

Santa Rosa Baptist Association

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Associational Mission Strategist

"But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin." Hebrews 3:13 ESV

I heard an illustration this week from Dr. Clayton Cloer, President of the Baptist University of Florida.....

Geese fly in formation so they can fly further and at faster speeds. They draft off each other to conserve energy and to be more efficient. At random periods they "honk". Scientists have studied why this phenomenon occurs. Their best guess is they honk to encourage the goose out front to keep going.

I simply want to say to those, in the SRBA, on the front lines of taking the Gospel to Santa Rosa county "honk, honk".

This month has been busy with school starting and everyone starting to find their Fall routines. (I still haven't found mine.) Some things to note:

Senior Fest-FBC Milton This year's Senior Fest had right at 200 people involved from 11 churches in our area. I want to personally thank Gary Nichols and the FBC Leadership team for the many hours of work they put in to minister to the seasoned citizens in our county. The day was a great blessing! Dr. Clayton Cloer, the President of the Baptist University of Florida, challenged us both in the morning and afternoon sessions. Buddy Liles, former bass singer for the Florida Boys, provided special music. Claine Roberts led us congregational good ole fashion gospel music. Finally, we were blessed by the world-famous chef, Debbie Basset for lunch. Make plans to attend next year if you did not get to this year.

AMS Summit in Atlanta

The annual AMS Summit is in Atlanta at the North American Mission Board property. This year we were able to have extended time with Kevin Ezell, the President of NAMB. He shared some exciting plans that are on their radar. Also, Andy Addis, Pastor of Crosspoint Church out in Kansas, shared on Renewal. The catch phrase was, "from surviving to thriving". He spoke from personal experience and gave many thoughts on how one is renewed. The one that spoke to my heart was the need for a sabbath, truly a day of rest. It is easy as ministers and servants of Jesus to go hard seven days a week. Our Lord modeled a day of rest in the first chapters of scripture. He asked a penetrating question, "do we trust the Lord to get all that needs to be done in six days or not?" It is a matter of faith.

New Bethel, on September 22, 2024, issued a call to John Edwards to become their permanent pastor. John has served in our association for years and it is a blessing to have him back encouraging and ministering in one of our churches. Continue to pray for New Bethel as they seek to impact their community with the Gospel.

Please continue to pray for our churches that are currently seeking pastors. Cora, New Life, and Olivet. Praises for all these churches that in times of transition, there have been people joining the churches and people are being baptized. Thank you to Matt Dobson, Chip Fox, and Dr. David Spencer for serving these churches faithfully.

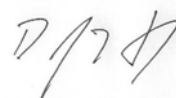
I want to mention a couple of events coming up that I hope you plan to attend:

The 117th Annual Meeting of the Santa Rosa Baptist Association will be held at Ferris Hill on Oct. 13, 2024. Registration starts at 2:45 and the Meeting starts at 3:00 that afternoon. Our theme this year is "How Good It Is". This thought is taken from Psalm 133:1-3 (ESV) Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes! It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore. We will be celebrating what God has done through churches working together this year.

The Florida Baptist Convention is Nov. 10-12 of this year at First Baptist Church in Orlando. The theme is "A Holy People-Shining His Light in a World of Darkness". This is also a great time to celebrate and be informed about what God has been doing through Florida Baptist in 2024.

As, I close it is truly a pleasure to serve you and the churches in the SRBA. Please continue to pray for both Patti and I as we walk through some health challenges. The one thing we know, His grace is sufficient for all our needs!!!

Pressing Toward the Mark,



Dr. Jim Waters, Associational Mission Strategist
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Church	7/16/24 8/15/24	2024 Total	Church	7/16/24 8/15/24	2024 Total	Church	7/16/24 8/15/24	2024 Total
Antioch Fellowship	50.00	350.00	Hic. Hammock	0.00	100.00	Pine Level	237.55	2,852.52
Avalon	3,027.97	4,202.10	Immanuel	4500.00	13,500.00	Pine Terrace	1,439.80	15,927.97
Bagdad First	0.00	45.00	James Street	0.00	364.90	Pleasant Home	0.00	2,433.45
Berrydale	364.94	3,285.77	Jay First	0.00	3,333.36	Providence	0.00	0.00
Billory	156.00	2,293.00	Journey	0.00	0.00	Replicate	300.00	450.00
Blackwater	177.48	1,716.27	Live Oak	0.00	200.00	S. R. Shores	168.69	1,463.91
Calvary	0.00	450.00	Living Truth	1,212.00	11,821.00	Springhill	0.00	450.00
Cora	461.07	3,967.31	Midway	0.00	110.00	Stump Springs	0.00	333.63
East Side	100.00	800.00	Milton First	948.71	10,652.68	The Point, SBC	50.84	779.65
Ferris Hill	200.00	2,000.00	Mission Casa	50.00	350.00	Wallace	786.61	8,346.57
Floridatown	0.00	1,200.00	Navarre First	186.77	4,246.14	Woodbine	100.00	800.00
Friendship	559.27	6,857.20	New Bethel	261.84	1,194.84			
GB First	300.00	300.00	New Life	189.55	1,587.36			
Harold First	54.00	481.00	Olivet	355.11	4,002.42			
						Total GIFTS	16,238.20	115,458.76



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

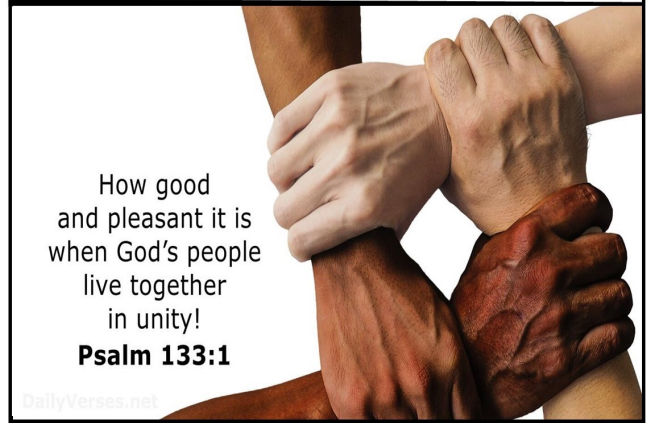
PASTOR'S PEER LEARNING GROUP MEETINGS:

- **Milton** Peer Learning Group: Monday, October 14th, 10:30am @ SRBA office
- **Navarre** Peer Learning Group; Thursday, October 17th @ 10:30 am at Navarre FBC
- **Pace** Peer Learning Group: Thursday, October 24th @ 11 am at Immanuel Baptist

Events Calendar 2024:

- October 7-8 Next-Gen Summit-JAX, FL** Register: <https://flbaptist.org/event/next-gen-summit-october-7-8-2024/>
- October 10- Virtual Event. Child & Youth Protection Training** Register: <https://flbaptist.org/event/florida-baptist-convention-child-youth-protection-training/>
- October 13th– 117th Annual Meeting of the Santa Rosa Baptist Association.** 2:45 pm @ Ferris Hill Baptist Church. Theme: How Good It Is! Psalm 133:1–3 (ESV)
*Churches send in your elected Messengers names to patti@srassociation.org
- October 17-19 Enduring In Ministry-Pastors & Wives Retreat-Ft. Walton Beach**-Register: <https://flbaptist.org/event/pastors-and-wives-retreat-2024/>
- Oct. 21– Engage Conf.—Tourism—**Register: <https://flbaptist.org/event/engage-conference/>

SANTA ROSA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
117TH ANNUAL MEETING
 BOOK OF REPORTS
 Psalm 133: 1-3



How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!
Psalm 133:1

“HOW GOOD IT IS!”

OCTOBER 13, 2024 • FERRIS HILL BAPTIST CHURCH
 6848 CHAFFIN STREET, MILTON, FL 32570