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VIEW

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How Are You Walking These Days?

Ephesians 5:15–21 (ESV)

Paul challenges us to “**look carefully**” at how we walk. Our walk reveals what is happening in our hearts.

- **Wise or unwise?** Are you seeking the Lord and making wise choices with the time He has given you? *The beginning of wisdom is found in the Lord.*
- **Making the best use of your time?** Are you investing your life in things that are eternal—**God, His Word, and the souls of people**—or things that will not matter 50 years from now?
- **Filled with the Spirit or running on empty?** Are you allowing the Holy Spirit to direct your thoughts, attitudes, and actions? Are you ministering from the overflow of your relationship with Christ, or are you simply running on empty?
- **Making melody or making noise?** Paul calls us to “sing and make melody to the Lord with your heart.” Our words should build people up and reflect the love of Christ. Without love, even the greatest words are simply noise.

Thankful or thankful? Paul says we are to be “**giving thanks always and for everything.**” A thankful heart recognizes God’s goodness even in difficult circumstances.

As Leaders in God’s Precious Church

Before we focus on everyone else’s walk, **we must look carefully at our own.**

We can tell others to pray while neglecting prayer ourselves. We can counsel others while our own souls are struggling.

The greatest danger in ministry is not being too busy for the church—it is becoming too busy for Christ.

People see our leadership, service, and public ministry. **God sees our heart.**

So, how are you walking these days?

Celebrations

Avalon Baptist Church celebrated **40 years of Gospel ministry** this past month.

Floridatown Baptist Church celebrated **70 years of Gospel ministry** this past month.

We thank God for His faithfulness and for the many lives impacted through these churches throughout these years. We rejoice with both churches and pray that God will continue to use them for His glory and the advancement of the Gospel.

Maguire State Mission Offering

September saw many of our churches participate in and share about the **Maguire State Mission Offering**, a vital once-a-year special offering.

One hundred percent of the dollars received go toward church-

planting initiatives in Florida.

Florida continues to experience significant population growth, and with more people comes a greater need for more churches to reach those people with the Gospel.

Thank you to the churches of the SRBA for your generosity and your commitment to reaching Florida for Christ.

See You at the Pole

September 23 was **See You at the Pole** for students across Santa Rosa County.

Students gathered around their school flagpoles before school to pray and encourage one another.

The theme this year was “**Come to Me**,” taken from Matthew 11:28.

Please continue to pray for the students, teachers, administrators, and families in our schools. May God raise up a generation of young people who are unashamed of the Gospel and committed to following Christ.

Prayer for the Cold Weather Shelter

There have been some changes this year, and Ferris Hill is unable to host the Cold Weather Shelter.

Several people have been working toward an alternative. The lead person and agency involved in this initiative is **Linda White with Family Housing of Santa Rosa.**

Please pray that this group will find favor as they present an alternative to city and county officials. Pray that God will provide the right location, the right resources, and the right people to serve those in our community who need assistance during the cold weather months.

119th Annual Meeting

We are excited about this year’s **119th Annual Meeting of the Santa Rosa Baptist Association**, and I want to encourage you to attend for several reasons:

1. **Celebrate** what our Lord has done this year through the churches of the SRBA.
2. **Hear from Dr. Clayton Cloer**, President of the Baptist University of Florida, as he comes to challenge and encourage us.
3. **Learn about some of the new directions** the SRBA is prayerfully considering for the future.

Celebrate God’s faithfulness as we look back and **embrace God’s future** as we look ahead.

Theme:

Celebrating the Past and Embracing God’s Future

Wallace Baptist Church — Pace, Florida, October 18, 2026

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"Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!" *Psalms 115:1*

Church	08/16/26 09/15/26	2026 Total
Antioch Fellowship	50.00	450.00
Avalon	0.00	5,240.64
Bagdad First	81.26	596.07
Berrydale	525.72	3,647.97
Billory	293.00	2,609.00
Blackwater	155.37	1,949.85
Calvary	0.00	500.00
Cora	806.27	4,498.17
East Side	125.00	1,125.00
Ferris Hill	2,824.32	12,235.03
Floridatown	150.00	1,050.00
Friendship	0.00	467.92
GB First	0.00	0.00
Harold First	95.00	667.00

Church	08/16/26 09/15/26	2026 Total
Hic. Hammock	0.00	100.00
Immanuel	0.00	9,500.00
James Street	45.27	392.66
Jay First	0.00	981.82
Live Oak	50.00	400.00
Living Truth	3,541.00	10,378.00
Midway	0.00	110.00
Milton First	1,863.92	12,879.70
Mission Casa	100.00	350.00
Navarre First	2,205.36	5,810.48
New Bethel	145.98	1,187.73
New Life	278.75	1,709.91
Olivet	553.56	4,627.23
Pine Level	447.05	3,308.39

Church	08/16/26 09/15/26	2026 Total
Pine Terrace	1,669.56	16,129.15
Pleasant Home	0.00	3,183.35
Providence	0.00	250.00
Replicate	0.00	750.00
S. R. Shores	196.12	1,599.10
Springhill	225.00	675.00
Stump Springs	0.00	300.00
The Point, SBC	93.58	730.13
Wallace	1,089.40	9,185.47
Woodbine	200.00	1,600.00
Viet. Christian	0.00	600.00
Viet. Living Faith	0.00	0.00
Anonymous Church	800.00	7,401.00
Total GIFTS	18,610.49	129,166.77

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

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PASTOR'S PEER LEARNING GROUP MEETINGS:

Milton PLG: Oct. 12, 10:30am, at the SRBA office
FBC Navarre PLG: Oct. 15th, 10:30am @ FBC Navarre
Pace PLG: Oct. 29th, 11am @ Immanuel, Pace

SAVE THE DATE:

Oct. 5 - SRBA Council Meeting @ Noon and Executive Committee Meeting @ 6:30 pm - both at our office.

Oct. 18 - Santa Rosa Baptist 119th Annual Celebration -
 At Wallace Baptist Church 2:34 pm - 5:30pm. Guest Speaker: Dr. Cloer, President of Bible University of Florida. Fellowship Meal after.

Oct. 22 - 23 - Statewide -The Florida Senders Network Meeting - Calvary Baptist Church, Clearwater.

November 1 - Daylight Savings Time - FALL BACK

November 9-10 - Florida Baptist Convention Pastor's Conference and Annual Meeting "Holy Urgency, Finish What He Started." Pastor's Conference Monday, Nov.9th. The Annual meeting will start Nov. 9th in the evening and end in the afternoon on 10th.

November 26-27- Thanksgiving. Office Closed.

December 7th - SRBA Executive Committee Banquet

December 25 - January 3, 2027 - Christmas and New Year's Celebration. Office Closed.

Registration: 2:45 p.m.

Worship & Celebration: 3:00 p.m.

Dinner: Approximately 5:30 p.m.

I hope you will make plans to be with us as we celebrate what God has done and look forward to what He is going to do.

Please Pray for Our Pastors and Churches

I ask you to continue praying for our pastors and church staff in the following ways:

- Pray that our pastors would be **encouraged and strengthened.**
- Pray that our pastors would **experience the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.**
- Pray that our pastors would **persevere through trials and challenges.**
- Pray that God would **call more people to Santa Rosa County to plant churches.**

Pray that our churches would remain faithful to the **Great Commission** and continue to make disciples throughout Santa Rosa County and beyond.

It is truly a pleasure and privilege to serve the **Santa Rosa Baptist Association** in the AMS role. I am grateful for each of you and for the opportunity we have to serve Christ **together for the Kingdom.**

I look forward to seeing each of you soon at our annual celebration.

Finally, Daily Prayer:

"Lord, give us Santa Rosa County for Your Fame."

Dr. Jim Waters, Associational Mission Strategist

