

# Santa Rosa Baptist Association

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# VIEW

## Associational Mission Strategist

### Genesis 42:36 (ESV)

“And Jacob their father said to them, ‘You have bereaved me of my children: Joseph is no more, and Simeon is no more, and now you would take Benjamin. All this has come against me.’” “All this has come against me.” That’s not just a statement—it’s a window into Jacob’s heart.

From his perspective, everything was falling apart:

- Joseph was dead
  - Simeon was in captivity
  - Benjamin was now being requested
- Famine threatened their survival

And the weight of it all led him to conclude: “**Everything is against me.**”

Ever felt that way?

When the diagnosis comes...

When relationships fracture...

When finances tighten...

When the journey just feels heavy and confusing...

It’s easy to look around and say, “*All this has come against me.*” But what Jacob didn’t realize is something we often don’t either.

I recently heard Andy Addis describe this moment by saying Jacob was living in “**incomplete revelation.**” He didn’t have the full picture.

What Jacob could not see:

- Joseph was **alive**
  - Joseph was **positioned by God**
  - God was using Joseph to **save his family**
  - God was using Joseph to **preserve an entire region**
- The brothers were not in danger the way Jacob feared

And ultimately, what seemed against him was actually part of God’s plan for him. We know how the story unfolds: What was meant for evil, God used for good.

But Jacob didn’t know that yet.

And that’s where we often live too—in **incomplete revelation.**

We see pieces.

God sees the whole.

We feel opposition.

God is working purpose.

We experience loss.

God is orchestrating redemption.

That’s why we cling to truth like **Romans 8:28:**

“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good...”

Not because everything feels good.

Not because everything is comfortable.

But because God is faithful in the unseen.

**Good does not always equal comfort.**

But it always equals God’s purpose being accomplished.

### Praises

The Fire Assessment Fee Bill Passed both the Florida House and the Florida Senate. This will give some relief to the churches in the 2 fire districts in Santa Rosa County the bill addressed. Please pray that this bill would be the trail blazer for a bill that would give churches the exemption from these fees throughout the state.

The 2026 Santa Rosa Baptist Association Prayer Conference was exceptional with a great group gathering for a time of prayer and challenge. Pine Terrace Baptist were gracious host and we had a delicious meal with food from Foosackleys and Ace’s Restaurant. Dr. Jamie Work challenged us with a passion to prayer and moved to practical means in which to pray for the nations. His presentation focused on three areas.

Know God’s Presence

Embrace God’s Heart

Trust God’s Plan

Two quotes from the Conference that stood out were as follows:

John Piper- “Prayer is primarily a wartime walkie-talkie for the mission of the church as it advances against the power of darkness and unbelief. It is not surprising that prayer malfunctions when we try to make it a domestic intercom to call upstairs for more comforts from the den. God has given us prayer as a wartime walkie-talkie so that we can call headquarters for everything we need as the kingdom of Christ advances in the world. Prayer gives us the significance of front-line forces, and gives God the glory of a limitless Provider. The one who gives the power gets the glory.”

Lorenzo Scupoli- "Distrust of self is so absolutely requisite in the spiritual combat, that without it, we cannot hope to obtain victory over our passions, or even to attain the lowest degree of virtue."



“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.” *1 Peter 2:9*

Church	02/15/26 03/15/26	2026 Total
Antioch Fellowship	50.00	150.00
Avalon	0.00	0.00
Bagdad First	59.46	176.27
Berrydale	0.00	0.00
Billory	255.00	863.00
Blackwater	181.05	648.84
Calvary	250.00	250.00
Cora	421.08	1,174.76
East Side	125.00	375.00
Ferris Hill	784.21	2,181.50
Floridatown	300.00	450.00
Friendship	467.92	467.92
GB First	0.00	0.00
Harold First	67.00	202.00

Church	02/15/26 03/15/26	2026 Total
Hic. Hammock	0.00	100.00
Immanuel	0.00	0.00
James Street	35.54	105.48
Jay First	271.92	271.92
Live Oak	50.00	100.00
Living Truth	2242.00	3,995.00
Midway	110.00	110.00
Milton First	1,146.84	4,061.60
Mission Casa	50.00	50.00
Navarre First	517.70	1,746.97
New Bethel	113.43	430.78
New Life	201.85	403.65
Olivet	670.47	1537.14
Pine Level	311.10	970.50

Church	02/15/26 03/15/26	2026 Total
Pine Terrace	3,485.89	6,531.23
Pleasant Home	0.00	862.32
Providence	0.00	0.00
Replicate	0.00	300.00
S. R. Shores	540.06	540.06
Springhill	0.00	0.00
Stump Springs	0.00	0.00
The Point, SBC	71.77	189.78
Wallace	894.25	2822.32
Woodbine	200.00	600.00
Viet. Christian	0.00	0.00
Viet. Living Faith	0.00	0.00
Anonymous Church	1,450.00	2,551.00
<b>Total GIFTS</b>	<b>14,855.62</b>	<b>35,219.04</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

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#### **PASTOR’S PEER LEARNING GROUP MEETINGS:**

- **Milton** Peer Learning Group, Monday, April 13th, @ SRBA office - 10:30 am
- **Navarre** Peer Learning Group, Thursday, April 16th @ Navarre First 10:30 am
- **Pace** Peer Learning Group, Thursday, April 23rd, @ Immanuel, 11 am

#### **SAVE THE DATE:**

- April 3 - Good Friday—Office Closed**
- April 5 - Resurrection Day! He has risen just as He said!**
- April 9 - Women’s Ministry Leadership Teams Training.** 6 - 8 pm - “Sharing the Gospel with Confidence” with speaker Suzie Lewis at New Life Baptist Church
- April 18 - Region 2 /REGIONAL VBS Training @** Hiland Park Baptist Church, Panama City
- April 18 - Region 2 /REGIONAL Florida Bapt. Disaster Relief Training -** 9am –3:30 pm, Thomasville Road Bapt. Church, Tallahassee
- April 25 - Regional Sunday School Conference, @** Pine Terrace. Register at PTBC.org/events
- April 28—SRBA Secretary’s Day Appreciation Luncheon, David’s Catfish House. RSVP to office@srassociation.org**

#### Upcoming Events

##### **West Region Sunday School and Small Groups Training Conference**

**Saturday, April 25, 2026 at** Pine Terrace Baptist Church—Registration & Light Breakfast: 7:30 AM

Conference: 8:30 AM–2:00 PM  
\$10 per person— Optional Chick-fil-A boxed lunch: \$10

The Keynote speaker will be Ken Braddy, Director of Sunday School at Lifeway Christian Resources. From 2010–2020, he led Lifeway’s adult ongoing Bible studies used weekly by more than 3 million adults. He is a conference leader, author of 13 books on group ministry, podcast host, trainer, and coach to church leaders nationwide.

Breakout sessions will be available for preschool, kids, students, and adult ministries, making this an ideal event for your entire teaching team — both staff and volunteers.

As I close, I ask you to join me in the battle (prayer). Please pray 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) and Olivet (Chip Fox).

It is an honor and a pleasure to serve you through the SRBA. 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 me up on the journey.

Jim Waters, AMS “Together for the Kingdom”

