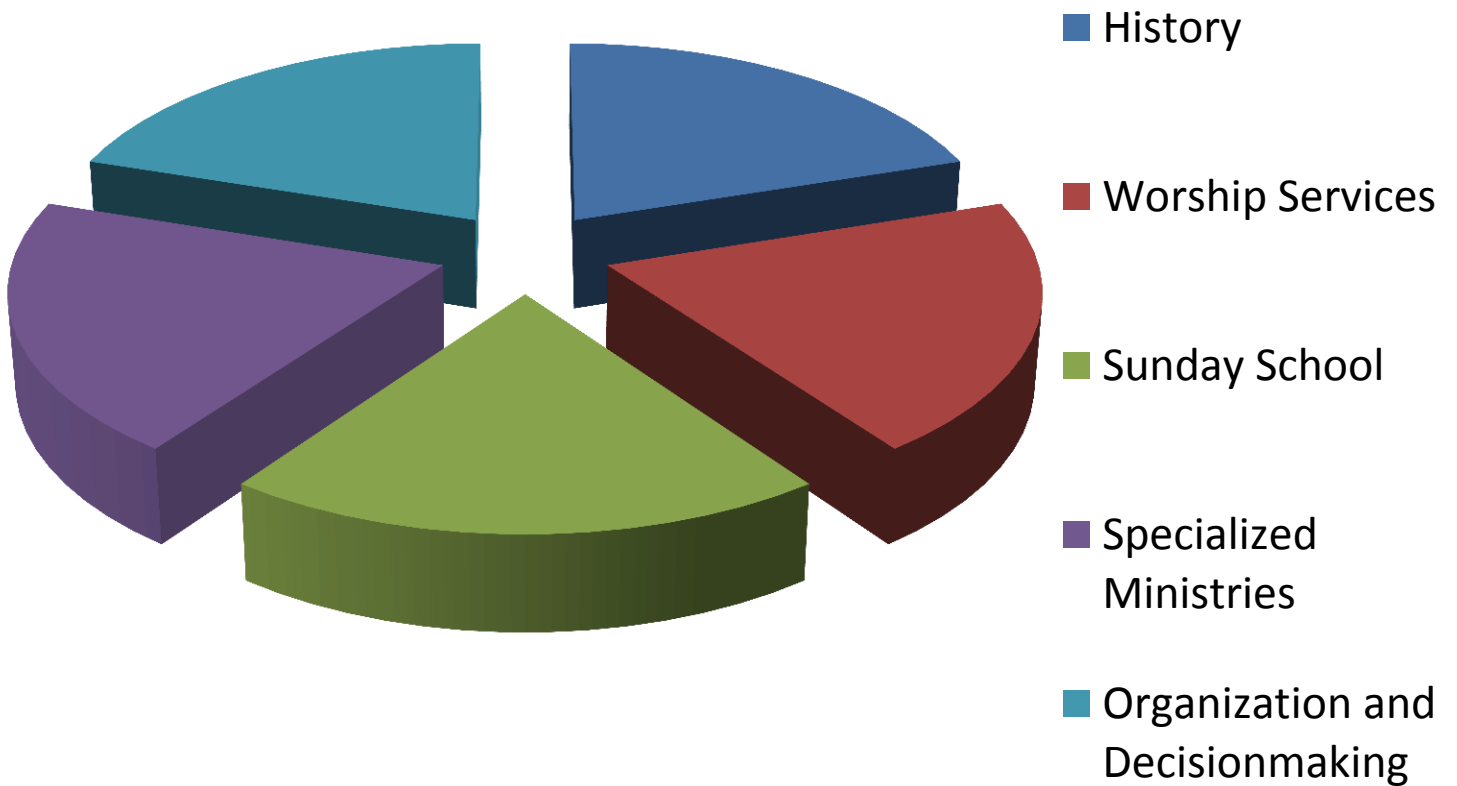


# Clarksville Baptist Church

Welcomes you



# *“Loving God. Loving Others. Seeking the Kingdom.”*

**Welcome to Clarksville Baptist Church!** This booklet is intended to help prospective and new members of this church to learn more about the many opportunities for strengthening your faith through study and prayer, assisting those who are less fortunate through one or more of our missions, and enjoying the fellowship of fellow believers. It is through active participation that you can truly “share the journey through your Christian life”. To keep up to date with all of the great things here at CBC, please check out our website at [clarksvillebaptist.org](http://clarksvillebaptist.org). In addition to learning more about our ministries, you can sign up for e-mail updates that will keep you informed about our current activities.

## **HISTORY**

Clarksville Baptist Church was organized in 1818 in a log cabin. In 1832 the congregation acquired the present site of the church and erected its first structure. Clarksville Baptist was one of the founding members of the Concord Baptist Association in 1833 and was also a founding church of the Baptist General Association of Virginia. Our education building was completed in 1954 and the current sanctuary was dedicated in 1965. The elevator was added to the structure in 1999.

Dr. Randall is the 31<sup>st</sup> pastor of Clarksville Baptist. CBC has a strong history of supporting local and international mission causes, caring for the needy in our community, and teaching and preaching the Gospel. A written history of the church is available through the church office and there is also some information about the church online at [www.vagenweb.org/mecklenburg/chclrkb2](http://www.vagenweb.org/mecklenburg/chclrkb2)

## **WORSHIP SERVICES**

Worship services provide opportunities for congregational, family, and personal worship that enriches one’s relationship with God and introduces seekers to Christ through praise, prayer, and proclamation. Contemporary worship services are held in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 AM each Sunday morning. This service tends to be more informal in music and style. Dress is casual. The exciting contemporary “Arise Band” provides opportunity for aspiring, as well as accomplished musicians to participate, and they are often asked to provide concerts at other locations in the area. Sunday School, our primary service for the study of the Bible and how it relates to our lives, begins at 9:45 AM, and is followed by the traditional worship service and its exceptional music ministry at 11:00 AM.

On Wednesday nights at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall during the September –May period, and informal supper is provided for members and friends for a modest contribution per person. Following the supper, young people are invited to join in the youth services, while adults can participate in in-depth Bible studies led by the Pastor. Choir practice begins in the Sanctuary at 7:30 PM, offering everyone the opportunity to participate in the popular music ministry.

On Friday nights during the school year, youth of all ages join their friends from around the area for an evening of music, food, and various other activities in the Fellowship Hall. This is one of the most popular activities sponsored by the Church. Church membership is not required for participation.

The Church sponsors a Preschool that enrolls children in full-time, part time and after-school educational programs. (See appendix for contact person) With the exception of space and utilities, the School is expected to generate its own financial resources.

A weekly electronic Church Bulletin, listing most activities scheduled for the coming week and other useful information about the life of the church, is available through a one-time request to the Church website ( [www.clarksvillebaptist.org](http://www.clarksvillebaptist.org) .) Other materials available include Wednesday Words and the monthly Signposts.

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A Church Directory, which includes pictures and addresses of all members, is published periodically. Copies are available for new members in the Church Office. This document helps everyone be more comfortable in the Church by associating names with faces.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

In the Baptist Church, Sunday School is the primary place for learning more about God, about the scriptures upon which our faith is based, and how God’s presence and Word can affect our everyday lives, as well as the hereafter.

Finding the right Sunday School Class is important for everyone-a place where one feels comfortable among kindred spirits and interests, and where open discussion is encouraged as an accepted means of helping to better understand our relationship with God and with each other. Classes are organized by age and grade through high school, beginning with newborns in the Nursery. After high school there is a college/transition class, followed by six adult classes based on common interests. Two are for women only. Classes for children introduce the story of Jesus. As the individual grows, successive classes introduce more advanced materials pertaining to faith, heaven, sin, and forgiveness. Sunday School is coordinated by a Director who is approved by the Church membership. (See appendix for contact)

New or prospective members are encouraged to contact the Director on Sunday morning in the Sunday School Room on the Second floor for information about teachers, materials and classroom locations.

Nursery service is provided in the Church Nursery for the Worship Services and for Sunday School . (See appendix for more information)

Classes follow the tenets of the Baptist faith. Members are encouraged to bring their favorite translation of the Holy Bible. Learning together tends to promote bonding among participants, which often results in class projects to assist others or promote fellowship among the members. Caring for members when they are ill is an important part of this fellowship.

Records of Sunday School attendance and offerings are maintained as part of church records. Members are encouraged to secure numbered envelopes from the Church Office (or Church Treasurer) for offerings to aid in church recordkeeping, as well as for income tax preparation. The offering envelopes may be returned in the Worship Service as well as the Sunday School.

The traditional Vacation Bible School experience for youth ages Pre-K through grade 5 is a shared ministry among the Baptist, Methodist, and Presbyterian churches in Clarksville, with individual churches assuming the leadership role on a rotating basis. Details are available in the Church Office.

## **BECOMING INVOLVED IN SPECIALIZED MINISTRIES**

The Church sponsors numerous ministries that provide opportunities for new or prospective members to join regular members in putting their faith in action. These efforts provide great satisfaction to the

participants, who learn first-hand how following the example of Jesus can make a real difference in the lives of those who are less fortunate.

Foreign missions are primarily intended to introduce others to Christianity, and ultimately to the Church. Participants can support these objectives by helping to raise funds that permit individuals and organizations in other countries to minister to non-believers. Examples include the Morgan Mission Support Fund, World Missionary Union and the Josh Hearne Mission to homeless individuals in Danville.

Other missions are primarily targeted toward meeting emotional, physical or nutritional needs of individuals or families, with Christianity being a secondary objective. Examples include the Community Backpack Program for providing weekend meals to needy school students, and the Needy Family Christmas program, which provides debit gift cards to needy families in the area at Christmastime.

The Deacons provide leadership for five groups of church members to minister to the church family. They are the Intercessory Prayer Team to promote prayer for our church family, Hospital and Shut-in Visitation Team to visit recuperating as well as bedridden members, Nursing Home Visitation Team to minister to members in specialized facilities, A Grief Team to provide comfort and assistance to members of church family during times of emotional stress, and a New and Inactive Member Team to make prospects and members feel welcome, and encourage inactive members to rejoin .

## **ORGANIZATION AND DECISIONMAKING**

The organizing principle that governs the Clarksville Baptist Church structure is that all significant program or administrative proposals must be subjected to a vote by the church membership during

regular or specially-called Business Meetings. While coordination with related committees is encouraged, any committee, taskforce or other group or individual may propose actions by the church at the business meetings.

The Church is organized into program and administrative components. Membership on these components is staggered in time to ensure some continuity of experience. Encouraging more members to become involved in church activities is a major objective of the organizational structure.

Program Components

Deacon Ministry  
Brotherhood  
WMU  
Sunday School  
Music  
Library  
Discipleship  
Community Ministries  
Evangelism  
Flowers

Administrative Components

Ministry Resource Committee  
Stewardship/Finance Committee  
Auditing Committee  
Church Property  
Trustees  
Church Clerk  
Lay Moderator  
Vice-Moderator  
Personnel  
Pastor Congregation Relations Committee

The leaders for each component are approved by the membership of the Church and are responsible for working with member committees to develop programs and procedures that fulfill the component's mission. Following coordination with related committees and approval by the membership, each program group is responsible for implementation.

The administrative components function in much the same way to ensure the legal, financial, personnel, and physical plant issues are appropriately administered, with full accountability to the membership.

The coordination of plans and activities among the programs and administrative components of the church is the responsibility of the Ministry Coordinating Council, which is composed as follows:

Ministry Coordinating Council

Pastor	Library Committee Chair
(3) At- Large members_	Ministry Resource Committee Chair
Brotherhood President	Pastoral Relations Committee Chair
WMU President	Personnel Committee Chair
Deacon Chair	Sunday School Director
Discipleship Chair	Lay Moderator
Stewardship/Finance Committee Chair	Ministry Staff Members

Denominational linkages are maintained with the Baptist Faith by active participation in the Concord Association of area Baptist churches, the Virginia Baptist Association, and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

Today CBC has an attendance of about 215, a staff of four, and an annual budget in excess of 300,000 dollars. It is in sound financial condition. In addition to the facilities used for worship, the church maintains a residence at 202 Fifth Street to support future growth. We look forward to sharing the journey of faith with you!

APPENDIX

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