

Pastor’s Corner
DR. ALAN COTNEY, LEAD PASTOR



September always feels like a fresh start. Schedules settle, routines return, and our church family gathers with renewed focus. This month gives us much to anticipate.

We are in the home stretch of Strong and Courageous, our journey through Joshua. These closing chapters call God's people to undivided loyalty and remind us that not one of His promises has ever failed. Do not miss these Sundays. Joshua's final charge to Israel is a charge to us as well. Fall is also our season for getting connected. Our Fall Life Group semester launches September 6, so if you have been looking for a group, now is the time. On September 9, we launch new Discipleship Classes and midweek services. This is exactly what our annual theme, Faith in Action, looks like: believers gathering to study, pray, and grow together. Whether you have been here forty years or four weeks, there is a place for you. Come, and bring someone with you.

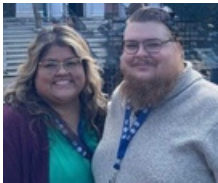
Now to the biggest news of the month. On Sunday, September 13 at 4:00 p.m., we will hold a church family meeting to discuss and vote on beginning Phase 1 of our Forward Initiative. This is the moment we have been praying toward and giving toward. Your generosity has brought us here, and now we decide together how we move ahead.

Please make every effort to attend. Come informed, come prayerful, and come ready. Like Joshua, we do not step forward alone. The Lord goes before us.

I love being your pastor!

Faith, Family, Forever
Pastor Alan

New Ministry Assistant
REBECA SALMERON



Rebeca Salmeron-Kelly (Beca) is the newest addition to the Administration staff as Ministry Assistant working Monday through Wednesday each week. Her duties include scheduling activities on the church calendar, preparing slides shown on Sundays in each worship service, some media creating and communication.

Rebeca and her husband, Patrick, married in 2020 and became members of CRBC in 2022. Patrick is currently attending Southern Seminary with online classes. Born in Clearwater, Beca (as she likes to be called) grew up with her parents and two sisters. Her dad was a former pastor and church planter in Miami, Stewart and Ocala. Sadly, he passed away and her mother being from El Salvador now attends the Spanish church services led by Pastor Rogney Paz.

She earned her Bachelor’s degree in elementary education from Baptist College of Florida, her Master of Education at the University of Florida and is seeking a Master’s degree in counselling at Nova Southeastern. Having served for 10 years in the Marion County school system, she spent six years in the ESOL Department as a Resource Facilitator and Program Specialist before returning to the classroom as a teacher and later serving as a Secondary Education Program Specialist.

Welcome Rebeca as she works to enhance the office staff while serving the Lord at College Road Baptist.

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	Rogney Paz
Jeff Rountree	Orlando Reyes
Jason Kaminski	Andrés Cañola
Kevin Bradford	Joel Petit Noel
Brandon Glisson	

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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

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.

Getting to Know the Wives of our Pastors

ERMILIA PETIT-NOEL



Ermilia Louis Petit-Noel was born in Haiti and grew up with four brothers and four sisters. She was educated in Haiti and is a seamstress. She and Pastor Joel met when they attended the same church in Haiti. Proud to be a pastor’s wife, it has shaped her in many ways, teaching her resilience and balance with church and family life at home. She is proud to present herself well in and outside of the church.

Pastor Joel Petit-Noel and Ermilia have five children (Elna Becca, Naomi, Jonathan, Monique and Penuel Joel) and five grandchildren. Ermilia’s ministry is praying for others and she loves to sing. She works in a retirement home as a resident care assistant.

She is thankful for the gospel of Jesus Christ and for the opportunity to serve others and her family. The Petit-Noel Family have been part of College Road Baptist for five years leading the Haitian-Creole services.

Women’s Workshop

YOU ARE ENOUGH

Ladies you are invited to join us on Saturday, October 3 from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm in the main auditorium for this special workshop, You Are Enough.

In this workshop you will be encouraged, equipped and reminded that you are enough through an inspiring message from Sarah Malanowski, guided reflection, creative mosaic art, encouragement and connection, and a keepsake of your mosaic art.

Lunch is provided and the cost is \$25 per person. Mark your calendars and register on the church website.

Bradford Family visits with Nieto Family

Recently the five members of the Bradford family had the privilege to travel to Leticia, Colombia to spend a week with the Nieto family in the Amazon. During school vacation for all the children made for a fun time to be together the entire week. They played soccer in the courtyard, danced to videos in the living room and enjoyed a Funhouse in the town square and bonded immediately. Jad Bradford even asked to stay with his new friends and would allow his parents to come back for him.

Having known Jonatan and Natasha years ago when they were members of CRBC, Kevin and Anya enjoyed renewing their friendship along with every time the Nietos came home. They also had some time to visit with other missionary friends who stopped by during the visit.

They not only spent time in the Nieto’s home, but enjoyed a riverboat ride up the Amazon to a tiny community called Mocagua where they stayed in a spacious guest house enjoying treks into the jungle, searching for monkeys (where Kevin had a unique experience), fresh fish from the river and visits with the local pastor in Mocagua, who often travels with Jonatan to remote areas training indigenous pastors.

On Sunday they traveled to an area on the outskirts of Leticia and joined a small congregation for worship. The pastor asked Jonatan to preach, and Anya and Kevin shared a song with them in Spanish.

One favorite moment was at the Nieto house when Jonatan pulled out his dining table-sized maps of the Amazon and began to explain the ministry showing that there are no roads that connect Leticia to the rest of the country. So, if he needs to train pastors or other missionaries, he either has to get on a plane or travel by boat for days. The work is hard and slow; but he and Natasha are encouraged and filled with hope, knowing God will have His gospel preached to every tribe and every tongue.

Please pray for Jonatan, Natasha, Isabella, Gabriella and baby Giana as they are shining God’s light in the Amazon to people who desperately need Him.

"But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Joshua 24:15

NEW MEMBERS/BAPTISMS

Brillianny Camacho	Danyon Gonzalez
Jayla Carcione	Nancy Hay
Joey Carcione	Susan Marsh
Natasha Cortes	Ana Paz
Omar Escriva	Donna Pereira
Sofia Escriva	Dailin Sabates
Luis Gallardo	Jonathan Short, Sr.
Brandon Glisson	Shawna Short

DID YOU KNOW?

According to “Baptist Press” publication “The Ten Commandments” posters are allowed to be displayed in school buildings located in three U.S. states (Alabama, Louisiana and Texas). Mandated displays are pending in other state governments, as well as challenges to the mandates in the three already mandated states. We are encouraged to pray the for upcoming litigation in all states to allow “The Ten Commandments” to be displayed.

OFFERING OPPORTUNITIES

First Sunday of Each Month: Benevolence Offering which benefits those in our congregation.

Third Sunday of Each Month: Interfaith Food Drive which benefits those in need in Marion County.

Month of September: Maguire State Offering where every dollar given supports church planting, disaster relief, and gospel work across Florida.

Love Offering for Nieto Family is always greatly appreciated.

CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY

Is your photo included in the church directory? Information is coming soon for an opportunity to have your photo taken or updated for the directory.

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Specialty Classes

GRIEF SHARE

Grief Share is a 13-week course designed to support people grieving the death of a loved one.

The 13-week sessions will begin August 26. They will be held in Building D from 1:00 to 3:00 pm each Wednesday. Reservations are limited and can be made on the Church Center app or by calling the church office.

5 WISHES

Amy Waller will be teaching “5 Wishes” classes in Building D on five Tuesdays in September. Classes run from 1:00 to 2:30 pm.

These classes are dedicated to persons directing personal wishes to family and/or friends in the end of life situations. The final session on Sept. 29th will welcome a Hospice representative for information, questions and answers. Registrations are limited to 10 persons.

Visit the Church Center app or call the Church office.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Celebrate Recovery launches Monday, September 14. Classes will be held each Monday at 6:30 pm in the Student Room. Join us for support, healing and hope. Contact Christine Palmer at cpalmer0928@gmail.com for more information.

Fall Classes Launch

LIFE GROUPS

New semesters of our Life Groups launch on September 6. Go to the church website, click on Groups and search for an open group that fits you.

DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

New Discipleship Classes launch on September 9. Go to the church website, click on Events and register for one of the classes offered: Book of James, Revelation, The Engagement Project or other classes that are of interest to you.

The Spanish ministry is also launching their discipleship cycle titled, “Aligera Tu Equipaje.”

Divine Discoveries

DAVE ANDERSON

God calls every believer to be a diligent student of His Word, and every new month offers a fresh opportunity for God to shape our hearts, renew our minds, and transform our lives.

This month, Divine Discoveries will be reviewing the book Crazy Love, by Francis Chan. Crazy Love will help you to recognize and accept the depth of our Lord’s love for each of us. As followers of Christ, we’re called not simply to know God’s Word, but to live it. Together, we explore practical, biblical principles that encourage spiritual growth, stronger faith, healthier habits and a life that reflects the character of Jesus Christ.

Whether you’re new to the faith or have walked with the Lord for many years, you’ll find us a welcoming group eager to learn, encourage, pray, and grow together by sharing perceptions and personal revelations as we discuss what we read. You may not be an avid reader, but even if you’ve not read the book, you are still welcome to join us and participate in discussions that will certainly teach, encourage, and bless you as we navigate our lives on this earth.

Meeting monthly on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 10:00 AM at the Freedom Public Library, off 95th Ave Rd, off SW SR 200. Contact us by phone/text at 360-531-6419 or jnance47@yahoo.com.

Matthew 18:20 tells us, “Wherever two or three gather in my name, there I am with them.”

Living Legacy

Enjoy dessert and learn more about planning for your future and leaving a lasting legacy. Sunday, September 27 at 2:30 pm.

Rooted Class

7 RHYTHMS OF CHRISTIAN LIFE

Amy Waller and Connie Lukas will be facilitating this 10-week Rooted Class starting on Sunday, September 13 at 11:00 am in Bldg D, Room 2.

Diabetes Education

Join Amy Waller for this 6-week class on living with diabetes. Class begins September 24 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. There are limited seats available so register today.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Register on the church website.

- August 26 - Grief Share Class Launches
- September 1 - Five Wishes Launches
- September 6 - Life Groups Launch
- September 9 - Discipleship Classes Launch
- September 13 - Family Meeting
- September 14 - ESL Launches
- September 14 - Celebrate Recovery
- September 19 - Men’s Breakfast
- September 24 - Diabetes Education
- September 26 - College Road Haitian Baptist Church Hosanna Fundraising Concert
- September 26 - Ladies Lunch Bunch at Olive Garden
- September 27 - Living Legacy
- September 28 - Girls Gathering (6:30 pm)
- October 3 - Women’s Workshop: You Are Enough
- October 31 - Fall Festival: Candy collecting begins NOW!

ON TOP OF THE WORLD RESIDENTS

Mark your calendars for a potluck at The Summit. We’ll be meeting on Tuesday, October 27 from 4:30 to 6:30 for fun, fellowship and good food...but only if you bring it! Register on the church website.

PUERTO RICO MISSION TRIP

ROGNEY PAZ

What a blessing the missionary trip to Puerto Rico was! Eleven of us traveled in total to Puerto Rico, three people on their first missionary trip.

We were attending the Community Church in Guayanilla PR, with vacation Bible school. We had an average attendance of 21 children per day in a 30x40 foot space. In that space, 4 classes were given, music, registration, recreation, and special presentations from different local government agencies such as (police, firefighters, art, etc.) were held.

We also had an excellent and productive time of prayer on the streets in the homes that allowed us. The gospel was presented to the children and young people who attended the VBS and 12 of the older children and young people made the decision to accept Christ as their only and sufficient Savior.

We give thanks and glory to God who allowed us to serve the Gayanilla community with that Church, and we immensely thank our College Road Baptist Church family of faith for their generous support and prayerful support.