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VIEW

Director Of Missions View

Greetings in the name of the Lord, the One who hung the stars.

I just returned from Jacksonville Florida where I met with my fellow AMS brethren all across the state of Florida. We called it our AMS Summit. We learned a lot about the work of the Florida Baptist Convention who hosted our event at the FBC Building. We heard from Dr. Tommy Green (Executive Director/Treasurer of FBC) how we are doing in our 2025 challenge. In Church planting our goal is to plant with a sponsoring church 75 new churches—we planted 58 new church starts in 2020. Dr. Green mentioned by name our Living truth East Milton church plant led by pastor Jared Owens. He spoke about how they started on Easter Sunday 2020, but had no one physically at the service. However, there were over 100 people who watched online. Then on Easter Sunday 2021, they had around 200 in physical attendance. I was very excited that he used our Association Church plant as an example of what can happen through the Send Florida Network partnership with the Florida Baptist Convention and the North American Mission Board. Plus, it was our joy to contribute \$15,000 in 2020 and \$10,000 from our Association Church Planting Fund to support this church plant in 2021.

We heard from the Florida Baptist Financial Services led by Dr. Rick Wheeler. He shared how this organization exists only to serve FBC and it's churches in a financial support role. They are there to loan to churches to build and renovate its facilities. One new thing they are now offering churches is bookkeeping services. If you do not have a person who does that for your church, you might want to check into that service. I was very interested in the deal they are offering through June 2021. They have a 2-year certificate at 2.45%, which is a good rate for today's market. It has a \$1,000 minimum investment to get in on this deal. I bet you never thought reading my article could lead to making money for you. Lol

From our AMS Summit, we heard from Dr. Ray Gentry (President & CEO, SBCAL) on the subject of "The Potential of the Association Is Great If..... He then listed 12 ways the Association can be effective. All that he had to say challenged us in areas where we are weak to improve and where we are strong to keep up the good work. One thing he shared was "If the association focuses on relationships. He recommended that we focus on and invest in pastors. I'm so thankful that for 12+ years we have been investing in pastors and staff through our Peer Learning Groups. At present, we have some 30 ministers involved. Currently, we are reading a book entitled, "Not Forsaken" by Louie Giglio. In his book he emphasizes — the fatherhood of God. Do you know how your earthly father treated you, has a lot to do with how you perceive God as a Father? Unfortunately, many who had bad

experiences with their earthly fathers don't realize that in the Lord they have the Perfect Father. Amen.

Our own Dr. Brian Nall (Executive Director of Pensacola Bay Baptist Association) spoke to us about "Nine Orderly Steps to Church Health." Brian mentioned how he had learned much of this when he pastored Ferris Hill Baptist Church, one of our SRBA churches. It is such a joy to me to know that his experiences serving with us is being used so effectively all over the state to teach others what it takes to produce a healthy church. I told Dr. Nall, "You do know, I still don't have a right arm since you left us to go across the Escambia River."

Rick Wheeler also spoke to us about the Strategic Role of the AMS. Can you imagine, the Associational Mission Strategist has to be strategic. Do tell. I really liked what he had to say. First, he has to have faith. He must not be paralyzed in this chaotic environment, but step out in faith. Second, he must be a man of prayer. Not just asking God for things, but aligning his heart with God's. Third, he mentioned he must be observant. By this he meant we must always be watching and talking to people to better understand our mission field. Fourth, he stressed there must be collaboration. He must find out—who are the people of peace. People he can work with and collaborate with. He said, "You don't have to have every church member on board to initiate something. In summation, I really like what he said, "Don't neglect leadership for management."

To conclude my article, we heard from a man named Mark Minck. He came to speak to us about the "Human Life Protection Amendment." There is a movement going on—that is seeking to protect unborn babies in Florida. He told us that in the constitution of our State there are laws that protect the lives of pregnant pigs and unborn turtles. Since, the Florida Legislation will not take up this issue of the protection of human life, they are seeking on the ballot for November 2022 a Constitutional Amendment. The Amendment wording says this: "**All human beings have a right to life regardless of age, illness, or disability when there is a detectable heartbeat.**" It's going to take 891,589 Petitions signed by Florida voters in order to get this amendment language on the ballot for a statewide vote. How can you help? By signing a petition. You can go to www.HumanLifeFL.com to get a petition, you can help circulate petition packets containing 20 petitions, and you can donate to help the cost of printing and mailing of petitions. We have several packets you can pick up at the SRBA Office. Please get involved for the sake of the unborn of which in Florida in a year, 70,000 unborn babies were surgically aborted. ...God bless you!

Bro. Chip



Church	4/15/21 5/15/21	2021 Total
Antioch Fellowship	0.00	50.00
Avalon	321.50	768.84
Bagdad First	178.38	747.74
Berrydale	422.52	1,818.75
Billory	0.00	1,103.73
Blackwater	180.78	813.78
Calvary	0.00	300.00
Cora	416.11	2,621.68
East Side	100.00	500.00
Ferris Hill	200.00	1,000.00
Floridatown	0.00	600.00
Friendship	654.90	3,560.35
GB First	0.00	0.00
Harold First	50.00	271.61

Church	4/15/21 5/15/21	2021 Total
Hic. Hammock	0.00	100.00
Immanuel	2,152.48	8,688.78
James Street	30.32	154.15
Jay First	416.67	2,083.35
Journey	0.00	500.00
Korean Hope	50.00	200.00
Live Oak	25.00	125.00
Living Truth	0.00	4,459.00
LT East Milton	0.00	357.00
Midway	0.00	0.00
Milton First	1,155.00	6,492.05
Mission Casa	41.66	166.84
Navarre First	**	**
New Bethel	191.79	890.68

Church	4/15/21 5/15/21	2021 Total
New Life	116.70	981.41
Olivet	802.64	2,618.75
Pine Level	418.38	2,170.34
Pine Terrace	1,212.72	7,531.59
Pleasant Home	0.00	926.51
Providence	0.00	250.00
S. R. Shores	188.53	883.22
Springhill	0.00	225.00
Stump Springs	0.00	0.00
The Point, SBC	0.00	315.06
Wallace	901.10	5,058.73
Woodbine	100.00	400.00
Total GIFTS	10,377.18	59,733.74

** Final giving reported in the Annual Book of Reports.



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
June 7, 2021
- ◆ Navarre Peer Learning Group
June 10, 2021
- ◆ Pace Peer Learning Group
June 24, 2021



Disaster Relief

Training | Milton

Location: Pine Terrace Baptist Church | 6212 Pine Blossom Road, Milton FL 32570

Date: June 5, 2021 **Time:** 9:00 AM–3:30 PM

There is no Pre-Registration for this event. On-site Registration will begin at 8:30 am on June 5.



Southern Baptist Convention— NASHVILLE, TN — JUNE 13-16, 2021

Join us at the Nashville Music City Center for four full days of equipping, and inspiration. With more than 100 ancillary meetings, events, and gatherings throughout the week, you'll connect with leaders and laypersons from around the country to be encouraged, equipped and mobilized for Kingdom work.

What's Up With VBS 2021?

All reported VBS ministry for this year is On-Site.

- New Life, Destination Dig, JUNE 27-7/1, 5-8:15pm
- Pine Level, Concrete & Cranes, JUNE 14-18, 5:30-7:30pm
- The Point, church plant-Needs Volunteers to help them with VBS
- Jay FBC, Concrete & Cranes, JUNE 21-25, 9am til Noon
- Immanuel, Destination Dig, JUNE 21-25, 9am-12:15pm
- Pine Terrace, Destination Dig, JUNE 21-25,
- Milton FBC, Mystery Isle, JUNE 28-July 2
- Wallace, Knights of the North Castle, JUNE/21-25, 9-11:30am
- Living Truth Church, Press Play, July 12-16, 9-12pm
- Avalon, Fun Factory, July 26-30, 5:30-8:30, lite meal @ 5pm
- Billory, Boot Camp, July 5-9, 6pm
- Calvary, Concrete & Cranes, July 18-23, 5:30-8:30, lite meal served