

Santa Rosa Baptist Association

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VIEW

Associational Mission Strategist

As we end this Christmas season, a simple question, "Did you spend more time focused on His presence or the presents under the tree?" In the hustle and bustle of Christmas time, it is easy to forget the one for whom we are celebrating.

As I was thinking about His presence recently, my mind went to the beatitudes. Do I hunger and thirst after righteousness? Do I hunger and thirst for His presence? My inner "Israelite" hunger and thirsts after many things, not always His presence. The promise is that the pure in heart will see God (Presence). How's my vision these days? It might have something to do with my heart. David, at one of his lowest times of life, simply said, "Create in me a clean heart O' God" (Psalm 51) My prayer for you and those in the Santa Rosa Baptist Association is for us to know the mighty presence of our Lord and Savior as we enter the New Year 2025.

I am currently working on a mission statement for the SRBA. In its infancy state, here is where I am. "Together for the Kingdom." We are blessed to be called of God to partner together for Kingdom purposes. You will start seeing this in many places as it relates to the SRBA and our activities.

I want to remind you of several events that are happening quickly in the New Year 2025.

On January 16, 2025, Avalon Baptist will host our annual prayer conference. This year, Brian Nall, our new Florida Baptist Convention West Region Catalyst, will be speaking on the topic, "The Functional Role of Prayer in a Faithful Church". We will have a fellowship meal, a time of teaching, a time of prayer for the new year, and a time of praying over Brian Nall as he starts this new ministry assignment. Make plans to attend and be sure to sign up on the SRBA website. You can also call the office to RSVP. A \$5 donation will help cover the cost of the meal.

On January 21, Mrs. Charissa Cotten, our stewardship point person for the SRBA, will lead our annual Tax Update. It will begin at 10:30 am and end around noon. This is a great opportunity for pastors/financial secretaries to hear the latest and greatest as it relates to the ministerial tax code. We will serve a light lunch. Once again, make plans to attend, and be sure to sign up on the SRBA website. You can also call the office to RSVP.

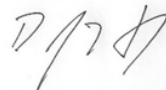
Finishing out January, the ladies of Friendship Baptist and the SRBA will host a breakfast for the heroes in ministry, the wives of our ministers. This will be a time of refreshment, great fellowship, and encouragement. Invitations were sent out to the lead pastor's wife of each church. Please make sure all your pastor's wives know they are invited. This is NOT limited to lead pastor's wives. This breakfast will take place on January 25, 2025, at 9:00 am. Please RSVP by calling or texting Rhonda Waters at 850-418-5044.

DNOW weekend for 2025 is scheduled for Feb. 14-16. Put this on your calendar and start making plans to encourage your students to attend. The theme this year is "Set Apart". The rallies will be held at Pine Terrace Baptist Church. Friday (Feb. 14) 8:00 PM, Saturday (Feb. 15) 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM. Churches and youth leaders should receive an email with further details, graphics, and other information in early January. This is a great opportunity to bring our students together for a time of encouragement in God's Word and fellowship. Make plans to attend.

As we close out the year, please remember to pray for the churches that are currently looking for a pastor: Cora, New Life, and Olivet. Also, Pray for Redemption church starting down in the Midway area. A group of people have moved from Mississippi with the sole intent of planting a church in that area.

It has been a great honor and pleasure serving you through the Santa Rosa Baptist Association. I look forward to what our Mighty Lord is going to do in 2025 through our Partnerships in the Gospel. Once again, "Together for the Kingdom".

Pressing Toward the Mark,



Dr. Jim Waters,
SRBA Associational Mission Strategist





Church	11/15/24 12/31/24	2024 Total	Church	11/15/24 12/31/24	2024 Total	Church	11/15/24 12/31/24	2024 Total
Antioch Fellowship	100.00	600.00	Hic. Hammock	0.00	100.00	Pine Level	0.00	3,365.15
Avalon	535.91	4,738.01	Immanuel	4,500.00	18,000.00	Pine Terrace	1,469.87	20,832.93
Bagdad First	0.00	1,683.00	James Street	27.26	509.58	Pleasant Home	0.00	3,154.59
Berrydale	704.23	4,692.72	Jay First	416.67	5000.04	Providence	0.00	0.00
Billory	497.00	3,373.00	Journey	0.00	0.00	Replicate	0.00	450.00
Blackwater	182.22	2,255.82	Live Oak	0.00	225.00	S. R. Shores	181.57	2,023.68
Calvary	0.00	450.00	Living Truth	4,855.00	19,188.00	Springhill	225.00	900.00
Cora	313.36	5,014.34	Midway	0.00	110.00	Stump Springs	469.44	803.07
East Side	200.00	1,200.00	Milton First	1,127.31	15,114.34	The Point, SBC	57.84	955.02
Ferris Hill	200.00	2,600.00	Mission Casa	100.00	550.00	Wallace	1,600.32	12,124.49
Floridatown	150.00	1,800.00	Navarre First	567.54	5,927.26	Woodbine	200.00	1,100.00
Friendship	560.89	8,808.00	New Bethel	99.71	1,479.68	Viet. Christian	0.00	500.00
GB First	0.00	300.00	New Life	66.83	2,082.14	Viet. Living Faith	0.00	0.00
Harold First	54.00	666.00	Olivet	805.30	5,684.86	Anonymous Church	100.00	200.00
						Total GIFTS	20,367.27	158,560.90



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, January 6th, 10:30am @ SRBA office
- **Navarre** Peer Learning Group; Thursday, January 16th @ 10:30 am at Navarre FBC
- **Pace** Peer Learning Group: Thursday, January 23rd @ 11 am at Immanuel

SRBA PRAYER CONFERENCE

"The Functional Role of Prayer in a Faithful Church"

Thursday, January 16, 2025 at Avalon Baptist @ 6:30pm

Speaker, Florida Baptist Convention NEW West Region Catalyst, Dr. Brian Nall.

Dinner served. \$5 donation for meal. RSVP <https://www.srassociation.org/sister-church-events-news> or call the office.



Events Calendar 2025:

Regional Marriage "Tune-Up" Conference-Pastor's, Staff, and lay-leaders FREE informational luncheon given @ Immanuel, January 14th -11:30am-1:30pm to learn more about this conference Immanuel is hosting on March 7th & 8th. RSVP: 850-994-6152

New Pastor Orientation, Wed., January 15th at Baptist Building | 6850 Belfort Oaks Place, Jacksonville FL 32216 - 9am-2pm. New Pastor or New to the FL Bapt. Conv. Register: <https://flbaptist.org/event/new-pastor-orientation/>

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SRBA TAX UPDATE: 10:30am January 21st @ SRBA Office, leading: Charissa Cottten, CPA,PA. Free Lunch afterward. RSVP: <https://www.srassociation.org/sister-church-events-news> or call the office.

SRBA MINISTER'S WIVES BRUNCH, Sat., January 25th, 9am -11am @ Friendship. RSVP to Rhonda @ 850-418-5044

WOMEN'S FREE EVENT & LUNCH—Feb.1st, 9am-Noon, Jay FBC, "Walk By Faith, Sisters In Christ" RSVP 850-675-4587

DNOW 2025- February 14-15, Theme: Set Apart. Large Worship Gatherings are at Pine Terrace Baptist Church this year. Friday 8:00 PM. Saturday 10:AM and 7:00 PM