



2026 Pastor Pop-Up Seminar

Amelia Plantation Chapel

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The Power of an Interdenominational Church: Learn how Christians from different traditions can find unity in Christ.

- **We are Christians from many different church traditions who worship and serve together in Christ Jesus the Lord.**

Different Soils. One Foundation in Christ.

On September 3, 1989, people from different Christian traditions gathered to break ground for Amelia Plantation Chapel. Each brought soil from their home church, placing it together in the Chapel's foundation—a beautiful symbol of Christians united in faith in Jesus Christ.

From the beginning, the Chapel was intentionally built beyond the residential gates to **welcome and serve the entire surrounding community.**

An Interdenominational Chapel is a:

- **Positive** Statement of respect and appreciation.
- **Explicit** Statement that is clear and welcoming.
- **Distinctive** Statement that highlights something unique about the chapel family.
- **Promising** Statement that suggests blessings in the future.

Biblical Support

The Biblical Vision: For through Christ, we both have access to the Father by one Spirit—Ephesians 2:18

Historical Support

Amelia Plantation Vision: In 1974, when Amelia Island Plantation was being developed, a small group of Amelia Island Company employees and early property owners felt the need to have a church established on the south end of the Island. These residents represented a variety of Christian traditions as well as personal and career backgrounds. They were, however, joined in their belief in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, a desire to worship Him, and to serve Him in their community. On September 3, 1989, members and guests held a unique groundbreaking ceremony in which participants co-mingled soils from their home churches into the foundation of the planned building. This ceremony symbolized both their diverse backgrounds and their unity in Christ.

Worship Support

Interdenominational Worship Vision: D.A. Carson writes this vision of worship, in *Worship by the Book*, “Is there not some need for Christians from highly different backgrounds to come together and recite one creed, read from one Scripture, and jointly sing shared songs, thereby crossing race gaps, gender gaps, **denominational gaps** and generational gaps, standing in a shared lineage that reaches back through centuries and is finally ground in the Word?”

Theological Support

“Communion of Saints Vision” for an Interdenominational Church: AA Hodge, who in 1878 was the Systematic Theology Professor at Princeton Theological Seminary, writes “**Since this is the union of all true believers with the Lord and with each other . . .** it follows that **all branches of the visible Church**, and all the individual members thereof, should do all within their power to act upon the principle of the “Communion of Saints” in their conversations with all who profess true religion. If the Church is one, the churches are one. If all saints are one, and are embraced in this holy “communion,” then all who profess to be should saints should regard and treat all their fellow-professors on the presumption that they are saints and “heirs together with them of the grace of life.” Think of it! In spite of all controversies and jealousies, **one in the eternal electing love of God the Father! – one in the purchase of Christ’s sacrificial blood! --- one in the beatifying indwelling of the Holy Spirit! – one in the eternal inheritance of glory!** Surely, we should be also one in all charities, sympathies and helpful offices possible, in these short and evil days of earthly pilgrimage.”