

There's a lot going on at CBC!

- Bookstore
- Children's Ministries
- Library
- Marriage Enrichment Retreat
- Music through Choirs and Instrumentals
- Nursery
- Silver Friends (Senior Fellowship)
- Summer Camps
- Worldwide Missions
- Youth Ministry

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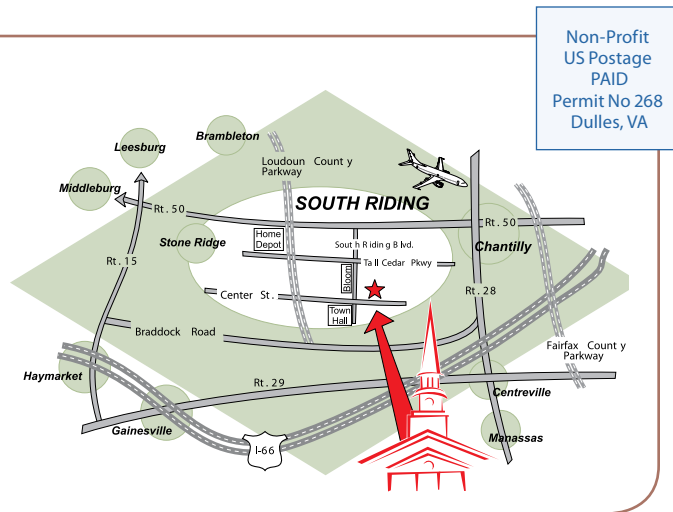
BAPTIST CHURCH

43100 Center St • South Riding, VA 20152

Service Times

Sunday
 9:00 a.m. Bible Study
 10:00 a.m. Morning Service
 6:00 p.m. Evening Service

Wednesday
 7:30 p.m. All Programs
*Children's Music and Character Clubs,
 Youth Meeting, Adult Bible Study and Prayer*



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Calendar of Events

August TBD
 Building Dedication

November 6—7
 Marriage Retreat
 (Williamsburg)

November 8—11
 Family Revival

November 22
 Thanksgiving Banquet

December 13
 Children's Christmas
 Program

December 20
 Adult Christmas
 Program

Regular Monthly Events

Character Services
 1st and 3rd Sunday
 Evening

Testimony Service
 2nd Sunday Evening

Patch Sunday
 Last Sunday of the Month

S.N.A.C.
 Last Sunday Evening
 of the Month

Ladies Bible Study
 Bi-Weekly

Reflections on Fatherhood David Wegener

Fatherhood in America is in trouble. David Blankenhorn, in his book, *Fatherless America*, has developed a typology to describe our situation. The deadbeat dad doesn't pay his child support. The visiting father has left the home but he still stops by. The nearby guy is a boyfriend, a Little League coach or a Sunday school teacher. He is a substitute father.

What does God expect from a father? What are the duties of fathers according to the Bible?

Fathers Must Look To God As Their Model
 God is the Father of all fatherhood. The very idea of fatherhood is found in the divine nature. Every human father is an imperfect reflection of our perfect heavenly Father.

Fathers Must Take Delight In Their Children
 God the Father has loved His Son with an eternal love (Jn. 17:24). God often thundered forth His love by saying, "this is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Matt. 3:17, 17:5). We must express our love for our children. We can do this verbally when we tell them we're proud of them, that they are pleasing to us, that we have confidence in them.

Fathers Must Discipline And Instruct Their Children
 Discipline is corrective. It seeks to bring about a change in the one being disciplined (Heb. 12:5–11). The goal of discipline is to restore full fellowship between a father and his child.

Through instruction we need to help our children develop Christian virtues such as, honesty, dependability, hard work, kindness, purity, politeness, thankfulness, patience, humility, self-control and self-denial. This instruction should be given in a number of ways (Deut. 6:4–6).

Fathers Must Set An Example For Their Children
 Children imitate their fathers. Children will learn by the example we set. It will do little good to try to teach the Christian virtues mentioned above unless these virtues are evident and increasing in our own lives.

Fathers Must Be Men
 Just as men and women are different, so a father will relate to his children differently from their mother. First, just as God is the One who first loved us, so fathers must be the initiators in their relationships with their children (1 Jn. 4:19).

Second, a father's love is sacrificial (Eph. 5:25–27). He is willing to lay down his life for his family.

Finally, fathers must train their sons to be masculine and their daughters to be feminine. They must instill bravery and sacrificial love in their sons by teaching, example and practice. Fathers must train their daughters to be nurturers and to respond to the initiating love of a strong and worthy man.

May God give us men grace to step forward and respond to our high calling as fathers!



Community Blog by Pastor Mike Aylestock

What is a Church?

Recently I had the opportunity to preach at the Atlantic Independent Baptist Fellowship—a conference for preachers. I sought to unfold one of my favorite psalms (Psalm 84) under the theme "I Love Church!" The psalm puts words to my experience.

My life has been shaped by God as His Word guided my parents and church to "bring [me] up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4). Church was where my thirst for God was nurtured, where I found support in times of struggle and where I had opportunities to serve God.

Now, many years later, I have the awesome privilege of leading a church family to be a place where another generation can be nurtured—where they can learn about who they are, who God is, how to bring Him glory and how to live with Him throughout eternity. For a culture with much insecurity and a lack of certainty, these bedrock truths are liberating and life-sustaining.

My prayer is that South Riding will find refuge at the foot of the cross. Meet me there!



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Youth Ministries

Youth Calendar

Teen Night
July 27

Potomac Nationals
August 22

Laser Tag
October 4

Scavenger Hunt
October 18

We at CBC understand and believe that it is not our responsibility to raise your children but instead, to assist you in your work. The Bible clearly teaches that the responsibility of raising godly young people is in the hands of the parents and not the church (Deut 6:4-7). Ways that we try to assist parents in training their children are:

The Teaching Ministry

This part of the ministry will include singing, games, competition, promotion, and most importantly, the teaching of God's Word.

The Outreach Ministry

One of our goals is to reach out to others who

need us. These people may be next door, a senior church member, or someone we meet on the streets or in our schools.

The Activity Ministry

Finally—the fun part! This includes: summer camp, amusement parks and monthly activities that range from skiing to hockey games to the occasional bizarre scavenger hunt.

We encourage families with teens to be involved in every aspect of our ministry. Quite often parents and siblings of teens participate in our teaching and activity ministries. The CBC Youth Group is family friendly.

We Love Kids!

CBC is pleased to offer viable and exciting ministries to our families. We are committed, as parents, to work together and support one another by providing balanced children ministries.

These ministries, rather than taking the place of parents, are parents working together. We help one another in nurturing our children as they develop: **mentally, physically, spiritually, socially.**

Throughout each of our ministry programs, we strive to grow our children in the likeness of Jesus Christ. He is our standard of behavior and belief.

Sunday School

Children from ages four through eleven are arranged in age-appropriate groupings where they learn God's Word through a variety of teaching meth-

ods including video and crafts. These classes meet weekly on Sundays at 9:00 am.

Children's Church

For families who want their pre-school children in a children's church—children through age 5 have special children's churches which meet Sundays at 10:00 am. On Sunday evenings, our preschool children learn to sit in church and worship with their parents in the auditorium.

Beginning at age 6, our children worship God with their family on Sunday mornings. These children develop valuable memories of family worship and retain many of the lessons conveyed in church.

Of course, we have a nursery available for all our services.

Children's Music Clubs

Happy kids sing! Our PeeWee Pirate and Patch the Pirate clubs meet Wednesdays at 7:30 pm. Children's clubs stress character and Bible-memory through a choir program. Special music programs are presented during adult worship services every month.

What is Character?

How about a dictionary definition? The American Dictionary of the English Language notes that "character" is a noun with an etymological meaning of "to cut, engrave" and then defines it as the stable and distinctive qualities built into an individual's life which determine his response regardless of circumstances.

Character is described in a variety of ways on the Character First! website:

- » **The inward motivation to do what is right**
- » **Who you are, even when no one is watching**
- » **The key to true success in every area of life**

Did you know that there are 48 definable qualities in a person's character? Qualities like truthfulness, patience, enthusiasm, boldness and dependability make up that list of 48.

At CBC, we take character seriously. During two Sunday evening services each month one of our men explains a character quality and shares some ideas on how to train one's family to exemplify it.

We want to learn and develop character in our lives and families. Come grow with us!

Thanksgiving Feast November 22 @ 10:00 am

Join us as we celebrate the goodness of God in our lives. Immediately following our morning service, we will be gathering around tables for a traditional Thanksgiving Feast.



Family of God

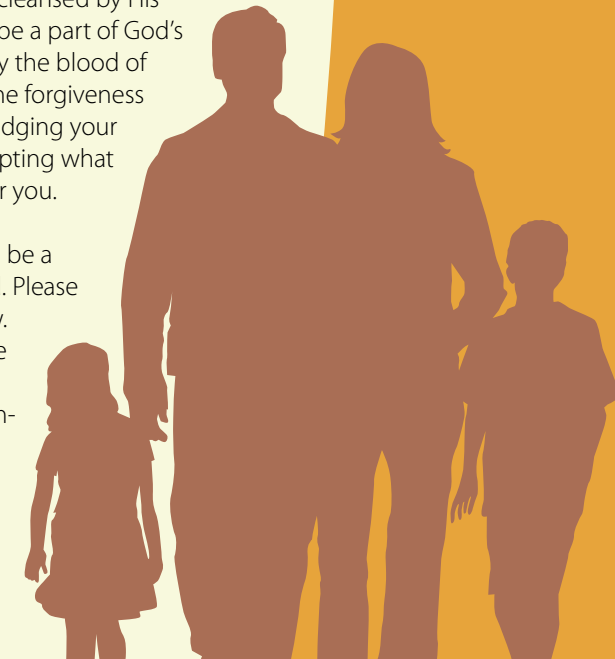
It has been said, "There is nothing more important than family." While this statement is true, it is not true in the way most people think about it. The family that most people think about when they hear this statement is their earthly family: a dad and mom who love and care for us, brothers and sisters with whom we have amazing bonds, a husband or wife that we love and children for whom we would give our lives.

While this family is very important, it is not the most important family. That designation belongs to God's family. There is an old song entitled *The Family of God* that says, "I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God. ..." There is nothing more valuable than being a part of God's family.

Unfortunately, not everyone is a member of the family of God. Some, as Jesus said, "are of your

father the devil" (John 8:44). There is only one way to be a part of the family of God. The song *The Family of God* continues by saying, "I've been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood." The only way to be a part of God's family is to be washed by the blood of Jesus Christ, to receive the forgiveness of your sins by acknowledging your sin before God and accepting what Jesus did on the cross for you.

It is a wonderful thing to be a part of the family of God. Please visit our website at www.cbc4me.org and click the *Heaven* tab at the top to learn more about becoming a member of this great family.



What are these Patch the Pirate Clubs all about?

- » **Daily Devotions:** included for every day of the week. These are suitable for both private and family devotions.
- » **Music Theory:** basic theory presented in a fun and educational way.
- » **Vocal Instruction:** taught through proper singing techniques and performance.
- » **Godly Character Lesson:** emphasized throughout the curriculum, from singing the words of the song to completing a Fun Page.
- » **Service Opportunities:** provided through the monthly speaking and singing performances and application of Club Bible lessons.
- » **Fun and Games:** included to increase the enjoyment of the entire learning experience.
- » **Incentives:** included to motivate and to reward achievement.