

Santa Rosa Baptist Association

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VIEW

Associational Mission Strategist

It seems like yesterday we were singing Christmas carols and celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior and now we are already two months into 2025. As I think, they say, "Time flies when you are having fun." It has been an enjoyable (fun) start to the New Year watching God work in and among our churches. On the other hand, I also know time flies when you are busy. My mind went back to my challenge at our annual meeting. Let's make sure we are being fruitful not just busy. As March approaches with many great opportunities and as we are planning for the summer ministries, let's pause to make sure that we are fruitful not just busy. True fruit comes from being plugged into the True Vine. (John 15)

We ended January with the Annual Tax Update Conference. We had a great group that attended. Mrs. Charissa Cotten, a professional accountant, led this conference and gave us many things to consider as we enter into the tax season for 2025 as it relates to ministers and churches. Thank you to Mrs. Charissa Cotten for taking time out of her insanely busy schedule to come and share with us. This information can be found on our website (srassociation.org).

Feb. 14-16 was our annual Disciple Now for 2025. Many churches from the Santa Rosa Baptist Association participated in the three rallies Friday night, Saturday morning, and Saturday evening. Port City Worship led the music part of worship and Jesse Campbell spoke at all three rallies. All the student ministers in the SRBA did a great job organizing and providing a great weekend for their students. I want to personally thank Bo Mills, from FBC Milton, for his leadership in the SRBA as the point-person for student ministry. Also, Clavin Lirette from Pine Terrace, and Tanner Guidry from Immanuel, were instrumental for this weekend.

The one lasting image from DNOW 2025, for me, is when the leaders had everyone ball up their fist and place their right fist on top of their neighbor's fist and place their left fist under their neighbor's fist. The illustration was a perfect example of the Kingdom of God. There were many pastors and student pastors on the stage showing this example. When one is struggling there is someone to lift him up. When you are thriving, you might be the one God has chosen to lift someone else up. The illustration represented the Body of Christ. We were not individual churches that night, we were the Body of Christ. This perfectly illustrated our mission at the SRBA, "Together for the Kingdom".

March is full of opportunities to join hands in Kingdom work. All the opportunities can be found on the SRBA website. You can go to the website for more information or to find a link to register for each event.

March 1- This is our annual **Vacation Bible School Regional training**. It will take place at Pine Terrace Baptist. The training

will start at 8:00 and end at 12:00. If you want to get the SRBA discount on the VBS material, your church must have one representative attending this training. For more information on this discount, you can call Patti at the SRBA office.

March 6-Biblical Care Conference – Ministering to Families with Disabilities- Replicate's pastor Jared Owens will be speaking at this conference at Westwood Baptist in Live Oak, FL. If you or your church would like to be equipped on how to minister to families living with disabilities this conference is for you.

March 7-8- One thing I hear from pastors across our associations is that marriages are under attack. The weekend of March 7-8, Immanuel Baptist is hosting a **Marriage Tune-Up Conference**. Jeff and Debby McElroy will be leading this conference. This is the 3rd time in 4 years that they have been to our area. I have been able to attend the first two conferences and can highly recommend you make a concerted effort to attend this one. If you are married or thinking about getting married this conference is for you.

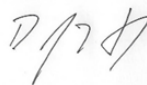
March 15- RA/GA/CIA Field Day at Camp Paquette- Last year Cora's Interim Pastor Matt Dobson, along with the Florida Baptist Convention, hosted a great day out at Camp Paquette. There were many outdoor activities along with visiting missionaries and a mission challenge.

April 4-Sunday School Training Conference at Pine Terrace. This year's keynote speaker is Dr. Allan Taylor. Lewis Miller will be back with us, leading a breakout for the adults. There will be other breakouts covering from preschool through to adults. A light breakfast will start at 8:00 AM and then the conference will begin at 9:00 AM.

Continue to pray for our churches that are currently without permanent pastors, Olivet, New Life, and Cora. Pray for their interim pastors, Chip Fox, Dr. David Spencer, and Matt Dobson as they lead during these times of transition. Also, pray for Redemption Church in Gulf Breeze as they have just started meeting at the Tiger Point Community Center.

It is an honor and pleasure serving you through the SRBA. If you or your church needs me, please reach out. Also, please call and let me know the "Go Jesus" stories from your journey. God is at work, and it is a pleasure to be involved. We are truly better, "Together for the Kingdom".

Pressing Toward the Mark,



Dr. Jim Waters,
SRBA Associational Mission Strategist





Church	01/16/25 02/15/25	2025 Total	Church	01/16/25 02/15/25	2025 Total	Church	01/16/25 02/15/25	2025 Total
Antioch Fellowship	50.00	50.00	Hic. Hammock	0.00	100.00	Pine Level	275.25	629.35
Avalon	0.00	0.00	Immanuel	0.00	0.00	Pine Terrace	1,499.32	3,413.18
Bagdad First	0.00	0.00	James Street	31.40	65.89	Pleasant Home	864.07	864.07
Berrydale	435.44	435.44	Jay First	416.67	833.34	Providence	250.00	250.00
Billory	300.00	300.00	Journey	0.00	0.00	Replicate	0.00	0.00
Blackwater	222.27	455.91	Live Oak	0.00	0.00	S. R. Shores	141.76	368.15
Calvary	150.00	150.00	Living Truth	3,092.00	3,092.00	Springhill	0.00	0.00
Cora	707.95	1,313.49	Midway	0.00	0.00	Stump Springs	0.00	0.00
East Side	150.00	150.00	Milton First	848.64	2,671.83	The Point, SBC	152.54	209.78
Ferris Hill	0.00	200.00	Mission Casa	0.00	0.00	Wallace	1,066.50	1,066.50
Floridatown	0.00	150.00	Navarre First	0.00	598.92	Woodbine	100.00	0.00
Friendship	585.04	1,346.17	New Bethel	105.27	105.27	Viet. Christian	0.00	0.00
GB First	0.00	0.00	New Life	193.79	524.27	Viet. Living Faith	0.00	0.00
Harold First	50.00	109.00	Olivet	410.28	410.28	Anonymous Church	200.00	300.00
						Total GIFTS	12,686.61	20,262.84



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, March 10th, 10:30 am @ SRBA office
- **Navarre** Peer Learning Group; Thursday, March 20th @ 10:30 am at Navarre FBC
- **Pace** Peer Learning Group: Thursday, March 27th @ 11 am at Immanuel

Events Calendar 2025:

- **REGIONAL VBS TRAINING, March 1st, @ Pine Terrace**— Register: **Deadline to Register is February 6th.** If you miss this training, there's another opportunity at Hiland Park Baptist, Panama City—April 12th.
- **ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING WEEK OF PRAYER for North American Missions**— March 2-9
- **REGIONAL MARRIAGE TUNE-UP CONFERENCE**—March 7-8 @ IBC with speakers Jeff & Debby McElroy \$80 couple
- **REGIONAL CHILDREN'S OUTDOOR ADVENTURE**—Camp Paquette, March 15 RA, GA, & CIA \$5
- **CONTINUING TOGETHER TOUR**— March 25th -Join fellow pastors to meet Stephen Rummage & hear his vision for the Florida Baptist Convention. 6pm -8:30pm, @ Pensacola, Hillcrest. Register: <https://fl.sbcworkspace.com/pub/event/register/55237593>
- **REGIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL TRAINING CONFERENCE**— April 5 @ Pine Terrace

Back by popular demand!

National speakers Jeff & Debby McElroy

March 7th & 8th
Immanuel Baptist Church

\$80 per couple
Includes, dinner, breakfast & childcare (Childcare registration ends March 2nd)

For registration & information, scan QR code

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Woodbine Baptist Church is seeking a PT Financial Secretary position. (12 hours per week, Monday and Tuesday). Skills: Word processing and a working knowledge of QuickBooks is needed. Past use of the Servant Keeper church software is also helpful as well. Please contact: Bro David Lewis 850-994-6169.