

## St. Johns River Baptist Association

“Serving Southern Baptist Churches in Flagler, Putnam, and St. Johns Counties”

EMPOWERING  
KINGDOM  
GROWTH

Seeking First the King and His Kingdom

# THE BUILDER

February 2011

## Church Plant

You had a part in these efforts with your gifts in the offering plate!

For every step forward a church planter takes, he inevitably will have to take 6 steps back. Most of the churches planted statistically fail. While this may discourage some, it did not stop Trent Schake of *Epic Ministries* and Charles Litzell of *New Cross Creek*.

Spurred by the message of the Great Commission, these new churches have developed into strong mission minded centers. For them, the Gospel message of Jesus Christ is supreme in both their structure, their lives, and their outreach. Each of these churches began with the leading of the Holy Spirit and each continues under that same inspiration.

The Holy Spirit directing Pastors in strong churches to lead out in this church planting effort made the difference and “sacrifice” is the key.

Palm Coast Community, which was a church plant of Peniel Baptist many years ago, saw a need to reach 18—35 year olds. They knew the cost and asked the Florida Baptist Convention and the St. Johns River Baptist Association to come along side them to help. They gave a staff member, money, church members, and God has multiplied their efforts. The Epic Church is currently averaging 200 in attendance with offerings averaging \$13,500. 30 people have been baptized.

The next great example of a mother church is

Woodlawn Baptist Church. When Charles Litzell approached them, they came with a good bit of money (over \$50,000) and several members to help. The Florida Baptist Convention and this Association have contributed to this start, too.

*New Cross Creek Baptist Church* began by the direction of the Holy Spirit. In 2009, Charles was driving across Central Florida when he felt the Holy Spirit urging him to take another route. Pulling into the drive away of an abandoned church building, Charles wept upon seeing the “For Sale” sign. Now a community that had no church is now alive with a gospel witness. This once abandoned building is filled to almost 90% capacity, averaging over 80 in attendance and have had several people saved.



The March 2011 “The Builder” will feature two more church plants within the Saint Johns River Baptist Association.

**PLANT A CHURCH...**Has God placed this burden on your heart? Is your church considering this new role? Make 2011 the year to plant a church. SJRBA wants to assist you with during this exciting and wonderful time.

### An Opportunity to Serve

During his address at the Florida Baptist Convention, David Uth encouraged every pastor to participate in a mission trip this year. To help facilitate this, the Florida Baptists’ Partnership Mission Department is organizing a five-day evangelistic mission trip for pastors in Haiti. The St. Johns River Baptist Association is offering to pay half of the expenses for two pastors. To take advantage of this opportunity, please contact the Association Office at (386) 328-5575 or [sjrba@bellsouth.net](mailto:sjrba@bellsouth.net).

Join the  
Mission  
April 2-6



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# From Your DOM



Now that the holidays are over and we are left with looking forward to the new year, I wonder what you are looking forward to accomplishing? I preached a sermon last Sunday night at First Baptist San Mateo, taking my text from Haggai 1. In that passage, Haggai says, "Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the LORD". (Haggai 1:8) I was challenged myself about how I am building my temple. The Bible tells us in 2 Corinthians 6:16 that we are the temple of the Holy Spirit and the way we are is going to be the way the church is. If we are weak and worldly, our church will be the same way. If we are full of life and faith to believe a God who is great enough to do all things then our church will be that way. How your church is today is a true reflection of who you are in the Lord Jesus. If you are selfish, your church is selfish. If you have little faith, then your church has little faith. Read this whole chapter of Haggai 1 and see how unsatisfied you will be if you build the house for yourself and leave God's house unattended. Just look at the unattended houses on your way to church next Sunday and say, "Does my spiritual house look like that?" God accepts repentant hearts and sets us right. I had to personally ask Him to renew me again to a right spirit so I could be a positive reflection of His Power and not my human weakness.

The work of the Association continues! Please be in prayer as we begin laying the groundwork for some new churches. I have two young church planters wanting to come and begin the work. Our Florida Baptist Convention is so good about helping get these groups going so PLEASE pray and continue to give to the Cooperative Program and your local association.

We are beginning a process asking each Pastor to evaluate the ministry of the church God has called him to lead. This is a simple questionnaire and a one-on-one meeting at the Association Office for an hour to complete this process. **Please** Pastors, take this as an opportunity to be able to refocus your church and then help your association get in on the same focus. We exist to encourage, engage, and enhance your ministry. We want to come along side you to see you succeed for the glory of God. I will be calling on you in the near future to help fill out these questionnaires.

We are also developing a new Constitution and By-Laws to help the functioning of the Association. We want to get more input from our churches in leading the association. We are excited about the new challenges the world is offering our churches and the way we will meet those challenges for the Glory of God! Please call on me if we can assist you with training, preaching, teaching, or mission trips.

Lydia and I just got back from France. The need there is great and we met with our missionaries there to discuss the opportunities to take short-term trips there. We will be going at least one time this year. More details are coming. Our hope is to start a church in the Paris area. Get ready because this will be an adventure of a lifetime.

Thank you for the privilege of serving you as Director of Missions. Thank you for the Christmas gifts and the love and letters you have shown to me and my family.

Blessings!

**Asa**

## Attention: Pastors

How would you answer the following questions?

1. Who are we as a church?
2. Where are we going?
3. How do we get there?
4. Why are we in this community?

You will be able to answer these questions and more after an interview on **April 7—8, 2011**.

Pastor, please set aside on your calendar 1 hour on one of these days to come by the office. If you've not already received a packet with the explanation of this opportunity & questionnaire, please contact the Association office. This isn't a test, there are no wrong answers. If you have your packet, then please call the SJRBA office & schedule your interview time.

You'll be glad you did!

**April 7—8, 2011**



**Please put the following pastors in your bulletin and pray for them during the month of February:**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Pastor</u>
06	Hillcrest Baptist Church	Willie McKinnon
06	Interlachen First Baptist	Tony Clubb
09	McDowell Baptist Church	Clarence Blalock
13	Midway Baptist Church	John Cameron
13	Moultrie Baptist Church	Sandy Colley
16	Mt. Olive Baptist Church	Dan Davis
20	Mt. Tabor First Baptist	Karl Flagg
20	New Cross Creek Baptist	Charles Litzell
23	Oak Avenue Baptist	Ron Carlberg
27	Palatka First Baptist	Kirby Kennedy
27	Palm Coast Community	Billy Wight

## February Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Happy Birthday to...

2—Dr. John Andes, FBC Pomona Park  
 2—Rev. Willie McKinnon, Hillcrest Baptist  
 6—Rev. Fred Hurst, Southside Baptist  
 7—Rev. Mike Stanley, Welaka First Baptist  
 7—Ann (Mrs. Alfred) Johns, Satsuma Baptist  
 10—Marilyn (Mrs. Tom) Harris, Woodlawn Baptist  
 10—Kay (Mrs. Barry) Spence, San Mateo First Baptist  
 12—Bro. Don Burnett, St. Johns Avenue Baptist  
 13—Doris (Mrs. Clarence) Blalock, McDowell Baptist  
 15—Cara (Mrs. Benny) Reynolds, Peniel Baptist  
 24—Rev. Ray Johnson, Southside Baptist  
 24—Rev. Bill Wing, Peniel Baptist  
 26—Jackie (Mrs. Eddie) Humes, Paran Baptist



### Happy Anniversary to...



24—Russ & Linda Arnold, Southside Baptist, 42 yrs  
 24—Howie & Leigh Anne Nunamaker, SJRBA, 10 yrs

### Ministry Anniversaries...

1—Rev. Sandy Colley, Moultrie Baptist, 4 years  
 6—Rev. David Vannoy, Community Baptist, 17 years  
 15—Dr. Mark Conrad, Turning Point @ Calvary, 13 years  
 17—Rev. Mike Stanley, Welaka Baptist, 3 years  
 18—Rev. John Cameron, Midway Baptist, 11 years  
 25—Rev. Lester Jenkins, Peniel Baptist, 15 years  
 29—Rev. Terry Wright, Dunns Creek Baptist, 7 years



Annual RA/GA Missions Track Meet  
 Saturday, March 5, 2011  
 8:30 a.m. @ Palatka High School

The Associational Track Meet will be held at the Palatka High School. All track meet participants and their leadership **MUST** be present for the track meet Parade of Churches and Orientation at 8:30 A.M.

Call Bro. Harold Trujillo at 386-325-1426 for details.

## Congratulations



## on the arrival of your baby boy

Congratulations to Joe & Leah Thomas on the birth of their 2nd son, Isaac. Isaac was born Friday, January 28, weighing 9 lbs 8 oz

and almost 22 inches long. Big Brother, Joseph, is very excited about the addition to their family!

**91.3 Hope FM** is our local Christian radio station. They will help you advertise your church events for free! Go to [www.whif.org](http://www.whif.org) and click on the link to add an event to the community calendar. You can also go in and record your own commercial. Visit their website or call 386-325-3334 for more information.



## Undesignated Gifts from Our Churches for Associational Missions

Church	December	YTD
Anastasia	3012.44	41,426.35
Ancient City	750.00	9,000.00
Berean		1,66.45
Bethel of Palm Coast		324.76
Beulah	570.19	7,169.75
Bostwick		1,000.00
Bunnell FBC	1,000.00	5,850.00
Calvary	246.30	3,444.73
Circle J Cowboy		340.65
College Park	331.55	3,865.19
Community	238.61	3,865.19
Crescent Beach	1,250.00	16,250.00
Crescent City FBC	200.00	2,400.00
Cross Road Comm.	394.95	3,994.96
Dunham Woods	74.64	827.51
Dunns Creek	300.00	3,300.00
Epic Church	227.94	2,419.08
F.A.R.M		4.00
Flagler Estates		1,061.94
Flagler West Comm.	47.62	522.51
Francis	591.69	7,174.75
Freedom		200.00
Grace Community	91.68	1,312.06
Gracepointe	665.94	1,940.01
Hastings FBC	194.36	3,481.02
Hillcrest		1,211.72
Interlachen FBC	735.85	9,808.13
McDowell		3,861.70
Midway	297.20	4,404.72
Moultrie	117.54	1,610.95
Mt. Olive		600.00
Mt. Tabor FBC	200.00	1,200.00
New Cross Creek	77.38	683.60
Oak Avenue		2,408.00
Palatka FBC	650.00	7,800.00
Palm Coast Comm.	50.00	600.00
Paran		498.76
Peniel	387.00	5,900.51
Petra	100.00	1,100.00
Pomona Park FBC	264.56	4,081.51
Providence	418.63	4,727.82
River Road		1,881.71
San Mateo FBC	340.00	5,840.98
Satsuma	14.85	454.56
Slavic Baptist	50.00	600.00
South Putnam		655.57
Southside	159.62	3,456.18
St. Johns Ave	243.69	1,748.96
St. Johns Baptist		1,187.42
Tabernacle		3549.79
The Church at Vilano	28.22	564.06
Trinity	149.91	2,840.59
Turning Point		6,333.52
Welaka FBC	351.00	3,566.00
Woodlawn	335.10	4,061.77

\*Deposits made thru December 31, 2010

## FLORIDA DISASTER RELIEF MINISTRY

2011 Regional Training Dates  
9:00 AM—3:00 PM

- March 19—Region 2—First Baptist Lee  
April 2—Region 6—First Baptist Sarasota  
April 16—Region 3—First Baptist Ocala  
May 7\*—Region 5—First Baptist Melbourne  
May 21—Region 7—Gulf Stream Association  
June 4\*—Region 1—Hiland Park Baptist, Panama City  
June 18\*—Region 4—Bethel Baptist, Lakeland

For more details contact the Disaster Relief office by email: [disaster@flbaptist.org](mailto:disaster@flbaptist.org); visit their website at [www.flbaptistdisaster.org](http://www.flbaptistdisaster.org), or call (800) 226-8584.

*\*Emergency Services Chaplaincy will only be offered on the dates marked with an asterisk.*

## SJRBA Calendar

### February

- 5— 8:00 am – Associational Men's Breakfast/  
Tabernacle Baptist Church  
17— 11:30 am—Church Planter's Network Meeting/  
SJRBA office  
24— 11:30 am—Pastors Fellowship Luncheon  
25— 6:30 pm—Associational Evangelism Strategy  
Training/Midway Baptist Church  
25 & 26—CISM Training /Eastside Baptist Church,  
Marianna, FL  
26— North Florida VBS Clinic for Associational VBS  
Leaders / Madison Street Baptist, Starke

### March

- 5— 8:00 am—Associational Men's Breakfast/  
Tabernacle Baptist Church  
8:30 am—Annual RA/GA Track Meet—Palatka  
High School Track  
12— Raindate for RA/GA Track Meet  
18-26—Putnam County Fair, East Palatka  
19— 8:30 am—Noon—Associational Sunday School  
Training / First Baptist Palatka

## Classes

SJRBA will be hosting classes for FREE! Everyone is invited to attend. This is a great opportunity for biblical enrichment and Christian fellowship.

If you are interested, please call or send an email to the Association Office.



## Associational Sunday School Training Saturday, March 19, 2011

First Baptist Palatka  
8:30 a.m.—Noon

March 19, Josh and Missy Hunt and Ken Mann will be leading this training at the First Baptist Church, Palatka. Josh and Missy are professional growth consultants in Sunday School growth and ministry. Ken Mann is the Senior High and Family Minister at Chet's Creek Baptist Church in Jacksonville.

Saturday morning, Josh will lead adult leaders in Sunday School ministry. Ken Mann will lead Youth leaders and Missy Hunt will lead Preschool and Children's Leaders. Saturday's meetings will begin with a continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m. and will conclude at noon.

FBC Palatka is located at 501 Oak Street in Palatka. Please reserve the time on your calendars.

[www.upward.org](http://www.upward.org)



Upward Basketball & Cheerleading for girls and boys in grades 3 thru 6 is being brought to you by the First Baptist Church of Palatka, 501 Oak Street, Palatka. For more information or to register, contact Michael Helms at 386-546-5110 or Neal Chancey at 386-916-0072. or visit their website at [www.firstbaptistpalatka.com](http://www.firstbaptistpalatka.com). The initial deadline to register is February 5.

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