



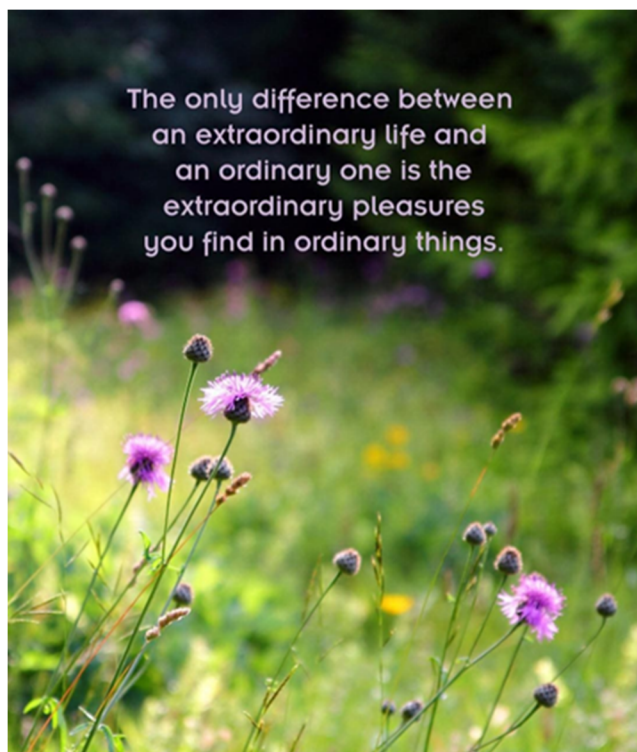
Quarterly Newsletter of the Nature Coast Baptist July—Sept 2026

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Note from Joe:

250 years!! This country has sustained, in the good times and the lean times. God's Sovereignty continues by HIS grace and mercy. We all have a role in this as well. A heart of gratitude and thankfulness.



Associational Mission Projects & Ministry Opportunities

From: Citrus Pregnancy Center— Barbara Gosa, Director

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It is with great pleasure to announce our new Executive Director of the Citrus Pregnancy Center (CPC), Jessica Miller. After much prayer and careful consideration, our Board is grateful to welcome Jessica to this vital leadership position. She brings a heart for ministry, a passion for serving others, and a strong commitment to our mission of sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ while supporting men and women facing pregnancy and parenting challenges. Many of you are very familiar with Jessica as she has served in our ministry in the past. She was our Director of Client Services for almost six years, serving and learning from our current Executive Director, Barb Gosa.

Jessica has a deep desire to see lives transformed through the gospel and to be on board with the work God is doing in and through the CPC ministry. We are confident that under her leadership, the ministry will continue to grow and impact our community for His glory. We trust the Lord. As Solomon wrote, "Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the LORD that will stand" (Prov. 19:21).

Please join us in praying for Jessica and the CPC during this transition. Let us plead for the Lord to grant wisdom (Jam. 1:5-8; Prov. 1:7), strength (Phil. 4:13; John 15:5), and guidance (Prov. 3:5-6; Psa. 25:4-5) in the days ahead.

We are thankful for your faithful prayers, support and encouragement. We anticipate great things from a great and infinitely glorious God whom we serve! As the Apostle Paul wrote, "To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen" (1 Tim. 1:17).

For His Name's Sake,
Brian Sullivan - Pastor at Christ Community Church and Board President for CPC



GREAT STORK RACE Raises Record-Breaking \$103,201 for Citrus Pregnancy Center

The annual Walk for Life event, the GREAT STORK RACE, was held on May 9th at The Depot in downtown Inverness and proved to be the most successful event in the ministry's history.

The event benefits Citrus Pregnancy Center, a ministry dedicated to serving men and women facing pregnancy and parenting challenges through compassionate care, practical support, and hope-centered services.

This year, 25 local churches participated in the event, and 367 individuals joined together to support the ministry's mission. Through the generosity of sponsors, churches, businesses, and individual participants, the 2026 GREAT STORK RACE raised an incredible \$103,201.

We were honored to have Mayor Bob Plaisted kickoff the event and Pastor Byron Brown from First Baptist Inverness did the opening prayer.

"We are overwhelmed with gratitude for the support shown by our community," said ministry leadership. "Every dollar raised helps us continue providing free services, encouragement, and hope to families throughout Citrus County."

Thank you to ALL who participated!

NATURE COAST BAPTIST ASSOCIATION CALENDAR - 2026

August 13 | Deacon's, Pastor's & Spouse Dinner

Speaker: Dr. Alan Cotney, Lead Pastor, College Road Baptist Church, Ocala, FL

Topic: Deacons; How they serve and strengthen a church

Time: 5:15 p.m.. **(registration)**, 6:00 p.m. **(dinner)**

Location: 1st Baptist Brooksville

September 10 | Lunch & Learn

Topic: Legal check up for your church

Speaker: Gary Yeldell, Attorney

Time: 11:30 - 1:00

Location: Eden Baptist

October 20 | Annual Celebration

Time: 5:15 p.m. (sign in) 6:00 p.m. (dinner)

Speaker: Craig Culbreth, Former Florida Baptist Convention East Regional Catalyst

Location: 1st Inverness

November 5 | Citrus Pregnancy Center Banquet

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Cornerstone Baptist Church

November 8 - 10

Florida Baptist Convention - Orlando

NETWORK MEETINGS:

Children's Director's Meetings | 9:30 - 11:00 @ NCBA Office

Sept 24th Oct 15th Nov 19th

STUDENT PASTOR'S MEETINGS | 11:00 - 12:30 @ NCBA Office

Sept 24th Oct 15th Nov 19th

PASTOR GATHERINGS:

Pastor's Lunch Gathering - North | 11:30 a.m.

Sept 15th - Citrus Pregnancy Centers Pastor Appreciation Luncheon (Location TBD)

Dec 1st - NBA Annual Christmas Luncheon

Pastor's Lunch Gathering - South | 11:30 a.m.

Sept 17th - Beef O'Brady's - Brooksville

Dec 3rd - NBA Annual Christmas Luncheon

DECEMBER OFFICE CLOSED:

December 23rd – January 5th

Reopen – January 6th, 2027 Tuesday 9 - 3