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## BAPTIST CHURCH

*Faith Family Forever*

January 2026

### *Pastor's Corner*

DR. ALAN COTNEY, LEAD PASTOR



Dear Church Family,

Our hearts overflow with gratitude for the blessings of our recent Christmas season filled with the wonder of Christ's birth. We cherish the fellowship, worship, and outreach that marked December. From the Christmas Toy Chest blessing families in need to our Choir's inspiring Christmas Concert, we celebrated the Light of the World shining brightly in Ocala. "Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!" (2 Corinthians 9:15).

Now, as we step into 2026, let's embrace the new year with renewed faith and purpose. On January 11, we launch our FORWARD Capital Campaign, a two-year initiative to fund our new building and expand our ministry impact. It begins with a powerful five-week sermon series guiding us toward deeper trust, surrender, faithfulness, obedience, and commitment.

This journey will challenge us to align our hearts with God's vision, fostering spiritual growth and unity. Let's unite in this spiritual journey, growing closer to God and one another as we advance His work. Together, we'll experience transformation and build a lasting legacy of faith for our community.

We're excited for what God has in store!

Faith, Family, Forever  
Pastor Alan

### *Upcoming Bible Studies and Classes*

Register online for all classes.

**THE TRUTH PROJECT**  
Wednesdays, starting January 7  
6:30 - 7:30 pm  
12-Week Study

Join Joe Aurora for the study from Focus on the Family. This course explores the Christian worldview and what it means to live out God's truth in every area of life. Come deepen your understanding of faith, culture, and the foundations of biblical truth.

**TWELVE ORDINARY MEN**  
Wednesdays, starting January 7  
6:30 - 7:30

Join Jim Woodward for this powerful new study. This class will walk through a book that explores how Jesus shaped His disciples for greatness—and how He continues to shape us today as His followers. Come grow in your faith and understanding as we learn together.

**SURVEY OF THE BIBLE**  
Wednesdays, starting January 7  
6:30 - 7:30  
8-Week Study

Join Marty Tierney for Survey of the Bible by Bruce Wilkinson, a RightNow Media study designed to build a strong biblical foundation. If you've ever found the Bible confusing or longed to better understand its message, this class will guide you through the key people, places, periods, and books of Scripture—helping you see God's master plan more clearly. All are welcome to grow in confidence and understanding of God's Word.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY CLASS**  
Wednesdays at 6:30 - 7:30

Join Sue Rinaldi for a new young-to-middle-aged class for women.

**WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY**  
Sundays at 9:30 am  
Bldg D, Room 3

Adults 30+ join Josiah Bernard for this class to grow in understanding God's word.

### 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	Rogney Paz
Jeff Rountree	Orlando Reyes
Jason Kaminski	Andrés Cañola
Kevin Bradford	Joel Petit Noel

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### HOUSE OF PRAYER

Wednesday nights at 6:00 pm  
Main Auditorium

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.

## Upcoming Bible Studies and Classes, cont'd

### DIVORCE CARE

Wednesdays, beginning January 7

6:30 - 7:30

13-Week Series

We're excited to offer our first-ever session, facilitated by Dale Peterson. This new ministry provides care, understanding, and hope for those experiencing the pain of separation and divorce.

### GRIEF SHARE MINISTRY

Starting February 11

1:00 - 2:30, Bldg D

13-week session

Join Amy Waller for this nationally known ministry ([griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org)). There will be a sign-up opportunity on the website or by calling the church office. Seating will be limited.

## A Celebration of Christmas

Music filled the room with all our favorite old Christmas Carols sung by our choir. The choir was led by Jeff Rountree, Choir Director and Executive Pastor. Solos were sung by Sandy Anderson, Mary Brown, Pastor Kevin Bradford and family, and Katelyn Cotney.



## Miami Mission Trip

February 5 through February 7

In partnership with churches, associations, your state convention, and SEND Relief join the Serve Tour to participate in ministry projects in Miami, FL.

For more information and to register, see the church website or contact Pastor Rogney.

## Christmas Toy Chest: A Beautiful Day of Generosity and Joy

PROVIDED BY THE OUTREACH TEAM

Our 3rd annual Christmas Toy Chest was an incredible celebration of God's love in action. This year, 51 families walked through our doors and were welcomed with open arms, warm smiles, and an opportunity to hear the good news of the Gospel.

Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of our church, we were able to give away 1,029 gifts—each one a reminder that hope shines brightest when we serve together.

We are especially grateful for the 100+ volunteers who showed up early, sorted toys, hugged, carried bags, encouraged weary parents, played with excited kids, and reflected Christ in every conversation. Many families were prayed for and uplifted, leaving lighter, encouraged, and genuinely cared for.

It was a day filled with joy, redemption, and the sweetest reminder of what the Christmas season is truly about.



*How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of who they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?*

Romans 10:14

## NEW MEMBERS/BAPTISMS

Mary Ann Baselice

Bill & Nerida Fortune

January Hyatt

Abigail Newman

Tammy Newman

Joyce Townsend

We welcomed 113 new members for January - December 2005 and God continues to work within our church.

## HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT OR EVENT TO SHARE?

Contact the Newsletter Team via Sharon Hall at [skhall.sharon@gmail.com](mailto: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?

New Year's Resolutions were not originated by Biblical content; however, there is justification for ideas of resolve, change and transformation through God's Word. What's your plan for 2026?

## WINTER CONCERT SERIES

The LeFevre Quartet

January 9, 2026

7:00 PM

Doors open @ 5:30

The Inspirations

January 23, 2026

7:00 PM

Doors open @ 5:30

## YOUTH MINISTRY NEON GAME NIGHT

COMING SOON! There will lots of fun with video and card games; pizza, soda.

## LION'S CLUB CRAFT SHOW

The Lions club is hosting a craft show on January 31 from 9 AM to 1 PM in the main auditorium. Anyone interested in participating, please see Sandy in the office for registration forms.

## 2026 CHURCH THEME

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