



## Faith Church – Past & Present

Faith Missionary Church was incorporated in 1964 when a group of people associated with a Christian and Missionary Alliance church formed a new church. In the late 1970s, the church built a facility at the current location on the north side of Indianapolis and later affiliated with the Evangelical Free Church of America. Continual growth in the 1980s resulted in two more building phases. By 1992, more than 1300 people attended several worship services. At this time, the church opted to plant another Evangelical Free church in the Indianapolis area, Grace Community Church, a body of more than 5,000 people now. By 2000, the church building was aging and the leadership considered the effectiveness of local outreach, which was limited by several factors, including the adequacy and functionality of the structure. The church's decision to remodel the facility, razing the 1979 worship center and building a new early childhood area and worship center, produced a highly functional facility, completed in 2005. From its inception, Faith's priorities have reflected the middle name, Missionary. We desire that all nations have the opportunity to understand salvation through Jesus Christ, and work diligently to support this effort. Missions is not a program, but a passion that permeates all ministries from childhood education to missions trips to dollars spent on missions support. We currently support nearly 50 missionary units at about \$1 million annually, or about 45% of all finances received. Most of these missionaries, and all going out in recent years, were raised up from within the Faith family.

With a solid dedication to global outreach, we have renewed our commitment to local outreach by focusing on the diverse international community in our immediate neighborhood. This desire to reach our local community is evidenced through an unusual partnership with Nora Elementary, the public school next door to us, and through Faith International English Classes, which serve more than 150 people from 22 countries. Beyond our immediate neighborhood, we seek to be a light to the wider Indianapolis community as our people personally interact with those who need Christ and share His love in word and deed.

God has blessed Faith with renewed growth in recent years, with approximately 1,000 people calling Faith their "church home" and the average attendance approaching 700 adults and children each Sunday. In 1998 the church began offering two distinct forms of worship – both a traditional and a contemporary worship celebration. Our mission is to declare the glory of God through the gospel of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth. Vital to the fulfillment of this mission is connecting with God, each other and the world. One of the ways we fulfill this mission is in maintaining warm fellowship, vibrant worship and expository preaching as high priorities of our Sunday gatherings. Sunday Connection classes and weekday Community groups are also foundational to helping our people form genuine friendships with other followers of Jesus to provide encouragement, accountability, nurture, practical care and mentoring. As we study the Bible together, pray, play and serve together, we build deep friendships with each other and with God.

Faith Church has been blessed with tremendous leadership over its 46-year history, with many pastors serving long tenures. Our current leadership team includes: Tom Macy, Senior Pastor since 2004; Don Beachy, who has been appointed to lead a 2011 Faith Church plant; Joey Woestman, our new Pastor of Student Ministry; and staff in key ministry areas of worship, children, communications, administration and finance.

For more detailed information about our mission, core values and history, visit [FaithLiveItOut.org](http://FaithLiveItOut.org).