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BAPTIST CHURCH

Faith Family Forever

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Pastor's Corner

DR. ALAN COTNEY, LEAD PASTOR



Dear College Road Family,

Summer is in full swing, and what a joy it is to watch God's people on the move! July will be one of the most active and Spirit-filled months of our year, and I want you to be ready for all that lies ahead.

First, please be in prayer for our Puerto Rico Mission Team. Partnering with Send Relief, our team will serve alongside local believers to share the gospel and meet tangible needs on the island. Pray for safety, stamina, open doors, and softened hearts. Mission trips do not just impact those we serve, they reshape those who go.

Closer to home, Vacation Bible School is right around the corner. VBS remains one of the most strategic evangelistic weeks of our year. Children from across our community will hear the gospel clearly, sing truth at the top of their lungs, and experience the love of Christ through many faithful volunteers. If you can serve, sign up. If you can't, pray and invite a child.

Our students will also be heading to Lake Yale for Student Camp. These few days have a way of shaping a teenager's walk with Christ for years to come. Pray for life-changing encounters with Jesus.

Finally, be watching for a six-month Forward Initiative update later this month. We have so much to celebrate as God continues to provide for our new building.

I love being your pastor.
Faith, Family, Forever
Pastor Alan

Getting to Know the Wives of our Pastors

LUISA CAÑOLA



Luisa Cañola, wife of Pastor Andrés Cañola was born in Medellin, Colombia as the youngest of three children. At the age of four she and her family immigrated to the U.S. and settled in Miami. Much of her childhood was spent relocating to different Florida cities because of her dad's job. She attributes her education to reading, learning and completing college coursework; books, family life, ministry and many experiences God has brought to her life.

Andrés and Luisa met when they served in the worship ministry at a church in Pembroke Pines, Florida. They have been married for 19 years and have been blessed with eight children. When asked how being a pastor's wife has shaped her, Luisa says it is very humbling as well as challenging when God has called you to depend on and trust Him through every season. Also being a mom is the absolute greatest joy of her life. She said, "I recognize that I am living some of the best days of my life, and I do not take a single moment with my children for granted." She has been homeschooling their children for about seven years, stating that even though it requires long days, the years are so short. Some of the happiest and most treasured memories include family moments of simple daily rhythms, sharing meals around the table, a meaningful story read aloud, or completing a farm chore side by side.

In addition to tending to the family and their hobby farm, Luisa operates a
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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

Ocala Portuguese 5:00 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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small photography business deeply enjoying the creative aspect as well as having the opportunity to connect with people while preserving special memories for families. Her hobbies include reading, baking and gardening. These simple activities provide a welcome opportunity to slow down, recharge and enjoy the beauty of everyday life.

Luisa is very thankful for the many blessings God provides, above all, she says for His saving grace and that He has set her apart for His kingdom work to serve Him in church, in our community and in her own home. One of her favorite quotes by Elisabeth Elliot is: "Ordinary work, which is what most of us do most of the time, is ordained by God every bit as much as is the extraordinary."

Teach English, Share Love

ISMARI VILLA, ESL LEADER

Teach English, Share Love: Join Our ESL Ministry Team

Teaching English to adult immigrants within College Road ESL Ministry brings deep spiritual fulfillment and profound personal joy. By breaking down communication barriers for newcomers, you actively obey the biblical call to welcome strangers. In the words of one of our teachers: "Helping others learn English has been a blessing and an opportunity to serve the Lord by showing patience, kindness, and encouragement. Through this ministry, I have seen how God can use even simple acts of teaching to build confidence, create connections, and demonstrate His love."

As students practice vocabulary, they also hear about God's love and find a caring, supportive spiritual family. If you want to experience this blessing firsthand, please consider joining our dedicated volunteer team today. Your faithful willingness to serve can forever change an immigrant family's future.

Email us today at esl@collegeroad.org. Classes start on Monday, August 24th. Registration is open, and we will soon begin the placement testing.

Back Pack Ministry

The Food 4 Kids program was started in 2004 in response to concerns raised by school staff that many students did not have enough food for the weekends. School counselors provide referrals for students, and the Food 4 Kids program provides a durable backpack for each family and food for each child in the home to have six weekend meals.

College Road's volunteer, Richard Pippenger, delivers the food directly to the school, tagged for each family. The child takes the backpack home on Friday afternoon and returns them to school on Monday morning.

The backpack program depends on the donations of time and resources from individuals, churches, businesses and organizations. The average cost per child is approximately \$25.00 a month. Additionally, special food drives for specific items are a tremendous help for the Food 4 Kids program.

Donations for the Backpack ministry are needed and appreciated. You can sponsor a child for just one month or through the school year as your heart leads.

Puerto Rico Mission Trip

Mission Pastor Rogney Paz is leading a team to go to Puerto Rico on July 11-17. The team appreciates the financial and prayer support they have received from our church family. There are 11 people going on this trip, 4 teenagers and 7 adults with this trip being the first mission trip for 3 of those adults.

Puerto Rico is a beautiful Caribbean Island and a U.S. commonwealth. Due to repeated natural disasters such as hurricanes and earthquakes, much of its population who live outside San Juan lives in difficult conditions. The Southern Baptist organization, SendRelief has been ministering across the island in various ways including construction, repairs, biblical counseling, food distribution and evangelism. This work has earned the trust of the island's government, which has extended its support to the organization.

The groups traveling from our state serve in neighborhoods across the island working on the projects selected through resident

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"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Mark 10:45

NEW MEMBERS/BAPTISMS

Anderson Paulo Aldeia
Raquel Almonte
Yanislei Seijo Avila
Jad Bradford
Becky & Dennis Green
Anezio & Andreia Heringer
Gabriel Marinho
Jo Pope
Ana Graciela Villa Resendiz
Katelyn Smith
Janice Steimke
John & Doris Yocum

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF

Welcome Pastor Brandon Glisson and his family and Rebecca Kelly. Pastor Brandon will be starting his ministry here soon as our Next Gen Pastor. Rebecca will be joining us as a new administrative assistant helping Sandy with office.

DID YOU KNOW?

Nearly every county in America erected a courthouse during its formative years. Americans wanted all cities in the nation to have access to justice. These courthouses ensured every citizen the hope of being protected by the law. Innocence would prosper in these houses; guilt would meet fair play. (Copied)

Daniel Webster said, "God grants liberty only to those who love it and are always ready to guard and defend it."

ARE YOU IN OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY?

If you are not in the church directory, help us keep the directory up-to-date and stop by the church office during office hours to have your photo taken. It won't take long and doesn't hurt a bit! Contact Sandy for further information.

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Puerto Rico Mission Trip (Cont'd)

applications and on-site assessments by SendRelief teams with priority given to widows, the elderly with limited resources, single mothers and others in need. This assistance not only improves living conditions but also brings hope to individuals and their neighbors regarding God's goodness and mercy. Many of these people ultimately commit their lives to Christ and connect with local churches.

Contact Pastor Rogney Paz to join future mission trips. He stated, "These trips will transform lives both here and there."

Five Wishes Class

Five Wishes is a new class coming to CRBC the five Tuesdays in September.

This class is preparation for personal, emotional, spiritual and medical decisions that loved ones should know when someone they love can no longer make such decisions.

Classes will meet each Tuesday in September (September 1 through September 29) from 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm in Building D. Space is limited so please register on the church website or call the church office.

Hosanna Fundraising Concert

Join with College Road Haitian Baptist Church on Saturday, September 26, at 4:30 PM in the Chapel for an evening of music featuring Charlene Mitchell, Josh Hage, David Bluze, Fredo Momplaisir, and DJ Roody.

Tickets are \$50 per person. This special fundraising event will support our Forward Initiative as we seek to expand our facilities, unite our church family, and reach more people for Christ.

Register on the church website.

Ladies Lunch Bunch

Our July Ladies Lunch Bunch will meet on July 25. Stay tuned for more information on that location and the August date.

Summer Health Tips to Beat the Heat

It's already hot, so make sure to stay safe:

- Drink 3-4 glasses of water per day to stay hydrated.
- Use the 3 "suns": sun hat, sunglasses & sunscreen

Don't let the heat take you down!



VBS - ILLUMINATION STATION REMINDER!

July 06 - 10, 2026

Monday - Friday - 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Ages 2 years old through completed 6th grade.

Shining a Light on Who Jesus Really Is

Volunteers needed in various areas before, during and after VBS week. There's a way to serve for everyone!

STUDENT CAMP

July 20 - July 24

Lake Yale Conference Center

Registration closes July 5 at noon

Students are currently raising funds for this mission camp.

CHURCH WEBSITE

Do you know what's happening in the life of our church? Visit the church website: <https://collegeroad.churchcenter.com/home>

The website covers:

- Ways to give
- Church directory
- Groups including open life groups, ministry groups, open committees, various classes
- Sermons (current and recent series), bulletins, discussion guide and more
- Monthly calendar of events
- Upcoming event info and registration
- Current newsletter

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.

Newsletter Team:

Marcia McIntosh, Betty Pipkins & Sharon Hall
