



Spring 2024

Thoughts from the Pastor

As I'm working on the newsletter, our **International and Cultural Heritage Day** held Sunday is fresh on my mind. What a wonderful day of worship celebrating our diversity in unity in the Body of Christ! I can't say enough good things about how impactful this service was. Our congregation did an outstanding job and I was moved with gratitude for the privilege of serving as your pastor. You made me proud (3 John 4)! Thank you to everyone who made it possible and for those who shared in this special service. As I mentioned this past Sunday, missionaries, Mark and Beverly McCrary will be staying in the Mission House March-May. Mark and Beverly serve the Asian Pacific Rim Peoples as a part of the North American Team and will be with us this Sunday, March 3rd.

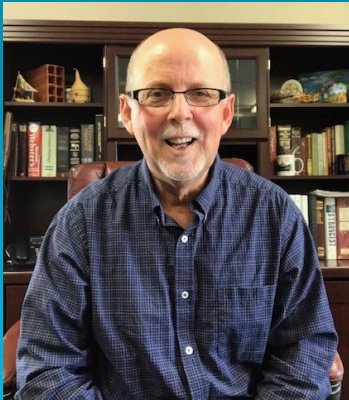
As you view this Spring edition of the Good Newsletter aside from our regular schedule of worship and Bible studies you will find many events and activities that represent opportunities for spiritual growth, fellowship, and service. Pray for people in your life, pray for opportunities to invite people to Bible study, or worship, or one of our special community events. And thank you for your faithfulness to love all people and to extend the Gospel in our community.

"Living the Resurrection"

To Martha who was overcome with grief and disappointment at the death of her brother, Lazarus, Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life" (**John 11:25-26**). Jesus was saying, "Martha, I am God, I am the one who has power over life and death, and to know Me, to trust in Me is to never die." Jesus asked Martha, "Do you believe this?" (**11:26**)? "Will you embrace Me as the resurrection and the life?" Resurrection life, Jesus said, is happening right now in the lives of those who believe (trust) in Him. The **Msg.** paraphrase of **John 11:25** says, "You don't have to wait for the end. I am, right now Resurrection and Life." As Jesus asked Martha, so he presents us with the question, "Do you believe this?" Not that you understand everything, not that you feel deserving, but do you believe me? Will you trust me that I am God, life resides in me, and I have the power to raise the dead. And if I can do that, you can be assured that I have the power to change your life right now. I have the power to turn your despair into hope, your darkness to light, and your fears into peace that passes all understanding. What new life, new hope, new power could be experienced by embracing Jesus today as the resurrection and the life? "Do you believe this?" Jesus asked. And in that moment of crisis Martha had a deepening of faith that she needed, "Yes Lord, I believe."

Pastor Joe

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



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Join Us Easter Week

MARCH

29 Easter Cantata & Observance of the Lord's Supper

- Good Friday, 6:30 pm in the Life Center

30 Easter Family Festival

- Saturday, 11:00 am-2:00 pm, Outside Event

31 Resurrection Sunday

- Celebration Worship Service, 10:30 am, Life Center
(No Nursery or Kids Time)





**Coming...
Sunday
March 10
9:00am-1:00pm**

**Visit oneblood.org/donate-now, sponsor code 11916
or walk ins are welcome.**

Wednesday Nights at CBC

Dinner- 1st Wednesday of each month at 5:30 pm in Carpenter Hall

March 6 (Mexican Chicken Casserole) April 3 (Baked Ham) and May 1 (BBQ Chicken)

\$7/Individual; \$5/Child; Preschool Free; \$20/Family (in the same household)

MARCH 6, *13, 20, 27

5:30-6:30 PM Dinner, 1st Wed. of each Month, **Mexican Chicken Casserole**
6:30-7:30 PM Youth & Adult Bible Studies
7:00-8:00 PM Mission Friends and Children in Action
7:30-8:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

***March 13**

6:30-8:00 pm Children in Action, McDonald's Snack and Game Night

APRIL 3, 10, 17, 24

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***May 8**

6:30-8:00 pm Children in Action, End of Year Party

***May 15**

6:30 pm Members Meeting in the Chapel

No Adult Prayer & Bible Study

Other Activities Resume at Regular Times

7:00-7:30 pm Children in Action, Awards Night, Carpenter Hall

***May 22**

5:30 pm Dinner; 6:30 pm Revival with Kenny Evans

No Regular Wednesday Night Activities

***May 29**

No Activities



REVIVAL | 2024

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May 19 - 22

Dinner - 5:30 pm, Carpenter Hall
Service - 6:30 pm, Life Center

CBC Adult

Discipleship Class

Del Garside, Facilitator

April 25-26
(Thursday & Friday)

6:00-8:30 pm

See Del Garside to sign up or for more info!

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Discovering the Attitude that Makes the Difference

Sunday, April 28

MINISTRY TEAM MEETING

After Church in Carpenter Hall
Lunch Provided

CBC will be providing dinner for **Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM)** at USF on Thursday, April 11.

More information to follow as well as a sign up sheet!

See Sandra Porter for questions.

MEN'S MINISTRY

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

ALL MEN WELCOME!

Meets on the third Saturday of each month with breakfast, fellowship and prayer together in Carpenter Hall at 8:00 am. See Doug Earle for questions.

Saturdays: March 16th (Grounds Clean-Up Afterwards), April 20th, and May 18th



Pasco Baptist Association Hosts:

Wild Game Night

Saturday, March 2nd

Cost: \$50

Contact Pastor Matt for more details!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

LADIES Prayer BRUNCH

Saturday, April 13th

10:00 am

Carpenter Hall

See Jenn Singleton for Questions.

CBC KIDS



Mission Friends & Children in Action

Wednesday Nights

7:00-8:00 pm

AMY KIEFER, LEAD



Children in Action

**Snack at McDonald's
and Game Night**
Wednesday, March 13
6:30-8:00 pm



**Claywell Elementary
Project Day**
Saturday, April 27
9:00 am-1:00 pm

End of Year Party
 Wednesday, May 8
 CA Room #103
 6:30-8:00 pm



Awards Night
 Wednesday, May 15
 Carpenter Hall
 7:00-7:30 pm



Children in Action (1st-5th Grades)

Beach Adventure Day

Saturday, April 6

8:00 am-3:00 pm

Clean Up Beach & Water Games!

Wear Your CA Shirt, Sneakers, and Bathing Suit (Under Clothes)
 Bring Bag Lunch (Drinks Provided)
 In Small Backpack Include: Sunscreen, Hat, Water Shoes, & Towel
 Contact Amy Kiefer: kieferteacher@msn.com or text 813-968-5480 for ?'s.



PARENT REMINDER:

Our Preschoolers -3rd graders will have their Family Day (corporate worship with the adults) on Easter Sunday/the 5th Sunday for March. We will resume our 4th Sunday Family Day on April 28th and May 26th.

Thanks so much!

Rhonda Alain



Fun & Meaningful Family Easter Lesson
Easter Egg Prayers Preparation

Use a permanent marker to label seven plastic Easter eggs with the numbers one through seven. Place the following items in the eggs:

1. a small square bread
2. a grape
3. a piece of purple cloth
4. a thorn
5. a piece of a leather shoelace
6. a cross
7. a stone



Hide the Easter eggs around the room.
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Easter Egg Prayers

Tell kids that you're going to have an Easter egg prayer hunt. Let kids hunt until they've found all seven eggs; then gather everyone in a circle, and have kids take turns opening the eggs in order.

After each egg is opened, have kids combine their knowledge of the Easter story to tell the significance of that item. Then have a volunteer pray a prayer of thanks for that part of the Easter story. For instance, a prayer for the bread might be, "Thank you, Lord, that you are the bread of life. Thank you that you let your body be broken for us."

If your children are very young or not familiar with the Easter story, tell about the items and offer thanks for them yourself.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY



March 13 (Wednesday) – Tampa Bay History Center

One of Tampa's premier cultural attractions featuring:

- three floors of interactive exhibits exploring 12,000 years of Florida history
- theaters and displays on the history and heritage of the Tampa Bay area
- a museum store showcasing local crafts and artwork
- waterfront dining at the Columbia Café (Opens daily at 11:00 am)
- access to Tampa Riverwalk

LOCATION: 801 Water Street **PHONE:** 813-228-0097 **HOURS:** 10:00 am – 5:00 pm daily
Tampa, FL 33602

DEPARTURE FROM CBC: 9:30 am

COST: \$16.95 for tickets (Seniors age 60+ get a discount to \$14.95) plus money for food and shopping

WEBSITE: tampabayhistorycenter.org



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April 17 (Wednesday) – Cross Bay Ferry/Boat Ride to St. Pete (Date may change due to scheduling)



Join us for a pleasant ride across the bay area waters to the St. Pete Pier.

The ride, one-way is approximately 50 minutes (weather and traffic permitting).

All guests must be ticketed and ready for loading 20 minutes prior to departure.

All ticket sales cease 5 minutes prior to sailing to allow time to complete the loading process. In St. Pete, we can have lunch at a nearby restaurant, maybe visit the Dali Museum, or have an opportunity to explore the Pier.

DEPARTURE FROM CBC: 9:30 am

ARRIVAL AT TAMPA FERRY TERMINAL: 10:30 am (Tampa Ferry Terminal is located on the waterside of the Tampa Convention Center, just east of the Sail Restaurant and Franklin Street)

DEPARTURE FROM TAMPA FERRY TERMINAL: 11:30 am

ARRIVAL BACK AT TAMPA FERRY TERMINAL: 5:35 pm (approximately)

COST: \$24.00 Round-trip (\$22.00 for Seniors age 65+ and for Military)

WEBSITE: thecrossbayferry.com

May 22 (Wednesday) – Rusty Bellies Waterfront Grill and the Sponge Docks

Join us for lunch at a laid-back, family-owned eatery in Tarpon Springs offering local seafood, chicken, steak, vegetarian dishes, live music, and other attractions. We also will spend a relaxing afternoon browsing around the Sponge Docks and shopping in the local stores.

DEPARTURE FROM CBC: 9:30 am

LOCATION: 937 Dodecanese Blvd. **PHONE:** 727-934-4047 **HOURS:** 11:00 am – 9:00 pm
Tarpon Springs, FL 34689

COST: \$20 - \$30+ per person for food plus money for shopping

WEBSITE: rustybellies.com



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STUDENT MINISTRY

Tactical Laser Tag!

Students! Join us for our Laser Tag Event at Laser Ops! Mark your calendars for Friday, March 15th, at 5:30 PM (Meeting at the church). For just \$20, dive into heart-pounding laser tag battles at Laser Ops' cutting-edge arena. Bring extra cash for snacks and arcade games. Sign up now for a great time!



Dodgeball Tournament!

Get ready to dodge, dip, duck, dive, and dodge at our Student Dodgeball Tournament! Join us on Friday, May 10th at 7 PM for an epic showdown of skill and strategy. Admission is just \$5 at the door, and the winning team takes home a cash prize! Plus, enjoy a delicious pizza dinner provided for all participants. Don't miss your chance to claim victory on the dodgeball court!

See you there!

Summer Mission Project

Calling all CBC Youth! Join us for an unforgettable mission experience from July 8th to 11th. Dive into meaningful service as we embark on local mission projects at churches, conference centers, and beyond. Our mission journey will be filled with worship, Bible study, and opportunities to make a difference in our community. Come be a part of something greater than yourself and let's make a lasting impact together as we honor God through service! Save the date and stay tuned for more details.



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MUSIC MINISTRY

Do you possess a gift for singing or playing music? Are you tech-savvy and eager to expand your skills? If yes, we invite you to become part of our team of dedicated volunteers! Explore opportunities by visiting CarrollwoodBaptist.org and clicking on the "Volunteer" button, or reach out to Pastor Matt via email at matt@carrollwoodbaptist.org. Join us as we work together to worship Jesus!

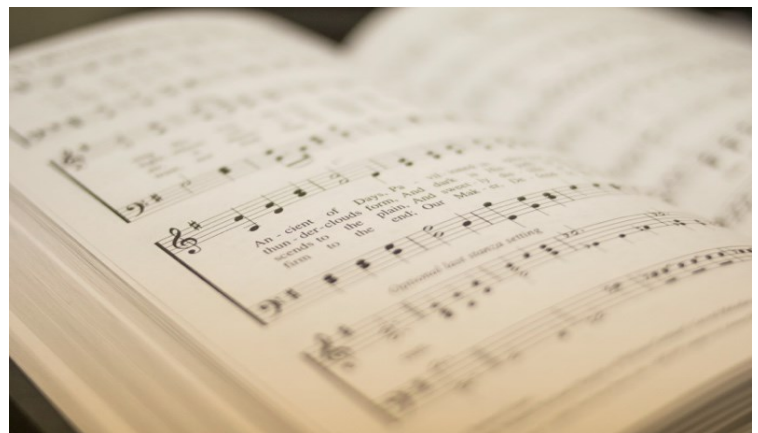


Easter Cantata

Join us for an inspiring evening of music and reflection at our Easter Choir Cantata on Good Friday, March 29th, at 6:30 PM. Let the melodies and powerful message of Christ's sacrifice resonate with your spirit as we commemorate the profound significance of this sacred season. Bring your family and friends to share in this uplifting celebration of faith and hope. Don't miss this special event that promises to touch your heart.

Choir Rehearsals

Join our CBC Choir for our regular rehearsals every Wednesday evening at 7:30 PM! Your commitment and talent are invaluable as we strive for excellence. Mark your calendars for a special Cantata rehearsal on Saturday, March 23rd, at 10 AM. Your participation will help ensure a memorable and moving presentation. Don't miss out on this opportunity to be part of something extraordinary!



MISSION NEWS



WOM Quarterly Update:

We meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10AM in room #204.

The next meeting dates are March 12th, April 9th and May 14th.

Just a shout out to our amazingly culturally diverse congregation and your contributions in making our International and Cultural Heritage Celebration Day so memorable. What a great reminder of our connections with each other and the world through Christ.

We continue to deliver “Sonshine Bags” each month to someone needing some Sonshine in their lives.

We assessed the needs of the Mission House to ensure it is ready for the Missionaries coming in March.

We collected money for the Oasis Walk for Life and encouraged everyone to donate on their own as well.

March will find us filling eggs for the Easter Family Festival.

April activities will be collecting money and whatever else is needed for Amy’s school project and teacher appreciation bags. We will also support dinner prep and delivery for the Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM) at USF on April 11th.

May activities will include prep for VBS in June.

As always we welcome your ideas and input.



Dear Church Family,

The organizational group of the International and Cultural Heritage Celebration Day want to thank every one of you who supported, participated in and prayed for the activity. Thank you for your willingness to help and serve. I’m sure you will agree that we had a unique and wonderful worship experience. And then in Carpenter Hall with the abundance of delicious cultural dishes, a very nice time was experienced by all. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Vacation Bible School

SAVE THE DATE

Babies - 5th Grade

June 17th - 21st

6:00 - 8:30 pm

**Register online
starting April 1st @**

Carrollwoodbaptist.org

Diving into Friendship with God!

Any Questions, contact Amy Kiefer at 813-968-5480.



Upcoming VBS Meetings:

Sunday, March 3 - VBS Decorating Team Meeting after Church, Room #103

Sunday, April 7 - VBS Decorating Team Meeting after Church, Room #103

Sunday, May 5 - VBS Info Meeting after Church, Life Center

Friday and Saturday, June 7 & 8, Pass Out VBS Flyers, 8:00-10:00 am

Sunday, June 9 - VBS Crew Leaders Meeting after Church with Lunch, Carpenter Hall

Thursday - Saturday, June 13 - 15, Decorating for VBS

See Amy Kiefer for ?'s.