



Spring 2026



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

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"A Seashore Sunrise Service"

John 21:1-14

Perhaps you've attended a Sunrise Service, I've attended many, some have offered donuts or a Danish pastry and coffee, but I've never been to one that offered fish, and I've never attended one quite like the one recorded in **John 21**. Here we have recorded an amazing sunrise service complete with breakfast provided by Jesus himself! The night before there was a fishing trip and it was a disappointing one at that. The disciples had been fishing all night long and they have come up empty. But when they were guided by the risen Jesus from the shoreline to the schooling fish their luck changed. With Jesus guiding them the disciples cast again their nets and came up with a tremendous catch of fish.

When the disciples arrived at the shore Jesus had a fire going (**21:9**) and he asked them to bring some of the fish they had just caught (**21:10**). Peter dragged in the unbroken net containing 135 large fish. If there is a symbolic significance in the full but unbroken net, it is that the gospel net, the kingdom of God will never break, no matter how many people it catches. There is room for all! And the disciples haul of fish is a parable of their missionary activity in the time that lies ahead.

Jesus invited the disciples to, "Come and have breakfast" (**21:12**) and no one dared to ask who it was because they knew it was Jesus! When Jesus served the bread and the fish to his disciples (**21:13**), I'm sure this awakened their memory of him miraculously multiplying the bread and the fish. Some have seen in this account a look ahead to the time when all of God's people will sit down with Jesus in the kingdom of God, will rest from their labors, they will find food prepared for them by the Lord himself, and they will sit down and eat (**Lk. 12:37**).

An unknown source describes the Christian's hope, "We are on the midnight sea and must tug, weary and wet, and too often haul in an empty net. But we do not labor alone. He comes to us across the storm and is with us in the night, a most real but unseen presence. If we accept the guidance of his directing word, his indwelling spirit we shall not be left to waste our strength nor labor in vain. In the morning light we shall see him standing serene on the steadfast shore. The pilot of the Galilean Lake will guide our frail boat through the wild surf that marks the breaking of the sea of life on the shore of eternity. And when the sun rises over the eastern hills we shall land on the solid beach bringing our few small fishes with us and he will accept them. And there we shall rest and we will not need to ask who is it that serves us, for in that day we shall know that 'It is the Lord!'"

During this Spring season of resurrection, I hope for you will be a time of renewal, of new "things" springing up, of sensing the Lord's intimate presence. In this newsletter you will see several special events and services to help us celebrate our living Lord. May God bless you this resurrection season as you follow Christ and "cast" his net of love, "There is room for all!"

Pastor Joe

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UPCOMING EVENTS



Join Us *Easter Week*

APRIL

03 GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

- The Observance of the Lord's Supper at 6:30 pm in the Life Center

05 RESURRECTION SUNDAY

- Bible Study at 9:15 am
- Worship Ministry Presents: *Risen Savior, Conquering King* 10:30 am in the Life Center (No Nursery or Kids Time)

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Carrollwood Baptist Church Outside Event

Easter Family Festival

For All Ages

Saturday, March 28
9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Registration - 9:30 am Welcome - 10:00 am

Easter Egg Hunts Begin After Welcome for Ages 12 and Under

Group 1 - ages 4 and under

Group 2 - ages 5 - 8

Group 3 - ages 9 - 12

Games, Prize Drawings, Kona Italian Ice Truck and More...

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WEDNESDAY NIGHTS @ CBC

MARCH 4, 11, *18, 25

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

**March 18 NO Activities (Spring Break Week)*

APRIL *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
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

**April 1 NO Adult Bible Study and Prayer*

MAY 6, *13, *20, *27

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

**May 13 6:30-8:00 pm Children in Action, End of Year Party*

**May 20 REVISED SCHEDULE*

*6:30 pm MEMBERS MEETING in the Chapel
No Adult Prayer & Bible Study*

6:30-7:30 pm Youth in the Youth House

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

**May 27 NO Activities*

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SUNDAY

March 8

Oasis Walk for Life

Saturday, April 11

9:00 - 11:00 am

Tampa Bay Conference Center
Amy Kiefer Team Leader
Start signing up March 15

Baptist Collegiate Ministries

(BCM) at University of South Florida

CBC Hosting Meal

Thursday, April 16

5:00 pm

Adam Artabasy Lead

Ministry Team Meeting

Sunday, May 3

After church with light
lunch served

Agenda: June - August

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: March 21 (clean up around church after), April 18 and May 16

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.

SATURDAYS:

March 14 Barbara Price, Speaker

April 25 CBC Ladies Join Spanish Women's Breakfast, 9:00 am - Noon

May 9 Ladies Tea Party, Marlyn Cua, Speaker

CBC KIDS



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



AMY KIEFER, LEAD



Children in Action (1st-5th Grade)

Beach Clean-Up and Picnic

Saturday, April 25

8:30 am - 4:00 pm



Wear Your CA Shirt, Sneakers, and Bathing Suit
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.

End of Year Party
Wednesday, May 13
CA Room #103
6:30-8:00 pm



Awards Night
Wednesday, May 20
Carpenter Hall
7:00-7:30 pm

Nursery Ministry Volunteers Needed!

We are growing by leaps and bounds in our nursery! We need your help rocking our sweet babies and putting puzzles together and reading stories to our 1 and 2 year olds. They just need you to spend some quality time with them while mommy and daddy are in Bible Study and the church service! We will take care of the diaper changes! If you can spare one Sunday a month, or one Sunday every quarter (only 4 times a year), what a blessing that would be! Maybe you've been looking for a way to minister since you've had some time to rest and renew. Maybe God wants you to make this your next ministry venture! Remember...we never retire from serving the Lord! So come on, and contact Rhonda Alain, (813-962-3214 or at Salt2light85@gmail.com), to get on our wonderful ministry team!



MINISTRY TEAM SCHEDULE

MARCH - MAY 2026

Rhonda Alain (KidsTime/Preschool/Nursery Lead)

Sundays: 10:30 - 11:30 am

PRESCHOOL / KIDSTIME MARCH 2026

Date	Ministry Team
1st	Carol Wade / Carmen Rivera / Rhonda Alain
8th	Robin Singleton / Carmen Rivera / Rusty Walker
15th	Heidi Barlow / Jenna Hogberg / Rusty Walker
22nd	FAMILY SUNDAY
29th	PALM SUNDAY / FAMILY SUNDAY

PRESCHOOL / KIDSTIME APRIL 2026

Date	Ministry Team
5th	EASTER SUNDAY / FAMILY SUNDAY
12th	Heidi Barlow / Jenna Hogberg / Rhonda Alain
19th	Robin Singleton / Fernanda Aguiar Santos / Rhonda Alain
26th	FAMILY SUNDAY

PRESCHOOL / KIDSTIME MAY 2026

Date	Ministry Team
3rd	Carol Wade / Rhonda Alain / Rusty Walker
10th	MOTHER'S DAY / FAMILY SUNDAY (SERMON SACK)
17th	Robin Singleton / Fernanda Aguiar Santos / Rhonda Alain
24th	FAMILY SUNDAY
31st	Carmen Rivera / Susie Wright / Rhonda Alain



STUDENT MINISTRY

Wednesday Bible Study

This Spring, our students will journey through the book of Genesis in a 12-week, Christ-centered study on Wednesday nights from 6:30 – 7:30 PM. Together, we'll discover how the very first book of the Bible points forward to Jesus—through promises, patterns, and powerful moments that reveal God's redemptive plan from the beginning. We would love for students to join us as we grow deeper in God's Word and see Christ throughout the book of Genesis.





SUMMER CAMP 2026

Please be in prayer as our youth group will be attending **Student Life Camp MISSIONS at Ridgecrest, NC, from July 25 - 31, 2026!**

This is an incredible opportunity for students to grow spiritually, build lasting friendships, and experience God in a powerful way. Pray that hearts and minds will be receptive to the Holy Spirit and that students will leave changed.

As we look ahead to upcoming camps and mission opportunities, we'll be organizing fundraisers to help offset costs for our students. More details will be shared soon, but we wanted to give our church family a heads up and invite you to begin praying and considering how you might support these efforts.

We are incredibly grateful for the generosity our church has shown in the past. Our students are truly blessed to be part of a church family that cares so deeply about their spiritual growth and invests in what God is doing in their lives. Thank you for continually loving and supporting the next generation so faithfully.



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 Musical

Celebrate the joy and victory of Christ with us on Easter Sunday, April 5, during our regular morning worship service. Our Easter Musical will lead us through the powerful story of Christ's sacrifice and resurrection through Christ-centered music and Scripture. Come worship with us as we rejoice in the hope of the risen Savior. Invite your family and friends to share in this meaningful and uplifting morning together!

JOY MINISTRY



March 18, 2026 (Wednesday) – Tampa Cigar Factory Tour and Carmines Restaurant

The hour and fifteen-minute tour is a top to bottom exploration of El Reloj, the only cigar factory still in operation in Cigar City, (Tampa, FL). This tour takes guests through the process of cigar making both by hand and on antique cigar machines, the Newman family legacy, the history of Cigar City, and much more. **The cigar factory tour also is wheelchair accessible and has parking, elevators, and ramps for the physically challenged.**

Carmines Restaurant is located at 1802 E. 7th Ave #3808 Tampa, FL 33605

DEPARTURE FROM CBC: 11:00 am (if you need a ride on the church van which can hold nine (9) guests); Otherwise, meet at Carmines Restaurant shortly before 12:00 pm for lunch at noon OR at the cigar factory by 1:00 pm for the tour only which starts promptly at 1:15 pm. **WE HAVE TO PAY IN ADVANCE FOR THE TOUR, SO PLEASE SIGN UP AND PAY EITHER LAVERNE OR JERRY GOSS FOR THE TOUR TICKETS.** Sign up in the Life Center!

LOCATION: 2701 North 16th Street Tampa, FL 33605

PHONE: 813-248-2124

HOURS: 11:15 am – 4:00 pm

COST: \$12 plus tax per person (i.e. \$13) for Seniors plus \$10-\$20 for food at Carmines Restaurant

MISSION NEWS



Spring is especially welcome this year after a winter that felt cold for us Floridians. Of course, our relatives in other parts of the country would laugh at what we called cold. As Christians we welcome spring for more than the promise of warmer weather. We look forward to celebrating the resurrection of our Savior. The spring emphasis is about sharing our spiritual gifts, material resources, and our time for the sake of God's Kingdom. WOM and CBC thank you for your generous contribution to the International Mission Board Lottie Moon Christmas Offering that allowed us to surpass our goal of \$4000.00. We thank you in advance for your support of the North American Mission Board Annie Armstrong Easter Offering to

reach our goal of \$4000.00. **We meet together on the second Tuesday of every month from 10am till noon on March 10, April 14, and May 12.**

MARCH

- Supporting the Easter Family Festival.
- God at work in Dallas/Fort Worth area
- Annie Armstrong Easter Offering that supports reaching the estimated 291 million lost souls in the U.S. & Canada.
- Reminder from 1 COR. 12:1-12 concerning using our spiritual gifts for common good.

APRIL

- Starting where you are to identify needs that can be met using the resources you have.
- Story of how God is working in the Philippines.
- Reminder from Luke 12:22-34 & Matthew 6:1-4 about worry and fear getting in the way of giving our resources.

MAY

- Health and wellness in mind, body, and spirit.
- Baptist Nursing Fellowship
- God at work in London meeting mental health needs.
- Reminder from Luke 8:40-46 how Jesus took time to address human wellness needs.

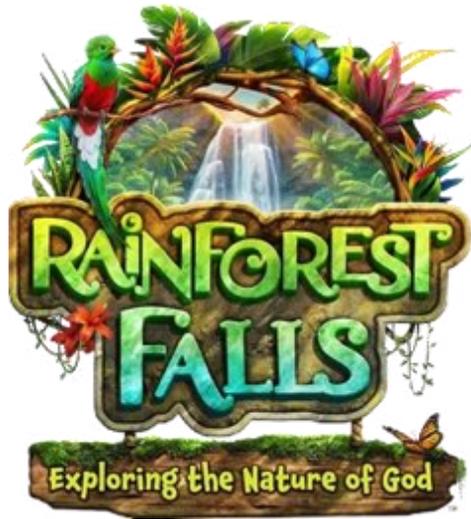
WOM continues to address needs of the mission house as they appear. We also continue to support all the issues and needs of our CBC family as they become known to us.

Sylvia Russell and WOM



Vacation Bible School

Mark Your Calendars!



3 year olds - 5th grade

Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2026

June 15 - 19

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

(Keep an eye and an ear out for ways you can help by donating supplies, praying, decorating, and volunteering to be a part of the VBS Ministry Team!)

~Contact Rhonda Alain for more details~

IMPORTANT VBS DATES:

SUNDAY, MARCH 1st

VBS 2026 SHORT INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Directly after the morning service at the front of the Life Center

ALSO...Volunteer Ministry Team Sign Up in the back of the Life Center from March 1st - May 31st.

AND...

MONDAYS 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

VBS DECORATING PREP Begins on March 2nd

We will meet every Monday evening until June 1st

Come join us for an hour or two, on a Monday or two! Any help is appreciated! If you can use scissors, glue, tape, paint, etc., you are more than qualified to join in on the fun! Contact Debbie Swindle for more info.

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**SUNDAY, APRIL 12<sup>th</sup>**

**12pm - 2pm**

**VBS WORKSHOP**

All VBS Volunteer Ministry Team Participants (that's you if you signed up at the back of the Life Center) We'll enjoy lunch together during this important time of gathering facts, answering questions and exploring the weeks events for this year's VBS!

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SUNDAY, APRIL 12th

OFFICIAL REGISTRATION DAY FOR VBS!

Register online using our QR Code or Go to our CBC Website.

We will also have paper registration forms available at the back of the Life Center.

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**VBS DECORATING WEEK!**

**MONDAY, JUNE 8<sup>th</sup> - SUNDAY, JUNE 14<sup>th</sup>**

(a sign up sheet will be available as we draw closer to these dates)