

Santa Rosa Baptist Association

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Director Of Missions View

Greetings!! Happy New Year!! You might think it strange the topic I have chosen to do in this article. I believe one of the most meaningful prayer requests you can have for the New Year is for the Lord to bless you with close friends. I know this is not the usual New Year's request. We pray for good health, safety for our loved ones, job promotions, good finances, etc.

Well, what is the benefit of having a close friend for 2022? I'm glad you asked. Here goes. The benefits of having a good friend in your life can be endless. A good friend can be closer than a brother or sister. Nevertheless, never underestimate the power of good friends. Good friends are there for you through good and bad times; they comfort you when you're sad, calm you down when you're angry about something, pray for you. They give advice when you need it, and they make you laugh when you need a good laugh.

There are times when loneliness gets the best of us. However, when you have a good friend, you can call and talk to that friend and make that loneliness fade away. You'll look forward to the next time you talk to your friend. A good friend can also be a mother, father, aunt or uncle—any relative will do. A good friend can be your husband or wife, perhaps even a neighbor.

Have you ever heard of man's best friend? Yes, your dog. Your dog can be your best friend, even your cat. Around Christmas time last year we lost our beloved dog Winston. He was almost 15 years old. We originally thought that we could do without another pet. We wouldn't need to go for dog walks anymore. We wouldn't have to clean up hair all over the house. We wouldn't have to pay for a kennel when we went out of town on vacation.. We did not realize how important he was to our family. Now, when we arrive home there is no one happy to see us. Someone just content to be always near us. My wife and I were in tears remembering how much he meant to us. Well, it wasn't long before we began seeking another dog companion. We checked out websites of rescued dogs.

We finally found one. Her name is Roxy. She is a mix be-

tween a Boston Terrier and an America Bulldog. She weighs 35 pounds and is white with black spots. People say she looks like a cross between the Chick-fil A cow and the Target dog. At two years old, we would not have to go through the puppy stage. She already was potty trained. First, we did a weekend testing time with her. There was no question she won over our hearts. On February 10th of this year she became our pet. My wife and I are so much happier now. We now have another friend that loves to welcome us home and follow us around the house. She loves to sit in the chair and watch TV with me. Maybe, you need a new friend like that in your life. Just to have another companion.

Good friends can help you out when you're in need, when you're sick, or when you just need a shoulder to cry on. Good friends are hard to find, but they're out there. Always be thankful for the people in your life, and realize good friends are our angels. Just as it is good to have good friends, it is also good to be a good friend to others. Never be selfish; always be selfless to others. Always lend a hand, offer a shoulder to cry on, and walk a mile in their shoes. Be non-judgmental; be kind and fair. Learn to forgive and forget, and carry on with your dear friends.

Time together is gone in a flash: a dear friend has departed, and memories of good times are left. Did you know that life is full of people that need a good friend, and your dear friends would want nothing but the best for you? Cherish the moments you have with the ones you love, and make new memories with others.

It is a blessing to have good friends in your life, and if you don't have at least one good friend in your life, I hope you remember the words of the Hymn "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." There is no one who can be the friend you need as He can. Thank you Lord, for good friends. I hope and pray that 2022 will bring joy and happiness to you and your family. I also want to thank you for the great opportunity to serve the churches of the Santa Rosa Baptist Association. Our motto is still—"Serving Jesus by serving His Churches.

Bro. Chip



Church	11/16/21 12/22/21	2021 Total
Antioch Fellowship	50.00	400.00
Avalon	314.99	1,827.64
Bagdad First	85.15	1,553.84
Berrydale	764.01	4,718.09
Billory	388.00	3,237.49
Blackwater	109.92	2,041.75
Calvary	0.00	675.00
Cora	292.70	5,707.14
East Side	100.00	1,200.00
Ferris Hill	200.00	2,400.00
Floridatown	0.00	1,650.00
Friendship	669.70	9,148.18
GB First	0.00	0.00
Harold First	64.00	775.50

Church	11/16/21 12/22/21	2021 Total
Hic. Hammock	47.62	100.00
Immanuel	1,064.88	16,463.42
James Street	81.98	538.09
Jay First	416.67	5,000.04
Journey	0.00	750.00
Korean Hope	100.00	600.00
Live Oak	25.00	300.00
Living Truth	1,288.00	14,401.00
LT East Milton	263.00	1,418.00
Midway	0.00	0.00
Milton First	0.00	11,155.75
Mission Casa	41.66	458.26
Navarre First	592.59	1,592.59
New Bethel	138.39	1,891.61

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New Life	378.99	3,128.68
Olivet	343.89	5,625.80
Pine Level	270.42	4,308.31
Pine Terrace	0.00	15,211.90
Pleasant Home	0.00	3,412.36
Providence	0.00	250.00
S. R. Shores	164.79	2,106.92
Springhill	225.00	900.00
Stump Springs	0.00	0.00
The Point, SBC	109.28	1,193.53
Wallace	975.61	11,780.67
Woodbine	100.00	900.00
Total GIFTS	9,602.24	138,821.56



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**—January 17, 2022
- ♦ **Navarre Peer Learning Group**—January 20, 2022
- ♦ **Pace Peer Learning Group**— January 27, 2022

DNOW—FEBRUARY 18 & 19 @ PINE TERRACE
FOR MORE INFO.: CONTACT Bo Mills @ 850-501-6962

Feb. 3-5, 2022—Refresh 2022 – Refreshing A Passion For The Rural Church Cornerstone Baptist Church 13797 SW CR 227, Starke Register by January 28, 2022

Feb. 4-5 2022— Collegiate Weekend
First Baptist Church Daytona Beach 10 First Baptist Pkwy, Daytona Beach
Collegiate Weekend Collegiate Weekend is a convergence of college students and leaders who want to ignite the passion for Christ in their churches and on their campuses.

Feb 7-9, 2022—Senior Fest—
Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center 39034 C.R. 452, Leesburg

Hosted by:
Immanuel Baptist Church
4187 Hwy 90
Pace, FL 32571

MARRIAGE TUNE UP

January 21 & 22, 2022

Featuring Jeff & Debby McElroy

www.IBCPace.com
850.994.6152

Attn: Pastors, Treasurers, Financial Secretaries, & Church Staff **WEBINAR**

A person will be available on-site to answer questions.

January 24, 2022

SRBA Conference Room



10:30am-12pm

Led by Gary Townsend

(Lunch will be provided in-House)

Please RSVP by Jan 17th, website: srrassociation.org or phone (850-623-8873).

A 1-hour conference where church employer responsibilities will be presented with specific requirement for the latest tax issues. Emphasis will be given to church reporting and withholding requirements by the IRS tax code. Policies and structures related to employer provided benefits will also be presented.