

# Santa Rosa Baptist Association

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# VIEW

## Associational Mission Strategist

As we approach Thanksgiving 2024, It is my hope and prayer that you would pause and consider the great things our Lord has done. May we be like the one leper that was healed and came back to thank Jesus and not like the other nine that were healed and failed to express thanks.

A few verses to help our "Thankology". (Theology of Thanksgiving)

Colossians 3:17 (NKJV)-17And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

In everything we do or say, there is always a spirit of thanksgiving. If this were true, this would change the tones of some of our business meetings.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NKJV)-16Rejoice always, 17pray without ceasing, 18in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

The context is of tough times. We are thankful for the good times and the times we interpret as tough. Knowing that our Lord is working in and through our lives for His Glory.

Philippians 4:6-7 (NKJV)-6Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

In those tough times, instead of being anxious, I consciously choose to praise. This is the quickest onramp to peace in those times we see as a challenge.

Onto the happenings from the month, I had the pleasure to go to the Florida Baptist Convention in Orlando. I heard over ten sermons in two days. WOW, I felt like the guy who wanted a drink of water and hooked his mouth to the fire hydrant on the side of the road.

The theme for the Pastor's Conference was "Rest". This theme was taken from Matthew 11:28-30 (NKJV) 28Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." The overall encouragement was not to go take a nap, but to rest in Jesus. There and only there is true rest found. The actual convention's theme was "A Holy People-Shining His Light in a World of Darkness". If you were unable to attend and want to be challenged/blessed go to the Florida Baptist Convention Website, where you can listen to all of the convention sermons.

December is our annual focus for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. This offering goes to the International Mission Board to support mission work outside of North America. This year's theme is as follows: "Until the Gospel has reached every people, in every place, and every language, we have work to do!" If you would desire to have a former IMB missionary come and speak to help promote this offering to your body, please contact Jim at the office.

As we continue through this year, please remember to pray for the three churches that are pursuing pastors: Cora, Olivet, and New Life. Thank the Lord for the interims, that our Lord has placed in those places: New Life- Dr. David Spencer, Olivet- Chip Fox, and Cora- Matt Dobson. Continue to pray for the pastor search teams and the pastor that our Lord has for these precious bodies. Also, be in prayer for Rob Jones as he, along with a team, transition from Mississippi to the Midway area to plant Redemption Church.

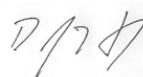
Finally, before I mention two upcoming events. Many of you know that Lewis Miller retired effective the end of November. Lewis was our Regional Catalyst for the Florida Baptist Convention in the West Region. With his retirement, they have named Brian Nall to take Lewis' former position. Brian had served in our association as pastor for Ferris Hill for many years and has currently been serving as the Executive Director for the Pensacola Bay Baptist Association. We will miss Lewis and his bride Becky, but also will look forward to anticipation of what our Lord will do through Brian in this new role.

Two events to note in the coming weeks:

The Executive Committee Christmas Party-Dec. 3rd; Immanuel Baptist; Please register on the Santa Rosa Baptist website. We ask that each person that plans to attend will help with a \$5 donation toward the cost of dinner. Prayer Conference-January 16, 2025; Avalon Baptist, Speaker- Brian Nall, new Regional Catalyst for the West Region of the Florida Baptist Convention. Don't miss this night as we spend some time being encouraged and spend some time in prayer for 2025. We will ask a \$10 donation to off set the costs of dinner.

Once again it is truly a pleasure serving alongside you through the Santa Rosa Baptist Association. Continue to pray for both Patti and I as we seek God on what He desires to do through our partnerships for the Gospel.

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Church	10/15/24 11/15/24	2024 Total	Church	10/15/24 11/15/24	2024 Total	Church	10/15/24 11/15/24	2024 Total
Antioch Fellowship	50.00	400.00	Hic. Hammock	0.00	100.00	Pine Level	299.83	3,365.15
Avalon	0.00	4,202.10	Immanuel	0.00	13,500.00	Pine Terrace	1,618.42	19,363.06
Bagdad First	1,638.00	1,683.00	James Street	29.66	482.32	Pleasant Home	721.14	3,154.59
Berrydale	328.54	3,988.49	Jay First	416.67	4,583.37	Providence	0.00	0.00
Billory	214.14	2,876.00	Journey	0.00	0.00	Replicate	0.00	450.00
Blackwater	177.48	2,073.60	Live Oak	0.00	225.00	S. R. Shores	175.82	1,842.11
Calvary	0.00	450.00	Living Truth	0.00	14,333.00	Springhill	2.25	675.00
Cora	274.31	4,700.98	Midway	0.00	110.00	Stump Springs	0.00	333.63
East Side	100.00	1,000.00	Milton First	1,019.21	13,987.03	The Point, SBC	56.54	897.18
Ferris Hill	400.00	2,400.00	Mission Casa	50.00	450.00	Wallace	741.48	11,265.65
Floridatown	300.00	1,650.00	Navarre First	495.90	5,359.72	Woodbine	100.00	900.00
Friendship	550.55	8,247.29	New Bethel	77.01	1,379.97	Viet. Christian	500.00	500.00
GB First	0.00	300.00	New Life	198.47	2,015.31	Viet. Living Faith	0.00	0.00
Harold First	53.00	612.00	Olivet	379.86	4,879.56	<b>Total GIFTS</b>	<b>11,076.14</b>	<b>138,835.11</b>



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!

**PASTOR'S PEER LEARNING GROUP MEETINGS:**

- **Milton** Peer Learning Group: Monday, December 9th, 10:30am @ SRBA office
- **Navarre** Peer Learning Group; Thursday, December 13th @ 10:30 am at Navarre FBC
- **Pace** Peer Learning Group: Thursday, December 19th @ 11 am at Immanuel

**Events Calendar 2024:**

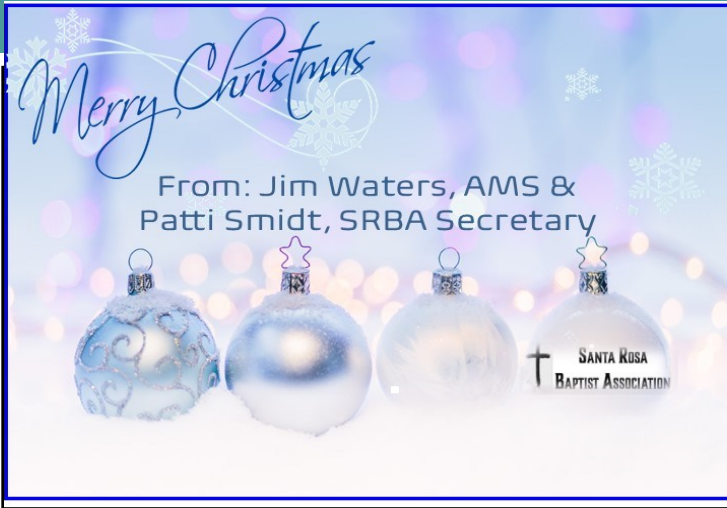
**Lottie Moon Week of Prayer & Offering** - December 1-8

**Executive Committee Christmas Banquet** @ Immanuel Baptist Church, Tuesday, December 3rd @ 6:30pm . Please RSVP by Nov. 22nd , <https://www.srassociation.org/events> or email [patti@srassociation.org](mailto:patti@srassociation.org).

**Christmas**, Office closed Dec. 25—Jan. 1/2025

**SRBA Prayer Conference**, Thursday, **January 16th** at Avalon Baptist @ 6:30pm—Speaker, Florida Baptist Convention NEW West Region Catalyst, Dr. Brian Nall. Dinner served. \$10 donation for meal.

**Minister's Wives Brunch**, Sat., January 25th, 9am –11am @ Friendship.



Lottie Moon Week of Prayer  
December 1– 8, 2024

We Pray for Missionaries Around the World  
Every day, 155,473 people enter eternity without the hope of Jesus. Please join us as we observe the Week of Prayer for International Missions, where Southern Baptists pray for IMB missionaries, their ministries and the unreached people and places they serve.

