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BAPTIST CHURCH

Faith Family Forever

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Pastor's Corner

DR. ALAN COTNEY, LEAD PASTOR



Let's embrace this season of growth together, allowing God's Word to transform us for His glory and the good of our community.

Faith, Family, Forever
Pastor Alan

Getting to Know the Wives of our Pastors

BETH COTNEY



Dear Church Family,

As warmer days arrive and the first flowers begin to bloom, we witness God's gentle work of renewal unfolding before our eyes. These early signs of beauty are reminders of His patient transformation taking place within us through the FORWARD Initiative. On February 22, we revealed the totals from our Commitment Sunday, and what a profound display of generosity! Your faithful pledges reflect hearts surrendered to God's call, and we stand in awe of how He is moving among us.

Just as Paul wrote, "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship" (Romans 12:1). Your commitments are far more than financial steps; they are acts of worship, offering your whole lives to Him in response to His incredible mercy. Thank you for embodying this truth so beautifully.

On March 1, we begin a new sermon series titled "Every Good Work," journeying through the book of Titus. This brief yet powerful letter from Paul to his young disciple emphasizes sound doctrine that leads to godly living, strong leadership, and a passion for good works that draw others to Jesus. Together, we'll discover how grace shapes us to live eagerly for what is good and beneficial for others. This is perfect timing as we carry the momentum of generosity into practical, everyday faithfulness.

Beth Cotney gave her heart to Jesus when she was nine years old and felt God was calling her to some type of ministry in her senior year of high school.

Beth and Alan met in children's choir at their home church in Ashland, Alabama. Dating in high school and at Samford University, they married in 2002. Beth received a bachelor's degree in human development and Family Studies in 2003. She worked for an evangelist in Birmingham, Alabama before she and Alan moved to Wake Forest, North Carolina to attend seminary at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary where Beth graduated with a master's degree in biblical counseling in May 2005. Two weeks later, their first baby was born.

When asked how being a pastor's wife shaped her, she recalled that ministry has always been a part of hers and Alan's lives. She has seen all sides of ministry having been through seasons of hurt, but the seasons of joy and blessings far outweigh the negative times. Romans 12:15, "Rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep." Ministry life is a constant reminder that we need each other offering an opportunity for strangers to become family and walk through those celebrations and struggles together. (Cont'd on next page)

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

Wives of our Pastors

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She now works a full-time job from home as an Executive Assistant for Walking the Bible Lands with Dr. Wayne Stiles based out of Texas, taking care of communications, website and event planning.

Now that their five children are older, she said their days are not quite as crazy as when the children were younger. Only three now live at home and their time is mostly spent just getting them where they need to be and attending their practices and events.

Beth is mostly involved in Outreach Ministry at CRBC helping to plan and organize community events throughout the year. She is also part of the Follow-Up team and gets to meet with many of new guests during Coffee with the Pastor every Sunday morning. Beth and Alan host a Young Adult Bible Study on Sunday evenings and recently are leading the College and Career Bible Study on Wednesday nights. She also sees the need to help college age families transition to life between high school and college because she feels that their college kids are absolutely amazing and it has been incredible to be a part of their lives.

Beth states that she is truly thankful that God has placed them here in Ocala "For such a time as this." It's a very exciting time in the life of CRBC and she is just thankful that God has allowed them to be a part of it. The Cotney family is grateful for their CRBC family giving them more adopted aunts, uncles and grandparents than they can count. And CRBC is very grateful to enjoy the leadership from them.

Prayer Opportunities

Please pray for travel mercies for those going on the Amazon mission trip March 7 - 14.

Our community appreciation outreach hotdog supper event is scheduled for March 25, please pray for the volunteers and the community as we use this as an opportunity to share Jesus and invite members of the community to church.

Upcoming Events

DISCOVER COLLEGE ROAD

Are you interested in learning more about CRBC? Join our pastors for lunch on Sunday, March 15 from 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm as they share information about College Road. Register by Noon, March 12.

ROOTED CLASS

If you have not yet experienced Rooted, we invite you to discover the seven rhythms of walking with Christ. This 10-week discipleship class begins on Sunday, March 22, 9:30 am to 10:45 am in Building D, Room 4.

CONCERT SERIES CONTINUES

Love gospel music? Join us on Friday night, March 27 for the last group in our Winter Concert Series, The Guardians. Concert starts at 7:00 pm with doors opening at 5:30 pm.

FOR THE LADIES

Our Ladies Lunch Bunch will be March 28, location to be determined. Join us for food, fun and fellowship.

Our next Girls Gathering is on March 30. Save the date! The guest speaker will Jill Davis. Jill lives in OTOW here in Ocala and has given "good news" talks regarding her book, *The Small Town with A Big Heart*, throughout the state of Florida.

This is a story of unexpected kindness, where neighbors turned into her lifeline, and strangers became family. Through the profound generosity of a small town that refused to let Jill and her family fall, this is her journey. She will share with us the Good News of God touching hearts.

Bite into Better Health Presentation

Looking for ways to improve your eating habits? Join us on Wednesday, March 11 from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm in the Main Auditorium for a fun and informative nutrition presentation.

Jessie Driggers, Health & Wellness Coordinator with the Marion County Hospital District, will share practical tips for healthier eating, simple ways to improve daily habits and up-to-date guidance on nutrition and wellness. It's never too late to start a healthy lifestyle!

"I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship."

Romans 12:1

NEW MEMBERS/BAPTISMS

Ernie & Lisa Christman
Cosette DeJesus
Emmanuel Merced Diaz
Grace Ramroop
Rosemary Strauss

DID YOU KNOW?

Daylight Saving Time (DST) was invented in 1895 by New Zealand entomologist George Hudson. In 1907 William Willet wrote a book arguing for DST because of his concern that "The sun shines upon the land for several hours each day while we are asleep then there remains only a brief spell of declining daylight in which to spend the short period of leisure at our disposal." He lobbied the British Parliament to change daylight time, but it wasn't enacted in England until after his death. Germany became the first country to try it in 1916.

In the United States between January 1974 and April 1975 the entire country went on DST year-round to combat the energy crisis. President Woodrow Wilson first made it law in 1918, but it was repealed seven months later. President Franklin D. Roosevelt relaunched it in 1942, then in 1966 President Lyndon Johnson signed a law to make DST uniform time periods across the country. So.....SPRING FORWARD ON MARCH 8th!

DATES TO REMEMBER

First Sunday of each month:

Communion Sunday
Benevolence Offering

Third Sunday of each month:

Non-perishable foods for Interfaith

Blood Drive (2:00 pm - 7:00 pm):

May 6, August 5 & November 4

2026 CHURCH THEME



Missionary Spotlight

STEPHANIE CRAWFORD



Stephanie Crawford, a member of CRBC was commissioned by her home church in Mississippi as a missionary. Pastor Alan has prayed over her many times as she travels to Peru. Stephanie's parents, Steve and Pat Crawford are also members of CRBC.

During Stephanie's high school years, she remembers a tug on her heart for missionaries, even talking to some who visited her church then she studied missions in college.

Following a short trip to Africa in 1990 she felt the Lord closing the door on missions' work. She and her daughter traveled to Peru in 2014, and she was hoping her daughter would receive God's call to become a missionary; however, she herself received God's call.

Stephanie's profession as a schoolteacher afforded her time in the summers to travel. She made trips to Peru from 2014 through 2017 confirming God's call to start a mission work. She moved there in 2018 and lives in an apartment located in front of the church where she ministers along with her black cat, "King Louis."

She feels well-received by the people in San Ramon. They are loving people who insist on greeting each other (including hugging) each time they meet, even from breakfast to lunchtime. Her primary ministry is to women, but she also works with adolescents, youth and college/career age individuals. She is very passionate to minister to those who can receive healing as only Jesus can provide. She has purchased land and is hoping to build a woman's home (Rufuge de Vida -Life Refuge), a place where abused and abandoned women can come for a new start.

Stephanie brings coffee from Peru to sell raising funds for ministry and traveling expenses. Financial support is received from CRBC, a few other churches and some individuals.

She stated that she would love to hear from people from time to time. She has a US phone number so that she can receive text messages (352)300-0075.

Please remember to pray for Stephanie as she ministers in Peru.

Miami Mission Trip

PASTOR ROGNEY PAZ

February 5-7, College Road took a mission trip to Miami with SendRelief Serve Tour. We were able to go with 21 people, ranging in age from 7 to over 70, seven of whom were participating in a mission trip for the first time. This shows that there is no specific age to serve God; if your health and circumstances allow it, we can all serve. It was a very beautiful and edifying experience for us and very encouraging for the churches we served.

We collaborated with North West Baptist Church in Miami on the renovation of four rooms that will be used in different ways to build bridges with the community, one of which is counseling. We also participated with Estrella de Belén Church in a block party, distributing tracts, praying for various needs, sharing the gospel on the streets, and encouraging the local congregation. It was a wonderful experience for all the participants, as we also enjoyed great fellowship.

One of the things that impressed me the most was seeing several families from our church involved with their children serving together. That is a great motivation to lead by example and encourage them to continue doing so here in our own community. It was a short time, but very well spent.

MIAMI MISSION TRIP



MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

MISSION TRIP TO PUERTO RICO

CRBC will again be partnering with SendRelief for our mission trip to Puerto Rico, May 23 – 29. More info coming soon on this mission trip.

YOUTH MISSION CAMP

Youth Mission Camp includes engaging worship from experienced worship leaders, learning through sound biblical teaching and Bible study, community in Life Groups, and mission projects.

With emphasize in SERVING. Mission groups will have an opportunity to connect all the fun of camp with meeting real needs in local communities.

Dates: July 20 – July 24, with registration closing July 5.

Where: Lake Yale Conference Center, Leesburg

Cost: \$275

HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT OR EVENT TO SHARE?

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