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VIEW

Associational Mission Strategist

Rhonda and I, along with several pastors from the Santa Rosa Baptist Association, had the opportunity to attend the 2025 Florida Baptist Convention Annual Celebration.

It truly was a time of celebrating all that God has done in and through Florida Baptists this past year. We heard encouraging reports from the International Mission Board, the Executive Committee, One More Child, and many other ministry partners throughout our state. One of the highlights each year is walking through the ministry fair and seeing firsthand how God is working across Florida, our nation, and ultimately the world.

Pastor's Conference Recap

Before the Annual Celebration, the Pastor's Conference set the tone with a strong emphasis on preaching and on praying for people groups around the globe.

This year's theme was:

"Pastors, Keep Running Spiritually, Keep Running Physically, Keep Running with the Gospel."

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith..."

— **Hebrews 12:1-2 (ESV)**

Pastors who preached and their topics:

- **Jeff Robinson** – Pastor, Grace Fellowship — *Running the Race*
- **Dr. Jeff Iorg** – President, SBC Executive Committee — *Endurance in Ministry Leadership*
- **Dr. John Avant** – President, Passion Promise Ministries — *Running Into Revival*
- **Paul Purvis** – Lead Pastor, Mission Hill — *Running in the Midst of Persecution*

Mike Lee – Life Action Ministries — *A Reflection on Your Own Soul*

At the close of the Pastor's Conference, **Jeff Robinson** was elected **President of the 2026 Pastor's Conference**, and he has invited **Nathan Brown of Pine Terrace** to serve on next year's leadership team.

Annual Celebration

This year's theme was **"Out of the Fire,"** drawn from Jude 21-23:

*"...keep yourselves in the love of God...
have mercy on those who doubt;
save others by snatching them out of the fire..."*

Our president, **Dr. Mike Orr**, reminded us of the staggering number of people moving to Florida each year. While we rejoice over a record-breaking number of baptisms—**more than 30,000 last year, praise Jesus!**—we were also reminded that the harvest remains plentiful and our mission is far from finished.

Pastors who preached and their topics:

- **Winston Williams** – Senior Pastor, Iglesia Bíblica Vida Real — *Evangelism and a Holy Life*
- **Dr. Mike Orr** – Pastor, FBC Chipley — *Out of the Fire: Snatching*
- **Dr. Stephen Rummage** – Executive Director/Treasurer, FBC — *Evangelism and Preaching*
- **Jimmy Scroggins** – Pastor, Family Church — *Ambassadors for Christ*

Robby Gallaty – Pastor, Long Hollow Baptist — *Pleasing an Audience of One*

If any of these topics interest you, all sermons are available online at the Florida Baptist Convention website.

SRBA Executive Committee Christmas Party

We are looking forward to our annual **Executive Committee Christmas Party on December 1, 2025**, hosted at **New Life Baptist**.

It will be a night filled with fellowship, music, laughter, activities, and great food—**smoked chicken, green beans, rice pilaf, grape salad, and cheesecake.**

Please take a moment to visit the SRBA website and sign up so we can prepare well.

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Church	10/16/25 11/15/25	2025 Total
Antioch Fellowship	50.00	500.00
Avalon	0.00	4,096.27
Bagdad First	166.15	659.46
Berrydale	460.37	4,129.66
Billory	244.00	3,262.00
Blackwater	191.31	2,310.47
Calvary	0.00	150.00
Cora	0.00	5,028.26
East Side	125.00	1,325.00
Ferris Hill	0.00	5,318.92
Floridatown	150.00	1,500.00
Friendship	0.00	6,126.41
GB First	0.00	1,052.64
Harold First	61.00	678.00

Church	10/16/25 11/15/25	2025 Total
Hic. Hammock	0.00	100.00
Immanuel	0.00	13,500.00
James Street	68.07	426.10
Jay First	281.82	3,819.78
Journey	0.00	0.00
Live Oak	50.00	550.00
Living Truth	0.00	14,600.00
Midway	0.00	110.00
Milton First	1,142.98	14,064.61
Mission Casa	50.00	500.00
Navarre First	833.30	4,275.76
New Bethel	78.27	1,077.39
New Life	324.21	2,964.80
Olivet	390.21	5,096.78

Church	10/16/25 11/15/25	2025 Total
Pine Level	377.75	3,418.34
Pine Terrace	0.00	15,642.46
Pleasant Home	0.00	3,155.45
Providence	0.00	250.00
Replicate	0.00	600.00
S. R. Shores	1,380.00	2,155.75
Springhill	0.00	675.00
Stump Springs	0.00	0.00
The Point, SBC	71.00	1,052.64
Wallace	850.00	11,132.68
Woodbine	600.00	2,000.00
Viet. Christian	0.00	150.00
Viet. Living Faith	0.00	500.00
Anonymous Church	600.00	8,650.00
Total GIFTS	8,545.92	145,902.00

Thank
You...

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, December 8th, @ SRBA office - 10:30 am
- **Navarre** Peer Learning Group, Thursday, November 18th @ Navarre First 10:30 am
- **Pace** Peer Learning Group, ... TBD

SAVE THE DATE: Dec. 4th—55+ Christmas Concert & Luncheon, Milton FBC, 11am, lunch at Noon. \$6 purchase

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Prayer Requests

As we close, let's lift up the churches currently without permanent pastors: **Olivet, Woodbine, and Santa Rosa Shores.**

Pray that the Lord would move clearly in the hearts of both the candidates and the search teams, aligning them with His perfect will.

Please also pray for our interims:

- **Greg Nelson** (Santa Rosa Shores)
- **Chip Fox** (Olivet)

Ask the Lord to give them wisdom and Holy Spirit-led guidance during these important days.

Finally, we are planning a Prayer conference for late January. We will get you details as soon as they are finalized.

Have a great Thanksgiving and remember Christmas is right around the corner YAY!!

Pressing Toward the Mark,

Dr. Jim Waters, Associational Mission Strategist
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