



Immanuel Story

Immanuel Baptist Church was organized on December 11, 1955. Nine people met at the home of R.K. Yoder to discuss the organization of a church on December 1, and on December 11, the church was constituted with sixteen charter members.

For many years the church steadily grew until reaching the point in the mid 1980's where it was necessary to step out in faith and construct a new auditorium. However, not long after the building was completed the church experienced a change in pastors and within the next few years a tragic church split, the effects of which were felt for several years to come.

“Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” That’s what one man asked when a friend told him about Jesus of Nazareth. Just a short time ago, it seemed that people were asking the same thing about Immanuel Baptist Church. Can anything good come out of Immanuel? The small remnant that was left had no money, no resources, no strength. In desperation, that remnant cried out to God for help and mercy. That was near the end of 1995. Throughout 1996 the church devoted itself to prayer. Although nothing visibly changed, the church became convinced that God was going to do something special.

Near the end of 1996 things began to change rapidly. New life appeared. Lives were changed. New people felt drawn to Immanuel. A spirit of unconditional love settled over the congregation. What had been a dying church became alive with power, vision, and growth. Only one explanation exists for the remarkable and rapid changes that have been witnessed at Immanuel: Jesus Christ has brought new life!

Today the church believes that God is going to do a great work in and through Immanuel to reach people with the gospel and start new churches throughout Northern Colorado. Our vision is to impact Fort Collins-Loveland and beyond by transforming people into fully devoted followers of Christ.