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BAPTIST CHURCH

Faith Family Forever

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Pastor's Corner

DR. ALAN COTNEY, LEAD PASTOR



What a season of grace God is pouring out on College Road Baptist Church! As we step into June, I want to pause and give thanks for the ways the Lord is moving among us.

Our Forward Initiative continues to exceed expectations. Your faithful generosity is propelling us toward ministry milestones and our new multipurpose building. Thank you for trusting God with bold gifts. Every commitment is a seed planted for kingdom impact, and the fruit is already evident.

I am also thrilled to announce that the Personnel Committee is recommending Brandon Glisson to be our new Next Gen Pastor. After much prayer and careful searching, we believe the Lord brought us the right man at the right time. Please pray for him and his family as we prepare to affirm his call to shepherd our children and their families toward Christ.

On Sunday mornings, we continue marching through the book of Joshua in our series Strong and Courageous. Joshua's story reminds us that the same God who parted the Jordan still goes before His people today. I pray these texts strengthen your faith for whatever battles you face this summer.

Speaking of summer, school is out, schedules shift, and rhythms change. Let me encourage you: do not take a vacation from worship. Keep gathering. Keep growing together. Keep serving.

I love being your pastor.

Faith, Family, Forever
Pastor Alan

Getting to Know the Wives of our Pastors

PATRICIA PAZ



Patricia Paz, wife of Pastor Rogney Paz was born in Puebla, Mexico. She and her family came to live in Florida in 1992. Currently she is an online student at Tallahassee State College as well as working as a preschool teacher. In 1999 she worked at Walgreens in the Photo Department and was Head Cosmetician in Pompano Beach. Pastor Rogney worked for Kodak and made deliveries to the store which is where they met. After 10 months, they were married.

The Paz family, despite their busy schedule, love to spend time together as a family making memories. Their three children: Rogelio, age 20, works as an electrician assistant; Rodney, age 17, and Ana, age 14, still attend school.

Patricia stated that she never imagined becoming a pastor's wife, but she said, "when God called my husband, I felt a distinct call to stand by his side in ministry. Being a pastor's wife has helped me to step out of my comfort zone and challenged me to venture into new endeavors related to women's ministry, leadership and music."

The Paz Family leads the Missions and Spanish ministry at CRBC as they worship in Building A. Maybe during one of our "Family Meetings" we will have a chance to exchange some encouragement words and meet others who attend different services.

Youth Camp Fundraiser

Our students have started fundraising for their July mission camp. Stop by their booth in the foyer to see how you can help.

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

Ocala Portuguese 5:00 pm

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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.

Man of Many Titles



CLAYTON JAMES

Clayton James serves as a Deacon and has served a variety of ministries at College Road Baptist Church since becoming a member in 1989. He actually attended in 1986-1987 when the church was housed in a double-wide mobile structure. Committees which he has either been a part of or has served as chairman are Finance, Personnel, Stewardship, Trustee, Church Council and Pastor Search committee when Pastor John Downing retired. He is most pleased to reflect on the search and eventual call of Pastor Alan Cotney and his family to lead College Road Baptist, stating, "the greatest privilege I've ever had."

Clayton (as he is affectionately known) was born in Waynesville, North Carolina and grew up with two sisters, 2 half-brothers, one half-sister and three stepbrothers. He received salvation at age 14 led by his Training Union teacher at First Baptist Church, Charleston, SC which is the oldest Baptist church in the USA.

His father was a true mountaineer, and his mother was a "city girl" from Charleston, South Carolina. When they separated, Clayton spent summers with his dad and learned many farming ideas which helped him in his future endeavor of conducting business in Waynesville, North Carolina.

He served in the US Army for six years in the 1960's, attended a business college and was employed for 33 years by Dayton Rubber Company as quality control inspector, shift supervisor and general foreman of the company. When the company moved to Mexico and he moved to Ocala, FL he attended College of Central Florida and received his real estate license, giving him a chance to work for Del Webb Company for 16 years.

Clayton was connected by friends to Harper Agency and began organizing southern gospel singing concerts at CRBC, which he did for 25 years. With health issues continuing, he

asked Don Hallgren to take charge and begin organizing the future gospel concerts for the church. When asked what his vision is for the church he answered, "The need to build a church building for future generations". He is happy to see progress being made!

Divine Discoveries - A Book Club

DAVD ANDERSON

A few months ago, I was reading a book by Randy Alcorn, a respected Christian writer. The book is called "Heaven," and as you can imagine, it was all about what we as Christians can expect when "we leave this world." Or do we? Where is Heaven? What will our lives be like? Will we have pets? Will we see family?

Then later I read "The Pursuit of God" by A.W. Tozer. Tozer presents ten arguments in support of turning your life to God through a practical mindset, like correcting your prayer life and seeing the omnipresent God in all we see and do as we face our day.

I found it enjoyable and refreshing to relate these two episodes with friends, and their own curiosity led to the creation of a new opportunity within the church to read bible-centered Christian authors and to come together once a month to discuss material we've enjoyed. Books are suggested by the group members, each member obtains a copy of the book through the library or through personal retail choices, and the 2-hour meetings are casual, friendly, informative and encouraging.

If reading is something you enjoy, Joe Nance and I encourage you to join us. Our group is called "Divine Discoveries," and it truly is just that. We have a book list to share. Currently, we are enjoying John Bunyan's "The Pilgrim's Process." Our next meeting is June 6th at the Freedom Public Library in Ocala. Please call or text 360-521-6419 for questions. We look forward to sharing our thoughts, and to be inspired together as we read a variety of biblically-themed books!

Illumination Station VBS!

VBS is coming soon! July 6 through July 10 is your chance to VOLUNTEER! So many options to help make this a great VBS.

"Then Joshua said to the people, "Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you." Joshua 3:5

NEW MEMBERS/BAPTISMS

Charles Everhart
David & Julie Grant
Nadeisha Hernandez
Doug Lea
Joy Love
Ray Nuckoles
Tinely & Elyn Presley
Sandra Wikle

DID YOU KNOW?

The Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting occurs this year in Orlando June 6-7. On Saturday, June 5 an important event entitled "Crossover", an evangelistic outreach. Volunteers throughout central Florida, will bring the hope of the Gospel with one-on-one and group conversations offering encouragement, praying for needs and sharing the message of Jesus Christ in several neighborhoods.

Orlando Convention Center will host the main event for ministers and delegates from churches gathering from all over the country to conduct important business, committee reports, elections for various offices and presentations of ministries including home and international missions as well as women's ministries. Each day a time of prayer and worship will be a wonderful experience for attendees.

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.

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2026 CHURCH THEME



Celebrate Recovery

BRITT AND CHRISTINE PALMER



Britt and I are new to the Ocala area and moved here from Akron, OH in August of 2025. It didn't take long for us to find a home church, and we joined in October of the same year. While living in Ohio, I (Christine) had been involved with Celebrate Recovery for over 7 years and Britt for 3 years. Shortly after we joined, I (Christine) was talking with Pastor Alan about recovery ministries being offered at College Road as we were seeking continued support. When I mentioned Celebrate Recovery, Pastor told me that they had been wanting to start one, but no one was willing to take on the effort and lead it. When I spoke to Britt about it, we earnestly prayed about it, and we came to believe that God was calling us into starting Celebrate Recovery at CRBC and leading this incredible ministry.

Celebrate Recovery is a Biblically-based, Christ-centered program that helps people find freedom and healing from their hurts, hang-ups, and habits through a relationship with Jesus Christ. It is a safe place for people to find freedom from the issues that control their lives. When people hear the name "recovery" they immediately associate it with addiction. While the ministry was started by an individual who was addicted to alcohol, Celebrate Recovery covers a wide variety of issues. From gambling, codependency, anxiety, depression, financial, eating-disorders, history of abuse, relationship issues or simply a hurt, hang-up, or habit they've been unable to control. We all as Christians struggle with sin and we often fail in our own attempts to control or overcome the destructive thoughts and habits. Celebrate Recovery helps us to achieve victory in those areas through the one and only higher-power, Jesus Christ. For Britt and me, our own personal experience with Celebrate Recovery is that it has brought into deeper, more intimate and authentic relationship with Jesus Christ. It has given us a biblical blueprint to utilize in finding victory over the sinful patterns. Our lives have literally been transformed by this program.

We are scheduled to begin Life's Healing Choices Study on Monday June 8th at 6:30 pm. This is a 9-week study open to men and women. Celebrate Recovery will be launching, hopefully, Monday, September 14th at 6:30 pm and we will meet weekly. This is a life changing ministry!

New Portuguese Service at CRBC

We are thrilled to announce that College Road Baptist Church has launched a new Portuguese-language worship service! Every Sunday at 5:00 PM, approximately 60 people—adults, teenagers, and children—gather for vibrant, Bible-centered worship in Brazilian Portuguese.

This exciting ministry began simply in August 2025 when a few families started a small discipleship group in a home to mentor close friends. What started with three families (six adults and two children) quickly grew through personal invitation. Today the group includes around 19 families: 35 adults, 10 teenagers, and 14 children. As the fellowship expanded, space in the home became too small, so church leadership prayerfully explored next steps. The result is our new Portuguese service, created to reach even more people with the Gospel.

Many Brazilians in the area had been praying for a solid, Bible-based church that speaks their heart language. Word spread quickly, and new faces are joining every week. Yes, there is a growing Portuguese-speaking community right here in Ocala. The Brazilian population in the United States is concentrated in Florida, especially around Orlando. In recent years, however, rising living costs and new job opportunities have drawn many families to Ocala. This growth is real and significant, and the Lord is clearly at work.

If you know someone in the Brazilian community—or if you simply want to experience the joy of this new service—please join us at 5:00 PM on Sundays. Let's continue to pray for this ministry, for the leaders serving each week, and for every person who walks through the doors to encounter Jesus Christ.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 27 - Ladies Lunch Bunch. Check the church website for information and sign-up.

June 28 - Mission Dignity Sunday. Join us for our annual one-day giving event to support retired Southern Baptist ministers, workers and their widows in critical financial need.

June 28 - Discover College Road. Interested in knowing more about College Road. Join our pastors for lunch and learn more about our church. This event happens monthly. Please register on the church website.

June 29 - Girls Gathering. Joe Searles will be the guest speaker, speaking on codependency. Check the church website for additional information and sign-up.

July 6 - July 10 - Illumination Station VBS for ages 2 years old through completed 6th grade. Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 12:30 pm.

July 11 - July 17 - Mission trip to Puerto Rico to engage in light construction to help repair and re-build homes and churches. Check the church website or call the church office for more information.

July 20 - July 24 - 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. Check the church website for more information. Registration closes July 5.

ILLUMINATION STATION VBS

Shining a Light on Who Jesus Really Is

Invite kids to Illumination Station VBS for the brightest week of the year! While many people claim to know about Jesus, many are in the dark about who He really is. Some might see Jesus as just a person from history, a good man, or a wise teacher but He is much more than that.

At Illumination Station VBS, kids will be challenged to answer Jesus' important question to His disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" As they explore all the ways light brightens, illuminates, reflects, and reveals, kids will discover that Jesus is the light who brings hope to a dark world.

Jesus spoke to them again: "I am the light of the world. Anyone who follows me will never walk in the darkness but will have the light of life." John 8:12