

Church Profile

Organized in 1909, Clifford Baptist Church is nestled in rural Amherst County. Clifford believes in the triune God and stands firm on the inherency and sufficiency of Scripture. Scripture reveals the glorious news that God has sent His Son to reconcile sinful man back into purposeful relationship with Him. The grace of this gospel is that through faith alone in Christ alone, one is forgiven of their sin and passes from death to eternal life. Every believer is called to be a part of God's redemptive mission through sharing the gospel, making disciples, and using their God given gifts to lovingly serve others.

Clifford's membership exceeds 900 and participates in a host of ministries for all ages throughout the week. Our Sunday morning worship service includes worship through prayer, song, and the preaching of God's Word. Our service style is more traditional and is primarily accompanied by organ and piano. An adult worship choir and talented members regularly lead the congregation in song. During this corporate gathering, several ministries serve the families of our church by teaching and caring for our children birth through fifth grade.

While the corporate worship service is our primary gathering, Clifford has several ministries that feed the congregations' spiritual growth. Before worship on Sundays, there is a bustling Sunday School program. It contains classes for all ages. Members can find classes of various types. Some work verse-by-verse through Scripture and others utilize books or curriculums to organize study. Some teachers present material while others are conversational. Regardless, this gathering seeks to help its 200 plus attendees to better know truth and grow in Christ. This ministry enables us to optimally go share the hope of Christ in the world.

Other purposeful ministries assist in this goal, by providing small groups and service opportunities for members. These include a men's ministry, women's ministry, Women on Mission (WMU) ministry, and children ministries. They work together to support parents in discipling their children and finding community. Wednesday nights are a primary time for these ministries. The adults have a time of bible study and prayer, while several children and youth programs take place, including Nursery, Mission Friends, Royal Ambassadors (RA's), Girls in Action (GA's), and Abide (Middle & High School ministry).

Clifford further seeks to advance the kingdom through community outreach. Through community focused ministries (like Meals on Wheels, Fall Festival, Easter Egg Hunt etc) and sponsorship of domestic and international missions, we seek to advance the truth of the gospel beyond the doors of our church. Over the years, our membership has ministered to 36 different countries and weekly reaches others through a radio and online sermon ministry.

Despite our rural setting, God has blessed our congregation with the resources and culture to intentionally impact the world. By God's grace, we see ourselves as a family growing in Christ and reaching a world in need.

For more information about Clifford Baptist Church, visit our website at <u>cliffordbaptist.org</u>. You can also find information about the counties our congregation primarily live in at (<u>countyofamherst.com</u> and <u>nelsoncounty-va.gov</u>)