



Round Oak Baptist Church

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To grow spiritually and serve boldly as the hands, feet and heart of Jesus.

Round Oak Baptist Church's story started in 1840 when a group of believers began meeting under an oak tree at Aspen Grove Farm about 3 miles from the church's current location. These believers initiated what would become known as the Baptist Church of Christ at the Round Oak. The group meeting under the oak tree began to grow, and during a revival in 1848, 25 people were received for baptism.

The church acquired its current location in 1849 and met in a wooden building. A brick structure that still stands replaced the wooden building in 1852. By 1853, Round Oak had 196 members. The dangers and uncertainties of the Civil War led to a suspension of services from 1863 to



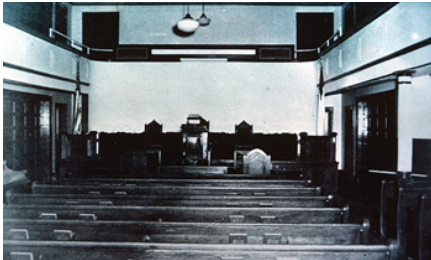
1865. During that time the Confederate Chaplains met almost weekly at Round Oak. In November of 1865, Round Oak held its first post-war business meeting and members worked hard to reestablish the pre-war church. As the nation healed after the war, the community around Corbin also struggled to recover emotionally and economically. The church faced financial difficulties just as its members did. Round Oak didn't expand its physical space until the

construction of a two-story, four-classroom addition in 1915.

By 1951, the now thriving church needed improvements to the existing building, eight more classrooms, a kitchen and restrooms. Three classrooms had dividers that could be folded to create a sizable fellowship hall. In 1959, the church built a parsonage adjacent to the church and added an education wing in 1962. The wing houses numerous Sunday school classrooms, a nursery, bathrooms and church offices. A large basement fellowship hall and kitchen in the wing served the church for more than three decades. In 1986, the church added a vestibule to the front of the sanctuary and a steeple. In 1997, the church added Oak Hall, a multipurpose building with a large kitchen and restrooms. Oak Hall is used for fellowship, worship services, special events and more. A contemporary worship service established in 2000 met in Oak Hall. The church's sanctuary has been through



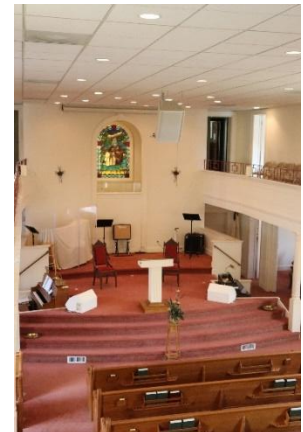
many renovations over the life of the church and most recently was renovated in 2002. All of these updates and additions were made possible only through the grace of God and the financial generosity of our church members. Our church has paid off all our building loans and has continued to remain debt free.

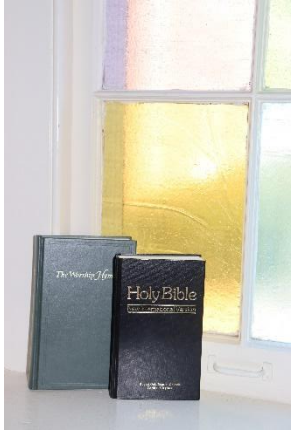


Round Oak Baptist Church is in the Corbin area of beautiful Caroline County, VA. Our church is south of the city of

Fredericksburg and north of the town of Bowling Green.

Round Oak Baptist Church shares God's love by supporting many local and world-wide missions. Our church has been involved for many years with local missions such as Choices Pregnancy Center, the Brisben Center (formerly the Thurman Brisben Homeless Shelter), Fredericksburg Area Food Bank, Caroline Habitat for Humanity, and CERVE (Caroline Emergency Relief through Volunteer Efforts). During the COVID-19 pandemic, we were able to sponsor a different local mission each month and donate \$1,000 toward that mission. Our church also annually hosts Easter egg hunts and trunk-or-treat events, and provides a Food Pantry once a month.





We have offered a firewood ministry, a coat and clothing ministry, Griefshare, Thanksgiving baskets, and various mission trips. For many years, Round Oak offered a bus ministry that helped bring more children to church and introduce them to Jesus. Our Love Team coordinates and provides meals to grieving families in our community who have lost loved ones. Many of our Bible Study Classes have also supported missions such as coordinating bingo at Bowling Green Rehab Facility, serving at the homeless shelter, keeping a telephone ministry, and supporting our friends at Hilltop Baptist Church at the Lower Brule Indian Reservation in South Dakota. We support many world-wide missions such as Stop Hunger Now, Annie Armstrong, Lottie Moon, Alma Hunt, and Operation Christmas Child.

There is always a way to serve at Round Oak!

Round Oak operates a preschool ministry, which provides both church and community members with an opportunity to send their preschoolers to a morning preschool program from September through May. The program began in 2004 and is now in its 20th year of operation. More than 250 children have now attended the program, many of them for all three years.



Our church has been through many changes since the COVID-19 pandemic began. In addition to the effects of the pandemic, our pastor of 37 years retired. Prior to the shutdown in 2020, our church offered a contemporary 8:30 a.m. service and an 11 a.m. service where we averaged a combined 200 individuals in attendance. We also offered Sunday Morning Bible Study at 9:45 a.m. for all ages. After the shutdown, like many area churches, we switched to online services.



Our pastor and deacons led us in worship each Sunday until we could safely begin in-person worship. Many of our Sunday Morning Bible Study classes continued to meet on Zoom or in small groups, or they stayed in touch in other ways during the shutdown. We also offered virtual VBS and take-home Easter and Christmas activities for our children. Upon reopening, we made the decision to hold one combined service at 10 a.m. This service is blended worship with contemporary songs led by our Praise Band and traditional hymns with piano and organ. Our average attendance at this service is 120. Our worship services can be viewed on our Facebook page and YouTube channel. Our Sunday Morning Bible Study classes have also resumed for all ages at 9 a.m.

Round Oak Baptist Church's paid staff positions currently consist of a pastor, church secretary, treasurer, and janitor. Our church membership supports our church staff by volunteering and managing the church's many missions and teams.

While many changes have taken place for Round Oak over the last several years, we remain a strong church. Our church members are supportive and faithful and love being the hands, feet, and heart of Jesus inside our church walls and outside in our community.