

## Church History 1917-2023

**1917** A little Church of God Sunday School begins meeting in the home of Pastor Clemmens on Cashmere Street.

**1918** Pastor Nason leads congregation in building a 30 x 40 frame building on Mission Street.

**1942** Church officially becomes part of the "Assemblies of God."

**1947** Construction of a basement auditorium at Mission and Spokane Streets began under the ministry of Pastor Tueber.

**1955** Under the leadership of Pastor Leonard White, the church was completed and dedicated. (This building is currently the home of Praise Center)

**1970** Pastor R.J. Carlson casts vision for relocation and property was purchased at Pershing and McKittrick.

**1979/80** Pastor Bill Murphy leads in the construction and dedication of our present facility on McKittrick Street.

**1984** Under the direction of Pastor Merv Peterson a fellowship hall was added to the building.

**1986** Current Pastor Jerry Beebe joins the WFA staff.

**1992** Love, Mend, Train and Send was officially adopted as our Mission Statement.

**1997** Congregation pinpoints youth center and dedicated sanctuary as future major goals.

**2000** Church mortgage burned and membership votes to proceed with capital campaign and construction drawings for expansion.

**2001** Membership votes by 98% to proceed with construction of a new 500 seat sanctuary which was dedicated in October 2003.

**2005/06** New office complex was completed. Campus improvements continue with lobby furnishings, a new grand entry waterfall plaza featuring, a prayer court fountain, new signage, and expanded asphalt parking.

**2007** A second morning worship service is added, vision for renovating the original building presented and pastoral staff expanded to reach Spanish speakers.

**2010-2020** A decade of ministry expansion and growth. Programs and outreaches such as Packing Friendships, Financial Peace University, Royal Family Kids, Kits for Kids, and others were implemented. Expansion of "strategic partners" around the world increased as well as multiple mission trips offered for construction, medical and evangelism purposes.

**2019** A refined vision statement of "Inspiring Lifelong Relationships with Jesus" was introduced along with the Four Core Values of: Authentic Community, Spiritual Development, Spirit Empowerment and Sharing Jesus.

**2020** A Latino Congregation, "Roca Eterna" was relaunched with Pastor Lisandro Guerra.

**2023** Pastor Jerry announces his intent to retire in the Spring of 2024 to allow new fresh leadership to take us to a new season of even more effective ministry.