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BAPTIST CHURCH

Faith Family Forever

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Pastor's Corner

DR. ALAN COTNEY, LEAD PASTOR



Easter is almost here, and I can hardly contain my excitement for what God is going to do in and through our church family this season!

Holy Week is one of the most sacred and meaningful times on the Christian calendar, and we have several opportunities planned to help you reflect deeply on the suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Details for all of our Holy Week gatherings are inside this newsletter. I hope you will make it a priority to join us.

Of course, Easter Sunday is the crown jewel. We will celebrate with services at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 AM. Here is where we need your help. Think right now about the people in your life — a neighbor, a coworker, a family member, a friend — who does not have a church home. Easter Sunday may be the very day God uses you to change the trajectory of their eternity. Be Compassionate. Be Bold. Be Invitational.

And here is a practical way you can love our guests well: please prayerfully consider worshipping at our 8:00 AM service. Doing so opens up seats at 9:30 for the people you are inviting. It is a small sacrifice with an eternal impact.

He is risen — let's make sure everybody hears it!

Faith, Family, Forever
Pastor Alan

Getting to Know the Wives of our Pastors

DEB ROUNTREE



Debbie Rountree, wife of Executive Pastor Jeff Rountree, was born in Jacksonville, Florida, and grew up there with her parents and two brothers. She had years of dance training in ballet, tap, and acrobatics. Following high school graduation, she auditioned and joined a dance and cheer squad for a new professional soccer team in Jacksonville. A photo of her from the tryouts was published on the front page of the sports section of the newspaper, which caught the attention of Jeff. His mother actually arranged the first meeting at the opening game, then they were later reintroduced by another squad member that Jeff knew from his home church. Circumstances kept them apart for another six months, but they finally reconnected at a church softball game. They dated and were married six months later.

She said that she never expected to be a pastor's wife. Having grown up in a Methodist church, the Baptist church was different and sometimes a difficult experience, but Jeff was always protective of her and never placed specific expectations on her regarding the church. This allowed her to focus on being a wife and mother of four children. She adapted to the role and the unique pressures and struggles that come with being a pastor's wife. She found great joy in serving in every area of ministry over the years... youth ministry, teaching children's Sunday School, directing numerous Vacation Bible Schools, and of course, the music ministry. (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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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.

Wives of our Pastors

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Their four children (Zach, Adam, Seth, and Allyson) are grown. Adam has given them two grandchildren: AJ, 13, and Evie Rose, who just turned 1.

Debbie works as support staff at a chiropractic clinic and is dedicated to personal fitness and being an avid weightlifter. She loves to cook and bake, especially sourdough bread. She also loves to sing in the church choir and is a member of the Florida Worship Choir along with her husband and other members of our church. She also has an ongoing responsibility caring for feral cats in her backyard and is a strong proponent of TNR (Trap-Neuter-Return).

She states that she is most thankful to God for her husband, who is her best friend and a living example of Jesus. We are blessed to see her around the church with her winning smile and warm greetings to everyone.

Holy Week Gatherings

MAUNDY THURSDAY
APRIL 2, ANYTIME BETWEEN 9:00 AM
AND 7:00 PM, BLDG A

As we prepare to open our hearts to our Savior and the sacrifice that He made for us, we will be observing Maundy Thursday with the opportunity to participate in a period of introspection and worship. An interactive, self-guided experience through five stations which allow you to examine yourself and your relationship with Christ.

Station 1: Preparation
Prepare Your Heart

Station 2: Communion
Remember Christ's Atoning Sacrifice

Station 3: Promises
Trust God's Faithful Word

Station 4: Praise
Worship the Lord in Gratitude

Station 5: Prayer
Submit to God's Will

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
APRIL 3, 6:30 PM, MAIN AUDITORIUM
SPANISH SERVICE - BLDG A
HAITIAN CREOLE SERVICE - STUDENT ROOM

Join us as we commemorate the crucifixion of our Lord and Savior.

EASTER SERVICES
SUNDAY, APRIL 6

Three services will be available on Easter Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Invite someone you know who is looking for a church home.

Dr. Fix-It - Computer and Cell Phone Pro

MIKE SCHEERER



Mike Scheerer is a volunteer sound technician working with our Worship Pastor Kevin Bradford in the 8:00 a.m. Sunday service. He and his wife, Jo Ann, have been married for 43 years and moved to Florida in 2019 from Warrensburg, NY. His career began as a chef and was very much in demand; however, he transitioned to working in a factory in upstate New York until moving south to enjoy warmer weather.

A resident of On Top of the World, he quickly became known as very knowledgeable in computers, phones, etc. and was elected Vice President of the computer club serving four years, and for two years is currently the President presiding over In-House and Zoom meetings weekly.

Mike and Jo Ann joined CRBC two years ago and are working with Pastor Jason to become leaders in a small group Bible study very soon. His hobbies are cooking, bowling, golf, computers, video games, Legos and anything Star Wars. He is also fascinated with the Space Center. It was mentioned to Mike that our older congregation could use some technical help in security vs. privacy; QR codes; computers and phones. He said he would be available to conduct classes, so those interested should call Sandy in the church office for a subject and he would advise of the time and place.

We are blessed to have this dedicated couple in our church.

Upcoming New Ministry

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery ministry coming to CRBC soon. The mission of Celebrate Recovery is to help people find freedom and healing from their hurts, hang-ups and habits through a relationship with Jesus Christ. This ministry is being formed by Britt and Christine Palmer. Stay-tuned for more information regarding this ministry.

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another."

John 13:34

NEW MEMBERS/BAPTISMS

Steve & Liz Kotowske
Kevin Mankowski
Robert & Rhonda Walker
Woody & Noreen Wilson
Robin Wiltse

CALLING ALL LADIES... DON'T MISS OUT!

Listen up ladies, mark your calendars so you never miss an opportunity for fun and fellowship with other Christian ladies!

- Women's One Day Retreat with special guest, Elyn Presley - Saturday, April 25, \$25 per person
- Ladies Lunch Bunch: 4th Saturday of every month
- Girls Gathering: 4th Monday of March, June & September; with a special Holiday date to be determined for December

Watch the church website for event registration.

DID YOU KNOW?

Maundy Thursday, "maundy" meaning command, is generally commemorated on the Thursday before Easter, which is believed to be the day of the final Passover with Jesus and the disciples. At this Passover meal, Jesus washed the feet of His disciples and gave them a commandment:

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another."
(John 13:34).

HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT OR EVENT TO SHARE?

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