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VIEW

Associational Mission Strategist

Dear SRBA Family, I regularly listen to a podcast on church revitalization and replanting. Recently, a staggering statistic caught my attention: *excluding church plants, less than 3% of SBC churches have experienced evangelical growth this past year—growth measured by salvation, not just “sheep swapping.”*

The commentator noted that many churches have lost their *evangelistic zeal*—becoming more focused on internal care than on reaching their “Jeruselems, Judeas, and the uttermost parts” as Jesus commanded (Acts 1:8).

May we, in the Santa Rosa Baptist Association, remain clear on our mission:

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... starting right here in our backyard.”
— Matthew 28:18–20

Southern Baptist Convention Recap

Earlier this month, Rhonda and I had the opportunity to attend the **Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas, Texas**, participating in **three separate gatherings over five days**.

1. SBCAL Preconference

The **Southern Baptist Conference of Associational Leaders (SBCAL)** hosted a 1.5-day preconference with the theme: **“The Fruitful Strategist”** based on *Titus 3:14* –

“And let our people also learn to maintain good works, to meet urgent needs, that they may not be unfruitful.”

2. SBC Pastors’ Conference

Next came the **Pastors’ Conference** themed **“Worth Following,”** where faithful preachers expounded the book of *2 Timothy*. These sermons are available on YouTube under “SBC Pastors Conference 2025.”

3. The SBC Convention

This year’s theme was **“Hold Fast”** from *Hebrews 10:23–25* –

“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful...”

There was a genuine **spirit of unity**, which is not always the case at these gatherings! As the saying goes, *“What do you get when two Baptists gather? Three opinions.”*

We also celebrated the **100th anniversary of the Cooperative Program** and the **Baptist Faith and Message**. These two “rails” continue to guide our shared mission:

- **The Cooperative Program** fuels global missions (IMB, NAMB, seminaries, ERLC, and more).
- **The Baptist Faith and Message** anchors us in sound doctrine and biblical faithfulness.

Local Encouragement & Partnership

As I’ve traveled around visiting churches, I’ve been deeply encouraged:

- Many churches are pouring into their communities through **Vacation Bible School**—and already, we’re hearing testimonies of **children coming to faith in Christ**.

Churches are **sharing decorations and resources**, partnering for the sake of the Kingdom.

This is the Church in action—faithful and fruitful!

Upcoming Men’s Barn Meeting

We are thrilled to partner with **Santa Rosa Men’s Barn Meeting** again.

☐ **Next Meeting:** Thursday, July 24 at 6 PM

☐ **Speaker:** Rev. Adam Field – evangelist with the **Comission Organization**

Mission of Comission:

“To proclaim the Gospel through evangelism in urban communities, connect people to the Kingdom of God through Jesus, and ignite local church engagement for lasting impact.”

Make plans now to attend and bring someone with you.

Churches in Transition – Please Pray

Lastly—but most importantly—I ask you to **pray intentionally** for the following churches in pastoral transition:

- **Olivet Baptist Church** (Interim: Rev. Chip Fox)
- **New Life Baptist Church** (Interim: Dr. David Spencer)

Santa Rosa Shores Baptist Church

☐ Pray that they would:

- Walk carefully and in step with the Spirit
- Be unified during the search process
- Trust God’s timing in calling their next pastors

It is truly an **honor and joy** to serve alongside you in the Santa Rosa Baptist Association.

We **are better together**, and I’m grateful to watch the Lord work through your **outreach—locally (like VBS) and globally (mission efforts)**.

If you or your church has a need, don’t hesitate to reach out. **Let’s keep reaching the world—starting right here at home.**

Pressing Toward the Mark,

Dr. Jim Waters

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Church	05/15/25 06/15/25	2025 Total	Church	05/15/25 06/15/25	2025 Total	Church	05/15/25 06/15/25	2025 Total
Antioch Fellowship	50.00	300.00	Hic. Hammock	0.00	100.00	Pine Level	256.53	1,909.66
Avalon	1,651.28	3,211.34	Immanuel	0.00	4,500.00	Pine Terrace	1,558.87	10,101.70
Bagdad First	0.00	276.31	James Street	60.47	213.80	Pleasant Home	0.00	1,588.81
Berrydale	759.97	2,008.73	Jay First	416.67	2,500.02	Providence	0.00	250.00
Billory	283.00	1,531.00	Journey	0.00	0.00	Replicate	0.00	300.00
Blackwater	178.89	1,197.53	Live Oak	50.00	300.00	S. R. Shores	0.00	775.75
Calvary	0.00	150.00	Living Truth	0.00	4,429.00	Springhill	225.00	450.00
Cora	327.03	2,835.14	Midway	0.00	110.00	Stump Springs	0.00	0.00
East Side	100.00	450.00	Milton First	1,133.60	7,712.70	The Point, SBC	182.60	619.02
Ferris Hill	491.07	2,411.96	Mission Casa	50.00	250.00	Wallace	1,865.69	5,942.42
Floridatown	150.00	900.00	Navarre First	0.00	1,899.48	Woodbine	400.00	1,200.00
Friendship	549.07	4,104.99	New Bethel	103.92	582.78	Viet. Christian	0.00	150.00
GB First	0.00	300.00	New Life	54.50	1,397.81	Viet. Living Faith	0.00	0.00
Harold First	60.00	357.00	Olivet	439.62	2,431.28	Anonymous Church	250.00	4,150.00
						Total GIFTS	11,647.78	73,898.23

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, Navarre, and Pace Peer Learning Groups **on Summer Break** until August.



2025 PRAYER NEEDED FOR MISSIONS

Church Name	Missions	Date
Immanuel	New Orleans	June 27-29
	TBD--Atlanta	December
Living Truth	Dominican Republic	July 12-18
Avalon	Superior, Montana	June 6-16
Friendship	Atlanta	June 20-22
Pine Terrace	Utah	June 9-14
	New York	June 21-28
	India	Late July into-August
MFBC	Student: Guatemala	June 14-20
	Student Min.: Austin, TX	July 5-12
	Manchester England, UK	July 16-23
	Construction :Floyd, Arkansas	Oct. 6-10
	Young Adults: Send Relief projects in & around Atlanta. GA	November 14-16
Navarre FBC	Ecuador	July 21-26

2025 PRAYER NEEDED FOR VBS

Church	Theme	Date	Time
Woodbine	Wonder Junction	June 2-5th	9am - 1:30pm
Blackwater	Magnified	June 1-5th	5:30-8pm
Berrydale	Magnified	June 9-13th	5:30p-8:30pm
Milton FBC	Magnified	June 9-13th	9am-12pm
Avalon	Magnified	June 18-7/23	5pm -7:30pm
Jay FBC	Wonder Junction	June 9-13th	8:50— Noon
Navarre FBC	Island Adventure	Sat. June/14	9am-12pm
Ferris Hill	Magnified	July 14-18	4:30p-7:30pm
New Life	Magnified	June 23-27	5p -8pm
Pine Terrace	Magnified	June 16-20	8:30am-Noon
Pine Terrace	Middle School Missions	June 16-19	8:30am-Noon
Immanuel	Magnified	June 16-20	9am-12:15pm
Wallace	True North	June 8-12	5:30p-8pm
Cora	Magnified	June 23-27	5:30p-8pm
The Point	Magnified	June 16-20	5p -8pm
Harold First	Magnified	June 30- 7/ 3	6 p - 8 pm
Calvary	Wonder Junction	July 13-18	5:30-8:30pm
Living Truth	Wonder Junction	July 7-11	9am - 12pm
Olivet	Magnified	June 18-25	5:30-7:30pm