

MR. WENDELL LADD

MRS. EDNA LADD

(Broadmoor Baptist Church)

INTERVIEWED:

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Mr. & Mrs. Ladd came to Richmond in 1957. There was no Convention Baptist Church in Richmond at the time.

Trinity Baptist Church, Vancouver, helped them start, October 5, 1958, a Sunday School in Errington Elementary School with 23 children and 4 adults. Cards had been delivered around the Broadmoor district by hand to invite people. Application to School Board done through Trinity Church and they also supplied teaching materials.

Meeting as a Sunday School until next fall 1959 when they started holding morning services - under Rev. Walter Ellis. 1960 - built church at Saunders & Piggott. Sod-turning ceremony, September 25, 1960.

Architect - Mr. Musson.

Engineer -- Mr. Bentall.

Lot - Purchased $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres for \$15,000.

Building - Constructed for \$30,000., plus \$5,000. for furnishings.

Contractor- Mr. Devries, plus volunteer labour from congregation.

Description of Church

Exterior - Floating concrete slab foundation. Frame building of stucco. Shake roof. Lighted steeple at east end.

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Interior

L-shaped with main arm as sanctuary. Entrance at side between two arms. In other arm - foyer, lounge, kitchenette, four Sunday School rooms and pastor's study.

Heating

In the concrete floor from three furnaces.

Lighting

Incandescent, few decorative fluorescent in foyer.

Parking lot

Gravel at beginning.

Charter members of 19 founded the church. Large Sunday School of over 100.

Dedication Service

March 26, 1961 - Minister was Reverend Bob Ball. Sermon given by Rev. Bob Hamilton of Trinity Church in Vancouver.

Church is part of Baptist Union of Western Canada which is allied with the Baptist Federation of Canada, the oldest Baptist Convention in Canada.

Groups Meeting

- C.G.I.T. and Explorers
- Boy's group and Youth group
- Women's Mission Circle
- Couple's group meeting monthly.

Financing

Mr. Terry Alder of Victoria gave \$25,000. toward building. Convention gave money, and church took on \$5,000. mortgage. Convention had bought the property.

Special Events

Burning of mortgage, June 1, 1969 during tenure of Rev. Walter Ellis.

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Background of Congregation

Local residents, a few from Ladner and Surrey and some from Vancouver. Of primarily Anglo-Saxon origin. Has grown to include some East Indian and other ethnic groups.

Upkeep

Strictly free-will offerings by any person attending.

Addition

During ministry of Rev. Bob Bahr who came in 1970.

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Was located on site of church now used for Christian Education work as church give living allowance to ministers for their living quarters.

Construction of Addition

Congregation had expanded so much, not enough room - from 40 members to over 100. Put on in 1973.

Description - Auditorium extended west with foyer at end rather than at side. New Lounge dedicated to Mrs. Margaret Swan at dedication ceremony, March 24, 1974. Pastor's study moved out with foyer and area turned into kitchen. Double office for Pastor put in. More heating - extra furnace.

Financing

From a loan through bank but then a \$35,000. Bond Issue was floated among members.

Architect

Drawings made by Mr. Dewey Devries, original contractor, who also built the addition.

Organ

Donated by Trinity Baptist Church.

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Windows

Look like stained glass but made of fibreglass.

Seating

No pews, just chairs for more flexibility.

Growth of Groups

- Tuesday, Physical Fitness group & Bible Study group.
- Large Day-Care Facility operated by members of congregation.
- Clothing Bank for needy people.

Youth

Have a Youth Minister, Mr. Gary Nelson working with youth.
"Youthful" congregation - average age 25-35.

Services

Have expanded to an earlier service at 9:00 a.m., as well as 11:00 a.m. Sunday.

Special Events

- Christmas Eve carol service, well attended as well as New Year's Eve service of social evening first.
- Interfaith services on Good Friday of Mennonite Bethel, Alliance Church, Bethel Mennonite, Faith Evangelical and other Baptist churches. Easter 1975 service was held at the Mennonite Bethel Church with Rev. Bahr of Broadmoor Baptist taking the service - about 750 people attending.

Plans for Future

Will build up second Sunday morning church before looking into expansion plans.

- Church is now self-supporting
- Parking lot is now paved
- Ditch on Piggott is small - no idea if municipality will fill it in.

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fund-raising started in the fall of 1973