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## BAPTIST CHURCH

*Faith Family Forever*

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### Pastor's Corner

DR. ALAN COTNEY, LEAD PASTOR



What a season it has been at College Road!

Holy Week was truly a gift from God to our congregation. From our Maundy Thursday Experience, to the reverence of Good Friday, and culminating in the joy of Easter Sunday, our church family worshipped with a depth and sincerity that was truly amazing to witness. Thank you to every volunteer, musician, and staff member who gave so generously to make those services meaningful. Most importantly, thank you to all who attended and brought friends and family to hear the gospel proclaimed.

Now, with fresh resurrection faith, we have launched into our new series through the book of Joshua: Strong and Courageous. God's charge to Joshua is just as alive for us today. As we study how God led His people forward into the promises He had prepared for them, I believe He has much to say to College Road in this very season.

And what a season it is! With the school year winding down and summer approaching, our church family is full of energy and expectation. That excitement only grows as we press forward together in our Forward Initiative. The momentum is real, the vision is clear, and God is moving among us.

The best days of College Road are still ahead. I am honored to be your pastor.

Faith, Family, Forever  
Pastor Alan

### Getting to Know the Wives of our Pastors

ANYA BRADFORD



Anya Bradford, wife of Worship Pastor Kevin Bradford and member of the worship team in the 11:00 a.m. services was born and grew up in Arkansas. Her mother is a nursing professor at a Christian university and her father first worked at Xerox for over 30 years and now works for Konica Minolta. The oldest of three girls, she grew up playing basketball, taking voice lessons and traveling to Branson, Missouri twice a year with her family.

After graduating high school, she attended Harding University where her mother taught. She earned a degree in vocal music education. In between semesters, she traveled to over 26 countries doing various types of mission work on singing tours, children's theater, ministries and started youth programs in Hungary. She found a passion for taking Jesus to the nations.

Following graduating, she felt called to perform and do ministry at Disney. She auditioned and was offered a position in entertainment even though she had to move 14 hours away from anything and everyone she knew. She said, "it was me and Jesus and that was all I needed."

She met Kevin while he was interning at First Baptist Church, Orlando taking advantage of her Sunday morning off from her job to attend. She stated that God is faithful and it wasn't just coincidence that she just happened to sit across from the handsome young man that day. After two dates before his internship was over, they dated long distance for one and a half years before getting married and moving to Georgia.  
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### 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

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

## Wives of our Pastors

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She stated with a chuckle that he “rescued me from my ivory tower.” In a recent interview, she stated that being a pastor’s wife is so natural to her because marrying a man who loves God more than anything else, including her, was always non-negotiable. So, it is an absolute dream to get to share a life with Kevin and support all his passions, and serving alongside him is her favorite thing.

Also, in the interview she stated the following: “We were in the adoption process for seven years before we lost our two children in Uganda due to a law change. When we returned home empty-handed and brokenhearted, we decided to try to have children ‘the old-fashioned way’ and God has been more gracious and generous than we could ever imagine.”

Their two boys, Kai (age 8) and Jad (age 6) attend school at Meadowbrook Academy and Brea (age 4) their youngest girl attends a homeschool group twice a week. This allows Anya to meet with clients at her job. Little Brea, on days when she is at home, becomes a wonderful helper, as were her brothers before they were old enough to attend school.

Anya states that she is incredibly thankful for the business God brought into her life that allows her to prioritize her family and still minister to and serve others. She is a financial advisor and owns the Ocala office for the company. Her passion is to teach people about money while helping them to create personalized financial plans to reach their goals, whether it’s getting out of debt, investing for the future, buying a home or something as simple as budgeting. She is “all in”. She stated that it is an enormous blessing when her children are with her while meeting with clients or teaching seminars, because she wants them to learn these financial concepts as well as seeing her being a godly leader and helping families.

Anya and Kevin joke that they don’t have any hobbies outside of their family because they do everything together. She said it may sound cliché, but they truly enjoy just being together whatever they’re doing.

The children received passports for Christmas this year. Kevin and Anya are excited to merge passion for mission work with the children to show them the world and take the gospel as they go. Being most thankful for Jesus Christ through all ups and downs, through good and bad times, He has been constantly with this family. She specifically stated that “Jesus has always called to my heart, and I cannot think of anything more precious than the creator of the universe pursuing me moment by moment. Keeping Him as my cornerstone doesn’t just help everything else fall into place. It keeps me grounded exactly where I need to be. The Lord has been immensely good to me, and I know He will continue to guide me. I pray that the life I have to give Him will make Him smile. That’s always been my goal.”

### *Celebrate Recovery*

To further the Care Ministry here at College Road Baptist, Christine and Britt Palmer are planning to begin “Celebrate Recovery” which is a Biblically-based, Christ-centered program that helps people find freedom and healing from issues that control their lives. The ministry will cover 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 that has been uncontrolled.

At this time as the ministry is getting organized, workers are needed in supporting roles working with Christine, Britt and pastoral leadership. Once the leadership is in place, a date for the launch will be announced, hopefully by mid- to late summer. The meetings will be on Thursday evenings at the church and will include a time of worship, teaching, and testimony. They are excited to see what God has in store for this ministry and the journey ahead.

Anyone interested joining in a supportive role, please contact Pastor Jason Kaminski, Christine or Britt Palmer through the church office.

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

Joshua 1:9

### NEW MEMBERS/BAPTISMS

Sara Aldeia	Katleen Marinho
Duane Baker	Ismael & Ruth Mendez
Louise Everett	Manny Selles &
Dale & Christy Katz	Rebecca Narvaez
Susan LeBeau	Mike & Angie Wilding
Josué & Leidy Lopez	

### DID YOU KNOW?

Reprinted from the March 22, 2026 edition of Tyme Weekly:

#### MEMORABLE MOMENTS

Think about this...

I just heard on the radio last week the "top 10 challenged books" for school libraries. The majority of them are challenged for their highly offensive language or deviant sexual content. Coming in at #6 in this year's listing is THE BIBLE! [Now this is the point where I could "go-off" on the condition of our society today and its rejection of God but let me take another path...].

The Bible is Good Reading - Even if one were to remove the divine element behind the Bible, it is filled with great literature: lofty, emotion-packed poems and songs, stirring historical accounts of peoples and nations, great moral teachings that lift the spirit, and rich prophetic promise of the future. The Bible is Inspiring - the one central theme that runs through the entire Bible is the overwhelming love of God for man in all of his brokenness. This all-encompassing gracious love encourages the downtrodden, lifts the fallen, supports the weak and inspires us all.

Read the Bible...you may be surprised what you learn!

### 2026 CHURCH THEME



## *Community Outreach Update*

We had approximately 100 cars stop by the prayer tent and gave away around 300 hotdogs.

## *New Life Groups*

New Life Groups will be launching on Sunday, May 3. We offer groups at various times and locations. Check the website to personalize your interest group or call the church office.

## *Senior Adult Trip*

Our Senior Adult Ministry will be taking a trip to Suncoast Theatre on June 19 from 4:00 pm - 10:00 pm.

The trip will include a delicious meal and the heartwarming Broadway-style comedy, *Church Basement Ladies*.

Join our senior adults for a trip which offers fellowship, laughter, and a memorable evening of great food and live entertainment.

## *Discover College Road*

Our next Discover College Road is Sunday, May 17 from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm. Join the Pastors of CRBC for lunch and learn more about College Road. This event happens monthly. Registration for May closes May 14.

## *Blood Drive*

The blood drive is scheduled for Wednesday, May 6 from 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm.

## *Torah Presentation*

Robert and Maidee Parson's son-in-law will be presenting a genuine Torah presentation on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am until Noon in the Worship Center. The speaker will be Dr. Douglas Wilson, Senior Pastor of Moffitt Road Baptist Church, Mobile, Alabama and Professor of Old Testament and Bible Studies at the University of Mobile.

This will be a very interesting presentation of a genuine 200-year-old Torah that Dr. Wilson is privileged to have in his possession. The Torah is 48 feet long and is 200 years old. It will be stretched out so everyone can see it and Dr. Wilson will explain how it was written. Everyone is invited to attend. Mark your calendar.

## *One More Child*

A ministry of the Florida Baptist Convention, this Mother's Day offering provides for the lives of foster children, hungry children, trafficked children, single moms and struggling families.

## *Wedding Shower*

Please join us for the wedding shower of our Children's Minister, Stephanie Thompson, and Donald Files on Sunday, May 3 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. The shower will be held in the main auditorium. *Gift idea: Stephanie and Donald are remodeling a home, so gift cards would be greatly appreciated.*

## MISSION TRIP TO PUERTO RICO

The church will be participating in a mission trip to Puerto Rico July 11 through July 17. Mission teams will engage in light construction to help repair and re-build homes and churches. Members of mission teams may also participate in community outreach through prayer walking, meal distributions and evangelism. Register online and watch for announcements of informational meetings.

## YOUTH MISSION CAMP

Registration is still open for 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

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## 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.

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