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Associational Mission Strategist

Kyle Hill, the executive pastor at Immanuel Baptist gave a devotion recently at our meeting for the Central Santa Rosa Ministerial Fellowship that I want to pass along.

The core of the Christmas season is found in Matt 1:22-23-“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).

Immanuel...God with Us -He is Present.....

That’s the heart of Christmas. Not just lights, music, or presents—but the staggering truth that **God Himself stepped into our world.**

1. God came down to us

- He didn’t wait for us to clean ourselves up.
- He didn’t tell us to try harder and maybe someday we could reach Him.
- Instead, He **stepped into our brokenness**—into a real place, at a real time, with real people.
- Jesus was born in a small town, to ordinary parents, laid in a manger because there was no room in the inn. The Savior of the world entered in the most humble way possible.

2. God is *with us* in our real lives

“God with us” isn’t just a Christmas card phrase. It’s a promise.

The good news of Immanuel is that **Jesus is not distant from any of that.**

- He knows what it’s like to be tired and misunderstood.
- He knows what it’s like to be rejected and to suffer.
- He entered a world of political tension, poverty, and pain—not a Hallmark movie.

So when we say “God with us,” we mean:

- God with us in the hospital room.
- God with us at the empty seat at the table.
- God with us in the stress and strain of life.
- God with us in our sin and shame, offering grace and forgiveness.

Christmas declares: **You are not alone.**

3. God is *for us* through the cross

It’s easy to leave Jesus in the manger, but the manger always

points to the cross.

The baby born in Bethlehem grew up:

- He lived the perfect life we could never live.
- He died the death we deserved to die.
- He rose again so that we could have eternal life

Upcoming Events

2026 Prayer Conference

Date: January 15th

Place: Pine Terrace Baptist

Time: 6:00 pm

Theme: Prayer and Resources for International Missions

Speaker: Dr. Jamie Work; Mission Strategist for the International Mission Board

Barbecue Dinner (\$5)

Dr. Work will be bringing resources for our churches and informing the SRBA how we can actively engage our IMB missionaries on a regular basis. Go to the SRBA website to RSVP.

2026 Tax Update Conference

Date: January 27th

Place: SRBA Office

Time: 11:00 am

We will have a Guidestone Financial Resources presence, as well as, Charissa Cotton, CPA, will be here to answer questions about the upcoming Tax Season. A light lunch will be provided. This is for pastors and those dealing with financial matters in the SRBA churches.

Please continue to pray for our churches without permanent pastors: Santa Rosa Shores, Olivet, and Woodbine. Please pray for their interim pastors Chip Fox (OBC), Greg Nelson (SRS) and Tim Bullington (Woodbine). Also pray for the men that God has chosen to lead these precious churches into the future.

Thank you for a great year in ministry at the SRBA. It has truly been a pleasure watching God work in and through the many churches in the SRBA. Looking forward to what our Lord is going to do in 2026.

Pressing Toward the Mark,

Dr. Jim Waters, Associational Mission Strategist
Santa Rosa Baptist Association -Together for the Kingdom



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the SRBA!



Church	11/16/25 12/31/25	2025 Total
Antioch Fellowship	50.00	600.00
Avalon	0.00	4,096.27
Bagdad First	60.98	720.44
Berrydale	732.10	4,861.76
Billory	251.00	3,513.00
Blackwater	197.10	2,507.57
Calvary	0.00	150.00
Cora	1,064.52	6,092.78
East Side	125.00	1,450.00
Ferris Hill	1,467.16	6,786.08
Floridatown	300.00	1,800.00
Friendship	1,044.54	7,170.95
GB First	0.00	300.00
Harold First	72.00	750.00

Church	11/16/25 12/31/25	2025 Total
Hic. Hammock	0.00	100.00
Immanuel	4,500.00	18,000.00
James Street	48.79	474.89
Jay First	281.82	3,819.78
Journey	0.00	0.00
Live Oak	50.00	600.00
Living Truth	2,080.00	16,680.00
Midway	0.00	110.00
Milton First	1,349.35	15,413.96
Mission Casa	50.00	550.00
Navarre First	2,516.53	6,792.29
New Bethel	247.38	1,324.77
New Life	439.52	3,404.32
Olivet	516.16	5,596.94

Church	11/16/25 12/31/25	2025 Total
Pine Level	363.00	3,781.34
Pine Terrace	5,614.08	21,256.54
Pleasant Home	998.05	4,153.50
Providence	0.00	250.00
Replicate	0.00	600.00
S. R. Shores	233.00	2,388.75
Springhill	225.00	900.00
Stump Springs	0.00	0.00
The Point, SBC	98.59	1,151.23
Wallace	1,156.34	12,289.02
Woodbine	400.00	2,400.00
Viet. Christian	1,200.00	1,350.00
Viet. Living Faith	0.00	500.00
Anonymous Church	1,100.00	9,750.00
Total GIFTS	28,534.19	174,436.19

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, January 19th, @ SRBA office - 10:30 am
- **Navarre** Peer Learning Group, Thursday, January 18th @ Navarre First 10:30 am
- **Pace** Peer Learning Group, Thursday, January 22, @ Immanuel, 11 am

SAVE THE DATE:

Jan. 15th - SRBA Prayer Conference, 6 pm, at Pine Terrace, Speaker: Dr. Jamison (Jamie) Work, Mission Strategist for the International Mission Board. \$5 for meal. Register online <https://www.srassociation.org/sister-church-events-news> or call the office.

Jan. 27th - SRBA TAX UPDATE, 11 am, at the SRBA office. A Guidestone Financial Resources presence, as well as, Charissa Cotten, CPA, will be here to answer questions about the upcoming Tax Season. A light lunch will be provided. This is for pastors and those dealing with financial matters in the SRBA churches.

Jan. 30, 31st— "MAN UP," Men's Conference, at Immanuel, Pace. Speaker, Dr. Stephen Rummage, Exec. Dir. of the FL Bapt. Convention, Lead Pastor, Jeremy Holley and Jeff Haygood Pastor of Living Word Church, Columbus, OH. Music by Arise By Sunrise. Register online ibcpace.com

2026 SRBA Prayer Conference

**PRAYER & RESOURCES
FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS**



Presenter: Dr. Jamie Work - Mission Strategist for International Mission Board (IMB)

January 15, 2026
6 PM at Pine Terrace Baptist Church

\$5 for a meal
Register @ srassociation.org/events

MAN UP
JAN 30-31, 2026

With **DR. STEPHEN RUMMAGE**
Executive Director
Florida Baptist Convention

**MEN'S
CONFERENCE**



JEREMY HOLLEY
Lead Pastor
Immanuel Baptist Church
Pace, FL

JEFF HAYGOOD
Pastor
Living Word Church
Columbus, OH

MUSIC BY **ARISE BY SUNRISE**

Hosted By: Immanuel Baptist Church
Men's Ministry

\$35