

Christ Bible Church (CBC) began from a Bible study in our community sponsored by First Baptist Church of Evans City, PA in 1960, under the name Bible Baptist Church. Services began in a home in the fall of 1960. Bible Baptist Church was incorporated in 1961 beginning in a neighborhood location approximately one mile east of its present site. In 1962 the current property of approximately 8 acres was purchased and the parsonage constructed with services downstairs and Sunday school upstairs. In 1964 a church building was constructed to seat 275. In 1977 a large building program began which resulted in the present auditorium, able to seat approximately 700 people.

As an independent church CBC is financially independent and very thankful to be debt free. The selection and support of missionaries are done within the church. Eighteen missionaries and/or mission related ministries receive support from CBC. Many of the missionary families have been supported for over 30 years.

An AWANA Program has regularly met in the church for 20+ years. A preschool ministry began in 1997 accommodating approximately 150 preschool children, ages 3 through Pre-K. It continues to be the largest outreach at CBC.

Since 1970, CBC has been served by 3 pastors. Robert Stamp, who was saved through the ministry of the church in 1961, served as pastor from 1970 to 2001. God then brought John Buchta to the church, a graduate from The Master's Seminary (M.Div., 1994). John had a passion for preaching God's word and did so with great eagerness. Under his leadership BBC adopted a new constitution, which incorporates the doctrine of election and elder rule.

Unfortunately John was diagnosed with terminal thymus cancer within a year of his arrival and the illness forced him to resign from his duties as Pastor-Teacher in September 2004. John's brief tenure was anything but brief in regards to his impact. The Word through John continues to ring clearly in CBC. He left this earth to be with our Lord in February 2005.

In January 2005, a call was extended to Jimmy Caraway to candidate for the pastor-teacher position. He accepted the pastorate position in March and moved his family to Cranberry Township in July, 2005. Pastor Caraway is a graduate of The Master's Seminary (M.Div., 1992; Th.M., 2000; D.Min., 2007). He and his wife Tami have two children, Lara and John.

In October 2009, leadership and the congregation agreed on the present name of the church, Christ Bible Church. The name was chosen to convey the lordship of Jesus Christ; it is His church; He is the Master and Lord. The new name also conveys the Bible as the source of instruction. It is God's Word; it alone is authoritative.

Presently there are 2 elders and 4 deacons. The average attendance at the Sunday morning service is approximately 160 people.