



Summer 2022

Reading the Winds

"He makes the clouds his chariot and rides on the wings of the wind. He makes winds his messengers." **Psalms 104:3b-4a**

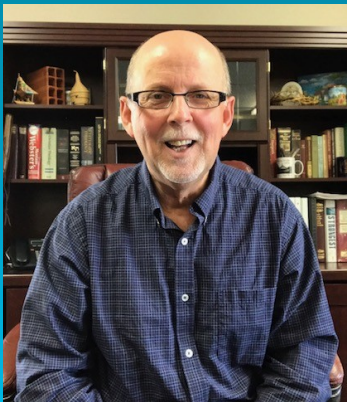
Rhonda and I were recently blessed to be a part of an amazing sailing adventure, sort of a combination marriage retreat and vacation. I know almost nothing about sailing but what I did observe was that one, you need wind and second, you need the skills to work the ropes and sails to harness the wind properly. To be onboard a sailboat with nothing but the wind driving you is quite an exhilarating experience.

Wind is somewhat mysterious; Jesus once when speaking to Nicodemus to explain the new birth, compared the effects of the new birth to the wind (Jn. 3:8). When someone is born again, a new wind of change, the Holy Spirit begins to blow through their life, you can see it (2 Cor. 5:17). Because of the work of God's Spirit, you can point to the "winds of change" in your life as well as sense and see God's work in the world and in His church. In a way, you have become attuned to reading the winds.

I'm incredibly grateful for the fellowship we call Carrollwood Baptist Church. And I see God's Spirit at work in you and in our community, and I hope you too see the gentle winds blowing. Our nursery is growing, new people are regularly visiting with us, there's a great spirit in our meetings, people are stepping up and taking on ministries and helping around the church, people are hungry to follow Jesus, and lives are being changed! A breeze is blowing, now we must all together work the ropes and sails to harness the wind. Will you join your fellow travelers on deck?

There was one time on our sailing adventure that the captain, Drew asked me to help him on deck with a particular rope. We were taking down a sail and the wind was quite strong. I was unsure of what to do, it was a little scary, I thought I might fall overboard at one point, and I had to pull very hard to give him any rope at all, but it was enough, and the sail was brought in. And I did not fall overboard.

It can be a little intimidating making a call to someone in need, or serving a Sunday in the nursery, or being a part of small group, or leading a class for newer believers, or signing up for a commitment to participate in a ministry. You might feel unsure and a little fearful, but God who called you is faithful, and he will supply the grace, wisdom, and strength to pull your rope. And you won't fall overboard.



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Lead Pastor*

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Philippians 1:3*

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Henry Blackaby taught us years ago that we do not have to create opportunities for serving, for loving, for impacting people with the gospel, they are already there. We just need to look where God is already at work and join him. Blackaby was essentially saying, "look for the winds, look for God's messengers, they are all around, what are they telling you? Will you pull a rope? Will you set the sail?" In this season of ministry, where winds are blowing and all hands are needed on deck, would you pray and make yourself available to serve, to pull a rope?

For some of our most pressing needs (opportunities to pull some ropes) in our fellowship, go to Carrollwoodbaptist.org and click on the "Volunteer" button. Other opportunities for serving are noted in this summer newsletter. But don't limit what's possible by only seeing the needs of your church, God is at work in your family, among your friends, in your neighborhood, and at your business or place of employment. Read the winds right where you are. Together, let's pull our God-appointed ropes, unfurl the sails, and harness the wind. And when we do, it will be exhilarating because it will be God's doing!

Pastor Joe

"I thank my God every time I remember you." **Philippians 1:3**

Thank You I want to express my deep appreciation for allowing Rhonda and I the opportunity to get away recently and to Pastor Tom and Pastor Matt for preaching for me in my absence. We are blessed at CBC to have faithful ministers to call upon. Thank you also for your prayers and concerns while we have been down with COVID. Unfortunately, COVID is still a real concern and won't seem to go away as much as we all would like for it to. As of this writing, we are hopeful that we are on the tail end of it and look forward to being back with you on Sunday, May 29th.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday Night Summer Schedule

Adult Prayer & Bible Study in the Chapel

Youth Refuge in the Youth House

All activities start at 6:30 pm and below are the dates:

June 1, 8, (15 "Sing" Fellowship) & 22 and July 20 & 27 (NO Youth Activities);

NO ACTIVITIES on July 6 & 13

Sunday, June 5
28th Church Anniversary
9:15 am Bible Study
10:30 am Worship Service
Potluck Luncheon
Church provides Fried Chicken & Drinks
Please Bring Sides and/or Desserts
Enough for Your Family Plus 1

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Children's
Vacation Bible School

June 26th - 30th
6:30-8:30 pm



Adult VBS

Dr. Tom Porter, Officiating
JUNE 26th - 30th
6:30-7:00 pm
Snack & Fellowship Time
7:00-8:30 pm
Bible Study

Youth Intensive Summer Bible Study:

This year, we are offering a Bible study every night from **6:30-8:30pm**, **June 26-30**. This will coincide with our children's *Vacation Bible School*.



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MEN'S
PRAYER
BREAKFAST

SATURDAYS
June 18th, July 23rd, & August 20th
7:30 - 8:30 am
IHOP (11111 N. Dale Mabry)

August 10th Kick-Off



Wednesday Night
Dinner

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AUGUST

10 Spaghetti
17 Roast Beef
24 Mexican Cuisine
31 Fried Chicken

5:30-6:30 PM Dinner (Carpenter Hall)

7:00-8:00 PM

Mission Friends ages 3-5 and Children in Action
1st-5th Grades (in room #103)

Youth Refuge (in the Youth House)

Adult Prayer and Bible Study (in the Chapel)

8:00-9:00 PM

Adult Choir Rehearsal (in the Life Center)



Sunday, June 5
CBC Parking Lot
9:00 am-1:30 pm

Boomers

Saturday, August 27

Leave the Church at 3:30pm
and Return at 8:30pm

Country Church



Indian Rocks Baptist Church
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SUNDAY JULY 3RD PICNIC

LAKE PARK

(17302 N. Dale Mabry Hwy, Lutz, FL 33548)

2:00-4:00 pm

Hawk Shelter #1 (right next to playground)

\$2 per vehicle entrance fee

(if attendant is unavailable, machine will take cash or credit)

Hotdogs & Water provided

Bring sides, desserts, favorite drinks & chairs



Busch Gardens
TAMPA, FL

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When: THURSDAY, JUNE 9

What Time: 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

For: Children 1st-5th Grades & Friends

Cost: \$20 (Lunch & Snacks)

RSVP: 813-968-5480 (Amy Kiefer) by June 7

Music Ministry

No choir rehearsals for the months of **June & July**. We will resume August 10th.

“Wednesday Night Sing!”

On **Wednesday, June 15th at 6:30 pm**, CBC is hosting a “Sing!” fellowship in Carpenter Hall. Any individuals interested in either singing or playing a song during this event is encouraged to sign-up in the Life Center or speak directly to Pastor Matt. Whether you play guitar, piano, or wish to sing along with an accompaniment track, we would love for you to participate. Everyone is invited to come out even if you do not wish to sing. We will enjoy light refreshments and fellowship all in Carpenter Hall!



Beach Worship

Join us **August 3rd at 7:00 pm** for our annual beach worship outing at *Fred Howard Park* in Tarpon Springs, FL. This event is always fun and great for families as we gather to sing songs of praise and open the Word of God at the beach. Many even come early to take advantage of all the beach has to offer. Bottled water will be provided.

Upcoming Anthems!	Dates:
<i>“Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)”</i>	July 3
<i>“Bow The Knee”</i>	August 28



Student Ministry

SUMMER EVENTS

Each Wednesday CBC Youth will be holding a fun event. **June 1st** will be an end of the year party, **June 22nd** will be Kiddie Pool Kickball, each Wednesday between will have something to do. In addition to these events, we will have a water wars day and a paint wars day. Water wars will take place on **Thursday, July 7th** from **11am to 5pm**, lunch will be provided. Paint wars will take place on **Saturday, August 6th** from **5-8pm** **(please wear something that can get paint on it)**. We are extremely excited for what God is going to do through and in the lives of your students this summer!



Our students will be heading to the *Ridgecrest Conference Center* in North Carolina for



July 23-29



for the Students and Leaders as they go!

The cost for this trip is **\$430** which will be due closer to the time of our departure.

Carwash Fundraiser Event:



On **June 4**, from **10am-5pm** our students will be hosting a **FREE** car wash for our community. Prior to the event, they will be encouraged to ask family and friends to pledge any amount of money per car washed toward their camp trip. Our summer camp is usually the most expensive trip we offer and we never want to see a student have to miss a life changing event like this due to financial reasons. We thank you in advance for your generosity!



S'more of Jesus:

We will have a **FREE** bond fire fellowship event for students to come, hangout and roast marshmallows on **June 8th** and **July 20th** from **6-10PM**. Let Matt or Hunter know you are coming!

Ministry Opportunities

Assisted Living Facilities Ministries

Each month we are conducting a brief time (about an hour) of worship and Bible study at the following assisted living facilities. See one of the Pastors for more information on being a part of this ministry.

1st Sunday of the Month at 2 PM, Carrollwood Care Center

3rd Sunday of the Month at 2 PM, Tampa Gardens



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Mission News



Summer Mission Trip to Panama City, FL on July 9th-16th

We will have VBS for Cove Baptist Church in Panama City. Other ministry events and activities will also be conducted during the week. This trip is for both students and adults and the **cost is \$75 each**. If you are interested in attending, the deadline for paying is **June 12th**.

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CHURCH GOAL \$3,500

TOTAL COLLECTED \$7,679.16

