



TAMPA

Our History:

Carrollwood Baptist Church was constituted on June 1, 1994. After much prayer and discussion, two existing congregations merged to form this new church. One of those congregations (Bay Area Baptist Church) had sold their property and was meeting in temporary locations. They had a full staff and financial resources, but without a permanent location, they were having difficulty reaching new families. The other congregation (First Baptist Church of Carrollwood) had good facilities but had lost its staff and was facing a financial crisis.

The pastors, staff and merger committees began to meet in February of 1994. The two congregations in their respective business meetings voted to merge together and form Carrollwood Baptist Church in May of 1994. As of June 1, 1994 First Baptist Church of Carrollwood and Bay Area Baptist Church no longer existed.

From the beginning, Carrollwood Baptist Church has been active in the Tampa Bay Baptist Association, Florida Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention. Carrollwood is a mission minded church that has given birth to four mission churches and constituted all of them in the past five years. CBC is fourth in our Association in missions giving and has been involved in mission projects around our convention, and CBC has a mission partnership with the Burning Bush Baptist Church in Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

The current make up of Carrollwood has about 20% former Bay Area members, 15% former FBC-Carrollwood members and 65% new members that have joined our fellowship since we constituted. In these thirteen years we have acquired an additional 3.5 acres of property bringing our total to 16 acres. We have built and paid for a new recreation building, called the Life Center. In addition to our recreation ministries, the Life Center houses all of our worship services. At the same time, we have paid off our 1.8 million dollars loan from the North American Mission Board.

Our Ministerial Staff:

Senior Pastor: Rev. Tom Rives

Associate Pastor/Minister of Education: Rev. Bill Wester

Minister of Music and Worship: Rev. Brian Jones

Minster of Students and Recreation: Rev. Justin garver

Preschool/Children's Minister: Mrs. Kristi Nalls

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Subject: Bio update

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In Him,
Pastor Tom

Biographical Information for Florida Baptist Historical Society

TOM RIVES (Thomas Nelson Rives) was born in 1946 to Bud and Dorothy Rives in Memphis, Tn. He graduated from Memphis Tech High in 1964 and Memphis State University in 1971. He served in the US Army 1967-1970 as a Chaplain Assistant and Drill Instructor. He served Whitehaven Baptist Church (Memphis, TN 1970-1974), First Baptist Church (Cleveland, TN 1974-1977) First Baptist Church (Hurst, TX 1977-1979 while attending Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary) Red Bank Baptist Church (Chattanooga, TN 1979-1983) First Baptist Church (Tampa 1983- 1986) Bay Area Baptist Church (Tampa 1986-1994) Carrollwood Baptist Church (Tampa 1994- 2015*this was a merger of Bay Area BC and FBC Carrollwood). Tom retired 2015 and now is Pastor Emeritus of Carrollwood Baptist Church. Tom and his wife Dianne were married in 1967 and they have two married children who reside in Tampa. TJ Rives (Jennifer) and Ashley Tomassetti (Brian). They have twin granddaughters (Abbey and Riley Rives).

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