

Richland Baptist Church
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History

Richland Baptist Church (RBC) was envisioned by 12 Southern Baptist women meeting weekly in 1946 and the first service was held in May of 1947. The initial permanent building was completed in the early 1950's and the current education wing was constructed in the early 1970's. These facilities have been remodeled and expanded starting in the late 1970's through 2016. In 2015 the membership was 1530 with average worship attendance of just under 400 in 2 services and one Bible Study period. Baptisms over the past 3 years average 15/year.

RBC has welcomed 10 pastors to date. The most recent, Stanley Hughes, has served faithfully for 25 years. We currently have 5 ministerial staff positions and full time and part time secretarial and custodial personnel. Our current annual operating budget is \$1.2M and giving is higher than expenses. Indebtedness is \$1.4M with payoff ahead of schedule. Approximately 25% of the budget goes to various missions and the Cooperative Program

Values

God's Word is at the heart of our core values. It is front and foremost the Truth we hold. The purpose of Richland Baptist Church is to:

- Reach our World
- Build Christ-centered believers

The RBC strategy is to Glorify God through:

- **PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD:** Glorify God by placing God's Word at the forefront of all that we do. (Learn It! Believe It! Live It! Teach It! Pray It!)
- **LIVING CHRIST-CENTERED LIVES:** Glorify God by being Christ-centered in our daily living.
- **GATHERING WITH GOD'S PEOPLE:** Glorify God by gathering in corporate worship and small-group Bible study on a regular basis.
- **SERVING GENEROUSLY:** Glorify God by giving of ourselves and our resources to proclaim the Kingdom of God.
- **GOING INTO ALL THE WORLD:** Glorify God by sharing the Gospel, serving others both locally and globally, and make disciples

A key step in joining our church is attendance at a three hour RBC-101 class where our beliefs, programs, affiliations, how we do business, ministry opportunities, and membership expectations are covered.

Programs

Worship at RBC is centered on two identical Sunday morning worship services, a Sunday evening service, Wednesday evening prayer meeting (which includes a devotional presentation), and Wednesday evening youth service. Additionally, we conduct numerous Sunday morning Bible study classes (nineteen Sunday School groups for adults).

Many other important programs are sponsored by RBC. Several are highlighted below.

- Three men's and three ladies Bible studies each week
- RBC youth have an evening Bible study after their Wednesday evening Worship service
- GA, Mission Friends, AWANA, and Trail Life (Boys) are conducted for our youth
- Our music program had over 200 participants and included choirs for all ages from Preschool through senior adults. Special music and hand bell choir's performances occur periodically.
- Discipleship Training classes are provided as spring and fall semesters on Sunday and Wednesday evenings. There are typically ten to twelve classes offered each semester including less structured, "drop-in" classes.
- A series of Revival meetings are conducted annually using the services of Baptist Evangelists.
- Parents are assisted as spiritual leaders in their home through the Faith@Home emphasis. Numerous, focused pamphlets are provided to help families to be God honoring at home along with our 5-1-1 Challenge (read God's word 5 times a week as individuals, connect once a week with your spouse to discuss God's Word, and meet as a family once a week talk about God's Word.
- Family social activities scheduled throughout the year such as movie nights at church, date nights out with child care provided at the church, a night at the Ball Park, church picnics in the summer, harvest party at the end of October, etc.
- Several retreats are scheduled throughout the year including Boys, Girls, and Youth Summer Camps, a Men's Retreat, and the Ladies Retreat.
- Approximately twenty Prayer Teams (2-5 members) meet weekly. Prayer meetings are also held prior to the Sunday morning services and prayer requests from the Sunday AM services are prayed over by the staff on Monday mornings. A Prayer List (several pages) is published weekly to guide the prayer meetings and condensed version is published in the weekly RBC newsletter.
- Community outreach programs include weekday preschool, English as a second language classes, Juvenile Justice Center weekly services, Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS), a monthly Union Gospel Mission Men's church service, the weekly ladies Bible study at the Union Gospel Mission, 2 weekly Good News Clubs, a prison Bible study, weekly visitation and F.A.I.T.H. outreach, Vacation Bible School, and special events (Block Party, Judgment House {over 15 years with 17,000 guests, about 1200 salvations, and over 1100 recommitments with follow-ups by over 100 churches}, Harvest Party). Mission trips are also scheduled a few times each year.
- Bible Study Fellowship meetings are conducted on Monday evenings with over 200 local Christian men participating.
- We are the home of a local kindergarten through eighth grade Christian School, Coram Deo.
- In addition to giving to the Columbia Basin Baptist Association, Lottie Moon, Annie Armstrong, Sylvia Wilson, and love gifts to special events several local Christ centered charities are also supported (Union Gospel Mission, Grace Clinic, Tri-City Pregnancy Network, Wycliffe Translators, Jericho Road, Morningstar Ministries, etc.).