

Joining God on Mission Together.

"Stand up and praise the LORD your God, who is from everlasting to everlasting." "Blessed be your glorious name, and may it be exalted above all blessing and praise.

Nehemiah 9:5

Mission Opportunities

Ongoing Opportunities-

- * **Feeding Ministry** partnered with First Baptist Live Oak. Volunteers needed weekly
- * **FBC, Live oak Men's** Prayer Breakfast WED. 6:30 in the sanctuary

Mt. Gilead Food Ministry 2nd & 4th Sat 7:30 - 11:30 (corner of Hwy 90 W and Falmouth rd.) Gene Watson: 386-209-4252 O'Brien Baptist Food Ministry 3rd Tuesday 10:00 - 1:00 9544 E. CR 349, O'Brien, FL Keith Jones: 352-210-2219

Volunteers needed

See ALL the Information on the website sbalive.net

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If you have something that you would like posted on this page, send a Facebook message to the page administrators. You may also call or email Normally I would write some closing comments to our ministry and mission experiences for the year. But I do not know the words to say what is in the depth of my heart. How can I express the reality that joy comes out of our sorrow? Speaking of achieved goals, new work, and vision seems so shallow this year. I cannot justify wading in the shallow water when the cost of discipleship been so great and being on mission has come at such a great cost.

But there is this one thing. God steps in. We have experienced this, that at that moment of crisis He is there. At that moment of deepest loss, He makes Himself known. In no uncertain terms He says to us, "I am here. Trust Me." And so, we decide then and there if we really believe or it's just a façade.

But then something totally unexpected happens and He sends an army. And that army includes the countless prayers of brothers and sisters in Christ who come to our aid, and stand beside us, and continually lift us up, bearing our burden with us. How precious you are.

As one day rolls into another we are being broken and healed at the same time. Or perhaps the brokenness that was always there is just simply being exposed so that our loving Father in heaven can apply His healing to a preexisting condition. But then we find that "His mercies are new every morning" really does mean something. And just as there are new waves of grief there are new and stronger, and deeper, and more powerful waves of mercy. And then He says this to us, and it changes everything, "Lord, you are my portion and my cup of blessing; you hold my future. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance" (Psalm 16. 5). And we know. We know that more than anything else; more than life, more than prosperity, more than success, more than recognition, more than family...He is all we need, and apart from Him we have no life, no hope, no future.

But when we dwell in His presence; when we put ourselves in the shelter of His marvelous hand, then we have peace and rest and hope. And there... we are reminded that we have nothing to give unless we are living in the overflow of His presence.

I thank my God and Savior and Lord for each of you. I give Him praise because you are being transformed into His likeness in order to bring Him glory. I pray with thanksgiving that you will continue to make Him your portion and that you will live in the overflow of His presence. He has done so much on our behalf, how can we not give Him all our praise? How can we not give Him all of ourselves as an expression of our love back to Him? Grace and peace to you as we celebrate the birth, life, death, resurrection, and imminent return of our Savior and Lord each day, Your servant,

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Thanks to SBA churches we collected 11,535 shoeboxes in our office during collection week . A total of 17,020 shoeboxes collected from our area.

DATES TO REMEMBER



Mobilizing Your Church for Global Missions Oscar Tortolero, IMB Church Mobilizer – Florida

January 14, 2020 6:30 pm meal provided Westside Baptist Church 13969 Railroad St., Live Oak

The Executive Committee Meeting includes this awesome opportunity to hear from Oscar Tortolero on how our churches can partner with IMB missionaries overseas.

Everyone is invited to share this evening and gather some great information to share with our churches and begin to be Global Missions partners.

Please call the association office with a headcount from your church to provide an accurate count for the meal. 386-362-1110 Suwannee Missionary Baptist Assoc. 1747 Walker Ave. Live Oak, Florida 32064

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2020 Mission Opportunities

Honduras Jamaica Slovenia Tennessee Vermont W. Virginia For more information call: 386-752-6212

Bahamas Brazil Marianna, FL Mexico Romania For more information call: 386-362-1110

Suwannee Baptist Association News: 2020

- Evangelism & Discipleship in Our Setting seeks to answer the question, "How can I lead my church family on a new journey to have gospel conversations with friends, family, and neighbors, and follow through with a strategic discipleship plan for new believers?" David Garrett and Andy Jordan will lead this conversation seeking an answer tailored to your church. The Administrative Team and Revitalization Team have been in conversation with David concerning ways the Suwannee Baptist Association can work with him as a Discipleship Consultant to assist our churches with their discipleship strategies. We want your input into this opportunity. Plan to join us for lunch or the evening discussion.
- Executive Committee Mobilizing Your Church for Global Missions

Oscar Tortolero, IMB Church Mobilizer - Florida

January 14, 2020 6:30 pm meal provided Westside Baptist 13969 Railroad St., Live Oak

Oscar Tortolero will share how your church can partner with IBM missionaries overseas.

• Chipola/Suwannee Partnership for Hurricane Michael Mission Trip

January 31 – February 07, 2020

Mission teams will be on the job doing construction, spiritual encouragement, and evangelism. Pray for your churches as they are serving in the panhandle. The registration deadline for the April mission trip signup is Feb. 20, 2020. Contact Mary Nanny for details: 321-505-2562

<u>Associational Strategic Planning w/ Rick Wheeler</u>

February 28 - 29, 2020 Friday 6:00 - 8:00 supper included, Saturday 9:00 - noon

Westwood Baptist Church - Family Life Center

920 11th St., Live Oak

Charting a course of significance includes discovering and implementing a structure that enables us to do the right thing in the right way. Key leadership will continue to develop the strategy that will enhance and strengthen our effectiveness in serving and resourcing churches in the future.

• Executive Committee and Leadership Training

March 10, 2020 6:00pm meal provided

Antioch Baptist Church - 5203 CR 795 N, Live Oak

Gary Townsend, Fl Baptist Convention - Regional Catalyst "Sexual Harassment and Abuse in the Church"

Debra Jones - O'Brien Baptist, "Children's Ministry on a Shoestring Budget"

Shannon Eads - Lifeway - "Ministry and Mission Resources for Your Church"

Billy Young - FI Baptist Next Gen Lead Catalyst - "Programming for Success - How to Build Your Youth Ministry Around a Clearly Defined Purpose"

Stacey Jones - Darkness to Light - "A non-profit committed to empowering adults to prevent child sexual abuse"

- <u>April Mexico Mission Trip:</u> April 20-29, 2020 Our first work Bible Storying work among the Cora. This trip will focus on evangelism and discipleship through Bible Storying and equipping homes with electricity. The trip is the same week as spring break and would be a great mission for students. We need individuals with experience with evangelism, bible teaching, electrical work, cooking, serving and working with children, or youth especially special needs children. Information Contact :Bethany McDonald 727-698-8340
- <u>Chipola/Suwannee Partnership for Hurricane Michael Mission Trip</u>

April 17-24, 2020

Mission teams will be on the job doing construction, spiritual encouragement, and evangelism. Pray for your churches as they are serving in the panhandle.

<u>Revive Conference: Richard Blackaby & Dr. Mark Clifton</u>

April 28, 2020 9:00-3:00 lunch included

Hopeful Baptist Church - 289 SE Hopeful Dr., Lake City, FL 32025

"Whether your church is experiencing positive spiritual health or finds itself plateaued or struggling, it is vitally important to be centered on and oriented to the Headship of Christ. It is my prayer that you will set aside time to attend the entire gathering in April, determined to park your heart before God, allowing Him to speak to you in fresh and transforming ways. Bring several of your key leaders as well so that together, you can experience God's heart for you and your church!" Dr. Richard Blackaby

Registration fee, books, and lunch will be covered by SBA for our leaders attending this event.

- <u>Executive Committee Meeting A Kingdom Approach to Wealth w/ Rick Wheeler Baptist Foundation</u> July 14, 2020 6:30 Pinemount Baptist Church, McAlpin, FL 17031 Hwy 129 S
- July Mexico Mission Trip: Great opportunity for first time missionaries. We will be spending time in the larger cities of Mexico. Focus on evangelism through art, tracts, surveys, or puppet theatres in the park. We will also invite friends and neighbors to church services. There is also an opportunity to share through sports. We need Musicians preachers, teachers, youth, adults, and artists. Information : Bethany McDonald 727-698-8357
- <u>Executive Committee Meeting</u>

September 8, 20206:30pm:The Orchard Community Church, Live Oak1220 Walker Ave. SW2021 Mission Plan and Budget Review

- October Mexico Mission Trip: This will be another trip into the mountains with the Cora. Focus is bible storying as well as medical and dental care. We will have the opportunity to share about basic first aid, hygiene and nutrition. We need medical or dental staff as well as bible teachers, cooks, servants, evange-lists or those with the gift on mercy. Information : Bethany McDonald 727-698-8340
- <u>SBA Annual Celebration</u> October 11, 2020 5:00pm covered dish Westwood Baptist Church Family Life Bldg.



