

Pastor's Corner

DR. ALAN COTNEY, LEAD PASTOR



This May, we carry the joy of Holy Week and Easter. Our Maundy Thursday service immersed us in the disciples' journey with Jesus, from the Last Supper's call to servanthood to Gethsemane's surrender, deepening our love for His sacrifice. Good Friday's meditation on Jesus' Seven Sayings from the cross stirred us with His words of forgiveness, love, and victory. Easter Sunday radiated resurrection hope, with vibrant worship proclaiming Christ's triumph over death!

This hope transforms us. As 2 Corinthians 5:17 declares, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." Let's share this new life, boldly inviting others to know Jesus. Our sermon series, Unveiled, rooted in 2 Corinthians 3:18, began April 27 and continues throughout May and June, guiding us to reflect Christ's glory in our thoughts, words, and actions. Join us Sundays to grow in His image through practical teaching and heartfelt worship.

Let's live boldly, sharing the resurrection's hope and growing in Christlikeness together!

Haitian Creole Car Wash and Haitian Flag Day

The Haitian Creole congregation will be sponsoring a car wash in the church parking lot on May 3 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. The Haitian Flag Day Celebration will be May 17 at 11:00 am.

Life Group Outreach Ministries

CRBC Life Groups join together to study Pastor Alan's Sunday sermons and other studies and to share praises and prayer requests within the small group. Most agree that they "do life together."

In addition to the meetings some groups are involved in "community service" activities such as visiting nursing homes and assisted/independent living facilities. Depending on the particular facility, some life groups do in-house Bible studies while some sing hymns and share stories for the residents. Some groups do in-home visits in the community.

If you care to join a life group, use the "Let Us Know" cards or contact Kevin Graham, Team Leader.

CPR/First Aid Class

A CPR/First Aid Class will be given at the church from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm on Saturday, May 3. The fee is \$25. This class is open to everyone at the church, as well as, the community. Register no later than Friday, May 2, by calling the church office (352-237-5741) or signing up on the church website.

Men's Breakfast

We would like to invite all our men to make a reservation and join us for the next Men's Breakfast on Saturday, May 17 at 8:30 am. Our speaker will be Pastor Kevin Bradford with the emphasis of the meeting being "Prayer for Our Country ." Pastor Kevin will be speaking on the importance of prayer.

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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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 ANDRÉS CAÑOLA,
SPANISH WORSHIP PASTOR



Born in Colombia, Pastor Andrés Cañola came to the United States in 1999 with a goal to work in the music production field with his talent of singing and playing guitar. He studied at ASSI University in Colombia, majoring in marketing and advertising. He was a studio recording engineer, doing musical commercials and music production.

He began his walk with the Lord in the year 2000 and in 2002 began serving in the praise team at a church in Pembroke Pines. In 2007, he fell in love with a beautiful and talented lady named Luisa, who was part of a dance ministry in West Palm Beach. During this time, he also began working as a worship leader. He was hired under the assumption that his residence papers were being handled by a lawyer; but after some years, he learned that the lawyer had defrauded him. He learned this when the authorities arrested him with intent to deport.

He was incarcerated for three months, but throughout the ordeal of being in prison, he witnessed and ministered to fellow prisoners. By divine intervention he was released and directed to an immigration lawyer to assist him in obtaining citizenship. What a testimony he has!

Andrés and Luisa were supposed to be married in early October of 2007, but he was arrested during that time. He was released from prison October 31, 2007 and the following Saturday Andrés and Luisa were married. Wanting to raise their family in a spacious environment to homeschool their children, they located a home in Dunnellon. He began working as worship leader in the Spanish services with Pastor Rogney in 2022 and was then named Prayer Leader in 2023.

Pastor Andrés and his wife, Luisa, have a beautiful family with eight

children: Thomas, Miranda, Victoria, Sofia, Rebecca, Simon, Mateo, and Julia.

As overseer of the prayer ministry he and volunteers meet in the Conference Room on Sundays at 9:15, Wednesdays at 10:00 for English and Thursdays at 10:00 for Spanish and is available on Wednesday evening for the Prayer Service at 6:00 pm in the main auditorium. He welcomes all volunteers in this very needed ministry.

Ministry Fair

We invite you to join us Sunday evening, May 4 from 5:00 to 6:00 pm as we present our ministry fair. This fair allows each ministry in the church to offer information on that particular ministry and how to get involved. Not sure where or how you can serve? This is a great way to discover what options are available to you. The fair will be in the main auditorium.

Student Camp

Registration closes for Student Camp May 18. You may still sponsor a student (\$250) or give to the overall cost of the camp. For additional information, contact Nick Ramroop at 352-304-1773.

It's for Kids!...and Adults

Family Game Night is a kids ministry event that doubles as VBS registration. We will have board games set up in the rooms for the families and encourage them to bring their own if they'd like to share as well. This event is May 23 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm and dinner will be provided. Register on the church website or contact the church office.

This year's VBS will be July 7 through July 11 from 8:30 am to 12 noon with volunteers needing to be there are 8:00. As usual, we need anyone and everyone who can help. There are lots of areas to volunteer including helping with decorations beforehand, volunteering during, or helping with cleanup after. Contact the church office for more information.

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2 Corinthians 3:18

NEW MEMBERS/BAPTISMS

Dennis & Donna Bickel
Gabbi Boudreau
Austin & Amanda Cash
Josephine Lachica
Everett Flikkema & Laurie Scott
Steve Woods

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?

Frances Jane van Alstyne (March 24, 1820 - February 12, 1915) was more commonly known as Fanny Crosby. She was a mission worker, poet, lyricist and composer. Blinded at 6 weeks old, she grew up to be a teacher and worked with rescue missions as well as being an avid advocate for educating other blind people. Known as “Queen of Gospel Song Writers,” she wrote more than 8,000 hymns and gospel songs with 100 million copies printed, including Praise Him! Praise Him! and Blessed Assurance.

What is your favorite Fanny Crosby hymn?

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