

Clifford Baptist Church Profile

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Organized in 1909, nestled in rural northern Amherst County in the community of Clifford, Virginia, Clifford Baptist Church, “CBC”, is a church that stands on the firm doctrine of the inerrancy of the BIBLE with JESUS, GOD and the HOLY SPIRIT being our one GOD represented in the Trinity. We believe that only faith in Jesus Christ can bring forgiveness of sin and eternal life; and that every Christian has at least one talent or gift to offer to God in service. These beliefs give us the commission to reach out with the love and good news of Jesus Christ.

With a membership of 935, we host ministries for all ages at several times during the week. Our Sunday morning worship service is more traditional, accompanied by organ and piano with a traditional adult choir singing weekly or some other form of special music. The worship service includes songs of worship and a message. During the worship hour ministries for children birth through sixth grade are available.

At Clifford Baptist Church, many of the programs and groups focus on taking the Gospel out into the world. Our Sunday School program is no different. Our mission is focused on growing in the knowledge of biblical principles, teachings of Christ, and then taking that knowledge into the world. This focus on teaching and discipleship takes place in every class from Nursery to Adult classes. Materials and curriculum teach Biblical knowledge. As disciples grow and learn the teachings of Christ, that knowledge is spread into the world to continue to reach those who need to hear it. Sunday School is held prior to the worship hour. With a Sunday School enrollment of approximately 500, there are classes for every age held weekly with an average attendance of 270.

Other opportunities for Bible and Mission studies for all ages, primarily meeting on Wednesday nights, include Mission Friends, Royal Ambassadors, Girls in Action, Youth Group, Women on Mission and Adult Bible study and prayer meeting.

Along with various small-groups meeting throughout the week, there are several community outreach programs including outreach to children in the local schools, Fall Festival, Alcoholics Anonymous, Meals on Wheels, Men’s Groups, Grief Share, and Divorce Care support groups.

Following the calling to get the Word out, it has become increasingly clear to CBC leadership that missions efforts, whether domestic or international, are a primary thread in God’s weaving of the Clifford Baptist Church garment. To date, someone from CBC has been to 36 different countries on short-term mission trips, and to at least 7 different places within the United States. Additionally, our recent efforts at live streaming have touched 35 different countries, with 240,000 followers on Facebook. We have two members who have been called into career foreign missions and are serving internationally, and one former member who is serving internationally.

For more information about Clifford Baptist Church, visit our website at <https://cliffordbaptist.org>

For more information about Amherst County visit <https://www.countyofamherst.com/>

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