

# The Challenger

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WCBA EXECUTIVE BOARD

## Annual Meeting

Tuesday  
January 18, 2022

Meal 5:45 p.m.  
Meeting 6:30 p.m.

**Please Join Us!**

Speaker: **David Coggins**  
Disaster Relief Catalyst,  
Florida Baptist Convention  
and  
Professor of Leadership  
and Christian Education,  
Baptist College of Florida

FBC, Mossy Head  
92 Hinote Rd  
DeFuniak Springs, 32433

To Register Your Messengers  
Please Call 850-892-2849 or Visit Our Website  
[www.waltoncountybaptistassociation.org](http://www.waltoncountybaptistassociation.org)

Election of Messengers and  
Executive Board Representatives

Messengers to the WCBA Annual Meeting and your Executive Board Representative need to be elected by the end of the year. Those elected should be prepared to attend and vote at the WCBA Annual Meeting in January 2021. Please send the names and contact information of those elected to the WCBA office as soon as possible.

Messengers

Each church shall be entitled to  
three (3) messengers.

Executive Board Representative

The Executive Board of the WCBA is composed of the **Pastor** and **one (1) elected representative from each church**, plus the **Administrative Team** of the WCBA. The Executive Board meets quarterly to hear reports and conduct necessary business. Your Executive Board Representative should be someone who can attend all meetings.

Voting at Annual Meeting

Each cooperating church shall be entitled to five (5) voting members, which include the Pastor, an elected Executive Board Representative and the three (3) elected Messengers.

[Submit Messenger Names](#)

**\*\*\* ATTENTION \*\*\***

At the January 18, 2022 Annual Executive Board Meeting we will be discussing and possibly voting on the proposed Panhandle Association Network Model that was presented at the October 12, 2021 meeting. Pastors, elected Executive Board Representatives, and Messengers should review the proposed model and be prepared for the discussion and vote. You can ([Click Here](#)) to review the document.

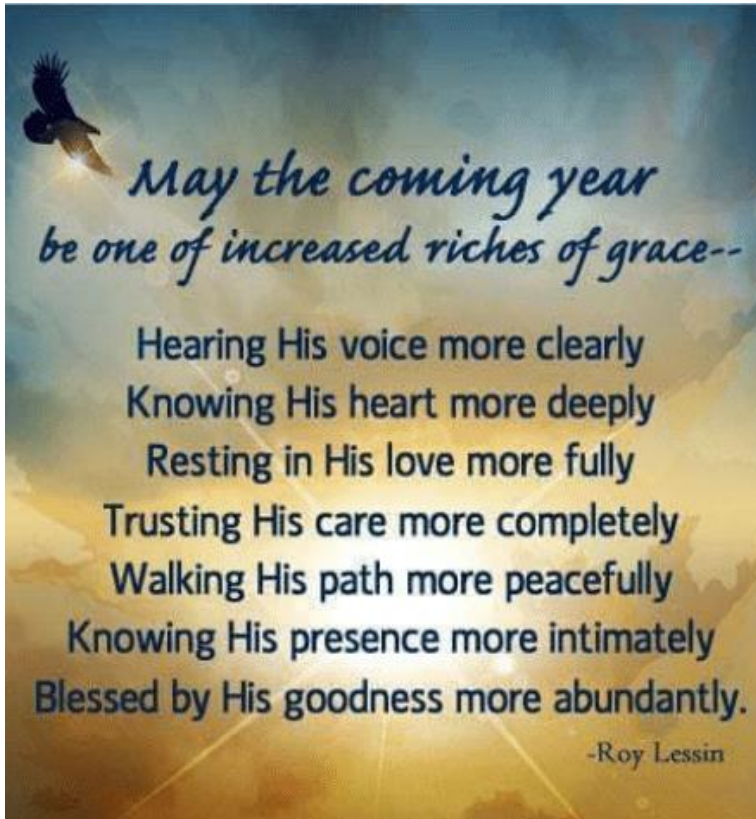
# Happy Birthday!

Jan 14 Patti Malloy      Jan 27 Sissy Keppel  
 Jan 19 Dean DeMarra    Jan 28 Steven Spinks  
 Jan 19 Dean Penzo      Jan 29 Brian Petty  
 Jan 25 Deborah Lynch    Jan 31 Cristal Lain

## 2021 Annual Church Profile (ACP) We need an annual report from these churches:

◇◇ Baldwin Avenue ◇◇ Bethel ◇◇ Cluster Springs  
 ◇◇ Indian Creek ◇◇ New Day ◇◇ Oak Grove  
 ◇◇ Union Springs.

For help or questions, please call  
 Tammy at the WCBA office at 850-892-2849.



## Contributions to WCBA General Fund

CHURCH	YTD 2021	2020
Anchor	500.00	N/A
Argyle	250.00	90.65
Baldwin Avenue	0.00	3279.58
Bethel	0.00	0.00
Calvary	2790.87	2222.26
Caney Creek	0.00	0.00
Cluster Springs	330.00	390.00
Darlington	2193.72	1570.38
DeFuniak First	7920.21	6098.66
East	6066.08	6014.33
Freeport First	1200.00	1300.00
Friendship	3624.00	4522.12
Gaskin First	6479.37	4056.02
Indian Creek	2263.41	2101.70
Knox Hill	375.00	225.00
Liberty First	2400.00	3000.00
Mossy Head First	10178.02	9502.88
New Day	0.00	250.00
New Harmony	11370.68	11062.56
Oak Grove	75.00	0.00
Paxton	9141.51	8195.85
Pleasant Grove	0.00	0.00
Pleasant Ridge	5897.92	5465.06
Pleasant Valley	0.00	718.15
Red Bay	757.00	580.00
Southwide	0.00	1104.51
Union Springs	600.00	350.00
Westside	2440.41	1943.48
Woodlawn	3300.00	3300.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>80,153.20</b>	<b>77,343.19</b>

**Welcome!**  
**New Pastor Orientation**

January 12, 2022 | 9:00am-2:00pm  
 6850 Belfort Oaks Place | Jacksonville FL 32216  
Accommodations available for January 11th

Learn      Prepare      Serve

Florida Baptist Convention  
 Right Breaks You.

Information and registration online at:  
[fbaptist.org/event/new-pastor-orientation](http://fbaptist.org/event/new-pastor-orientation)

New Pastors and Pastors New to the Florida Baptist Convention, please join us on January 12 to learn, prepare, and serve.  
[Click Here for Details and Registration.](http://fbaptist.org/event/new-pastor-orientation)

**REGIONAL TRAININGS**  
**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**2022**

March 5 Jacksonville  
 North Jax Baptist Church

March 26 Pensacola  
 Olive Baptist Church

April 2 Tallahassee  
 Bradfordville First Baptist Church

April 2 Kissimmee  
 First Baptist Church of Kissimmee

April 23 Panama City  
 Hiland Park Baptist Church

April 23 Palmetto  
 First Baptist Church Palmetto

April 30 Fort Lauderdale  
 First Baptist Fort Lauderdale

TO REGISTER & MORE INFORMATION:  
[fbaptist.org/children](http://fbaptist.org/children)

Next Generation

Click On the Location of Your Choice for Registration Details

[Olive BC, Pensacola on March 26](#)

[Hiland Park, Panama City on April 23](#)

## A Word from Brian Nall



Time for new beginnings! As I write, we are approaching Christmas. The last few weeks in Association life have been packed with serving numerous churches seeking to navigate through the complexities of ministry, both practically and relationally. (The stresses of the last 2 years have been mounting for so many). As we now stand on the threshold of a new year, let me challenge you to consider pushing "reset". Reset your relationships by strengthening friendships, extending forgiveness, making new friends, practicing generous hospitality. Reset your ministry effectiveness by prayerfully evaluating your ministries and making wise adjustments. Our Kingdom task is to take the never changing word of God and seek to make disciples of Christ in a rapidly changing county. For us to do this, to be who God desires us to be, individually and as a church, will require change (I like to call it what God does, "sanctification"). Let me encourage you and your church to press into what God is doing in you and around you. And as you walk that journey, know that your WCBA is here to encourage and equip you toward that Kingdom end.

Happy New Year and I look forward to seeing you at our Annual Gathering at FBC, Mossy Head as we celebrate what God has done and consider how we can strengthen efforts in the days to come.

Better Together



### Friday 1-21

6:30pm - Registration

7:00 pm- Session 1  
*Personality Differences*

8:40pm - Session 2  
*Communication*

### Saturday 1-22

9:00 am - Breakfast

9:25am - Session 3  
*Conflict Resolution*

11:00am - Session 4  
*Intimacy*

12:00pm - Session 5  
*Spiritual Unity*

Featuring Jeff & Debby McElroy

January 21 & 22, 2022

\$60 Per Couple

MARRIAGE   
TUNE UP



Childcare available for  
\$10/child (\$30 max/family).  
Must register for childcare  
by Jan 16th.

FBC, Orlando  
February 22, 2022  
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
\$30 / \$15 (Early Bird through January 7)

Early Bird Registration Now Open



We each face challenges and hardships as we seek to advance God's Kingdom right where He has placed us. We know as Florida Baptists we can do more together than we ever could alone. Gather with us for a time of facing our challenges, addressing our ministry contexts and struggles and equipping one another to continue the fight for the advancement of the Gospel.

[Click Here for Other Special Events](#)

# WCBA Church Events



## **New Year's Eve Service at Calvary Baptist Church**

Date: December 31, 2021 / Time: 5:00 p.m.

Join them for special music, belly-warming snacks, and an observance of the Lord's Table at the close of the evening.

**[Click Here for a List of Up-To-Date Church Events & Additional Information](#)**

## **Church Ministry Opportunities**



### **Paxton Baptist Church**

They are looking to hire a part-time Youth Minister who will have the opportunity to rebuild the Youth Ministry recently hurt by the shutdown of the schools and by people graduating. There are ample opportunities to reach and minister to the young people in and around the Paxton area. This will be a paid position.

If interested, call the church at (850) 834-2718 or send a resume to: Paxton Baptist Church, PO Box 1277, Paxton, FL 32538.



### **Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church**

Seeking: **Youth Pastor / Status: Part-Time / Focus: Youth**  
**Salary Range: \$20,000 / Reports to: Senior Pastor**

Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church is a growing, loving and biblically based church. We are passionate about exalting Jesus, equipping the Saints, and evangelizing the lost.

We are seeking to hire a Part-Time Youth Pastor who will focus on building a Christ-centered and Bible-based youth ministry. While we do have a small group of students, there is much room for growth in our community and families connected to our church. This is an opportunity to cast vision and build a youth ministry in a loving and supportive church. Pleasant Ridge Baptist is committed to reaching people for Jesus especially young families, youth, and children. The ministry field in DeFuniak Springs and our church is full of potential.

#### **Needed Skills and Characteristics:**

- Clear testimony of faith in Christ / Calling to pastoral ministry / Love for the Bible
- Preaching and Teaching the Bible / Relational attitude / Good Communication

Please send your updated resume, a picture of you (and your family if married), and references to: [Resumeprbc@gmail.com](mailto:Resumeprbc@gmail.com).

**[Click Here to Keep Updated on These and Other Ministry Opportunities](#)**

## **ZOOM Webinar for Pastors and Key Leaders**

**Church Security**  
A Webinar

Thursday, February 24, 2022 | 6 - 7 PM  
via Zoom

During the "Ensuring a Secure Church Campus" webinar training your church will be exposed to best practices on setting up a security team, discovering various security protocols, and being exposed to various security scenarios so that your church can form the best response. This training event is free.

**[Click Here for More Details and Registration Link](#)**