



FALL 2025

"Seasons of Change"

We sometimes jokingly refer to the four seasons in Florida as Summer, Summer, Still Summer, and Hurricane Season. Well, Welcome to Fall "y'all!" The autumnal equinox arrives on Monday, September 22. With each season there are changes, even if they are more subtle in the Sunshine State. Our lives too are marked by seasons! Life is constantly changing, and we may wonder what season of life we are in or that we are getting ready to go through.

In Acts chapter 8 the early church is going through a season of change. After the martyrdom of Stephen (**Acts 7**), the forces of hatred were unleashed and a "great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem" (**8:1**). It was a terrible time as Saul began his campaign of terror rounding up believers seeking to "destroy the church," rooting out Christians going house to house (**8:3**). We can only imagine the fear and suffering that these nameless saints endured at the hands of Saul and others.

But a "God thing" happened because of this "scattering" of believers. Wherever they went they "preached the word" (**8:4**). Although persecution brought pressure and change, it also produced "perseverance," "character," "hope" (**Rom. 5:3-4**), and the spread of the gospel. Change is difficult, uncomfortable, and often unwelcome, but change is necessary for growth and without it, there is stagnation. Think about the possibility and power of change as it relates to the gospel and your spiritual relationship with Christ. **Change brings adaptability and builds resilience.** The disciples adapted to their new reality and through it they became more resilient. Resilience is the ability to withstand difficulties or adversity, to adapt to changing conditions and recover. Resilience is needed because we are going to face adversity in life.

Change brings new opportunities. Embracing change opens doors to new possibilities and experiences that might not have been considered before. The disciples knew of the great commission, and that they would be witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth (**Acts 1:8**), but I don't think they gave it much thought to how all that was going to happen. Well, a season of change made it happen. And because the saints were "scattered" from Jerusalem, they now have a whole new mission field. Change brings new opportunities.

Change brings learning and transformation. Change can often lead us to a deeper understanding of our potential, we see how much more there is of God, we learn more of his character, and we discover that he is still shaping us into his image. Change can be the stimulus to press in close and seek God with all our heart.

What change is occurring in my life? How am I responding to it in positive ways? And what change is needed in my life for me to have a deeper understanding of the character of God and who he has created me to be? And what change is occurring or needed in our fellowship so that we can advance the gospel? Remember, in life adversity can lead to an advance, difficulties can become doors, and change can lead to circumstance for a season of growth and great joy! It's going to be a great Fall "y'all!"

Grateful to be serving with joy in the seasons of life,

Pastor Joe

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



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UPCOMING EVENTS

TRUNK OR TREAT

Saturday, October 25

11:00 am – 2:00 pm

OUTSIDE EVENT

- ⇒ Family Friendly Costumes
- ⇒ Candy & Games
- ⇒ Fun, Food Truck & More...

Please drop off bags of individually wrapped candy in the bins located at the back of the Life Center from September 14th thru October 19th.



Thanksgiving Luncheon

Come & Join Us

Sunday, November 23

Following Worship in Carpenter Hall

**The Church will Provide:
Ham, Rolls, and Drinks**

**And We Ask the Congregation to Please Bring Your
Favorite Covered Dish, Salad, and/or Dessert to Share.**

EAT
fellowship
BE THANKFUL



WEDNESDAY NIGHTS @ CBC

SEPTEMBER 3, 10, 17, 24

6:00-7:00 pm Adult Bible Study/Prayer in the Chapel

6:30-7:30 pm Children in Action in room #103

Youth in the Youth House

7:00-8:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal in the Life Center

7:30-8:30 pm Band, Orchestra and Tech Rehearsal in the Life Center

OCTOBER 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

6:00-7:00 pm Adult Bible Study/Prayer in the Chapel

6:30-7:30 pm Children in Action in room #103

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7:00-8:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal in the Life Center

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NOVEMBER 5, 12, *19, *26

6:00-7:00 pm Adult Bible Study/Prayer in the Chapel

6:30-7:30 pm Children in Action in room #103

Youth in the Youth House

7:00-8:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal in the Life Center

7:30-8:30 pm Band, Orchestra and Tech Rehearsal in the Life Center

***NOVEMBER 19**

BUDGET MEETING at 6:30 pm in Carpenter Hall

No Adult Bible Study; Other Activities will Meet at their Normal Times

***NOVEMBER 26**

No Activities, Happy Thanksgiving

**The Church Office
will be closed on**

LABOR DAY

MONDAY

09.01.25



**The Church Office will be
closed Thursday, 11/27**

& Friday, 11/28.

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!



TUESDAYS, AUGUST 12 - NOVEMBER 4 with Cheryl Barlow and Rusty Walker
6:30-8:30 pm in Carpenter Hall

How do you know if GriefShare is right for you? If you need a safe, comforting place where you can talk with others about your grief, then this is the place for you. You will view a video each week on a certain topic. And you will not only hear from counselors, pastors and psychologists but you will also hear from people just like yourself who are now on the other side of their grief and have comforting insight to give to you. Or perhaps you know someone who is struggling in their grief. Please share a pamphlet from the back of the Life Center with them and encourage them to come.

MEN'S MINISTRY



ALL MEN WELCOME!

We meet on the third Saturday of the month at 8:00 am in Carpenter Hall for a time of *breakfast, fellowship and prayer*. See Doug Earle for questions; sign up in the Life Center.

Saturdays: September 20, October 18 in the Youth House with Deacons Meeting after Breakfast, and November 15

WOMEN'S MINISTRY



Ladies Prayer Brunch and Bible Study

is a great monthly gathering for the ladies of the church, usually held on the second Saturday of the month at 10:00 am in Carpenter Hall. See Betty Morris for questions; sign up in the Life Center.

Below are the exciting topics we'll be diving into this Fall:

SEPTEMBER 13
Discipleship
 Del Garside

OCTOBER 11
Discipleship
 Del Garside

NOVEMBER 1
 (date changed from 11/8)
Thanksgiving
 Sylvia Russell

CBC KIDS



Children in Action
(1st - 5th Grades)
Wednesday Nights
6:30-7:30 pm



AMY KIEFER, LEAD

Children's Mission Day

(Children in Action)
Saturday, September 20
9:00 am - 2:00 pm
See Ms. Amy Kiefer for ?'s

KIDSTIME / SUNDAY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Sundays 10:30 am – 11:30 am

Nursery (babies – 2's)
Preschoolers (3's – Kindergarten)
Elementary (1st – 5th graders)

Hello CBC/KidsTime Parents and Grandparents:

We are so excited to start our back to school, Fall months. This year our KIDSTIME theme is "Finding Joy in the Journey!" As we journey through the Bible we find great joy in God's word and His instruction, promises and encouragement. In turn this brings joy in our life's journey through the twists, turns, ups and downs of our great adventures. We will begin our journey with a study in, The Beatitudes. Our desire is for your child to discover the greatness of God, His Word and their need for Jesus to be Lord of their lives.

My prayer, as always, is that we bring relevant, lasting lessons for your child. What a privilege and blessing it is to be entrusted with sharing God's Word with your child(ren) and grandchildren. Thank you for bringing them on Sundays and allowing our ministry team to enjoy watching them grow in the Lord.

Blessings!
Rhonda Alain,
KIDSTIME/Nursery/Preschool Lead





MINISTRY TEAM SCHEDULE

September - November 2025

Rhonda Alain (KidsTime/Preschool/Nursery Lead)

Sundays: 10:30 - 11:30 am

September	Ministry Team
7	Carol Wade / Rusty Walker / Rhonda Alain
14	Heidi Barlow / Jenna Hogberg / Rhonda Alain
21	Robin Singleton / Mia Mesa / Rhonda Alain
28	FAMILY SUNDAY
October	Ministry Team
5	Carol Wade / Beth Gonzalez / Lauren Gonzalez
12	Heidi Barlow / Jenna Hogberg / Rhonda Alain
19	Robin Singleton / Kate Roberts / Rhonda Alain
26	FAMILY SUNDAY
November	Ministry Team
2	Carol Wade / Rusty Walker / Rhonda Alain
9	Heidi Barlow / Jenna Hogberg / Rhonda Alain
16	Robin Singleton / Kate Roberts / Rhonda Alain
23	FAMILY SUNDAY
30	Debbie Cakouros / Carmen Rivera / Rhonda Alain

STUDENT MINISTRY



Camp Recap!

Our students from CBC had an incredible, Spirit-filled week at camp this Summer! God moved in powerful ways as hearts were stirred through worship, the preaching of God's Word, and time spent together in fellowship. Several students made decisions to follow Jesus and others committed to grow deeper in their faith.

We praise God for all He has done and are excited to see how He continues to work in the lives of our students!



Mark Your Calendar!

*Student Summer Missions Camp 2026 date: **July 25 – 31, 2026***

Student-Led Worship Night

Join us Friday, September 12 at 7 PM in the Life Center for a special Student-Led Worship Night at CBC! The evening will include fun games, a message from Pastor Matt, worship, and a time of prayer for our students as they prepare to participate in the nationwide event, *See You at the Pole*. Don't miss this opportunity to encourage our students as we seek the Lord together.



See You @ The Pole – Wed. 9/24/25

Students across the nation will be gathering at their school flagpoles before class begins to pray for their friends, teachers, schools, and our nation. This is an awesome opportunity for them to step out boldly for Christ.

Students:

Connect with your school's Christian Club (FCA, Legacy, etc.) to find out the exact meeting location and time for your campus. Generally, it is 30 minutes before school starts.

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!



Wednesday Rehearsals are Back!

Worship Choir: 7:00 – 8:00 PM

Band, Tech, & Orchestra: 7:30 – 8:30 PM

Praise!

Last month, we introduced the song *Praise* by Elevation worship – a powerful reminder that praise isn't just something we do on Sundays, but a way of life. Scripture calls us to lift our voices in all seasons of life, declaring the greatness of our God. No matter what we face, praise turns our eyes from our circumstances and toward the one who is King over all things. We pray this song is used as an encouraging reminder for all of us to live out our calling to be a people of unceasing praise!



MISSION NEWS

WOM Quarterly Update: All Women are Welcome



Happy Fall! I know after the heat we've had this summer we are all looking forward to what God has in store for us this fall, including WOM. We continue to emphasize the joy of serving as we learn about missions; pray for missions; support missions and do missions that share the Gospel and our lives. Ongoing projects are ensuring that the Mission House is always prepared for occupancy and delivering encouragement bags monthly to members and others who are prayerfully brought to our attention for special encouragement. We meet monthly on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 10am till noon.

Fall 2025 Meetings are September 9, October 14, and November 11.

SEPTEMBER

- Emphasis on Children's Ministries and Maui a year after their disastrous fires.
- Maguire State Missions whose funds stay in the state of Florida; Goal of Maguire State Mission offering this year is \$2,000.00!
- Children's Mission Day, September 20, for which we will be helping Amy and her Children in Action with the fall project of collecting goodie bag supplies for Pediatric Nurses at St. Joseph's Hospital.

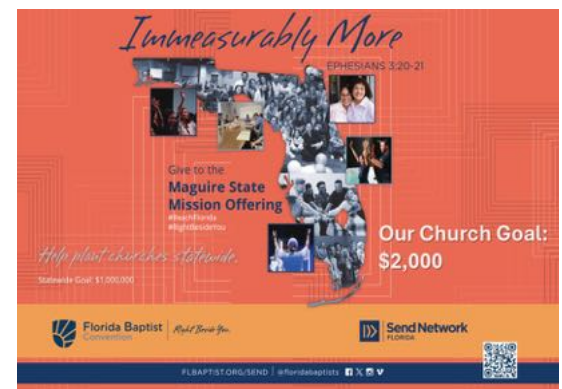
OCTOBER

- Special emphasis on those who need a fresh start for whatever reason and Eastern European Medical Missions.
- Help Cindy Lewandowski prep for Trunk or Treat.
- Operation Christmas Child boxes available to fill early October.

NOVEMBER

- Special emphasis on widows and Hospice Chaplains.
- Dedication of Operation Christmas Child boxes November 9; Then counting and delivering of Operation Christmas Child boxes to local distribution site during the week of November 17 through 24.
- Decorations and organization of November 23, Congregational Potluck Thanksgiving Dinner!

Sylvia Russell Embracing Possibilities for WOM



OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Free Monthly Diabetes Community Series



Diabetes Lunchbox

Each online session reviews a topic focused on diabetes and lifestyle options for wellness. All sessions are hosted by a BayCare Certified Diabetes Care and Education Specialist. Questions and interaction are welcome. You can attend on any device that has Internet access, a camera and a microphone, including most smartphones, tablets and home computers.

2025 Calendar

All sessions are 12-1pm.

1/23/25	Happy New Year and Happy New Goals
2/27/25	Diabetes and Weight Loss
3/26/25	Heart Health
4/24/25	Let's De-Stress
5/22/25	Diabetes Remission
6/26/25	Love Your Liver
7/24/25	Diabetes Technology
8/28/25	Mind Planning for Better Blood Sugars
9/25/25	Diabetes and Gastrointestinal Health
10/23/25	Holiday Strategies for Better Blood Sugars
11/20/25	Keep Moving
12/18/25	The Link Between Diabetes and Sleep

Registration is required. Session information and access details will be sent to your email address.

To register: BayCareEvents.org or 1-800-BayCare (1-800-229-2273)

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Let's get FIT having FUN!

Tuesday & Thursday

6PM

5395 Erlich Rd.

Tampa FL 33625

\$6.00 per class.

First Class Free!

Any Questions please call, Text or WhatsApp (813)546-3918 (Lucy)



Fundraising Banquet at Idlewild

Guest Speaker: Abby Johnson

Thursday, October 9

5:30 pm doors open, Free Dinner

(it is a fundraiser)

CBC does have a table

If you are interested, see Doug Earle or Sandra Porter for more info.