



# What We Teach: Statement of Faith, Constitution, Covenant, Vision & History

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## **STATEMENT OF FAITH**

### **I. THE SCRIPTURES**

We believe in the authority and sufficiency of the Holy bible, consisting of the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments, as originally written; that it was verbally and plenary inspired and is the product of Spirit-controlled men, and therefore is infallible and inerrant in all matters of which it speaks.

We believe the Bible to be the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creed and opinions shall be tried (2 Tim. 3:16, 17; 2 Pet. 1:19-21).

### **II. THE TRINITY**

We believe that there is one true God existing eternally as three distinct, yet inseparable personalities.

#### **God the Father**

We believe God the Father is the first person of the Holy Trinity. He is the Lord God Almighty, the Creator of the universe; He is eternal, immutable, omniscient, omnipresent, omnipotent, holy, and worthy of all honor and love; He is patient, loving and kind, but He is also just and will be the final judge in all matters pertaining to mankind (Ex. 20:2,3; 1 Cor. 8:6; Rev. 4:11).

#### **God the Son**

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is the second person of the Holy Trinity and that He is eternal, immutable, omniscient, omnipresent and omnipotent. He is Lord of Lords and King of Kings; He is the eternal God, Judge, and Savior, the Creator, Supporter, and Preserver of all things. He was born of the Virgin Mary through a divine, miraculous act of the Holy Spirit, and He is both fully God and fully man (Jn. 1:1; Col. 1:16,17; Rev. 17:14).

We believe that He died on the cross for the sins of all mankind, that He was buried in the tomb, that He rose again on the third day, that He ascended to the Father's right hand where He now as High Priest intercedes for believers, and that He will return for His own (1 Cor. 15:3,4; Heb. 7:25).

He is the only way of salvation for lost mankind (Jn. 14:6).

#### **God the Holy Spirit**

We believe that the Holy Spirit is the third person of the Holy Trinity; that He was active in the creation; that in His relation to the unbelieving world He restrains the evil one until God's purpose is fulfilled; that He convicts of sin, of righteousness and of judgment; that He bears witness to the truth of the gospel in preaching and testimony; that He is the Agent in the new birth; that He gives spiritual gifts to all believers to serve the body of Christ; that He baptizes, seals, indwells, endues, guides, teaches, sanctifies, fills and helps the believer (Jn. 14:16,17; Jn. 14:26; Gen. 1:2; Jn. 16:7-11; Jn. 3:5,6; Eph. 1:13,14; Rom. 8:14,16,26,27; 1 Cor. 12:13; Eph. 4:11-13).

### **III. THE DEVIL, OR SATAN**

We believe in the reality and personality of Satan, the Devil; that he was created by God as an angel but through pride and rebellion became the enemy of his Creator; that he became the unholy god of this age and the ruler of all the powers of darkness and is destined to the judgment of the lake of fire (Matt. 4:1-11; 2 Cor. 4:4; Rev. 20:10).

### **IV. CREATION**

We believe the Biblical account of the creation of the physical universe, angels, and man; that this account is a literal, historical account of the immediate creative acts of God without any evolutionary process (Gen. 1,2; Col. 1:16,17; Jn. 1:3).

## **V. MAN**

We believe that man was created in innocence (in the image and likeness of God), but by voluntary transgression Adam fell from his sinless and happy state, and all men sinned in him and therefore are totally depraved, are partakers of Adam's fallen nature, and are sinners by nature and by choice, and therefore are under just condemnation without defense or excuse (Gen. 3:1-6; Rom. 3:10-19; 5:12,19).

## **VI. SALVATION**

We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace through Jesus Christ, the Son of God, Who voluntarily took upon Himself our nature, yet without sin, and honored the divine law by His personal obedience, thus qualifying Himself to be our Savior; that by the shedding of His blood in His death He fully satisfied the just demands of a holy and righteous God regarding sin; that His sacrifice was a voluntary substitution of Himself in the sinner's place, the Just dying for the unjust; and that having risen from the dead He is now enthroned in Heaven.

We believe that repentance is a change of mind and purpose toward God prompted by the Holy Spirit and is an integral part of saving faith. We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ (Acts 3:19-21; I John 1:9).

We believe that in order to be saved, sinners must be born again through faith in Christ; that the new birth is a new creation in Christ Jesus; that it is instantaneous and not a process; that in the new birth the one dead in trespasses and in sins is made a partaker of the divine nature and receives eternal life, the free gift of God (Eph. 2:8; Rom. 2:24,25; Jn. 3:16; Matt. 18:11; Phil. 2:7,8; Heb. 2:14-17; Isa. 53:4-7; 1 Cor. 15:3,4; 2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Pet. 2:24; Lu. 13:3).

## **VII. JUSTIFICATION**

We believe that justification is that judicial act of God whereby He declares the believer righteous upon the basis of the imputed righteousness of Christ; that it is bestowed, not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through faith in the Redeemer's shed blood (Rom. 3:24; 4:5; 5:1,9; Gal. 2:16).

## **VIII. SANCTIFICATION**

We believe that sanctification is the divine setting apart of the believer unto God accomplished in a threefold manner; first, an eternal act of God, based upon redemption in Christ, establishing the believer in a position of holiness at the moment he trusts the Savior; second, a continuing process in the saint as the Holy Spirit applies the Word of God to the life; third, the final accomplishment of this process at the Lord's return (Heb. 10:10-14; Jn. 17:17; 2 Cor. 3:18; 1 Cor. 1:30; 1 Thess. 4:3,4; 5:23,24; 1 Jn. 3:2).

## **IX. THE SECURITY OF THE SAINTS**

We believe that all who are truly born again are eternally kept by God the Father for Jesus Christ so that no true believer will ever be lost (Phil. 1:6; Jn. 10:28,29; Rom. 8:35-39).

## **X. THE CHURCH**

We believe that a local church is an organized congregation of believers who have been immersed. Members are associated by covenant of faith and fellowship of the gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ; governed by His laws; and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by His Word; that its officers are pastors and deacons, whose qualifications, claims and duties are clearly defined in the Scriptures. We believe that the true mission of the church includes the worship of God, the edification of believers, and the witnessing to the lost. We hold that the local church has the absolute right of self-government free from the interference of any hierarchy of individuals or organizations; and that the one and only Superintendent is Christ through the Holy Spirit; that it is Scriptural for true churches to cooperate with each other in contending for the faith and for the furtherance of the gospel; that each local church is the sole judge of the measure and method of its cooperation; that on all matters of membership, of policy, of government, of discipline, of benevolence, the will of the local church is final (Phil. 1:1; 1 Tim. 3:1-13; Acts 2:41,42).

We believe in the unity of all New Testament believers in the Church which is the Body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:12,13; Eph. 1:22,23; 4:11,12; Col. 1:18).

## **XI. BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER**

We believe that Christian baptism is the single immersion of a believer in water to show forth our identification with the crucified, buried, and risen Savior, through Whom we died to sin and rose to a new life; that baptism is to be performed under the authority of the local church; and that it is prerequisite to the privileges of church membership.

We believe that the Lord's Supper is the commemoration by believers of His death until He come, and should be preceded always by solemn self-examination (Acts 2:41,42; 8:36,38,39; Rom. 6:3-5; Col. 2:12; 1 Cor. 11:23-28).

## **XII. SEPARATION**

We believe in obedience to the Biblical commands to separate ourselves unto God from worldliness and ecclesiastical apostasy (2 Cor. 6:14-7:1; 1 Tim. 6:3-5; 2 Tim. 2:3,4; Rom. 16:17; 2 John 9-11).

## **XIII. MARRIAGE**

We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person. We believe that the term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as ordained by God and delineated in Scripture (Gen. 1:26-27; 2:18-25; Lev. 18:6-28; 1 Cor. 7:2; 1 Thes. 4:3-5; 1 Cor. 6:9-11,18-20; 10:13; Heb. 13:4).

## **XIV. CIVIL GOVERNMENT**

We believe that civil government is of divine appointment for the interests and good order of human society; that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored and obeyed, except in those things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who is the only Lord of the conscience and the coming King of kings (Rom. 13:1-7; Acts 23:5; Acts 5:29; 4:19,20; Dan. 3:17,18).

## **XV. RAPTURE AND SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

We believe in the premillennial return of Christ, an event which can occur at any moment, and that at that moment the dead in Christ shall be raised in glorified bodies, and the living in Christ shall be given glorified bodies without tasting death, and all shall be caught up to meet the Lord in the air before the seven years of the Tribulation (1 Thess. 4:13-18; 1 Cor. 15:51-54; Phil. 3:20,21; Rev. 3:10).

We believe that the Tribulation will be culminated by the revelation of Christ in power and great glory to sit upon the throne of David and to establish the millennial kingdom (Dan. 9:25-27; Matt. 24:29-31; Lu. 1:30-33; Isa. 9:6,7; 11:1-9; Rev. 20:1-4,6).

## **XVI. THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED**

We believe that there is a radical difference between the righteous and the wicked; that only those who are justified by faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and sanctified by the Spirit of our God are truly righteous in His esteem; while all such as continue in unbelief are in His sight wicked and under the curse; and this distinction holds true after death, in the everlasting joy of the saved in a literal heaven and the everlasting suffering of the lost in a literal hell (Rom. 6:17,18,23; Prov. 14:32; Luke 16:25; Rev. 20:14,15; Jn. 14:1-3).

# CONSTITUTION

## I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be Discovery Baptist Church. It shall be incorporated as a nonprofit corporation in the State of Washington.

## II. PURPOSE

The primary purpose of this church shall be the building up of the saints and witnessing to the lost. It shall seek to attain these ends through the worship of God, the preaching of the Gospel, the observance of church ordinances, the training of its families, and the buying and the selling of necessary property.

## III. OFFICERS

### 1. Pastor and Elders

**Pastor:** The Pastor (also Bishop or Elder) or leading Elder shall meet the qualifications of 1 Tim. 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9 (1 Tim. 5:17).

A pulpit committee comprised of the Elders and two members elected by the congregation shall arrange to fill any vacancy in the office of Pastor. Their work shall be to select, examine, and recommend qualified candidates to be brought before the church of candidate for office.

A call to a pastor shall be extended at a meeting of the church, called for that purpose. It shall be announced from the pulpit and appear in writing one (1) Sunday immediately preceding the date of the meeting. A three-fourths majority vote of a quorum shall be necessary for a call. The Pastor's salary will be reviewed no less than annually by the Deacons. His vacation shall be no less than two weeks per year.

The Pastor shall have charge of the spiritual welfare of the congregation. He shall be diligent in the preaching and teaching of the Word. He shall have charge of the services of the church. The pastor will be an ex officio member of all committees and boards of the church. He and eligible members of his family shall be members of this church.

The Pastor shall continue in office until he resigns or is dismissed. The pastor who resigns shall give the church not less than 30 days notice unless otherwise agreed to by both parties.

If any difficulty arises concerning the Pastor's moral conduct or departure from the fundamentals of the faith as recorded in this constitution, such shall be investigated by the church Elders in accordance with church disciplinary procedure. If it is considered necessary by the Elders, a special business meeting may be called. This meeting will be announced from the pulpit and posted in writing two (2) Sundays immediately preceding the date of such a meeting. The Pastor may be in attendance at all meetings except when inappropriate. He shall have the opportunity to defend himself openly against all charges. At this meeting the Elders shall make a recommendation to the church either substantiating or denying the charges and the church will vote. A simple majority vote of a quorum is necessary to dismiss the Pastor. In such cases his duties will cease immediately and his salary will terminate in 30 days.

**Elders:** Elders are the under shepherds of the local church under Jesus Christ the Chief Shepherd. They are called Elders, indicating their spiritual maturity, and shall assist the Pastor in spiritual matters.

An Elder shall meet the qualifications outlined in 1 Tim. 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9 and shall be an active member of the church. The number of Elders chosen shall be those qualified, willing to serve and affirmed at the annual meeting.

In order to provide continuity of the church ministries, and because we believe that the Elders may be led of God for continuous service, the terms of the Elders shall be consistent with the following considerations:

1. The term of the Elder will be three (3) years, at which time he is eligible for re-election. Other qualified names may be added to the ballot in accordance with selection procedures.
2. Any Elder may resign his position if he deems it beneficial to God's work in the church.
3. The church may remove any Elder who comes under the area of church discipline as outlined in the constitution.

Accusations must be brought by two or more witnesses as required in I Tim. 5:19.

The senior Pastor shall chair all Elder meetings. In his absence, the Elders present shall elect an individual from amongst themselves to preside as chairman. The presence of a majority shall constitute a quorum for transacting official business.

The Elders shall assist the Pastor in the areas of evangelism, Christian education, receiving new members, small groups, church discipline, administration of ordinances, pulpit supply, music and other areas of spiritual care. They shall recommend selection and removal of all church staff/employees and appointed positions (see Article IV), shall prescribe such duties for them consistent with law, and shall recommend compensation.

### 2. Deacons: Deacons are servants of the local church. They shall have charge of the physical matters of the church.

A Deacon must meet the requirements as outlined in Acts 6:3 and 1 Tim. 3:8-13 and shall be an active member of the church. The number of Deacons shall be those, qualified, willing to serve and affirmed at the annual meeting.

In order to provide continuity of the church ministries, and because we believe that the Deacons may be led by god for continuous service, the terms of the Deacons shall be consistent with the following considerations:

1. The term of the Deacon will be three (3) years, at which time he is eligible for re-election. Other qualified names may be added to the ballot in accordance with selection procedures.
2. Any Deacon may resign his position if he deems it beneficial to God's work in the church.
3. The church may remove any Deacon who comes under the area of church discipline as outlined in the constitution.

The Pastor may chair Deacon meetings. In his absence a chairman shall preside. The chairman shall be an individual elected from among the Deacons by themselves. The presence of a majority shall constitute a quorum for transacting official business.

The Deacons will serve so as to free the Elders and the Pastor to concentrate on the ministry of the Word and prayer. The Deacons shall assist the Pastor in the areas of building maintenance, building construction, finances, grounds care, ushering, physical care of the needy, serving the Lord's Supper and other areas of physical concern.

**The nomination of Elders and Deacons shall be by a Nominating Committee yearly.**

Recommendations to fulfill the offices of Elder and Deacon shall be requested once a year from all church members. The Nominating Committee will consist of at least three Elders (including the Senior Pastor) appointed by the Senior Pastor. They shall designate a chairman and secretary of the committee. In the event there are less than three Elders, then up to four Deacons may be appointed by the acting Pastor.

The nominating committee shall review all nominations and determine each nominee's qualifications. Members of the committee may be nominees, but no committee member shall nominate himself. A proposed slate of nominees prepared by the committee shall then be submitted to the remaining Elders and Deacons for review and comment.

Upon receiving these comments, the nominating committee shall reconsider the nominees making necessary inquiry and making any changes to the list of nominees. The final list shall then be submitted to the remaining Elders and Deacons for final approval. All nominees must be unanimously approved by the Elders and Deacons. Once approved, the chairman of the committee shall publicly post the list in alphabetical order at least two consecutive Sunday mornings prior to the annual business meeting of the church members. Members are invited to comment to the committee in writing if there are any questions on the nominees. Any concern will be investigated by the Nominating Committee.

At the annual business meeting, the slate of nominees shall be presented to the members to affirm the decision of the Nominating Committee. If the slate of nominees is affirmed by a majority, the newly elected Elders and Deacons will assume office immediately.

**IV. APPOINTED POSITIONS**

The following appointments shall be for one year with no limit on consecutive appointments to same position, and shall be appointed from among the church membership by the Elders and Deacons.

1. **Treasurer**: The Treasurer shall disperse all church funds as directed by the church, keeping a faithful record of all transactions. He shall prepare and submit a report to the church board at least once per quarter.
2. **Financial Secretary**: The Financial Secretary shall assist the Treasurer by counting all church offerings and keeping an accurate record of the income of the church, and providing annual individual receipts of giving.
3. **Sunday School Superintendent**: The Sunday School Superintendent shall have administrative oversight of the Sunday morning teaching services of the church. He shall appoint all children's teachers and workers from the membership with the approval of the Elders, and he shall keep them informed of the progress of the Sunday School ministry. The Elders will appoint all teachers of the adult Sunday School classes.
4. **Church Clerk**: The Church Clerk shall keep a permanent record of all members present at church business meetings and keep a record of minutes of all congregational church business.
5. **Auditing Committee**: This committee shall consist of two persons (other than the Treasurer and Financial Secretary) and be appointed by the Elders and Deacons following the annual election. It shall audit all accounts of the church and its organizations for the prior calendar year and certify same, reporting their findings to the board within six months after the annual church business meeting. A summary report by the Auditing Committee shall then also be included with the following annual report. The auditing committee, subject to the approval of the Elders and Deacons, shall be responsible for establishing the procedures and methods to be followed by the financial secretary and treasurer in maintaining the financial records. The church may vote to authorize the audit by a professional auditing firm rather than by a committee.

**V. CORPORATE OFFICERS**

The Senior Pastor shall act as Chairman of the Corporation, the Church Treasurer shall act as Corporate Treasurer, and the Church Clerk shall act as Corporate Secretary. The Assistant Pastor(s) and each duly elected elder shall act as a Director.

These Officers are authorized to act on instruction from the Elders and Deacons (collectively the “Board”) on behalf of the Corporation in all legal matters including any banking and financial transactions and the buying and selling or any other transaction relating to any and all church property.

## **VI. MEMBERSHIP**

Any person professing faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, giving satisfactory evidence of regeneration, accepting the Statement of Faith and the Covenant held by this church, having been baptized by immersion, upon recommendation of the elders shall be received into membership by a majority vote of the church at any business meeting of the church.

Once a year the Elders will review the membership of the church for the purpose of maintaining communication lines between chronically absent members and the church. All those who do not attend the regular services without reasonable excuse for a period of four (4) months shall automatically be placed on the inactive membership roll by the Elders. Notification, if possible by personal contact, will be made with the delinquent member at least two weeks in advance of this action. Any members on the inactive list shall automatically become active upon their resumption on regular attendance for a period of three consecutive Sundays. Inactive members will be retained for no longer than one year unless reasonable excuse is given. A person holding membership in another church of like faith may become a non-voting Student Member but shall not hold an elected office. Dismissal of members shall be by death, letter or congregational vote. No member who has conducted himself in such a manner as to be cited for disciplinary action may be dropped from the membership without a congregation vote.

The procedure for discipline shall be followed as outlined in Matthew 18:15-17 for restoration of erring members (Gal. 6:1), or withdrawal of fellowship and membership of the church if these fail (1 Cor. 5:9-13).

## **VII. BUSINESS MEETINGS**

The fiscal year shall be the calendar year.

The annual business meeting and other business meetings may be called at any time by the Pastor, Elders or Deacons, or upon written request of 20% of the voting members of the church to the Elders or Deacons.

Voting in all meetings may be by voice or show of hands, except that upon the request of one member, ballot voting shall be mandatory. Election of all officers shall be by ballot only. Active members sixteen (16) years of age or over are entitled to vote.

A quorum at all business meetings of the church will be all active voting age members present. Business meetings must be announced in the bulletin and from the pulpit two Sunday mornings in advance to the meeting.

## **VIII. AMENDMENTS**

This constitution and statement of faith may be amended at any business meeting provided the amendment has been presented at a business meeting at least six (6) months in advance. Additional minor changes may be made to the amendment during the 6-month review period for the sake of clarification or better administrative practice, so long as such changes do not further alter the actual doctrinal positions in the Statement of Faith. Notice of the amendment (including any additional changes) must be given from the pulpit and posted on a prominent bulletin board on two successive Sunday mornings preceding the latter meeting. Passage of a new amendment shall require a two-thirds vote of the members present.

Spelling and grammatical errors may be corrected at any time with the Board’s unanimous approval.

## **IX. ASSOCIATION**

This church shall be independent, autonomous and governed by its membership. It may be in fellowship with other groups insofar as it does not conflict with the policy and the Statement of Faith of this church.

## **X. DISSOLUTION**

In the event a decision is made to dissolve this corporation known as Discovery Baptist Church, Inc., provision shall be made by vote of the church prior to the dissolution to assign all the assets to one or more fundamental, Bible-believing, nonprofit organizations such as churches, missions, schools, or associations. None of the assets shall be given to any individual.

# COVENANT

Having been led by the Holy Spirit to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, and on the public confession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we do now, in the presence of God and this assembly, solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ (*Ac. 16:31-33, Col. 2:12; 1 Cor. 6:17; 12:13; Eph. 1:22-23*).

We purpose, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to attend its services regularly; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry and expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel throughout all nations (*Heb. 10:23-25; 1 Cor. 16:2; Ac. 2:45*).

We also purpose to maintain family and private devotions; to train our children according to the Word of God; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk discreetly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our conduct; to abstain from all forms of activity and practice which dishonor our Lord Jesus Christ; to be zealous in our efforts to advance the cause of Christ our Savior; and to give Him preeminence in all things (*Eph. 5:18; 6:4; 1 Cor. 6:18-20; Mat. 28:19, 20*).

We further purpose to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense but always ready for reconciliation, and, mindful of the rules of our Savior, to secure it without delay (*Eph. 6:18; Rom. 12:16-19*).

We moreover purpose that when we remove from this place we will as soon as possible unite with some other church of like faith and order where we can carry out the spirit of the covenant and the principles of God's Word.

# VISION

"Our church vision is to disciple individuals towards Christ-likeness through clear Bible teaching, personal Bible study, fervent prayer, sacrificial service, effective outreach and warm fellowship."

# HISTORY

**1792** - Captain George Vancouver sailed the H.M.S. Discovery into history as he entered Puget Sound in search of the legendary Northwest Passage. Instead, he discovered the natural harbor of Puget Sound. Here ships could seek shelter from storms, find rest and replenish. A church, much like a harbor, is a place where people can find shelter from the storms of life, the forgiveness and grace of God and direction for their future through the compass of His Word. Therefore, we took the name "Discovery" with its local history and spiritual connotations.

**1980 August** - A small group of fifteen people began meeting for a Bible study in the Suko home for the purpose of beginning a Bible preaching church.

**1980 September 7** - The first formal service was held in the old Arletta School (Hales Pass Improvement Club). Thirty-two were present on this "Discovery Day" with an average of twenty-two the first month.

**1981 October** - The church was officially organized. Nebraska Street Baptist of Port Orchard was the commissioning church. The Covenant, Constitution and Statement of Faith were adopted.

**1983 November** - A "Day of Thanksgiving" was observed as the church dedicated 2.7 acres on Wollochet Dr. for a future building.

**1984** - Sent our first missionaries, Jon & Dee Mitchell, to the field of Brazil as full time with BMM.

**1988 August** - The church moved to a larger leased church building on Grandview Street in Gig Harbor while property was developed.

**1994 July** - Began what would come to be a major mission outreach to former Soviet Republic of Ukraine.

**1995 September** - Signed papers on our fifteenth anniversary to purchase Gustafson Dr. property (3.5 acres) and buildings on Gustafson Dr. The church occupied immediately and the Wollochet Dr. property was sold.

**1995** - Sent Mary Amesbury to field of Russia as full time missionary with BMM.

**1997 April** - Church graduated from NBHM mission status to full-fledged church status of self-supporting, self-governing and self-propagating.

**2000** - Sent Tim & Martia Franklin to field of Brazil as full time missionary with ABWE.

**2004** - Sent Rachel Suko to field of Ukraine as full-time missionaries with ABWE.

**2005 March** - We broke ground for a new ministry center with an auditorium and foyer. The parking facilities were also expanded.

**2005 November** - Assisted in sending Nathan Waldock to field of India as full time missionary with BMM.

**2005 December** - The new ministry center construction project was declared complete and a special dedication service with contractors and guests on hand was held.

**2007** - Sent Caleb & Christina Suko to field of Ukraine as full time missionaries with ABWE.

**2008** - Began outreach to Iraq (The De Roo Memorial Fund) and Moldova through Vasiliy Kaletnik and Ukraine with Velodya Motovilian and Vladimir Sagadeyev as indigenous church planters.

**2009 August** - Sent Daron & Yunae Wilson to field of Thailand as full-time missionaries with ABWE.

**2010, January** - Began regular support for Vladimir & Maria Sagadeyev and Velodia & Myia Motovilian working with Churches and ministries in the Odessa, Ukraine region.

**2014 January** - Began supporting Juan Carlos Magallanes Hispanic ministries in Quincy, WA.

**2021 May** - Moved into new facility.

