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Pastor's Corner dr. alan cotney, lead pastor



As we journey through life, the waves of culture, emotions, and challenges constantly shift around us. Without a firm foundation, it's easy to drift. That's why we're launching a new sermon series, "**Anchored**," where we will explore a portion of the book of **Deuteronomy** and what it means to rely fully on the truth of God's Word for our spiritual growth in both faith and practice.

Deuteronomy is a book of remembrance, a call for God's people to stay rooted in His commands as they prepared to enter the Promised Land. Moses reminded Israel that faithfulness to God's Word wasn't just about knowing it—it was about living it. **Deuteronomy 6:6-7** challenges us to take God's truth to heart and teach it diligently, letting it shape our daily lives.

In a world filled with shifting opinions and fleeting ideas, we need an anchor. God's Word is unchanging, reliable, and lifegiving. Through this series, we'll learn how to trust, apply, and walk confidently in His truth. Join us as we discover how being **anchored in God's Word** leads to a faith that stands firm in every season!

The Guardians in Concert

The Guardians are a southern gospel quartet who have a passion for sharing the gospel through music. They have had 3 Dove Award nominations and multiple #1 hit songs. Mark your calendars for Thursday, March 13 at 7:00 and come enjoy the harmonies they bring while sharing gospel music. Care Ministry sandy anderson



Caring for Our Church Family – The Heart of CRBC's Care Ministry

At CRBC, we believe in living out Christ's love through care and compassion. Our Care Ministry, led by Pastor Jason Kaminski and Care Team Leader Sandy Anderson, is dedicated to meeting the needs of our church family. Every week, they prayerfully plan visits, phone calls, meals, and cards to uplift and support those in need.

This ministry wouldn't be possible without the 69 faithful volunteers who serve with loving hearts. Whether through a simple phone call, a handwritten note, or delivering a meal, each act of kindness makes a difference.

Do you have the gift of caring? Join the Care Ministry and experience how God can use you to bless others —and how He will bless you in return. For more information on how to get involved, reach out to Pastor Jason or Sandy today!

Ladies Lunch Bunch

Come enjoy a delightful afternoon with the ladies of CRBC at Francesco's! Join us for a wonderful time of fellowship and delicious food at noon on Saturday, March 29. This is a great opportunity to connect, share laughter, and build meaningful friendships. We also encourage you to bring a friend who may not attend church—we'd love to welcome them! Location: Francesco's, 16770 US-441 #608, Summerfield, FL 34491 Register online at <u>collegeroad.org</u> or call Sandy at the church office at 352-237-5741. We look forward to seeing you there!

SUNDAY SERVICES

Ocala English: 8:00 am & 9:30 am (Traditional) 11:00 am (Modern)

Ocala Spanish: 11:00 am Ocala Haitian Creole 1:00 pm Dunnellon Spanish 11:30 am

OUR PASTORS

Dr. Alan Cotney Jeff Rountree Jason Kaminski Kevin Bradford Rogney Paz Orlando Reyes Andrés Cañola Joel Petit Noel

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GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

1st Sunday of each month: Benevolence offering collected to help members of our church.

3rd Sunday of each month: Interfaith collection of non-perishable food items.

For information on current events and opportunities, check out the "events" tab on our website.

Register for any event online or by calling the church office at 352-237-5741.

Pastor Spotlight

FEATURING KEVIN BRADFORD, WORSHIP PASTOR



Kevin Bradford, Pastor for Worship/Arts, is very talented as well as passionate for ministry. Kevin, his wife Anya and their three children, Kai, age 7; Jad, age 5; and Brea, age 3, are a blessing in many ways to our church.

Growing up with Christian parents, attending church, Sunday School and VBS, Kevin stated that he is blessed with a foundational love for church. At the age of 12, on a Saturday night, he questioned whether he was really a Christian. He immediately prayed a sinner's prayer and asked Christ to come into his heart. Feeling that a weight had been lifted, he shared the news with his parents. The next day, Kevin made his public profession at his church. After he was baptized, he began seeking more of Christ and began sharing his faith in student ministry and at retreats, as well as teaching and leading Bible studies at his home church.

In college, he studied meteorology at the University of South Alabama. Seeking spiritual growth, he then felt God leading him to prepare for gospel ministry. He transferred to Samford University and graduated with his bachelor's degree. During this time, Kevin was serving in parttime student ministry. After graduation, he attended Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and received a Master of Divinity with a concentration in biblical counseling.

While doing an internship at First Baptist Orlando, he met the love of his life, and best friend, Anya, who joined him in ministry utilizing her talents. Kevin and Anya served in the student ministry in Warner Robins, Georgia until asked to join the staff at CRBC in August 2015. In leading the worship ministry, Kevin oversees audio/visual for various church services/special events, baptisms, communion, decision cards, graphic design and technical support. He added that volunteers are always needed and would be glad to welcome any audio, video, technical and/or vocalists and instrumentalists for worship.

Puerto Rico Mission Trip: Serving with SEND Relief

From May 30 to June 6, our church will partner with SEND Relief for a mission trip to Puerto Rico. While known for its beauty, Puerto Rico also faces significant physical, economic, and spiritual challenges. This trip is an opportunity to share Christ's love through service. Our team will engage in light construction projects, helping to repair and rebuild homes and churches that have suffered from natural disasters and economic hardship. In addition, we will participate in community outreach, including prayer walking, meal distributions, and evangelismmeeting both physical and spiritual needs. Through these acts of service, we pray for meaningful conversations and life-changing encounters.

Please pray for safety, strength, and wisdom for the team, and that Christ's love will shine through our efforts. If you feel called to support or participate, we'd love to hear from you!

There will be a meeting on March 23 at 12:30 PM in the Student Room. Please sign up now due to flight arrangements that need to be made 90 days in advance.

Together, let's make a difference in Puerto Rico.

Ladies of OTOW

A new ladies Life Group will be meeting in On Top of the World starting in March and meeting biweekly. Contact Sandy Anderson for more information.

Student Camp

Our students will be headed to Lake Yale Conference Center June 23 -27. Mission Camp includes engaging worship from experienced worship leaders, learning through sound biblical teaching and Bible study, community in Life Groups, and mission projects in the local communities. Registration closes May 18. For more information check the church website. or contact Nick Ramroop 352-304-1773. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. Deuteronomy 6: 6-7

NEW MEMBERS/BAPTISMS

Janice Barrett Charles & Ruth Bosdell Sue Brunton Bert Chapman Alice Clancy Charlie & Monique Dumas Neil & Sandra Emerson Rhonda Roles Bernadette & Gabriel Soobyiah Ginger Taylor

HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT OR EVENT TO SHARE?

Contact the Newsletter Team via Sharon Hall at skhall.sharon@gmail.com. Please provide your name and contact info with the request.

Newsletter Team: Marcia McIntosh, Betty Pipkins & Sharon Hall

DID YOU KNOW?

College Road supports a number of Missions throughout the year:

- Annie Armstrong (Easter) benefits North America missionaries
- Maguire State Mission (September) assists Church Planting in Florida
- Lottie Moon (Christmas) benefits missionaries all over the world

(All funds received are designated for specific projects with no administrative costs being utilized)

CRBC Missionaries from our local church are:

- Stephanie Crawford Missionary to Peru
- Jonatan and Natasha Nieto and their three children – Missionaries to The Amazon

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