

Pastor’s Corner
DR. ALAN COTNEY, LEAD PASTOR



Dear College Road Family,

Last month I wrote to you following our Forward Family Meeting. I will not rehearse the details here, but I hope you felt what I felt in that room. A church of one mind, united in following God.

Here is what stood behind that vote. We are not building for the sake of a building. We are building because God is on mission to reach people with the gospel, and He has invited us to join Him. That means better space for the children, students, and families already serving here week after week. It means worship space that fits all of our services and languages. And it means room for the neighbor who has not yet walked through our doors.

Which brings me to October. On October 4, we finish Strong and Courageous, our journey through Joshua, which closes by calling God’s people to choose whom they will serve. One week later, on October 11, we begin a new series through 1 John called Love Without Fear. John reminds us that perfect love drives out fear.

That is exactly what this season calls for. Fall gives us more opportunities to invite people than any other time of year. A neighbor, a coworker, a friend, a family member. For most people, the road back to church begins with one person simply asking.

So make a list. Pray over the names. Then invite.

The building will come in time. The mission is already ours today.

I love being your pastor.

Faith, Family, Forever
Pastor Alan

Pastor Spotlight

BRANDON GLISSON, NEXT GEN PASTOR



Brandon was born in Ocala and grew up in Eustis and Sanford area with his mom, dad and two older sisters. He became consistently involved in church at an early age, trusting Jesus Christ as his savior at age 12 then developing a clear calling from the Lord to ministry. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Conflict and Communication from University of Central Florida and is currently seeking a Master of Divinity and a Master of Theological Studies from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary with online studies. He was ordained in Eustis, Florida in 2022.

Brandon and his wife, Emily, have been married three years and are proud parents of Roseanna Lynn (Rosie) who was born in June. He served as an associate youth minister at churches in Sanford and Gainesville. Looking forward to serving as the Next Gen pastor, he stated that he loves all the pastors here at CRBC because each one has been so supportive and helpful getting him settled in.

Brandon is proud of the evangelism and outreach efforts engaging both children, students and their families, believing they are really the church of today and of the future. In the past he also has had the privilege of discipling students and leaders personally and helping build systems that encourage them to reach their peers for Christ, (Cont’d 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

Ocala Portuguese 5:00 pm

Dunnellon Spanish 11:30 am

OUR PASTORS

Dr. Alan Cotney

Jeff Rountree

Jason Kaminski

Kevin Bradford

Brandon Glisson

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.

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deepening his conviction that God has called him to invest in the next generation and to help build a church where families are discipled together in the gospel.

One interesting fact about Brandon is that he enjoys Christian-based standup comedy. We are so happy to welcome Brandon, Emily and Rosie as they minister and build relationships here at CRBC.

ESL Update

ROGNEY PAZ, SPANISH MISSION PASTOR

The ESL Ministry at College Road Baptist Church remains a vital part of our community; this year, we have welcomed 105 enrolled students.

After a summer of intense preparation, our church’s ESL program has officially launched a new year of learning, connection, and ministry. From June through August 19, our volunteers worked tirelessly to organize registration and placement testing. Their hard work paid off, resulting in a flawless first day of classes. Students expressed their gratitude for the ministry, feeling welcomed and supported from the moment they arrived. Even the heavy rain on August 24 could not dampen our community's spirits. The downpour did not deter the students; our classrooms quickly filled with vibrant energy, cultural diversity, and a shared enthusiasm for the new semester.

Our ministry is deeply blessed to have a strong team of volunteer teachers and assistants. They do far more than teach a new language to newcomers; they actively build bridges with the community and share hope through their faith in Christ. Every vocabulary lesson and conversation practice becomes an opportunity to extend God’s unconditional love and warmth to our new neighbors.

As we look ahead, we are filled with appreciation for the determination of our students and the servant hearts of our volunteers. We eagerly expect to see how God will work in the hearts and lives of everyone participating in this ministry throughout the coming year.

We are profoundly grateful to God, to the vision of our leadership at College Road, and to the dozens of

past volunteers who—with love and dedication—have helped this ministry endure and serve hundreds of people over the years.

Classical Conversations Home School Program

BOBBIE SUE WILSON



Bobbi-Sue Wilson is the Licensed Community Director of the Southwest Ocala “Classical Conversations”, the homeschool program that meets at CRBC once each week. The formal program, founded in 1994 is now a world-wide organization which supports families, some connected with CRBC, as they homeschool their children and meet once a week on “Community Day” for guidance in grammar, science, math, history, logic, exposition, and Bible. God is the center of all subjects. At the present time, there are 27 families involved in schooling 63 children of various ages.

Bobbi-Sue is an Ocala area native growing up with her parents and one sister in Pedro and graduating from Belleview High School. She attended college in Macon, Georgia where she met Carey. After their marriage and Carey’s education at Southeastern Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina, they returned to the Ocala area and now are parents of five children: ages 15, 13, 11, 10, and 2. After teaching in public school until their daughter began Kindergarten, Bobbi-Sue has now been homeschooling her children for 11 years (nine of those years affiliated with the current structured program).

Schedules for younger children consist of 24 weeks, while ages 12+ consist of 30 weeks in which none occur in the month of December. During the semesters children enjoy field trips to engage in history, artists, composers, museums, and even sometimes visit a park for recreation. “Know God and make Him known” is the motto of CC (Classical Conversations).

“There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.”

1 John 4:18

NEW MEMBERS/BAPTISMS

John Bausert	Ann Hughey
Jane Couch	Kurt Kelly
George Couch	Sarah Kelly
Alvin Dias	Narciso Mendoza
Cinthia Pari Dias	Wendy McDonnell
Karie Dawkins	Edward McDonnell
Geovane de Sousa Rodrigues	Holly Rivedal
Mara Vanda dos Santos Rodrigues	Brien Wiedenmiller
M. Liliana Gottfried	Amanda Wiedenmiller

DID YOU KNOW?

In one Southeast Asian country, missionaries are pursuing a unique group of people through digital engagement: Muslim women. This difficult online mission seeks to evangelize women in the country to actively pursue relationships.

Since the women in that country uses a phone, the digital engagement could create connections with women they would not normally reach, like women caring for their families in their homes. An online advertisement geared toward Muslim women as they click on the ad leads them to a messaging platform where they can text with a responder. Many women who click on the ads ask for prayer for their marriages, health and raising children. Often the question appears, “What do you mean God has a son?”

Locals and missionaries alike are participating in digital engagement who would otherwise be difficult to connect with. Pray that the Muslim women of Southeast Asia would engage and be impacted by these advertisements, bringing about salvation. For more information, contact Baptist Press.

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

2026 CHURCH THEME



Fall Festival: A Light in the Darkness

PROVIDED BY THE OUTREACH TEAM

Since 2018, our Fall Festival has provided a wonderful opportunity to welcome our community, build relationships, and share the gospel. Last year, God blessed the event with more than 1,600 guests and over 200 volunteers. We saw gospel conversations, prayers, Bibles distributed, and countless opportunities to point people to Jesus.

This year, we are looking forward to our 9th Annual Fall Festival on Saturday, October 31, from 6–8 p.m. We need a lot of volunteers and a lot of candy! Last year, we gave away more than 75,000 pieces of candy, and we need even more this year. Whether you can serve at one of our tents, join the parking team, help with food, or donate candy, there is a place for you to be involved.

Volunteer sign-ups and candy donations will begin Sunday, October 4.

Most importantly, please be praying for this event and for the gospel conversations that will take place. We are expecting God to do amazing things on a night that is not typically centered on Him. What an opportunity to be a light in the darkness!

We look forward to seeing how God uses our church family to reach our community with the hope of Jesus.

Calling All Men!

Mark you calendars because you don't want to miss this:

MEN’S STEAK DINNERS (6:00 PM)

2026:
October 20

2027:
January 19
April 20
July 20
October 19

MEN’S BREAKFAST (8:30 AM)

2026:
November 21
December 19

2027:
February 20 August 21
March 20 September 18
May 15 November 20
June 19 December 18

For the Ladies

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH

Join us for the Ladies Lunch Bunch at the Hispanic Heritage Celebration on October 24 at CRBC.

PRICELESS JOURNEY WORKSHOP

Women’s Workshop, You are Enough, Saturday, October 3 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Lunch is provided. Register on the church website.

On Top of the World Residents

COVERED DISH DINNER

Join us for our first church family covered-dish supper on Tuesday, October 27, at 4:30 pm at The Summit.

Please bring a dish to share and enjoy a meal while getting to know your church family—who also happen to be your neighbors!

Register on the church website.

Pastor Appreciation

Join us as we show appreciation and thank our Pastors for their tireless efforts of sharing the Gospel through our many ministries. This event is scheduled for Sunday night, October 25 at 5:00 pm. See the church website for more information.

Hispanic Heritage Celebration

The Hispanic Heritage Festival is Saturday, October 24 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in the church parking lot. Food and fellowship and a wonderful time to celebrate and share with friends and family of faith. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact the church office.



DISCOVER COLLEGE ROAD

Meets monthly for your opportunity to learn more about College Road Baptist Church. Next date is October 18 from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm. Lunch is provided. Register on the website or contact the church office.



CHURCH DIRECTORY

Don't be this guy...or gal! Contact the church office for information on how to update your church directory profile.



FALL FESTIVAL CANDY DRIVE!

Collections start NOW!

LIFE GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

Looking for an open Life Group:

You can easily find a group that meets your criteria by utilizing our website and going to Groups/Life Groups.

A handout of open groups is also available at the Welcome table on Sunday mornings.

OFFERING OPPORTUNITIES

First Sunday of each month we collect a Benevolence offering for members of our church who are experiencing difficulties.

Third Sunday of each month we collect nonperishable food items for Interfaith.