

ROYAL AMBASSADORS FACT SHEET

The news is alarming. 25% of all children in America will go to bed without a father in their house tonight. 40% of those haven't seen their father at all in the past year. The U.S. is the world's leader in fatherless families. The need for fathers to spend time teaching spiritual values to their sons is urgent. The need for a church-based, gender-specific group to instill biblical values into this generation of boys is clear. The need is urgent for men to become the leaders in the family and churches so that the body of Christ will fulfill the mission call of Christ.

The Royal Ambassadors take their name from the motto, "We are Ambassadors for Christ," based on 2 Cor. 5:20. RAs is a SBC mission educational group for boys in grades 1-6. It seeks to build biblical character in boys through mission involvement and virtue commitments. Since its beginning in 1908, RA ministries have helped boys to grow spiritually, physically, mentally, and in relationships with others. The basic purpose of the RAs is found in the RA Pledge. Building character into the lives of men and boys is what RAs is all about.

RAs learn biblical virtues such as loyalty, friendship, courage, responsibility, honesty, faith, compassion, perseverance, teamwork, and self-discipline. They also learn about God's mission, participate in the on-mission activities, pray for and give to missions, develop and use mission skills, and learn about and support the mission work of their church. RAs prepare boys to answer God's call, tell his story and change their world.

This ministry is part of a church-wide Acts 1:8 challenge to reach our community, state, nation, and the world for Christ. To obtain this will require men of character, men of commitment—Royal Ambassadors.

All boys in grades one through six are encouraged to join Royal Ambassadors. Men are needed to be the leaders, to undergo training, and be willing to commit

their time, talents, and energy to investing in the lives of our youth.

The RA Program is not a new program for students at BBC, but one that has been absent for some time. Many members can remember being active RA members and can testify to the meaningful impact it had on their lives. The program is to be offered on Sunday nights, 5:00 – 6:00 PM. BBC will have its own RA chapter with a meeting room, banners, vests, activities, and workbooks. Several adult leaders have come forward to volunteer their time in working with our youth, but there is room for more. A kids roundup is scheduled for September 14, 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall to introduce the program to parents and students. There will be a registration table for parents and students to sign-up for the program. On Sept. 3 there will be a leader training session from 6:00-7:30 PM and on Sept. 7, 4:30-6:00 PM. Call the Church Office/Bro. Neil for more info. Information also on our website.

"Many men are on mission fields today because of RAs."
Henry Blackaby

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CHAPTER START DATE: Sept. 21, 5:00 pm
INTRODUCTORY ROUNDUP: Sept. 14, 5:00
TRAINING FOR LEADERS: Sept. 3 & 7
REGISTRATION: Church Office or first class
STUDENTS: Grades 1-6