

Santa Rosa Baptist Association

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VIEW

Associational Mission Strategist

I shared this with out pastors recently.... John 15:2 - "Every branch that bears fruit..."

If we stopped right there and guessed what would come next, we might expect: Great blessing....A heavenly "high five."

But that is not what comes next.

The verse continues: "...He prunes, that it may bear more fruit." Not what we expect. And not always how we think things should work.

This verse gives us much-needed perspective on the ministry journey. There are seasons of growth and visible fruit—and there are seasons of challenge, refinement, and pruning. Yet the way of the Master Gardener has always been this: He prunes the vine that is already bearing fruit so that it can bear even more.

Pruning is not punishment. Pruning is preparation. So if you are walking through a season of pruning, take heart. Greater fruitfulness may be closer than you realize.

January Happenings

AMS Summit in Jacksonville - AMS's from all over the state gathered for a two-day time of challenge and encouragement. We heard from a great list of presenters:

-Dr. Stephen Rummage-Executive Director/Treasurer of the Florida Baptist Convention- Preaching and Prayer

-Jimbo Stewart-Associate Director of Replant at the North American Mission Board- Spiritual Renewal

-Gary Yeldell-Florida Baptist Convention Legal Counsel-Legal Issues

One quick takeaway:

Philippians 4:6-7-Be 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.

Dr. Rummage gave a great perspective on "prayer". Does prayer act as a steering wheel or a spare tire in your journey? The steering wheel a vital part of a car, on the other hand, the spare tire is only used in times of emergency. May prayer forever be a "steering wheel" on our journey.

2026 Prayer Conference-

We have rescheduled the conference for March 24. Please get the word out to your people about this GREAT OPPORUNITY!

Place: Pine Terrace Baptist

Time: 6:00 pm

Theme: Prayer and Resources for International Missions

Speaker: Dr. Jamie Work; Misson Strategist for the International Mission Board

Barbecue Dinner (\$5)

Dr. Work will be bringing resources for our churches and informing the SRBA how we can actively engage our IMB missionaries on a regular basis. He will also share how we can be involved daily in reaching the nations with the Gospel, through prayer. Go to the SRBA website to RSVP.

Disciple Now 2026- Feb. 13th-14th

Schedule:

Friday, February 13th

8:00 pm Large Worship Gathering @ First Baptist Milton
9:30 pm Gathering Ends

Saturday, February 14th

10:00 am Large Worship Gathering @ First Baptist Milton
11:30 am Gathering Ends
7:00 pm Large Worship Gathering @ First Baptist Milton
8:30 pm Gathering Ends

Theme: Labels

Focus: Destroying the lies God never gave you and embracing the truths He has.

The curriculum for small groups is available upon request.

Shirts: Many churches order a common shirt together that encourages unity and recognition among students at school. These will cost about \$8.00 a shirt. If you want to order shirts with the group, your numbers will need to be sent to Bo Mills (bmills@fbcmilton.org) by Sunday night, February 8th. If you need more information, please reach out to the office.

Finally, I implore you to pray specifically in the following ways.

- Pray for your pastor, that he might be refreshed and renewed in the ministry journey.
- Pray for your church /Unity/ Vision to Reach your community and Santa Rosa County with the Gospel
- Pray for our churches without permanent pastors and their interims. Woodbine Baptist (Tim Bullington) / Santa Rosa Shores (Greg Nelson) / Olivet (Chip Fox)

It is honor and pleasure serving you through the Santa Rosa Baptist Association. If you have a need, please do not hesitate to reach out to the office. Also, if you are out and about and passing the office, stop in to catch up me up on the journey.

Pressing Toward the Mark,



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



| Church | 01/01/26 01/15/26 | 2026 Total | Church | 01/01/26 01/15/26 | 2026 Total | Church | 01/01/26 01/15/26 | 2026 Total |
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| Antioch Fellowship | 50.00 | 50.00 | Hic. Hammock | 0.00 | 0.00 | Pine Level | 356.35 | 356.93 |
| Avalon | 0.00 | 0.00 | Immanuel | 0.00 | 0.00 | Pine Terrace | 2,045.34 | 2,045.34 |
| Bagdad First | 55.96 | 55.96 | James Street | 34.40 | 34.40 | Pleasant Home | 862.32 | 862.32 |
| Berrydale | 0.00 | 0.00 | Jay First | 0.00 | 0.00 | Providence | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Billory | 608.00 | 608.00 | Journey | 0.00 | 0.00 | Replicate | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Blackwater | 225.15 | 225.15 | Live Oak | 0.00 | 0.00 | S. R. Shores | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Calvary | 0.00 | 0.00 | Living Truth | 0.00 | 0.00 | Springhill | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Cora | 0.00 | 0.00 | Midway | 0.00 | 0.00 | Stump Springs | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| East Side | 125.00 | 125.00 | Milton First | 2,026.11 | 2,026.11 | The Point, SBC | 51.19 | 51.19 |
| Ferris Hill | 0.00 | 0.00 | Mission Casa | 0.00 | 0.00 | Wallace | 896.19 | 896.19 |
| Floridatown | 150.00 | 150.00 | Navarre First | 751.80 | 751.80 | Woodbine | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Friendship | 0.00 | 0.00 | New Bethel | 128.85 | 128.85 | Viet. Christian | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| GB First | 0.00 | 0.00 | New Life | 0.00 | 0.00 | Viet. Living Faith | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Harold First | 65.00 | 65.00 | Olivet | 487.92 | 487.92 | Anonymous Church | 850.00 | 850.00 |
| | | | | | | Total GIFTS | | |
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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, February 9th, @ SRBA office - 10:30 am
- Navarre Peer Learning Group, Thursday, February 19th @ Navarre First 10:30 am
- Pace Peer Learning Group, Thursday, February 26, @ Immanuel, 11 am

SAVE THE DATE:

February 2nd. Association Council Meeting, Noon @ the Association Office.

February 2nd. Executive Committee Meeting. 6:30 pm @ the Association Office.

February 12th - Women's Ministry Leadership Teams Training, 6pm, @ New Life. Info: Susie@susielewis.net

February 13 - 14th - DNOW Youth Event @ Milton First.

February 28 - 3rd Annual/FREE Women's Conference, "Seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart." Jer. 29:13. 9am- Noon, @ Jay FBC

Christian fellowship, beautiful Musical Solos, Inspirational Testimonies, Door Prizes & More! Free lunch for those who RSVP. Call 850-675-4587 by 2/20/26.

3rd Annual Free Women's Conference

Jay First Baptist Church
February 28, 2026
9:00 - 12:00

Join us for
**Christian Fellowship, Beautiful Musical Solos
Inspirational Testimonies, Door Prizes & More!**

Free Lunch Following For Those That RSVP.

Speakers:



Becky Holley
Married to Gary for 31 years
4 Children, 7 Grandchildren
Santa Rosa Educator/Coach
& Member of JFBC For 31



Lauren Shields
Pray with Faith,
Walk in Light
Be Clothed in
Strength



Johnnie Bryan
In the quiet moments of
your daily walk,
who do you resonate with?
Whose spirit do you carry?



B.J. Hedrick & Daughter
Rachel Coley
will be sharing their
experiences living in
Nigeria, West Africa.



*Seek Me and find Me when you search
for Me with all your heart. Jeremiah 29:13*



Please RSVP to 850-675-4587 by 2/20/26.