



# Capitol Hill Baptist Church



*—regularly gathering at—*

## The Anacostia Park Skating Pavilion

1900 Anacostia Drive SE, Washington, D.C.

Sundays 11 AM (rain or shine)

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### VISITOR'S GUIDE

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## A Note from Our Pastor



Dear friend,

On behalf of the congregation of the Capitol Hill Baptist Church, welcome to our church gathering. Proverbs 27 begins with these words: *“Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring.”* I wonder if the past year has made this verse more obviously true to you? It certainly has for our church!

We find ourselves meeting in a roller rink—and yet—though our location has changed, our purpose has not. We gather to glorify God, love one another, hear Bible instruction, and share the good news of Jesus Christ. We gather to worship the God who does not change, the God who sent His only son to live for His people’s sake the life they could not live. Hallelujah!

It is my hope that this guide will be able to introduce you to our church how we are operating in this season. While our main meeting time and location has changed, much activity is still happening within our church’s life and our church’s building (all within COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines). We hope to be of service to you as you seek to learn about the life of our church, how to join our congregation, or especially if you have questions about what it means to be a Christian. Whether it is Capitol Hill Baptist, or someplace else, my prayer is that God would show you where to commit yourself to His people in His service.

Thank you, again, for visiting with us, and please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Blessings in Christ,

Mark Dever  
Senior Pastor  
Capitol Hill Baptist Church

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## Our Faith

We believe in one holy God, Creator of the universe and of all people. We also confess our rebellion against Him and recognize that justice demands death as the penalty for our sin. We believe that Jesus Christ lived a perfect and sinless life and died on the cross as our substitute. Three days later he rose from the grave, triumphant over sin and death. Through faith in Christ, we are freely and graciously forgiven by God, justified in His sight and promised eternal life. God restores us to fellowship with Himself and with each other and equips us by His Spirit to live for His glory. **If you have questions about how to become a Christian, please give us a call at the number below.**

## Our History

Our church began in 1867 as a prayer meeting in the Capitol Hill neighborhood. Over the last century, we have grown from a small group of people to a larger congregation, but we have remained committed to the founding purpose: to establish and maintain a faithful witness to the Gospel of Lord Jesus Christ. Since 1878 our church has been served by a succession of 16 pastors. Our current pastor, Mark Dever, arrived in 1994. His ministry at CHBC has engendered a renewed commitment to the principles of God's Word that were embraced by our founders.

In the Fall of 2020, we began meeting at the Anacostia Park Skating Pavilion due to the pandemic. While we pray for God to end this pandemic and we long to return to our facilities, we are thankful for God's provision to us through the generosity of the National Park Service and the Anacostia community.



## Our Meetings

### SUNDAYS

Children are welcome at all our gatherings! For more information about our Children's Ministry, see "Our Ministries" below.

#### **Core Seminars (Adult Sunday School classes & membership classes) | 9am**

- **Description:** A time to receive teaching and training for our discipleship.
- **Location:** 525 A St. NE, Washington DC 20002 (our church's building)
- **Instructions:** Due to the pandemic, we can only have 100 people in our building, socially distanced, with face coverings. If you would like to attend a core seminar, you may register at [capbap.org](http://capbap.org).

#### **Main Gathering | 11am**

- **Description:** Our church's main Sunday service.
- **Location:** 1900 Anacostia Dr. SE, Washington DC
- **Instructions:** We meet under the pavilion. Face coverings are required as well as social distancing. No registration required. More logistics can be found at [capbap.org](http://capbap.org).

### **Sunday Evening Service | 5pm**

- **Description:** A time where church members share testimonies and prayer requests, and where we hear a brief devotional of Scripture taught.
- **Location:** Zoom
- **Instructions:** Find the link to livestream this service at [capbap.org](http://capbap.org).

### **WEDNESDAYS**

#### **Wednesday Night Bible Study | 7pm**

- **Description:** An hour-long inductive Bible study taught by one of our pastors.
- **Location:** 525 A St. NE, Washington DC 20002 (our church's building) or Zoom
- **Instructions:** Due to the pandemic, we can only have 100 people in our building, socially distanced, with face coverings. If you would like to attend Bible study or find the Zoom link, you may do so at [capbap.org](http://capbap.org)

## **Our Ministries**

**Children & Youth:** Right now, children's ministry during our Sunday services are suspended due to COVID-19. Outside of our main service's teaching, we minister to children in two ways:

#### **Treat Tuesday | 3:30-5:30pm**

- **Description:** A time hosted by our pastor's wife, Connie, that children ages 3-10 can come and receive a small gift.
- **Location:** 508 East Capitol Street NE, Washington DC, 20002
- **Instructions:** Face coverings and social distancing are required.

#### **Youth Group | Fridays at 7pm**

- **Description:** Bible teaching and fellowship for students grades 7-12.
- **Instructions:** For more information and how to get involved, please contact Pastor Charles Hedman at [Charles.hedman@capbap.org](mailto:Charles.hedman@capbap.org).

At Capitol Hill Baptist Church, we treasure our children because "sons are a heritage from the Lord, children a reward from him" (Ps. 127:3). Therefore, it is a joy to serve and pray for the next generation. In normal times, non-pandemic times, we offer children's programs on Sunday mornings for newborns through grade six. All children's ministry caregivers and teachers are members of the church who have been carefully screened before beginning their service in childcare. For a copy of the complete child protection policy, the scope and sequence of our curriculum, or for any other information, please refer to the church website at: [www.capitolhillbaptist.org/ministries/children](http://www.capitolhillbaptist.org/ministries/children).

**Christianity Explained:** Meet with a member of the church to explore the claims of Christianity.

**Discipling:** Individuals meet regularly to encourage each other in their daily walk with Christ.

**Small Groups:** Meet regularly with other church members for study, fellowship, and prayer.

**Community Ministries:** Through prayer, time, and money, we support several local ministries committed to the relief of the poor and the spread of the Gospel.

**9Marks:** Instructs and encourages pastors and church leaders in building healthy churches. Learn more at [9Marks.org](http://9Marks.org).

**Campus Outreach:** We minister to several universities in the Washington D.C. area.

**Missions:** We send and support Christian workers to spread the Gospel worldwide.

## Our Ministry Team

Led by elders and facilitated by deacons, ministry is done by the members of our church. Staff support this work daily.

Senior Pastor	Mark Dever ( <a href="mailto:mark@capbap.org">mark@capbap.org</a> )
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Children's Ministry Administrator	Gio Lynch ( <a href="mailto:gio@capbap.org">gio@capbap.org</a> )

## How to Get Involved

Each believer is called to make a personal commitment to Christ. We believe that such a commitment is to be lived out corporately in the context of a local church. Membership at CHBC is not a loose affiliation useful only on occasion, but a regular responsibility involving us in one another's lives for the purpose of the Gospel.

Therefore, the first and best way to get involved at CHBC is to become a member. As members we promise to care for each other, to encourage each other, and to hold each other accountable to the truths found in God's Word. On Sunday morning at 9am, we offer six membership classes at our church building. If you would like to attend, please register at [capbap.org](http://capbap.org).