



FALL 2026

"Stepping Out"

"Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus."

Matthew 14:29

Peter's greatest challenge may not have been getting out of the boat—it was continuing to trust Jesus after he got out. The boat represented security, familiarity, and control. Stepping onto the water represented faith, risk, and dependence upon Jesus. Faith calls us to step out of our comfort zone, keep our eyes on Jesus, and trust Him even when the circumstances become frightening.

When Peter stepped out, all he had upon which to act was Jesus' invitation, "come." But stepping out of the boat for Peter was not a complete unknown because Jesus was there. Faith is not jumping off into oblivion, it's not blind, we're jumping right into where Jesus is! Peter may not have always been orthodox in his actions and he might be a little impulsive, but he did get out of the boat. Jesus invites us to think big, to be adventurous, to step out of the familiar, to relinquish control – he says to us, "Come." To do anything in life, to really live life requires such faith. It is better to make a thousand failures than to be too afraid to ever undertake anything. The person who fails at nothing has done nothing. So, if you try something and it doesn't work out, try something else. Your life is not fixed, you can change, you can make a new beginning, you can do what God has put on your heart. You can "come." Peter was never safer than with Jesus. It is infinitely safer to be on the water with Jesus in the storm than to be in the boat without Jesus.

Peter may have went the distance "But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, 'Lord, save me!'" **(14:30)**. Peter saw the wind and lost sight of Jesus, and it wasn't long before he began to sink beneath the waves. But even in Peter's momentary failure, he threw himself at once back on Jesus. Peter who had walked and sank rose and walked again. Faith is like that; it is never settled once for all. We trust Jesus, we "come," and then momentarily we find ourselves losing our focus and faith. We never get to check off "have faith" on our list of accomplishments. But what matters is that we're walking toward Jesus, whose hand is held toward us, stretched out in invitation, stretched out to grasp us should (or when) we fall. The question isn't whether there will be storms. The question is where Jesus is calling you to trust Him amid the storm. Peter stepped out at Jesus' invitation, "Come." Maybe Jesus is saying the same thing to you today. The safest place to be is not necessarily where the water is calmest; it is wherever Jesus is calling you to be.

Praying this fall season for all of us that it will be a time of renewal, of stepping out by faith at Jesus' invitation and experiencing God's life to the full.

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 24

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 6th thru October 18th.



Ministry Team Meeting

Sunday, November 8

After Church

with light lunch served

Agenda: December - February

Thanksgiving Luncheon

Come & Join Us

Sunday, November 22

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 2, 9, *16, 23, 30

6:00-7:00 pm Adult Prayer and Sermon Discussion 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

***SEPTEMBER 16**

MEMBERS MEETING at 6:30 pm in Carpenter Hall

No Adult Sermon Discussion; other activities will meet at their normal times.

OCTOBER 7, 14, 21, 28

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

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NOVEMBER 4, *11, *18, *25

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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 11** No Activities, Veteran's Day

***NOVEMBER 18**

BUDGET MEETING at 6:30 pm in Carpenter Hall

No Adult Sermon Discussion; other activities will meet at their normal times.

***NOVEMBER 25** No Activities, Happy Thanksgiving

The Church Office
will be closed on

LABOR DAY

MONDAY

09.07.26



The Church Office
will be closed Thursday,
11/26 & Friday, 11/27.

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!

ELECTION DAY

On November 3, we will be handing out bottled water to the voters. There will be a sign up sheet available closer to time in the back of the Life Center listing shifts an hour at a time from 7am-7pm. Please sign up if you are able to help with this outreach. Thank You!

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 19 in the Youth House with Deacons Meeting after Breakfast, October 17 and November 21.

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:

September 12

Sherlock Andrews, Speaker

October 10

Lynn Frank, Speaker

November 14

Debbie Swindle, Speaker

CBC KIDS



Children in Action
(1st - 5th Grades)

Wednesday Nights

6:30-7:30 pm

Room #103



AMY KIEFER, LEAD

**CHILDREN'S
MISSIONS
DAY 2026**

**September 12
8:00 - 10:00 am**

ASK

Children in Action will be making and delivering goody bags to Essrig Elementary teachers. Then, they will spend time walking and praying over the campus for the coming school year!



**MINISTRY TEAM SCHEDULE
SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 2026**

Rhonda Alain (KidsTime/Preschool/Nursery Lead)
Sundays: 10:30 - 11:30 am

PRESCHOOL / KIDSTIME SEPTEMBER 2026

Date	Ministry Team
6	Carol Wade / Rusty Walker / Rhonda Alain
13	Rusty Walker (Teaching) / Mia Mesa / Jack Bailie / Rhonda Alain
20	Robin Singleton / Fernanda Aguiar Santos / Rhonda Alain
27	FAMILY SUNDAY

PRESCHOOL / KIDSTIME OCTOBER 2026

Date	Ministry Team
4	Carol Wade / Beth Gonzalez / Lauren Gonzalez / Rusty Walker / Rhonda Alain
11	Rusty Walker (Teaching) / Jack Bailie / Rhonda Alain
18	Robin Singleton / Fernanda Aguiar Santos / Susie Wright / Rhonda Alain
25	FAMILY SUNDAY

PRESCHOOL / KIDSTIME NOVEMBER 2026

Date	Ministry Team
1	Carol Wade / Rusty Walker (Teaching) / Jack Bailie
8	Rusty Walker / Jack Bailie / Rhonda Alain
15	Robin Singleton / Fernanda Aguiar Santos / Rhonda Alain
22	FAMILY SUNDAY
29	Carmen Rivera / Rusty Walker / Rhonda Alain

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!



VBS 2026 Re-Cap

First, I would like to thank our CBC family for your support, prayers and participation in our Rainforest Falls VBS. We would not be able to host this ministry each year without your support and volunteerism.

We had 78 children register with us and 63 children on our first night of VBS. We averaged around 55 the rest of our nights. There were five decisions to follow Christ, and I have had a couple more in our KIDSTIME ministry who were with us in VBS, inquiring about salvation and getting baptized.

We praise the Lord for the opportunity to minister to these precious children and their families! We look forward to our CRAVE VBS 2027! Keep posted for dates and opportunities to help in the many areas of this community ministry!

JOY GROUP EVENTS

September 16, 2026 (Wednesday) - St. Petersburg Pier

Waterfront district of 26 acres featuring several attractions including:

- stunning views of the picturesque Tampa Bay
- multiple restaurants, shops, an education center and a playground
- boardwalk, spa beach park, family park; walking and trolley tours
- several artworks that were made by American and International artists
- music, sports, theater, or comedy events; other special events (workshops, festivals, etc.)



DEPART FROM CBC: 10:00 am

LOCATION: 800 2nd Ave NE St. Petersburg, FL 33701 **PHONE:** 727-822-7437 **HOURS:** 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

COST: \$25 per person for food plus money for shopping PLUS an additional \$15.00 per ticket for possible visit to Museum of Glass Art (possible discounts for ages 65+)

WEBSITE: stpetepier.org

November 18, 2026 (Wednesday) - Fred's Market Restaurant



A beloved, family-owned restaurant known for its homestyle cooking and Southern comfort food made from scratch and rooted in local farming traditions.

Specialties and menu highlights include:

The Market Table: An all-you-can-eat buffet featuring Southern staples like fried chicken, scratch-made biscuits, catfish, and slow-cooked pot roast.

Country Sides: Including collard greens, mac & cheese, mashed potatoes, black-eyed peas, and cheesy grits. **Desserts & Extras:** A dedicated dessert bar featuring seasonal cobblers, ice cream, and local strawberry shortcake treats. Single-plate discount pricing is available for guests who prefer not to do the full all-you-can-eat-buffet.



DEPART FROM CBC: 10:00 am

LOCATION: 1401 W Dr M L King Jr Blvd Plant City, FL 33563

PHONE: 813-752-7763

HOURS: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

COST: \$20 - \$25 per person if you have a specialty juice beverage

WEBSITE: www.fredsmarket.com

STUDENT MINISTRY



Camp Recap!

Our students had an incredible, Spirit-filled week at missions camp this Summer! God moved in powerful ways as hearts were stirred through worship, serving in the community, the preaching of God's Word, and time spent together in fellowship. Several students made decisions to rededicate their lives 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 this school year!



Mark Your Calendar!

*Student Summer Rec Camp 2027 date: **July 19–23, 2027***

See You @ The Pole – Wed. 9/23/26

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.





Wednesday Nights Are Back!

Every Wednesday from 6:30 – 7:30 PM
our students will meet in our Youth House
for our student worship service!
Doors will be open from 6 – 8 PM.

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!



Fall Rehearsals Kick Off

Rehearsal times are as follows:

Wednesdays:

- Choir Rehearsal: 7:00 – 7:30 PM (with Jenn)
- Combined Choir/Band/Orchestra Rehearsal: 7:30 – 8:00 PM
- Band/Orchestra: 8:00 – 8:30 PM

Sundays:

- Congregational Music Run-through: 8:30 AM



Christmas is Coming Christmas Musical

Join us as we begin our exciting journey toward this year's Christmas musical, ***Christmas is Coming Sing for Joy!*** Fall rehearsals are the perfect time to reconnect and dive into the beautiful music we'll be sharing this season. Rehearsals resume August 26 at the times listed above— don't miss out on the fun, fellowship, and the joy of preparing something special for our church and community! See you there!



MISSION NEWS

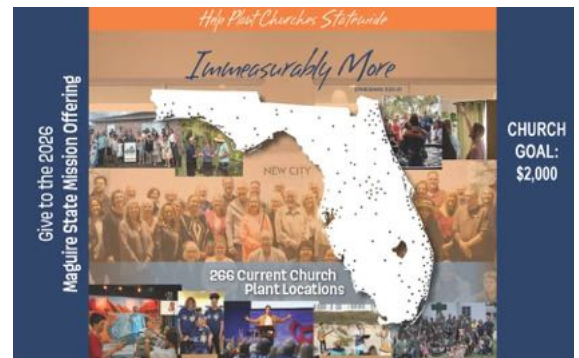


It's hard to believe that it's time to think about all our fall activities when we feel like we are melting. The theme for 2026-2027 reminds us why we do what we do. We do what we do because we were meant for the mission. We are part of God's mission to bring all of creation into a right relationship with Him. **Our Fall meeting dates are Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, the second Tues. at 10 am until 12 noon in room #204.**

SEPTEMBER

Understanding the Mission, John 3:16-17, Discovering God's purpose and call.

- Importance of early preparation for missions and investing in future generations: Children in Action (help with their events)
- Learning about how Chaplain's outreach the corporate world in Jacksonville, Florida.
- Maguire State Missions Offerings begin Sept. 6, and goes to various local Florida mission projects.
Our Church goal is \$2,000.00.
- Prayers for missionaries to understand their assignments and the cultures of areas they serve.



OCTOBER

Accepting the Mission. The life of Timothy... Say yes to God's purpose and call.

- **Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes will be available October 4.**
- Importance of Local Associations in assisting and equipping local churches for their mission and missions.
- Experiences of those serving in Rome where so many religious landmarks abound.
- Trunk or Treat preparation.
- Prayers for readiness and acceptance of God's call when we hear it.

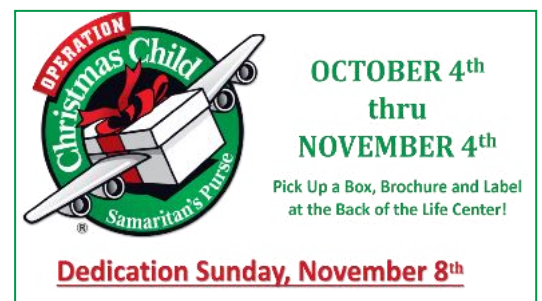
NOVEMBER

Living Out the Mission. The life of Barnabas.. Faithfully follow God's call to be on mission.

- Nov. 3 is election day.
- Remembering veterans and hearing about how Military Chaplains serve.
- Nov. 8 Operation Christmas Child boxes dedicated in morning service.
- Counting and delivering Shoeboxes to local collection site the week of Nov. 16-23.
- Organize and help with the Thanksgiving Luncheon after Church, Nov. 22.

Thank you all for being such a mission conscious community.

Women on Mission



MORE OPPORTUNITIES

CBC Family Community Food Round-Up

FACTS AND FIGURES

The CBC Family started up this ministry in January 2026 and oh how you all have stepped up and blessed many in our CBC Family and in the Carrollwood Community!

As of this date, we have ministered through our food boxes and gift cards to fifteen in our church family and to countless families through one of our local schools. We have collected to this date five barrels of dry goods!

Thank you, CBC Family, for your heart to minister to those who need a little help in the ever-increasing cost of living in our current economy! Keep those food items coming as we approach and even greater season of need in the next several months. We will make sure to keep families in our church and community food secure.

If you would like more information, or you know of someone in need, please contact Rhonda Alain, or the church office.

CBC Family Community Food Round-Up

PLEASE NOTE:

NO GLASS BOTTLES. NO DENT OR BENT CANS.

ONLY Metal, Cardboard or Plastic Containers.

ONLY Shelf Stable Foods. Please! NO PERISHABLE ITEMS.

Thank You!

*Cereal (hot and cold)

*Powdered Milk

*Peanut Butter (crunchy or smooth)

*Jelly in squeeze bottle / honey in plastic bottle

*Granola Bars

*Apple Sauce and Fruit Cups

*Canned Goods : fruit / beans & vegetables / chili / ravioli / soups / chicken / tuna / evaporated milk, etc.

*Rice (white or yellow)

*Pasta (all types)

*Pasta Sauces (Marinara / Spaghetti Sauce / Alfredo Sauce / Pesto Sauce)

*Boxed Items (Macaroni & Cheese / rice dishes / pasta sides / instant mashed potatoes / stuffing, etc.

*Juices (plastic containers)

***Low Sodium/No Salt Canned Goods & Sugar Free Items for People with Health Concerns**



An opportunity to show compassion and care to vulnerable children in our community.

Your donations enable our volunteer team to serve even more families in need throughout our community. Each month, we have the privilege of delivering essential items such as cribs, beds, diapers, and groceries to children and families facing difficult circumstances.

Your generosity makes a meaningful difference and helps ensure that vulnerable families receive both practical support and encouragement during challenging times.

For more information contact Becky Gordon @ (813) 334-4805



Click Here to donate to the CBC CarePortal Fund



Volunteer Opportunity to Serve at New Life Warehouse!

Do you have a truck? trailer? time to serve?

Then CHURCH, sign up to volunteer to deliver items from the Warehouse to a family in need

Saturday, September 26.



400 Roberts Road
Oldsmar, FL 34677

See Becky Gordon for ?'s.

Don't miss this opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus!