



Florida RA Zone

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Just a Thought

One phrase comes to mind when things come up unexpectedly that turns out in our favor and someone says “What a pleasant surprise.” There are plenty of those in a lifetime.

Those pleasant surprises are for everyone—including Christians.

When I get a pleasant surprise, I often times remember where it comes from and thank

God for it since He’s the one that either had it planned or allowed to happen. Those pleasant surprises may not amount to very much. But they’re good to have around.

The next time one of those pleasant surprises shows up, don’t question it. But, thank God for it even if it’s too big, too small, or if it looks different.

RAs are Showing Up Everywhere

Saturday, August 20th, Woodward Baptist Church hosted the “Women’s Missions and Ministries Missions Extravaganza”.



There were demonstration tables, booths, and vendor services offered to the visitors that came to see what was going on.

During the extravaganza there was a booth that was among the event and it was there to show Royal Ambassadors was in Florida.



During the extravaganza, a woman came up and saw the Royal Ambassador booth and said, "I thought Royal Ambassadors went away a long time ago." Another on said, "Are there churches still doing Royal Ambassadors?" These women that asked these questions found out quickly that "The boys were back in town" as the lyrics to a popular song came to my recollection.

There were other booths that showed countries where missions and missionaries were. Other booths and demonstration tables were there to show mission outreach ministries showing what they were doing in the Jacksonville area.



Another booth had Women's Missions and Ministries showing their importance to Florida Baptist churches.



To top that off, at the beginning of the summer season there were four inquiries coming from four different churches in the northern part of Florida.

One of those inquires for more information turned into a training session at New Home Baptist Church located in Perry, Florida.

Included in the training the leaders discussed what they could do with the RA chapter meetings during the year. Ideas were talked about between the leaders to feel out and explore the possibilities.

There was training offered for GAs and Mission Friends headed up by Amy Keifer, and Paul Elwing did the Challengers training.

After the training was over there was plenty of lunch and fellowship to go around. As you can tell New Hope Baptist Church got a “Mission Makeover”.



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If you want to insert an idea, an article, write about your RA Chapter, or something about RAs published in the RA Zone e-mail Rick Hollis. His contact information is at the bottom of this newsletter.

Other Cool RA Things



[Florida Royal Ambassador T-shirts are available now for \\$10 each. You choose which color you want-charcoal or gold. Find the order form, by clicking here.](#)

We have a Royal Ambassador Endowment fund. This has grants that may help with registration fees for RA events and other related missions events for RAs here in Florida. For more information on how to apply for a RA Endowment grant, contact the WMM/Missions Education Team of the Florida Baptist Convention (contact information below).

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RA Calendar of Events:

Xtreme Missions

October 8th, 2016, Woodlawn Baptist Church, Hawthorne, FL.

818 Country Road 20A

Hawthorne, Florida 32460

Church Phone Number: 352-481-3652

Located in Santa Fe River Baptist Association

10:00am to 3:00pm

This event is for RAs, GAs, Children in Action, and any other mission education organization sponsored by Florida Baptist churches.

The boys and girls will have an opportunity to visit different countries and local mission ministry's without leaving town. They will meet the missionaries that are on the mission field and find out what they do.

Also, the boys and girls will have a chance to have fun. This year they will have a chance to race sail boats in the "Sailboat Regatta". You can order you sailboats at www.maketrackscompany.com . Click on the "[Craft Kits](#)" tab. There will be other fun activities for the boys and girls to have fun. For more information contact the Florida Baptist Convention at 800-226-8584. Click here for [Registration forms](#) and [Promotional flyers](#) for Xtreme Missions.

The registration fee is \$10.00 per person. Lunch is included. **See you there!!!**

Xtreme Missions

October 15th, 2016, First Baptist Fort Pierce, Fort Pierce, FL.

4500 South 25th Street

Fort Pierce, Florida 34981

Church Phone Number: 772-461-7950

Located in Treasure Coast Baptist Association

10:00am to 3:00pm

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RA Field Day

November 12th, 2016, First Baptist New Port Richey, New Port Richey, FL.

6800 Trouble Creek Road

New Port Richey, Florida 34653

Church Phone Number:727-849-4210

Located in Sun Coast Baptist Association

10:00am to 3:00pm

The boys will have a chance to meet missionaries from the mission field and other areas of ministries. They will have a chance to ask questions and learn about the countries the missionaries what they do. Also, there will be the RA Racer Derby planned for the boys to race their RA Racers. There will be other fun activities for the boys to have fun.

Note:

There will be RA Training and an update session of all RA material for RA Leaders while the planned activities for the boys are in progress. There will be plenty of adult supervision during the training session for the leaders to have an opportunity to participate in these training sessions. For more information contact the Florida Baptist Convention at 800-226-8584. Click here for [Registration forms](#) and [Promotional flyers](#) for RA Field Day.

The registration fee is \$10.00 per person. Lunch is included. See you there!!!

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We are committed to help all mission leaders and the church family through training and resources. Please contact us if you have questions and/or needs in your church or association.

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