

Mission *of the* Kingdom

CORAL RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



A Letter from

PASTOR ROB PACIENZA



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Cultural engagement is inevitable for every Christian; the only question is, will they shape culture for the glory of the city of man or for the glory of the city of God?

A new member said, “You can sense that something special is happening here! I am excited to be a part of a church that stands for the truth and impacts the culture.”

By the grace of God, we continue to hear from people whose lives are being transformed by the good news of the kingdom through the work and ministry of Coral Ridge.

Not only is God continuing to renew the hearts of people and bring new families into our church, we’ve seen people continue to look to our church as a beacon of hope in our city. This booklet is a snapshot of the work that has been accomplished this past ministry year, and would not have been possible without your faithful partnership.

The challenges we are facing in our culture are daunting, but they are not new. Ecclesiastes tells us that “There is nothing new under the sun” and this cultural moment is no exception. We must remember that our Lord Jesus Christ still rules the world. As Abraham Kuyper once said, “There is not a square inch in the whole domain of our human existence over which Christ, who is Sovereign over all, does not cry, ‘Mine!’” This world is claimed by Christ; in him, it holds together. And, although these are chaotic times, the victory of secularism is not inevitable. Thus, we as Christians must shine light into the darkness, drawing upon our Christian worldview to shape and influence every sphere of culture.

In Augustine’s classic, *City of God*, he boldly confronts the pagan culture of ancient Rome and defends Christianity, arguing that the Christian faith actually strengthens nations and cultures. As Augustine did before, we seek to help the church understand what it means to live out a public faith as an instrument in the hands of God. We are unashamed of the truth.

We pledge to be a courageous witness—year in and year out, no matter how much opposition is arrayed against us—to the timeless truths you and I hold in common. We pledge to be a clear, consistent, and faithful voice in the public square. Will you join me with a one-time gift before June 30 to help us finish this ministry year strong?

This work is not possible without you! Please know that when you give financially to Coral Ridge you give hope! You give hope to our city, our nation, and our world.

Thank you for your partnership as we together equip Gospel-centered, culture-shaping Christians from generation to generation.

For Christ and His Church,



Pastor Rob Pacienza

GENERATION *to* GENERATION

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

"We will reach the world through ways yet undreamed!" This was Dr. Kennedy's famous quote when our Sanctuary was being built in 1974. He was referring to all of the ways our church buildings would be used to further the kingdom of God—even ways yet undreamed. The Generation to Generation Campaign is the continuation of a bold vision established many years ago. This campaign has never been about the building. It's about the soul-saving, life-transforming ministry that will happen throughout our campus. G2G is a culture-shaping movement that will reestablish Coral Ridge as a beacon of hope and truth for generations to come. By God's grace and for His glory, this campaign is being used to bring the light of the gospel to our city, our nation, and our world. *Pictured below:* Coral Ridge Facilities team member Emmanuel Antoine prays for the construction crew before lunch provided by the Prayer Team. The prayer team has been faithfully praying for the project from the beginning.



a public ♦

faith

Cayla Coningsby with Pastor Rob Pacienza and Pastor Brian Webb



“Anyone can walk into Coral Ridge and not know Jesus, but when they leave they have an opportunity to accept Him as Lord and people are available to lead them to the throne of grace.” - **Toni and Jim Moore,**
New Members

31

people on the **ISRAEL** trip
remembered their own baptisms
in the same place
where Jesus was baptized

JANET'S STORY

I come to South Florida seasonally and started attending Coral Ridge in November. I had been attending Evangelism Explosion classes to learn how to share my faith. I grew up in the church and always believed what I was taught but never had any follow through in my life. Listening to Pastor Rob in church one Sunday, I realized I needed to do something. This was when it all came together for me. I either had to leave or I had to go forward. I wanted everyone to know that it is never too late. I am 76 years old and I finally understand what accepting Jesus really means. If it can happen to me at this age it can happen to you too. At home I belong to church, but we don't really do anything with the evangelism part of our faith. I plan to take this home, and talk to my minister about what I've studied and see if I can bring a change to my church. People need to hear what Jesus did for us and what that means in our lives.

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children participated in
COMMUNICANTS
class and took their first
communion before
their church family



The communicants class is uniquely designed to have parents come alongside their children as they examine their hearts and articulate the work of God in their lives. Equipping parents to encourage faithful growth in their children is an important part of how we raise up **the next generation.**



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**NEW
MEMBERS**
joined our Church
in the Fall and
Spring of this
ministry year



Ben and Lauren Bordy worship together at the Getty's Night of Worship

◆ the King

worship

12,415

in-person and online
joined **HOLY WEEK**
services as we celebrated
our Risen Savior



“The talent in the music ministry and preaching at Coral Ridge is of such high caliber, it is truly a blessing that all the production we see in these services is put to the glory of God and the **expansion of His Kingdom.**”

- YouTube Viewer

Above: Allison DeMarco leads the handbell choir on Easter Sunday.

Bottom Left: Choir member Heather Simpson sings “Peace, Peace” during the candlelight Christmas Eve service. *Bottom Center:* Director of Contemporary Worship Bernie González and the worship team lead the congregation in singing on Easter. *Bottom Right:* Children are encouraged to worship with families as we train the next generation.





Ben Carson talks with Joel and Carol Satterly

“This was an awesome discussion between incredibly intelligent and wonderful people, Ben Carson and Alveda King. The light of God’s glory is shining with love for His children.” - **YouTube Viewer**

attended
INSTITUTE
events and courses

2,153

“I love that Coral
Ridge and the
speakers they bring on
campus are not afraid
to speak the truth!”

KINGDOM COME ATTENDEE

Sinclair Ferguson speaks at the Kingdom Come Conference



equipping

Christians



The Institute for Faith and Culture is faithfully training and shaping disciples by helping them form a biblical worldview. Through the annual Kingdom Come Conference, renowned guest speakers, courses, and relevant resources, the Institute for Faith and Culture is **equipping Christians to engage and transform culture for His Kingdom**. This engagement happens in the marketplace and the public square, the common spaces in any society where ideas are formed, values are defined, and culture is ultimately shaped.



CITY OF GOD PODCAST

Named after Augustine's classic, *City of God*, Pastor Rob's new podcast boldly confronts secular culture while defending Christianity, arguing that the

Christian faith actually strengthens nations and cultures. In just a few short months since its launch, the podcasts have been viewed

187,240 times on social media and have been watched and downloaded by **11,236** listeners. We have partnered with many of today's notable Christian thought leaders.



Ben Carson, Rob Pacienza and John Rabe record a podcast

◆ serves love

Dot Yanes and Nancy Gentile lead an EE training in Cuba



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This training is the answer for our children. We didn't have any books or programs before you arrived, please bring more!

ALICIA GARCIA, PASTOR IN CUBA

In May, Coral Ridge sent a team of **22** people to Havana, Cuba to train pastors, leaders, and missionaries to share their faith through Evangelism Explosion.

LU'S STORY

After recently retiring, I felt a strong desire to work for the Kingdom spreading the gospel in some way but was not sure where to begin. I spent many days in prayer asking for direction. I spent hours researching Christian opportunities in South Florida working with kids, but nothing felt like a match for me. The next morning

at church, Pastor Rob introduced a guest speaker, Brody Howell, *Director of First Priority Game Day*. He spoke about an opportunity to serve as a volunteer with children in the public schools. I knew that **GAMEDAY** was for me. With much joy, I signed up after the service to be part of the Gameday team. I have loved faithfully serving this ministry ever since.



“Thank God for raising strong new leaders like Pastor Rob. The world we live in has so much negativity and hate, especially during this last year of war. **Our country needs this message.** Pastor Rob’s broadcasted sermons in Ukraine are like a breath of fresh air.”

- Sergey from Odessa, Ukraine

Satellite technology
has enabled Pastor Rob’s
HOPE FOR THE WORLD
program to reach Ukraine, Russia,
and the surrounding countries with
the hope of the Gospel.


Rob Pacienza, Sarah Maba, and Duane Mellor at future home site



In April, Pastor Rob and the Outreach team were blessed to present **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** Director Nancy Robin with the final check for a Coral Ridge sponsored home in the Rick Case Community. Now that the home is **fully funded**, Coral Ridge will partner with Habitat for Humanity and a deserving family to begin construction on the home.

\$171,599

total raised so far
in our annual
**LOVE SERVES
OUTREACH
CAMPAIGN**
supporting multiple
local and international
ministries

A group of children, mostly of African descent, are shown in profile, wearing red robes and singing. They are illuminated by warm, golden light. The focus is on the children in the foreground, with others slightly blurred in the background.

**“From the lips of
children and infants
you, Lord, have called
forth your praise.”**

Matthew 21:16b

a joyful ◆

noise

Men and Women serving our nation are honored at Concert Series Patriotic Concert



60 participated in **children's choir** this year. In addition to learning God's Word through music, they had the opportunity to lead worship at two concerts and four services.

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We invited a Jewish couple in our apartment building to the Patriotic concert. After the concert, we received this text from them; “We cannot thank you enough. We loved every minute tonight. We had chills and it even brought us to tears! Absolutely wonderful.”

The concert has **opened a dialog between us and our neighbors regarding our faith** and what we believe regarding death and eternity. A seed has been planted. Thank you!

Gordon and Sue DeBlaay



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Coral Ridge is not
only our new church
home where we come
to worship with other
believers, it is where
we feel comfortable
bringing people to
hear God's Word
clearly preached
as truth.

Bob and Suzi Plati
NEW MEMBERS

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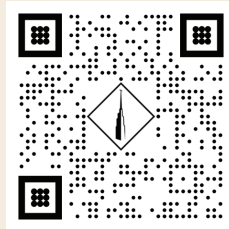
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Generation to Generation, at crpc.org/g2g

EQUIPPING *Gospel-Centered* ♦ *Culture-Shaping* CHRISTIANS



Left: Parker Auckland sings praise in the Children's Choir.

Top Right: Johnathan Salvatoriello reads the Bible during Sunday Service.

Bottom Right: Sydney Brown and David Watt greet people on Sunday morning.

Cover Top Left: Achilles Rolle listens to biblical teachings at Kid Ridge Jr.

Cover Middle Left: Bernie González and Lauren Buschman welcome attendees at the Kingdom Come Conference.

Cover Bottomn Left: The Hall sisters take a picture in front of the Easter Garden Cross.

Cover Right: Eliza Ora and her family volunteer in Avondale for the Thanksgiving drive.



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