

"The Days of Elijah"

April 2011

From Your DOM:



I love the Old Testament Prophets because they told it like it was. Nothing was watered down and they even got a reputation of doing that so much that the king hesitated to call on them when they wanted to do something themselves. These men listened to God, spent time in the Torah and worshipped Him. They were continually reminded in their listening and learning that God was still the same. He could do all things then as He had done in the past. Many who read this don't really believe this anymore. We live in a self sustaining world. We can get by on our own or with little help. We are well off or at least eating what we want (more than we should).

Micaiah was such a prophet who told it like it was. He was unpopular because he told the people and the king what God was saying. I Kings 22:14 reads "And Micaiah said, As the LORD liveth, what the LORD saith unto me, that will I speak." Will you do that? Do you do that?

Some of you do say what the Lord tells you, but not all. Yes, I said not all. Perhaps, some of you preach a watered down gospel. It is weak and it is falling on people's ears who are weak. Do you preach condemnation all the time? No, by no means! I pray for you to preach Jesus and Him crucified for the sins of man. Some of you, do but not all. We must stand together and preach Jesus in the power of the old testament prophets.

How much time, Preachers, do you really spend in prayer for the right to stand before your church and say "Thus saith the Lord"? Many of you are whining about revenue and expenses, people leaving the church, no one being saved, holding back on mission giving, taking another route of cooperation that cost less. The reason being is you are not standing in your called position and saying "thus saith the Lord". Churches are in the greatest crisis of belief in my life time. We are just not able to believe God like the prophets did. We are self sufficient in our home life and our faith and church life. Preacher, stand up and say to your people "Thus saith the Lord" and don't hold back! Remember, to do that you must stay on your knees and say 'Lord, what do you want me to say!!' Then and only then will your people begin to respond with faithfulness. Church members—are you praying for your pastor?

What is your association doing to help you stay on your knees? Having another conference? No! We are planning a worship like none other. A worship that will call us to an old time revival, one that will call us to old time repentance in a new day. This one will be like the "Days of Elijah" when he called all the gods and their representatives in and showed them the Great Power of Almighty God. Who is going to usher in such a worship? What great preachers are going to bring such a Word? Two of our local faithful men and a testimony of two others will bring a Word from God and our lives will be changed forever. So participate now in prayer that God will come over us and cause us to see our lack of faith and renew us to Himself and come to the worship event April 14, 2011 at Turning Point at Calvary in St. Augustine at 6:45. - **Bro. Asa**

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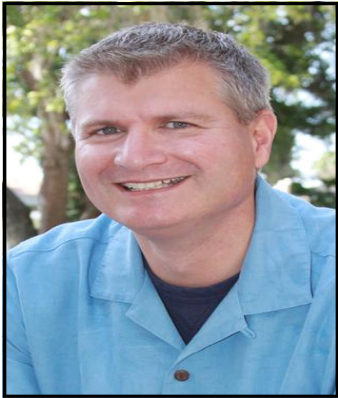
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April 14, SJRBA Semi-Annual Meeting...

Meet your Guest Speakers for the Semi-Annual Meeting



Dr. Walter West

Senior Pastor, Anastasia Baptist Church

After serving on the pastoral staff for 10 years, Walter was called to serve as Senior Pastor of Anastasia Baptist Church in 2008. Walter is a graduate of Tennessee Tech University (1986, music education), Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (1990, Master of Divinity), and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (2008, Doctor of Ministry). Walter has previously served churches in Texas, Tennessee, Germany and Canada. He and his wife, Elisa, have three children, Beth, Billy, and Ben.

Dr. Mark Conrad

Senior Pastor, Turning Point at Calvary

Mark was called to serve as Senior Pastor of Turning Point in February 1998. He is a graduate of the University of Florida (1981, Bachelor of Science), New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (1985, Master of Divinity), and North Carolina College of Theology (2001, Doctorate). Mark and his wife, Deborah, have three children, Gretchen, Hunter, and Cassie. In his spare time, Mark enjoys hunting and camping with his family in the mountains.



Turning Point at Calvary is located at 3500 SR 16, St. Augustine

There will be dinner for Pastors & Wives beginning at 5:30 pm for those who RSVP.

The Semi-annual Meeting will begin at 7:00 pm.

FREE Childcare will be provided for children 10 and younger.

To RSVP for dinner or childcare, contact the SJRBA Office by April 11.

Attention Pastors

Church Assessment

April 7—April 8

The time is drawing to a close for your church assessment. Trained assessors from the North American Mission Board have been called to come and help us assist churches in vision setting and implementation. During this interview time, you will also have an opportunity to evaluate us, your Association.

If you have not signed up and still desire to do this, please contact us at the office. There is a very short, three question survey you will need to complete before you sit down with the NAMB assessor. Interviews are being scheduled for Thursday, April 7 or Friday, April 8.



Please put the following Pastors and Churches in your bulletin and pray for them during the month of April:

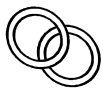
Date	Church	Pastor
03	Slavic Baptist of Palm Coast	Mikhail Marchenko
03	South Putnam Church	Brian Baker
06	Southside Baptist Church	Ray Johnson
10	Tabernacle Baptist Church	Wes Taylor
10	The Church at Vilano	Sam Schlegel
13	Trinity Baptist Church	Chuck Coburn
17	Turning Point at Calvary	Mark Conrad
17	Welaka First Baptist Church	Mike Stanley
20	Westside Baptist Church	Will Eastham
24	Woodlawn Baptist Church	L.D. Osteen
24	Amazing Grace Baptist Church	David Wheat
27	Anastasia Baptist Church	Walter West

... 7:00 pm at Turning Point in St. Augustine

April Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays:

- 5—Faith (Mrs. David) Dixon, Dunns Creek
- 6—David Wheat, Amazing Grace Baptist Church
- 9—Tony Putnam, Palm Coast Community
- 10—Gwen (Mrs. J.O.) McLeod, Crescent Beach
- 11—John Cameron, Midway Baptist
- 12—Derald Harrington, College Park Baptist
- 16—Myra (Mrs. John) Cameron, Midway Baptist
- 18—Brenda (Mrs. L.D.) Osteen, Woodlawn Baptist
- 25—Gary Munson, Pomona Park First Baptist
- 27—Leigh Anne (Mrs. Howie) Nunamaker, SJRBA/Midway
- 29—Gregg Fischer, Turning Point at Calvary



Wedding Anniversaries:

- 1—Dan & Sharon Blasiole, 39 years, Berean Baptist
- 3—Don & Ellen Passmore, 46 years, Beulah Baptist
- 5—Mark & Deborah Conrad, 31 years, Turning Point
- 8—Eddie & Jackie Humes, 56 years, Paran Baptist
- 12—Joey & Donna Floyd, 13 Years, River Road Baptist
- 14—Harold & Mary Susan Wilson, 38 years, College Park
- 22—Carl & Rayel Christiansen, 16 years, Circle J

Ministry Anniversaries:

- 1—Gregg Fischer, 18 years, Turning Point @ Calvary
- 1—Karl Flagg, 20 years, Mt. Tabor First Baptist Church
- 1—Walter West, 13 years, Anastasia Baptist
- 4—Eddie Parcher, 5 years, Palatka First Baptist
- 24—Daniel Anderson, 1 year, Anastasia Baptist
- 29—Robby Paxton, 6 years, Beulah Baptist



Associational Clerk Needed

The SJRBA is seeking a volunteer to fill the role of Clerk for the Association. Please call Asa or Leigh Anne at 386-328-5575 for more information.

WMU Group Wanted



A local WMM/WMU group is needed to feed 5 hungry missionaries on Tuesday, April 19th at the Association Office. If your WMM/WMU group can cook a good Southern meal and bless these missionaries, please call us at 386-328-5575 or email sjrba@bellsouth.net.



Thank you!



THURSDAY MAY 5, 2011

Mark Your Calendars

**60th Annual Observance of the
National Day of Prayer**

Undesignated Gifts From Our Churches for Associational Missions

Church	February	YTD
Amazing Grace	472.49	472.49
Anastasia	3,483.32	7,014.58
Ancient City	666.66	1333.40
Berean	90.73	217.08
Beulah	489.46	822.28
Bostwick	100.00	100.00
Bunnell	500.00	1000.00
Calvary	348.47	625.17
Circle J	0.00	86.91
College Park	468.73	912.21
Community	340.94	816.62
Crescent Beach	1,482.63	2,732.63
Crescent City	0.00	200.00
Cross Road Comm.	338.43	693.43
Dunham Woods	53.72	95.66
Dunns Creek	0.00	550.00
Epic Church	290.94	599.68
Flagler Estates	0.00	172.91
Flagler West	56.76	127.34
Francis	584.43	584.43
Freedom	0.00	0.00
Grace Community	109.56	235.46
Gracepointe	0.00	86.24
Hastings	0.00	316.85
Hillcrest	0.00	0.00
Interlachen First	1,014.81	1,935.29
McDowell	0.00	1,008.40
Midway	420.91	1,026.01
Moultrie	175.62	300.14
Mt. Olive	0.00	0.00
Mt. Tabor	200.00	200.00
New Cross Creek	108.29	196.66
Oak Avenue	235.00	638.00
Palatka First	650.00	1,300.00
Palm Coast Comm.	50.00	100.00
Paran	209.74	209.74
Peniel	776.22	1,233.71
Petra	50.00	150.00
Pomona Park	339.04	632.80
Providence	511.74	869.04
River Road	566.27	566.27
San Mateo First	0.00	0.00
Satsuma	41.88	72.80
Slavic Baptist	50.00	100.00
South Putnam	0.00	100.00
Southside	326.44	606.26
St. Johns Avenue	83.70	83.70
St. Johns Baptist	0.00	0.00
Tabernacle	657.99	1,258.67
The Church @ Vilano	62.57	110.68
Trinity	0.00	168.50
Turning Point	592.00	1,423.00
Welaka First	305.00	825.00
Westside	0.00	0.00
Woodlawn	390.49	779.86

*Deposits made thru 02/28/11



Pastor Spotlight



Name: Wes Taylor
Church: Tabernacle Baptist
Family: Married to Thresha and has two sons, Chris & Steve
Bio: Graduated from Palatka South High in 1977 and received his degree from Covington Theological Seminary. He recently celebrated his 7th anniversary as Senior Pastor of Tabernacle. In his spare time, Bro. Wes enjoys fishing and working in his Koi pond.

MINISTERS FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Guest Speaker: Dr. Walter West



April 28, 2011
Calvary Baptist Church
 3005 S Palm Ave., Palatka
 The Ministers' Fellowship Luncheon is the 4th Thursday of each month at 11:30. For more details, please call the SJRBA at (386) 328-5575 or Dr. Kirby Kennedy at 328-1531.



**SJRBA Vacation Bible
School Clinic**
Thursday, May 5th, 2011
College Park Baptist Church
 3435 Crill Avenue, Palatka

Please call the Association Office at 386-328-5575 or email sjrba@bellsouth.net with any questions.



**Annual Ministry
Assistants and
Church Secretaries
Conference**

This year's Ministry Assistants and Church Secretaries Conference will be **Thursday, May 12, 2011**, at Ancient City Baptist Church in St. Augustine. The conference will start at 10:00 a.m. with registration beginning at 9:30. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Leigh Anne Nunamaker or Mary Susan Wilson at the Association office to register or for more information. (386) 328-5575 or sjrba@bellsouth.net.



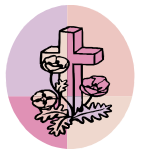
For more information please visit www.flbaptistdisaster.org or call 800-226-8584 ext 3121

Interim or Supply Pastor Available

Rev. LeRoy Lewis, former Senior Pastor of First Baptist San Mateo is available for Interim or Supply Pastor. Bro. LeRoy can be reached at (386) 649-5491.



In observance of Good Friday, the SJRBA office will be closed on Friday, April 22nd, and will re-open on Monday, April 25th.



Peniel Baptist Academy 2011-2012 Registration PK 2—12th Grade

Peniel Baptist Academy is a ministry of Peniel Baptist Church. For over 40 years, PBA has endeavored to educate students to the Glory of God. The Academy is fully accredited by the FACCS and uses the ABEKA Curriculum.

For a registration packet, feel free to call Peniel Baptist Academy at (386) 328-1707. You may also visit their web-site at www.peniellacademy.org and click on "Admissions" for registration information.

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