



# The Builder

January 2011

## A Word from Your Director of Missions

December calls us all to reflect on the real meaning of life. We begin to celebrate Christmas. We have since we were born and will until we die even if we have to do it in secret. I like what one of our churches is doing this Christmas: they are offering a class on the meaning of Christmas. I do well to reflect on what this season really means. Jesus our savior was born. He gave His life for you and me. It is and was the greatest gift ever given. I think on the terms of peace on earth and good will toward men and struggle because I live in a world that has been able to snuff out the peace on earth by wars. Also where peace even exists in the church is a rarity. Appreciating each other for where we are in our walk with Jesus is what this season can be about. I can appreciate my friends that God has given me to share in life's goodness. I can also appreciate those who think differently than me and hopefully show them the "truth" born in a manger so long ago. When you think of this then Jesus becomes more real and effective in our lives and to those around us and can bring that much needed peace.

Peace on Earth, in the family, in the church, in the work place and in our world is what we really seek. There can be peace on earth if we could simply grasp this Christmas holiday for what it is really worth. If we could simply come to worship God for what He has done for us and let this be our driving factor of the season. He gave His life for you and me so we could have forgiveness. He provided a way for me to know life in the fullness so I will just praise His holy and matchless name. I will clasp on to Him in this life of no peace and good will and will allow Him to create peace and good will through me. Will you?

January kicks off a fast and furious new year for your association. We have laid out plans to take two overseas mission trips, start three new churches, have a Mother -Teenage Daughter Seminar like nothing you have ever seen. We also look to the semi-annual meeting with great anticipation as we vote on the changes in our constitution and bylaws. We will have outreach events again at the Putnam County fair

in March and in St. Augustine on July 4th. We will train Pastors in the Bible, VBS workers in the training of their children and youth. We'll have our pastors/fellowship meetings and opportunities to fellowship with each other. We'll do pastor and wives training in WVA, construction locally and in south Florida. We will make an impact on church planting in Cote D'Ivoire, Russia, and China. We'll hear from some of our missionaries who come to share with our churches. We will survey our churches to get a better understanding of who you are and what you want of your association. My prayer is to see each church on focus for the Kingdom with many coming to Christ in ways we have never seen before. We can believe God to give these things to us as we pray and work together.

May your Christmas be filled with Joy and Peace that only comes from Jesus. May your New Year be the greatest year of growth in Jesus that you have ever experienced, and may your Association have a vital part in that growth.

Thank each of you for allowing me to serve you as DOM. May we continue to praise God with everything in us as we work together believing Him for the impossible.

- ASA



**EXECUTIVE MEETING:**  
January 27, 2011  
7:00 PM @ FBC WELAKA

PLEASE CONTINUE TO GIVE TO THE **LOTTIE MOON** CHRISTMAS OFFERING DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER



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## 22nd Annual RA/GA Racer Rally Results

On November 6th, 2010, the 23rd Annual Racer Rally was hosted by St. Johns Avenue Baptist Church. Marc Hooks, a former RA and current missionary to Russia spoke to everyone about the current mission efforts going on in Russia. A fun time was had by all and we look forward to seeing more RA's and GA's next year!

The five participating churches were College Park, Interlachen FBC, Midway, St. Johns, and Woodlawn.

### Congratulations!

- Participation Trophy:** St. Johns Baptist  
**1st Place Overall Church:** St. Johns Baptist  
**2nd Place Overall Church:** Woodlawn Baptist  
**3rd Place Overall Church:** FBC Interlachen  
**Fastest Car Overall:** Cameron Sapp/ College Park



## January Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Birthdays



- 2—B.J. (Mrs. Jim) Bullock, Palm Coast Comm.  
 28—Sam Schlegel, The Church at Vilano



### Wedding Anniversaries

- 17—Gregg & Ginger Eason, 24 years  
 24—Ron & Lois Carlberg, 58 years

### Ministry Anniversaries

- 01—Chad Perry, Worship Pastor, Dunns Creek, 5 yrs.  
 01—Mason Reigger, Youth Minister, Anastasia, 11 yrs.  
 01—Benny Reynolds, Pastor, Peniel, 8 yrs.  
 01—Billy Wight, Pastor, Palm Coast Comm., 16 yrs.  
 02—David Eddins, Pastor, Bostwick, 5 yrs.  
 15—Gary Munson, Pastor, Pomona Park, 16 yrs.



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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Pastor</u>
01/02	Crescent Beach	Dr. David Beauchamp
01/02	FBC Crescent City	Dr. David Shull
01/05	Cristiana Ebenezer	Rev. Jose Carvajal
01/09	Cross Road Comm	Rev. Tim Hall
01/09	Dunham Woods	Rev Garry Taylor (I)
01/12	Dunns Creek	Rev. Terry Wright
01/16	Epic	Rev. Trent Schake
01/16	Flagler Estates	Rev. Kurt Hasselman
01/19	Flagler West	Rev. Shannon Dann (I)
01/23	Francis Baptist	Dr. Buddy Lynch
01/23	Freedom Baptist	Rev. Jeff Gatlin
01/26	Grace Community	Rev. Mark Pope
01/30	Gracepointe	Rev. Jim Smith (I)
01/30	FBC Hastings	Rev. Barry Mathis (I)

## SJRBA Calendar

### January—February 2011

#### January

- 14 Associational Pastors Stewardship Meeting/  
 6:30—8:30pm, Location To Be Announced  
 17 MLK Holiday/Office Closed  
 20 Ministers, Churches & IRS Updates  
 6:30—8:30pm, McDowell Baptist  
 27 **Executive Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm**  
 at Welaka First Baptist Church  
 30 SBC Day of Prayer; for details, please visit  
[www.namb.net/SBCdayofprayer](http://www.namb.net/SBCdayofprayer)

#### February

- 4—5 SJRBA Mother & Daughter Retreat—details  
 coming soon  
 5 Associational Men's Breakfast 8:00 a.m. at  
 Tabernacle Baptist Church  
 25 Associational Evangelism Workshop,  
 6:30-8:30pm; place TBA  
 26 North Florida VBS Clinic/Black Creek Assn.

## NAMB CHURCH ASSESSMENTS

**APRIL 7—8, 2011**

Pastor, 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 after an interview on **April 7—8, 2011**.

Pastor, please set aside on your calendar one hour on one of these days to come by the office. More details coming soon!

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