

HISTORY OF TWIN PEAKS SDA FELLOWSHIP

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The Charter Twin Peaks group decided the time had come to start a "new" kind of Adventist Church, which looked a lot more like the Adventist Church used to look. In 1999 they began meeting for Sabbath School and Church in the Christensen home in Longmont. In the fall of 1999 the group decided to sponsor the Net 99 evangelism series with Doug Batchelor. It was held in the old Longmont High School at 9th and Main. Dr. Ron McLean loaned his projector for the series, and Bob Jackson recorded the messages each evening. Four people were baptized after the series. The group was not yet officially recognized by the Conference, so three of the candidates joined the Longmont Church and the fourth joined the Campion Church.

Following this campaign, concerted efforts were made to find a public location for the group to meet in, and to receive Branch Sabbath School status from the Conference. Myrna Green obtained information on renting the Pleasant View Grange and the group voted to rent it for \$75 per week. The Eden Valley SDA Church graciously agreed to sponsor the group as a Branch Sabbath School. The name Twin Peaks SDA Fellowship was also chosen.

Because there were 13-17 teenagers in the group, mountain church was a favorite activity in the summertime. Youth leaders Nancy Nelson and Marilyn Jackson developed intensive Bible studies that really challenged them to dig into their Bibles. Three were baptized in the Lake at Glacier View Ranch.

Early Church outreach programs included a series of musical concerts at the Longmont Skyline High School, which featured prominent SDA musicians Jennifer La Mountain, Kelly Mowrer, Sandy Wyman, John Lomacang, Jaime Jorge, and Steve Darmody. Following these, in 2003 an evangelistic series was conducted by Tyler Long of Amazing Facts and 14 were baptized.

In 2004 Jarod Thomas was hired as Bible Worker, and he was soon joined by his new wife Beth. Company status was also obtained from the Conference. Later that year the Conference offered to rent the former Louisville SDA Church building to 4 churches, Twin Peaks SDA Fellowship, Louisville Hispanic Company, Peakview SDA Church, and on Sunday to Shepherd's Community Church. Twin Peaks accepted the offer and moved in with the other groups.

In 2006 Jarod Thomas decided to go into teaching, and Joel Kratzke was invited from Minnesota to take his place. Church attendance had climbed to about 70. Full Church status was also granted by the Conference in that year.

The year 2009 was very eventful. Church attendance had climbed to approximately 125-150. The Louisville Church building was turned over to the Twin Peaks congregation in July. The Louisville Hispanic Company moved to a new location, allowing Twin Peaks to have full use of the facility on Sabbath. Joel Kratzke moved back to Minnesota after his Bible Worker contract expired, but by early 2010 he was invited back as a Pastor in training.

By 2011 Twin Peaks church membership has reached 200. The church has also sponsored two other congregations, SW Littleton SDA Fellowship and Vista SDA Fellowship. Both groups are growing with SW Littleton recently obtaining Company status.

Plans are being laid to expand the Louisville facility to accommodate the ever growing congregation. Only God knows what the future holds, however, the congregation can truly say, "We have nothing to fear for the future except as we forget how God has led us in the past".

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