

# Santa Rosa Baptist Association

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# VIEW

## Associational Mission Strategist

I recently shared a word of encouragement with our pastors, and I want to share it with you as well:

Jason Allen once wrote, "Every leadership role boils down to one word: stewardship. Thus, not only can you lead faithfully, but you must."

James 3:1 reminds us: "My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment."

This week, I was reminded again of how important it is to steward the time, talents, and treasures God has entrusted to me. As we enter a new school year, church year, or simply continue in whatever season God has called you to right now, I invite you to consider this question: **How are you stewarding your time, talents, and treasures?**

Each of us will stand before the Lord and give an account. May we be found faithful in the journey our Lord has so graciously called us to. As we walk into this new season, may we do so with purpose, conviction, and hearts fully surrendered to Him.

**Now, on to some happenings in the Santa Rosa Baptist Association:**

### 1. School Prayer Walking & Ministry Opportunities

Many of our churches are prayer walking campuses and making connections with local schools. This is a powerful way to step outside the walls of our churches and engage with our communities. If your church has not yet connected with a school, we encourage you to reach out to our office. We'll connect you with Mrs. Jean Kelley, our Education Point Person for SRBA.

### 2. Vacation Bible School Highlights

One of the great joys of summer has been visiting churches during their VBS weeks. What a blessing it has been to see adults giving up their time to pour into the next generation through Bible teaching, crafts, missions, and more. We've heard wonderful reports of children placing their faith in Jesus!

Even more, seeing churches *share decorations and resources* has been a beautiful picture of our vision at the SRBA: **"Together for the Kingdom."** Go Jesus!

### 3. Summer Mission Trips

It has been encouraging to watch so many of our churches send teams on mission this summer. Here are just a few we know of:

- **Calvary** – Poland, South Africa

- **Immanuel** – North Africa, New Orleans
- **Pine Terrace**– Utah, New York
- **First Baptist Milton** – Guatemala, Austin (TX), Manchester (England)
- **First Baptist Navarre** – Ecuador
- **Friendship** – Atlanta
- **Living Truth** – Dominican Republic
- **Replicate** – Alexandria, LA

It's humbling to see how churches in Santa Rosa County are having a global Gospel impact!

### Save the Dates!

#### RA & GA Missions Day — Rescheduled for September 20!

📍 *Camp Paquette*

🕒 *Begins at 9:00 AM*

We're excited to announce that the rescheduled Missions Day for RAs and GAs will take place Friday, September 20 at Camp Paquette beginning at 9:00 AM.

Last year's event was a fantastic time filled with outdoor fun—archery, games, crafts, and most importantly, mission stories shared by real missionaries. It was a day of learning, laughter, and spiritual growth for the next generation.

Mark your calendars and REGISTER—**Registration number dictates if the event will take place.** Register now: <https://flbaptist.org/event/childrens-missions-outdoor-adventure-2025-2/>

#### 118th Annual Meeting of the SRBA

📅 *October 19*

📍 *Cora Baptist Church, Jay, FL*

🕒 *Registration: 2:45 PM | Meeting begins: 3:00 PM*

This will be a time of celebration as we reflect on what God has done through His churches in 2025.

**Theme:** *"Eyes Open, Knees Bent, and Feet Moving"* (John 4:35 — "...lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!")

We'll end around 5 - 5:30 pm with a fellowship meal. Make plans to attend!

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Church	06/15/25 07/15/25	2025 Total	Church	06/15/25 07/15/25	2025 Total	Church	06/15/25 07/15/25	2025 Total
Antioch Fellowship	50.00	350.00	Hic. Hammock	0.00	100.00	Pine Level	381.20	2,290.86
Avalon	465.98	3,677.32	Immanuel	4,500.00	9,000.00	Pine Terrace	1,919.90	12,021.60
Bagdad First	111.52	387.83	James Street	0.00	213.80	Pleasant Home	0.00	1,588.81
Berrydale	478.38	2,487.11	Jay First	416.67	2,916.69	Providence	0.00	250.00
Billory	324.00	1,855.00	Journey	0.00	0.00	Replicate	0.00	300.00
Blackwater	220.80	1,418.33	Live Oak	0.00	350.00	S. R. Shores	0.00	775.75
Calvary	0.00	150.00	Living Truth	6,543.00	10,972.00	Springhill	0.00	450.00
Cora	656.37	3,491.51	Midway	0.00	110.00	Stump Springs	0.00	0.00
East Side	375.00	825.00	Milton First	1,276.76	8,989.46	The Point, SBC	119.67	738.66
Ferris Hill	1,232.64	3,644.60	Mission Casa	50.00	300.00	Wallace	1,631.17	7,573.59
Floridatown	150.00	1,050.00	Navarre First	300.10	2,199.58	Woodbine	0.00	1,200.00
Friendship	572.40	4,677.39	New Bethel	144.39	727.17	Viet. Christian	0.00	150.00
GB First	0.00	300.00	New Life	525.69	1,923.50	Viet. Living Faith	0.00	0.00
Harold First	68.00	425.00	Olivet	909.75	3,341.03	Anonymous Church	1,450.00	5,600.00
						<b>Total GIFTS</b>	<b>24,923.36</b>	<b>98,821.59</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!

## Upcoming Events

### PASTOR'S PEER LEARNING GROUP MEETINGS:

- **Milton** Peer Learning Group, Monday, August 11th, @ SRBA office - 10:30 am
- **Navarre** Peer Learning Group, Thursday, August 21, @ Navarre First 10:30 am
- **Pace** Peer Learning Group, Thursday, August 28, @ Immanuel 11 am

### SAVE THE DATE:

#### September—Maguire State Mission Week of Prayer and Offering

**Sept. 6th--Edify Women's Event (Teens included)@ Immanuel—Special Track for Teens. Open to all churches.** Register Now: <https://www.ibcpace.com/event-details/edify-womens-conference-2>


**Sept. 20th — RA & GA Children's Outdoor Adventure @ Camp Paquette, Jay** Register Now: <https://flbaptist.org/event/childrens-missions-outdoor-adventure-2025-2/>

**Oct. 19th — 118th SRBA Annual Meeting @ Cora Baptist Church 2:45—5:30 pm— Fellowship meal to follow**

**Oct. 28th — SRBA Senior Fest @ Immanuel**

#### Annual Senior Fest

 **October 28**

 **Guest Speaker:** Dr. Steven Rummage (Executive Director/ Treasurer, Florida Baptist Convention)

 **Music:** Dove Award-winning group, “The Sound”

We'll enjoy a morning of worship, a great lunch, and an afternoon of inspiration—getting you home in time for a nap! Don't miss this special day.

#### Please be in prayer for...

- **Olivet, New Life, and Santa Rosa Shores** — that they would walk wisely and remain sensitive to God's timing as they search for their next pastors.

- Interim pastors serving faithfully: **Rev. Chip Fox** (Olivet) and **Dr. David Spencer** (New Life). May God raise up godly leaders and provide clear direction for these churches.

It is truly an honor to serve you through the Santa Rosa Baptist Association. **We are better together.**

Pressing Toward the Mark,

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