

A Brief History of Crescent Beach Baptist Church

In September, 1992, Dr. Ron Moore, Pastor of Anastasia Baptist, asked a few members to help start a mission church at Crescent Beach. Several people began meeting at the home of George and Helen Cessna. Palatka First Baptist and Peniel Baptist Church joined Anastasia for the endeavor. The Crescent Beach area was canvassed for interest in a church being located there. There was sufficient interest, so a search for a location was conducted. On May 16, 1993, a storefront at Crescent Beach Plaza opened the doors of the new mission church. Dr. Armando Silverio was the Interim Pastor.

On June 25, 1996, Andrew Coleman was called to be the Pastor. The church grew under the leadership. He pastored there for seven years along with his wife, Marcie. The church outgrew the space at the Plaza, so a land search began. In 2001 a thirty-acre parcel was purchased and plans were in motion for a permanent home.

In February, 2002, the morning worship services had outgrown the Plaza and moved temporarily to the auditorium of Pedro Menendez High School.

After Pastor Coleman's departure to the foreign mission field, in early 2003, the church called Dr. David Beauchamp as pastor in June of that year. CBBC has enjoyed God's blessings of continued progress under Dr. Beauchamp's leadership. His heart's desire for CBBC to be a "lighthouse" to this area, sharing the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The church moved into the present location at 885 State Road 206, near Crescent Beach on November 14, 2004. The back building was started in 2014 and completed in 2015. Many of our Children programs and functions are held in this building. **BREAKING NEWS** – we are in prayer in building a new gymnasium in the southeast side of the property. This will house AWANA, the Youth, and much more. As Crescent Beach/St. Augustine continues to grow, we want to be prepared to draw people in so the Gospel can be shared to all that come to CBBC.

Fun Facts: First Easter Sunrise Service was in 1995, Kids Club, Puppets, Fish Frys, 5th Sunday Hymn Sings, many weddings and musical groups were held while still in the plaza.



This photo was taken from one of the many scrapbooks that we have. Note 2 Morning services while in the plaza. ☺