lord unexpectedly slows us down.

Before we get to the New Year, I want to take this opportunity to thank Immanuel Baptist Church, Jeremy Holley, and Jennifer Tucker for hosting our annual Santa Rosa Baptist Association (SRBA) Executive Committee Christmas Party. Mrs. Jennifer had everything decorated, prepared and the night was fun for all. We even found some hidden talents (Chip Fox impersonating Elvis) when we participated in the Karaoke for the night and confirmed the lack of talent (Jim Waters singing anything). Thank you once again for hosting this event on short notice.

In January we hit the ground running. One "Go Jesus" moment we want to shout from the hilltops, giving thanks for the GREAT THINGS HE HAS DONE is that Patti Smidt, our Administrative Assistant has made it back to the office. After much prayer and rehab and more prayer she officially came back to the office at the beginning of January. What a Blessing!

I had the opportunity to go to Jacksonville for the annual Florida Baptist AMS Summit. The Florida Baptist Convention gathers all the AMS's from all over the state for a two-day conference. It was a great time to meet and celebrate what God is doing through associations all over the state. Some of the highlights from the conference. Thom Rainer, the leader of Church Answers, came and discussed 7 Data Points for Churches You must know for 2025 and the Major Pain Points of Pastors and Other Church Leaders. We were able to spend some time with the new Executive Director/Treasurer for the Florida Baptist Convention, Dr Steven Rummage. He shared a message from Colossians 1, entitled, "3 Things that Happen When the Gospel Takes Root". Finally, Mark Dance from Guidestone Pastor's Wellness, shared "4 Reasons to Take the Sabbath Seriously". This was taken from Exodus 20:8-10 and Matthew 5:17. His two topics were "staying well" and "finishing well". The last person I will mention is Dr. Brian Nall, our new West Region Catalyst for the Florida Baptist Convention. The AMS's from the West Region were able to spend some time with him during the summit. **For your viewing pleasure, I will post all of these articles/sermon notes on the SRBA website under the resource tab.**

Also in January, the Annual SRBA Prayer Conference was held at Avalon Baptist. Dr. Brian Nall came and taught on the Functional Role of Prayer in a Faithful Church. We had a great group that came together for this event. Nathan Brown led a prayer over Brian Nall as he starts his new Journey with the Florida Baptist Convention. I want to thank Matt Cotton and Avalon Baptist for Hosting this event. If you were unable to attend, I will

post the notes to the prayer conference on the website.

Due to inclement weather and a generational snow-storm, the Annual Tax Update Conference has been rescheduled for Thursday, January 30. This will be from 10:30-11:30 at the SRBA office with lunch to follow. Please RSVP to the office or you can go to our SRBA website. Mrs. Charissa Cotten will bless us with the latest and greatest information on church and minister's taxes.

Right around the corner, Jay First is hosting their 2nd Annual Free Women's Conference, "Walk by Faith, Sisters In Christ" February 1, 9 am to Noon. Free Meal, Music, Speakers, and door prizes. Register with Jay First. Also, our next Executive Committee Meeting is February 3. We will meet for dinner at 6:30 PM and the business part of the meeting will start promptly at 7:00 PM. You will get to hear from Rob Jones, the new church planter in the Midway area. Rob and his team moved in from Mississippi in the latter part of December. Make a point to come and let's celebrate what God is doing through the churches in the SRBA.

To those working with students in your church, I want to remind you that DNOW 2025 is right around the corner. The theme this year is "Set Apart". The rallies will be held at Pine Terrace Baptist Church. Friday (Feb. 14) 8:00 PM, Saturday (Feb. 15) 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM. If you need more information, please contact the office. This is a great opportunity to bring our students together for a time of encouragement in God's Word and fellowship. Make plans to attend.

A couple of other dates to put on your calendar:

March 1- Regional Vacation Bible School Training at Pine Terrace

March 7-8-Marriage Tune-Up Conference at Immanuel

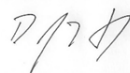
March 15-RA/GA Field Day at Camp Paquette

April 4- Sunday School Training Conference at Pine Terrace

As we start this year, please be in prayer for the following churches and their interim pastors in parentheses: New Life (Dr. David Spencer), Olivet (Chip Fox), and Cora (Matt Dobson).

Looking forward to what God is going to do in and through our churches in the SRBA in 2025. It is an honor and a pleasure serving you. Should you or your church have a need, please reach out to the office or contact me on my cell (850-554-0553).

Pressing Toward the Mark,



Dr. Jim Waters,
SRBA Associational Mission Strategist





Church	01/01/25 01/15/25	2025 Total	Church	01/01/25 01/15/25	2025 Total	Church	01/01/25 01/15/25	2025 Total
Antioch Fellowship	0.00	0.00	Hic. Hammock	100.00	100.00	Pine Level	354.10	354.10
Avalon	0.00	0.00	Immanuel	0.00	0.00	Pine Terrace	1,913.66	1,913.66
Bagdad First	0.00	0.00	James Street	34.49	34.49	Pleasant Home	0.00	0.00
Berrydale	0.00	0.00	Jay First	416.67	416.67	Providence	0.00	0.00
Billory	0.00	0.00	Journey	0.00	0.00	Replicate	0.00	0.00
Blackwater	233.64	233.64	Live Oak	0.00	0.00	S. R. Shores	226.39	226.39
Calvary	0.00	0.00	Living Truth	0.00	0.00	Springhill	0.00	0.00
Cora	605.54	605.54	Midway	0.00	0.00	Stump Springs	0.00	0.00
East Side	0.00	0.00	Milton First	1,823.19	1,823.19	The Point, SBC	57.24	57.24
Ferris Hill	200.00	200.00	Mission Casa	0.00	0.00	Wallace	0.00	0.00
Floridatown	0.00	0.00	Navarre First	200.50	200.50	Woodbine	0.00	0.00
Friendship	761.13	761.13	New Bethel	0.00	0.00	Viet. Christian	0.00	0.00
GB First	0.00	0.00	New Life	330.48	330.48	Viet. Living Faith	0.00	0.00
Harold First	59.00	59.00	Olivet	0.00	0.00	Anonymous Church	100.00	100.00
						Total GIFTS	7,566.23	7,566.23



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, February 10th, 10:30am @ SRBA office
- **Navarre** Peer Learning Group; Thursday, February 20th @ 10:30 am at Navarre FBC
- **Pace** Peer Learning Group: Thursday, February 27th @ 11 am at Immanuel

FEBRUARY 14-15 @ Pine Terrace



Events Calendar 2025:

WOMEN'S FREE EVENT & LUNCH—Feb.1st, 9am-Noon, Jay FBC, "Walk By Faith, Sisters In Christ" RSVP 850-675-4587

WOMEN'S EVENT—Feb. 22, 9am-Noon, Woodbine "Women of Wonder" \$20 RSVP online @ woodbinebaptist.org

ASSOC. COUNCIL MTG, 12pm & SRBA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE QUARTERLY MEETING 6pm on February 3rd.

DNOW 2025- February 14-15, Theme: Set Apart. Large Worship Gatherings are at Pine Terrace Baptist Church this year. Friday 8:00 PM. Saturday 10:AM and 7:00 PM

Register for the following events @ srsassociation.org

COLLEGIATE WEEKEND, Feb. 22-23- FL Bapt. Conv.

REGIONAL VBS TRAINING, March 1st, @ Pine Terrace—Register: **Deadline to Register is February 6th.**

REGIONAL MARRIAGE TUNE-UP CONFERENCE-March 7-8 @ IBC with speakers Jeff & Debby McElroy \$80 couple

REGIONAL CHILDREN'S OUTDOOR ADVENTURE-Camp Paquette, March 15 RA, GA, & CIA \$5

CONTINUING TOGETHER TOUR- March 25th -Join fellow pastors to meet Stephen Rummage & hear his vision for the Florida Baptist Convention. 6pm -8:30pm, @ Pensacola, Hillcrest. Register: <https://fl.sbcworkspace.com/pub/event/register/55237593>

REGIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL TRAINING CONFERENCE- April 5 @ Pine Terrace