

**ENGAGEJAX**

Jacksonville Baptist Association

**LOVE**

**BECAUSE WE**

**2017**

**ANNUAL  
CELEBRATION**



## **WELCOME TO THE 2017 JBA ENGAGEJAX CELEBRATION!**

As we gather this year, we are coming through a season of recovery from the devastation hurricane Irma brought to our region. Over the past several weeks, I have been reminded of some important characteristics of our church network. I have seen:

- Hundreds of members, of dozens of JBA churches, collaborate to bring over \$100,000 in cleaning supplies and other resources to meet the needs of our neighbors who were impacted.
- Churches have opened to shelter those needing a place to stay in the aftermath of the storm.
- Churches helped each other by providing meals and financial assistance to one another, showing a strong witness to our community.
- Churches kept evangelism as their focus as they demonstrated acts of kindness through yard and home clean up and chainsaw crews. Many people in our community were blessed both physically and spiritually through your efforts.

As we broaden out and look at the ongoing ministry we share, here are some reminders of the value of being a part of the JBA. As you engage with this network through your time, energy and resources you can expect that the JBA network will:

- Help you identify community trends and needs and assist you in developing responses to those needs by sharing the gospel. Because we have staff and teams of leaders thinking strategically about the city, we can see trends and specific concerns that otherwise may go unnoticed. These needs become

windows for the light of the gospel to shine through to reach and redeem the darkest places in our city. Issues like orphan care, internationals, addictions, care for the elderly, pro-life concerns and many more can all be better addressed through a collaborative awareness and effort. We can also spot demographic trends of different people groups and language groups growing in the area and proactively take steps to planting and watering the gospel among those specific people groups.

- We will invest and encourage pastoral leaders. Every person in the local church has a role, but pastors hold a clearly defined biblical office that is strategic to the health of the church. Pastors are usually some of the busiest people I know and Sunday comes every seven days! Their focus is, and should be, on their congregation and their community. Pastors will benefit from relationships and resources provided by the association to help them lead well. They can regularly reach out to another church leader in their association to help think through an issue or an opportunity together.
- This can best happen if they are engaged in their local network of churches. Another aspect of helping pastors is by offering timely and relevant training for both pastors and their church members.
- We will continue to focus on relationships with, and more importantly among the, churches. Typically, churches are not focused on what the church down the road is doing. The JBA frequently offers many opportunities for leaders and churches to relationally connect and begin the process of thinking and serving together to reach the lost in our area. Pastors can resource one another at a much higher and more sustainable level than any denominational entity. Our JBA network offers a “safe place”; for pastors to build Kingdom relationships. We have seen many new ministries launch out of church-to-church connections. Nearly all mission partnerships are born out of relationships.



- We will be comprised by a diverse body of Christ. The North American mission field is becoming increasingly diverse. We bring people together from the whole spectrum of languages, cultures and ethnicities making us stronger and more representative of our community. Our JBA network should be just as diverse as the community we serve. We have made great progress in this area, but there is (and probably will continue to be) much work to be done. I have discovered that making diversity a priority is harder than it first seems, but it is worth it!
- We will make it harder for a lost person to go to hell from this city. We will continue to offer specific initiatives and events that will help churches become more evangelistically effective at reaching their community. This will take many different shapes in different communities, but the outcome is the same: more lost people being engaged with the gospel. This will begin with more gospel conversations by every follower of Jesus. We will rally and celebrate the city-wide efforts of churches to pray for their neighbors and share Jesus with all of the their community.

The state of the JBA network is strong and growing! We look forward to serving you as we seek to love our neighbors and share the good news of Jesus Christ with all we meet.

Unto the Praise of His glory,



Rick Wheeler  
Lead Missional Strategist

# PRAY

BLESS EVERY HOME  
PG 01

# GO

CURRENT MINISTRY MILESTONES  
& WATCHCARE CHURCHES  
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# SERVE

2017-2018 LEADERSHIP SLATE  
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# GIVE

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# BECAUSE WE

# PRAY

## BLESS EVERY HOME

When the devil sees a man or woman who really believes in prayer, who knows how to pray, and who really does pray, and, above all, when he sees a whole church on its face before God in prayer, he trembles as much as he ever did, for he knows that his day in that church or community is at an end.

**R.A. TORREY**

There is nothing that makes us love a man so much as praying for him.

**WILLIAM  
LAW**

Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

**MATTHEW 22:36-40**

We ask our people to be the hands and feet of Christ to their neighbors. We send people out into the community to be a light. We encourage acts of service right where people live. But have we encouraged them to pray for their neighbors? Not a generic, nameless prayer, but specifically and by name?

Often people are overwhelmed by the idea of reaching their neighborhood. They don't know where to start. But what if we could give them a dynamic tool that would deliver the names and addresses of their neighbors right to their inbox every day? Oftentimes, when we start praying for our neighbors God gives us an opportunity to get to know them. As we spend time with them we often see ways we can serve them. Developing a relationship with our neighbors and helping them with a servant's heart will open doors to gospel conversations. Prayer can be the mustard seed that transforms an entire community with the Gospel... and this can happen all over our city!

The Bless Every Home program was developed to equip churches to be missionary sending organizations, where every constituent home is a mission outpost for Jesus Christ. As members of your church begin to pray for their neighbors, you can track the neighborhoods that are being transformed across the city through the fervent prayers of your people. Imagine Jacksonville transformed by the power of prayer!

**Our goal is to have every street in the Greater Jacksonville area prayed for by Christmas.** We can do this together. We believe that this tool is so impactful and easy to use that we want to invite you to sign up for **FREE** through the end of the year by using the link and coupon code below. Bless Every Home is always free for the individuals of your church to use.

On the site you'll find videos to promote this program to our church, tutorials for using the program, helpful rollout ideas and much more.

Let's join together to transform our city, one prayer at a time.

**GO TO [TINYURL.COM/BLESSEVERYHOME](https://TINYURL.COM/BLESSEVERYHOME)**

**ENTER CODE [JBALaunchingBEH!](#)**

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## CURRENT MINISTRY MILESTONES

**34**

CHURCHES  
SENDING,  
PARTNERING  
OR HOSTING  
CHURCH  
PLANTS



**15**

KAIROS  
GRADUATES



**75**

JBA  
CHURCH  
TRAINING  
EVENTS





14

NEW  
CHURCH  
EXPRESSIONS



9

CHURCH  
PLANTER  
COUPLES  
ASSESSED



\$12,000.00

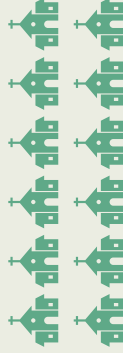
JBA MUSIC  
SCHOLARSHIP  
AWARDED



\$101,953.53 TOTAL

100

SCHOOLS  
WITH FAITH-  
BASED PARTNERS



12 TOTAL

CHURCHES REPLANTED/  
RESTARTED

18 TOTAL

SEND CITY  
PARTNERSHIPS



## WATCHCARE CHURCHES

THE CITY CHURCH

BEREE EVANGELICAL CHURCH

RIVERSTONE COMMUNITY CHURCH

JONES ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

FRESH START

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## 2017 - 2018 LEADERSHIP SLATE

### ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS

MODERATOR  
VICE-MODERATOR  
CLERK  
TREASURER  
BUDGET-STEWARDSHIP CHAIRMAN

Bob Barrett, FBC Orange Park  
Elijah Simmons, Mt. Horeb  
Laura Gregory, JBA staff  
Sarah Parnell, San Jose  
Hal Hunter, The Church at Argyle

### LEADERSHIP TEAM

Moderator (Chairman)  
Vice-moderator  
Treasurer  
Stewardship Chairman  
Equip Team Champion

Bob Barrett, FBC Orange Park  
Elijah Simmons, Mt. Horeb  
Sarah Parnell, San Jose  
Hal Hunter, The Church at Argyle  
Mark Seagle, Mandarin



## NOMINATING TEAM

Engage Team Champion  
Expand Team Champion  
At-large member  
At-large member  
At-large member

Gary Webber, Southside  
David Tarkington, FBC Orange Park  
Jeff Stockdale, The Point @ St. Johns  
Reggie Bryant, Shiloh  
**Victor Reyes, Iglesia Bautista Neptune**

Barry Townsend  
Ginna Ashby  
Frank Ciresi  
Jeremy Pellham  
Matthew Meadows (chair)

Elevation Church 18  
Fruit Cove 18  
University 19  
FBC Jax South 19  
New Berlin 19  
**Unity MBC 20**  
**Redemption Church 20**  
**Arlington 20**  
**Parkwood 20**

**Bruce Hickson**  
**Chris Litton**  
**Teri Allen**  
**Manny Keyser**

## STEWARDSHIP & BUDGET PLANNING TEAM

Chris Coram  
Mike Reed  
Hal Hunter (chm)  
Matt MacNaughton  
Sharon Grant  
Paul Schmittling  
**Darren Sides**  
**Cierra Bennett**  
**Young Kim**

North Jacksonville 17  
San Jose 18  
The Church at Argyle 18  
Grace Life 19  
St. Paul 19  
Fresh Start 19  
**Southside 20**  
**City Church 20**  
**Central Korean 20**

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## 2018 BUDGET

	2018	2017	Equip Team	2018	2017
<b>Leadership Team</b>					
Staff Team Development	10,500	10,500	Church Development	15,000	12,000
Staff Team Retreats	1,250	1,250	Vacation Bible School - Training	-	500
Association Promotion	5,500	5,500	Priority Connections	2,000	2,000
Annual Meeting	3,000	3,000			
Contract Workers	46,000	24,000	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17,000</b>	<b>14,500</b>
Christmas Bonus	3,900	3,600			
Workers' Comp Insurance	2,500	2,500			
Staff Team Salaries	282,769	274,533	<b>Engage Team</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
Employer Paid Annuity	25,812	25,060	Priority Connections	2,500	2,500
Staff Team Insurance	69,311	73,368	City Impact Initiatives	6,500	6,000
FICA	7,193	6,983	Church Impact Initiatives	6,500	6,000
Medicare	1,682	1,633			
Senior Staff Reimbursables	16,100	14,600	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15,500</b>	<b>14,500</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>475,517</b>	<b>446,528</b>			

<b>Budget/Stewardship Team</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>Expand Team</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
Building Maintenance Reserve	4,000	4,000	Church Planting	10,000	8,000
Building Maintenance	5,000	6,000	Priority Connections	2,500	2,500
Insurance - Office	8,500	8,000	NAMB Send City Initiative	4,000	4,000
Janitorial	3,780	3,600	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16,500</b>	<b>14,500</b>
Maintenance Contracts	4,500	6,250			
Telephone	4,500	5,100			
Utilities	9,500	9,750			
Lawn Maintenance	4,320	3,900			
Garbage Pick-up	3,000	2,700			
Review	3,500	5,750			
Legal	500	500			
Computers	11,250	11,250	<b>BUDGET TOTAL</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
Contingency	2,000	2,000		597,117	589,028
Office Automation	2,750	2,750			
Office Supplies	3,500	4,000			
Postage	1,000	1,000			
Debt Service	-	21,250			
Banking	1,000	1,200		49,760	49,086
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>72,600</b>	<b>99,000</b>	<b>MONTHLY REQUIREMENT FROM CHURCHES</b>		

**Connecting the Mission Force  
with the Mission Field**



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