



Quarterly Newsletter of the Nature Coast Baptist January—March 2026

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Note from Joe:

Have a blessed 2026, keep your gaze on Jesus.



Associational Mission Projects & Ministry Opportunities

From: Citrus Pregnancy Center— Barbara Gosa, Director

Walk for Life - May 9th

Join us for a FUN 2-mile walk to raise money to help families in our community that are facing unplanned pregnancies! Check-in starts at 8 a.m. Walk starts at 9 a.m.

Done and on your way, on or before 11a.m.

This is a stroller-to-wheelchair event, so bring the whole family! Great company, good exercise, and save lives! Let's show our community that we care about preborn lives and their moms and dads!

We have a friendly competition between the churches to see who raises the most money and who has the most participants at the event.

Location: Depot Pavilion, Inverness

More details will be available as the event gets closer.

Barb Gosa - Executive Director

Citrus Pregnancy Center

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LITTLE ONES TO
HIM BELONG;
THEY ARE WEAK
BUT HE IS STRONG.
*Some things are
worth defending.*



National Sanctity of Human
Life Sunday is January 18, 2026

GOD'S DESIGN

"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you." — **Jeremiah 1:5**

Before politics, before policy, before public debate, there was God's design. Life began with His breath and still bears His image. God designed the womb to be safe. Humankind has made the womb one of the most dangerous places on earth for a baby to be in.

In America abortions numbers are up, abortion is being sold online, women are the victims of evil people forcing or fooling them into taking abortion drugs, pregnant women have become their own abortionist, men and women unknowingly serve as coroner of their own babies. While all this is happening, the church is becoming more silent on the issue than ever. Christians have a false sense that the battle for life in the womb has ended. They don't know the truth, no one is telling them. In our post-Roe v Wade slumber, we assume all is well. No news is good news, right? Wrong. Now is not the time to go silent. While we sleep our enemy is gaining ground. If not now, when? If not you, then who?

Open your mouth for the speechless, in the cause of all who are appointed to die. Proverbs 31:8 (NKJV)

This January, invite your congregation to remember:

Life was God's idea. Humanity was created by God with purpose, dignity, and worth.

Life is not accidental. Every person, born or unborn, reflects the creativity and care of a loving Creator.

Life is eternal. Each life carries an eternal soul that matters to God.

And life is precious and to be protected.

What can you do?

Plan now to share a pro-life message on Sanctity of Human Life Sunday.

Invite CPC to come in and speak to your church or adult groups.

In America, an estimated 1-2 abortions occur every minute. On average, a church may have 20-30 minutes of worship music. In that amount of time, possibly 60 babies' lives would have been ended.

Consider dedicated 2-3 minutes of that time to silence in remembrance of those babies.

Plan a night of prayer.

Reach out to the pregnancy center and see what their needs are.

Do a church wide baby bottle campaign.

Remember those that have been hurt by abortion decisions.

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Psalm 137:3 (NKJV)

The sanctity of human life isn't only about protecting life in the womb...it's about healing life outside it. Every statistic has a story. Every wound has a name. We must be a Church that not only speaks against death but also walks with the wounded toward restoration. CPC offers hope and healing through confidential Bible studies. We are also available to come in and speak on this topic if you would like.

Call Barb or Steve at Citrus Pregnancy Center to talk, learn more, or schedule someone to speak at your church.

NATURE COAST BAPTIST ASSOCIATION CALENDAR - 2026

Jan 29 | Lunch & Learn

Topic: Why Biblical Counseling?

Speakers: Jim Johnson, Debra Jobe, Dick Elliott, Dr. Byron Brown

Time: 11:30 - 1:30

Location: 1st Baptist Inverness

March 5 | Lunch & Learn

Topic: Leadership Training

Speaker: Jason Norman, Pastor, Real Life Church, Springboro, Ohio
Church Boom Ministries - Group Coaching Cohort Director

Time: 11:00 - 2:30

Location: Cornerstone Baptist Church

May 7 | Lunch & Learn

Topic: Multiplying Disciples: Becoming a Disciple Making Church

Speaker: Dr. Bob Magruder, Discipleship Strategist, Co - Founder of Multiplying Culture Ministries,

Time: 11:00 - 2:30

Location: 1st Baptist Brooksville

May 9 | Citrus Pregnancy Center Walk for Life

Time: 8:00 a.m. (check in) 9:00 a.m. (start)

Location: The Depot, Downtown Inverness

June 1 - 5 | Football & Basketball Camp

Registration required

Time: **TBD**

Location: Hernando Christian Academy

June 7 - 9

SBC Convention - Orlando, Fl

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: **TBD**

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: **TBD**

Location: **TBD**

NATURE COAST BAPTIST ASSOCIATION CALENDAR CONTINUED - 2026

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

Jan 22nd Feb 19th April 16th May 21st Sept 24th Oct 15th Nov 19th

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

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PASTOR GATHERINGS:

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

Feb 10th

April 21st

Sept 15th

Dec 1st - NBA Annual Christmas Luncheon

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

Feb 12th

April 23rd

Sept 17th

Dec 3rd - NBA Annual Christmas Luncheon

DECEMBER OFFICE CLOSED:

December 23rd – January 5th

Reopen – January 6th, 2027 Tuesday 9 - 3