

# WHO WE ARE

**Vision:** *“We are one of Calgary’s dynamic churches, overflowing with new believers and growing disciples, who passionately participate in following Christ. We serve God and one another, build lifelong relationships, and eternally impact our community and world”.*

**Purpose Statement:** *“Connecting with God, His Word, His Church, His Mission*

## Past

In 1995, a small group of people from churches associated with the Baptist Union of Western Canada, agreed that a Baptist church was needed in the rapidly growing residential area of Richmond Hill in southwest Calgary. Initially the group met in various homes for Bible study, prayer and fellowship before being officially organized as a church in 1996.

Dr. Allen Schmidt left his post as Executive Director-Treasurer of the Canadian Convention of Southern Baptists and became Senior Pastor of Richmond Hill Baptist Church on August 1, 1998. At that time, there were about 35 people attending. The church moved into the new building in November 1999.



## Present

Our current Sr. Pastor, since March 2003, is Dr. Shane Spannagel. Under his leadership our membership has grown to just under 300 members. Daily we strive to connect with God by spending personal time with Him in prayer and Bible reading. We engage in corporate Worship every Sunday. We are active in our community by holding a variety of activities for children, youth, and collegiate age groups. We also offer opportunities for men and women to become involved. Each year we also participate in mission trips within Canada and also abroad. We encourage everyone to participate in events in which they are interested or feel led join.

## Future

Our 2011 Vision states that our future objectives are to be a dynamic church of new believers and members in longer standing working together, side-by-side, to honour God and to impact our community and the world. In the process we will always strive to build life-long relationships. We believe that every person has something to contribute and through collective effort, and God’s power and might, we can achieve outstanding things in this world.

## Our Beliefs

If you are interested in reading the complete document which outlines our beliefs please visit our website at <http://www.richmondhillbaptist.com/>. We are an active member of the Canadian National Baptist Convention (CNBC). For more information on CNBC, please go to their website at [www.cnbc.ca](http://www.cnbc.ca).

## Volunteering Opportunities

The list of opportunities to become involved is probably endless and we would love to see 100% of our members be involved within the ministry of our church. If you are interested in serving or want to explore the possibilities please contact us at 403-242-1256.