

Barbara Gitschier Deaconess (2nd Term)

I was raised as a Roman Catholic in Lawrence, MA. I became disillusioned with the Roman Catholic Church during early High School years. I married Bob in 1974 and as we moved often for his Coast Guard duties, God always put special Christian women and men in our lives. One, Linda Stimatz, was the first who told me about Jesus Christ. That started me on a long adventure toward a day in October 1988 when loving Christian Coast Guard friends helped me to know that I needed Jesus as my Lord and Savior and He saved me by His Grace. Bob and I were soon baptized by immersion together. We transferred to Washington DC about 8 months later, and after attending another church in Manassas for a few years, we moved to Centreville where we found CBC and soon joined. In my 25 years here, I have continued to learn and mature and develop a thirst for God's Word and for serving my Sisters and Brothers and helping to organize and lead others to help serve. The Holy Spirit has prepared me with a heart for serving God by serving others and I am ready to give myself to serve as a deaconess here at CBC for God's Glory, not mine.