



March 9, 2016

Dear Fellow JBA Pastors,

In 2009 Southside Baptist Church began a faith-based partnership with Julia Landon Middle School. I can honestly say that it has been one of the most consistently effective outreach efforts in the life of our church. Not only have we seen the lives of Landon students impacted, but we have seen the lives of teachers, administrators and even custodians touched as well. Of course, the greatest impact has been on those of us who serve at Landon on a regular basis.

On Friday, April 8, Dr. Nikolai Vitti, Superintendent of Duval County Public Schools, has given the Christian community an unprecedented opportunity to impact the public schools in Jacksonville. Southside will host a breakfast sponsored by Transform Jacksonville at 7:30 a.m., for all 160 Duval County principals. During this breakfast, principals will be introduced to the benefits and opportunities of developing a faith-based partnership. It is my deepest desire to have at least one JBA pastor at every table that morning.

I understand that many of you take Friday as your personal Sabbath. Committing to a breakfast that morning will certainly disrupt that important time, but I believe this is a critical opportunity for Jacksonville churches and I hope you will consider joining me in swapping your day off and attending the principals' breakfast.

Furthermore, Southside is seeking over 100 volunteers to help with this event. If you have volunteers willing to assist with food preparation, table hosting, greeting and parking lot attending, please e-mail Vickie Harrelson at [vickie@ssbc.org](mailto:vickie@ssbc.org) or call our church office at 904-396-6633.

Thank you for your ministry to the people in your church and in our city. I look forward to seeing you on April 8.

Grace and Peace,

Dr. Gary Lee Webber  
Senior Pastor