

# Santa Rosa Baptist Association

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# VIEW

## Associational Mission Strategist

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus!! On Oct. 16th at Avalon Baptist Church, we will be convening for the 115th time—the Santa Rosa Baptist Association Annual Meeting. Our theme for this year is **“Celebrating the Past - Committing to the Future.”** This is based on **Matthew 16:15-18**.

Maybe you have never attended the SRBA Annual Meeting, but you are interested in what it is all about. With this in mind, I would like to answer some questions you might have regarding this important Associational Meeting.

### Where do we have the Annual Meeting?

We rotate the SRBA Annual Meeting every year to either the North part of the County (Jay, Berrydale, Munson), East (Milton, East Milton, Bagdad, Allentown, Avalon), West (Pace, Pea Ridge, Chumuckla), and South (Navarre, Billory, Midway, Santa Rosa Shores). This year I requested that we meet at Avalon where I pastored from 1982-1989.

### When do we have the Annual Meeting?

If you look at the opening paragraph of this newsletter, you will find the day is Sunday **October 16th**. Five years ago we voted a change in our policies and procedures, which allows us to have flexibility to have the Annual Meeting any day during the third week in October. The reason we made this change is so people who work can attend the meeting at a time they can come. In particular, half of our churches have Bi-Vocational Pastors. When we had the meeting on Thursday these pastors were not able to attend the early sessions in the afternoon. This year the meeting will be on Sunday afternoon. This will permit many of our pastors and lay people an opportunity to be informed about the work of the Association. In addition, many messengers express a desire to be a part of this meeting because they enjoyed the fellowship with other Sister Churches. Up until 1989, the meeting was held on Thursday evening and Friday morning in two separate churches. Today, we consolidate the meetings to one day and one church.

### Who can come to Annual Meeting? How many from each church?

Anyone can attend this meeting. **But only those elected by their SRBA Church as Messengers can vote in the meeting.** As stated in the Santa Rosa Baptist Association Constitution, Article III, Section 3: *The Santa Rosa Baptist Association's*

*Annual Meeting shall be composed of messengers from member Southern Baptist Churches. Each church shall be entitled to four (4) elected messengers for up to one hundred (100) resident members and a minimum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) annual contribution to the Association, and one (1) additional messenger for each fifty (50) additional resident members, or major fraction thereof, and each additional fifty dollars (\$50.00) annual contribution, but no church shall be entitled to more than twelve (12) messengers. These messengers will be able to vote on all business concerning the SRBA. Please make sure your church has elected messengers to represent you.*

In the last few years we have had certain protocols in place because of the COVID outbreak.

- **Messengers will personally choose to or not to wear masks.** These will be made available at the meeting.
- **It will be an abbreviated Annual Meeting.** Instead of our normal afternoon and evening sessions, we will only have an afternoon session. On October 16 we will start with registration at 2:45pm and conclude the meeting at 5:30pm. Afterwards for those who want to remain, we will have a fellowship meal.
- **We will be sending out registration cards for messengers.** This way messengers will only have to drop off their registration cards instead of waiting in line to register.

**As I have already mentioned, Oct. 16th at Avalon Baptist Church, (4316 Avalon Blvd., Milton, FL 32583) we will be convening for the 115th time—the Santa Rosa Baptist Association Annual Meeting. Our theme for this year is “Celebrating the Past - Committing to the Future.” This is based on Matthew 16:15-18 : I can share with you that our guest preacher will be Dr. Tommy Green (Executive Director of the Florida Baptist Convention). At this special anniversary we will be recognizing those who have served as a moderator of our Association. According to my count, this includes around 25 living moderators. Since this is my last Annual Meeting as your DOM/AMS, I look forward to this opportunity to be with you and remember these past 16 + years and to thank you for the privilege of serving you, the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Bro. Chip**



Church	8/15/22 9/15/22	2022 Total
Antioch Fellowship	50.00	450.00
Avalon	0.00	988.40
Bagdad First	132.20	1,021.41
Berrydale	351.73	2,811.93
Billory	0.00	3,639.00
Blackwater	156.03	1,603.40
Calvary	0.00	600.00
Cora	238.50	3,744.19
East Side	125.00	1,075.00
Ferris Hill	200.00	1,800.00
Floridatown	0.00	600.00
Friendship	915.86	7,370.80
GB First	0.00	0.00
Harold First	32.00	400.39

Church	8/15/22 9/15/22	2022 Total
Hic. Hammock	0.00	100.00
Immanuel	1,167.00	12,575.78
James Street	58.74	465.52
Jay First	416.67	3,750.03
Journey	0.00	0.00
Korean Hope	0.00	100.00
Live Oak	25.00	225.00
Living Truth	2,897.00	12,582.00
LT East Milton	186.00	883.00
Midway	0.00	0.00
Milton First	0.00	13,358.16
Mission Casa	0.00	341.66
Navarre First	338.81	4,094.69
New Bethel	0.00	1,027.58

Church	8/15/22 9/15/22	2022 Total
New Life	218.73	2,273.47
Olivet	964.37	3,952.81
Pine Level	291.16	2,569.95
Pine Terrace	1,169.33	13,522.83
Pleasant Home	1,480.53	3,426.91
Providence	0.00	1,000.00
S. R. Shores	145.53	1,541.60
Springhill	225.00	675.00
Stump Springs	0.00	600.00
The Point, SBC	101.90	841.28
Wallace	903.03	9,622.03
Woodbine	100.00	1,100.00
<b>Total GIFTS</b>	<b>12,890.12</b>	<b>116,733.83</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



### Ministers' Peer Learning Groups, 10:30am

- ♦ **Milton Peer Learning Group** - Oct. 10, 2022
- ♦ **Navarre Peer Learning Group** - Oct. 13, 2022

### Florida Baptist State Convention

Pastors' Conference + Annual Meeting

**Location:** Olive Baptist Church | 1836 E Olive Rd, Pensacola, FL 32514

**Date:** November 13-15, 2022

For more information, click <https://flbaptist.org/state-convention/>



## Santa Rosa Baptist Association

115th Annual Meeting • October 16, 2022

Avalon Baptist Church, 2:45 pm

*"Celebrating the Past,  
Committing to the Future"*

(Matthew 16: 16-18)

ENDURING IN MINISTRY

PASTORS AND WIVES RETREAT

Nov. 3-5 | Fort Walton Beach

ERIK CUMMINGS

TED TRAYLOR

TOMMY GREEN

**Location:** Holiday Inn Resort Fort Walton Beach | 1299 Miracle Strip Parkway SE, Fort Walton Beach FL 32548. **Cost:** FREE for West Florida pastors and wives | Limited spots available