

Our History

The First Christian Church of Redding was started in 1965 under the leadership of Rev. Ellis Martin. The congregation met in a small church on East Street, now occupied by the Berean Congregation, north of the Methodist Church. In 1968, Ellis moved on and the church we occupied was sold. The small congregation wanted to stay together, so Dell Souther led us to the Presbyterian Church. We stayed there for many years, hoping that we could move on to a place of our own.

When Rev. Henry Searle retired and moved to Redding he joined us and eventually we moved from the Presbyterian Church to the Women's Improvement Clubhouse. We met every other Saturday night with Rev. Larry Love as traveling minister. In 1983, we hired Rev. Glenn Warner and moved to a conference room at the Washington Mutual Bank at Mt. Shasta Mall for free. After a short while, the bank wanted to remodel and Glenn retired. We then rented the chapel at the Baptist Church on Eureka Way. In 1986, we hired Rev. Steve Fietz.

During this time, we purchased property at the corner of Placer and Buenaventura. Steve was with us for about seven years, and then Rev. Austin Brand became our Interim Pastor until we hired Rev. Heather Hennessey in 1993. We moved out of the Baptist Church and set up an outside worship area on our property, under the trees. It was nice until it got HOT. Lawncrest Chapel offered us their chapel at no charge for Sunday worship. We grew in numbers and saved for a permanent facility on our property. In 1996, we had a "church raising." People came from all over and helped us raise the walls. Not long after we completed the first building, we realized that it was too small, so we expanded it. In time, we completed the next phase, the Burrell Building, a separate building with classrooms, restrooms, and a large fellowship room. The Church started a thrift store, Second Helpings, at 2636 Churn Creek Rd. in 2011 that benefits local charities in the area besides the church.

Heather retired in 2012. In early 2015, Rev. Janet Chapman came to be our Pastor. Pastor Janet has been in ministry for 25 years serving congregations in Fort Worth, TX; Kansas City, MO; and Selma, CA. She has two college age daughters, two cats, and two dogs; enjoys swimming and horseback riding; and loves serving God within the Body of Christ.