

Countryside Christian Church History

Fourteen people first met together on January 17, 1980 to discuss and investigate the possibility of starting a New Testament congregation in the Ozark-Nixa area. Convinced that a new church was needed, they met in homes for ten weeks, the details were worked out and the first Sunday services of Countryside Christian church were held on Easter, April 6, 1980, with Jerry Kilson as acting pastor. They met in a large room upstairs in Riverview Plaza in Ozark with an average attendance in the 50's. There were several chapters of the Missouri Men's Fellowship and the Four State Men's Fellowship that donated funds to help us meet our obligations. We had a two-year lease on the room which had a seating capacity of 125 people and we built four classrooms.

In March of 1983, a proposal to buy land was put before the congregational meeting. The vote was in favor of buying the land. The proposed property was 2.41 acres 1.1 miles West of Ozark on Hwy. 14 and 3.1 miles East of Nixa. The land was purchased April 23, 1983.

The groundbreaking for a new building was held January 1985. Work started in the spring. Much of the work was done by volunteers. In 1993, a house on the adjacent 2.75 acres was purchased to provide for future growth. At this time Don Vernon was our pastor.

In the early 90's two adult classrooms were built along with an east entrance and in the fall of 1996, it was decided to build a new sanctuary to seat approximately 400 people.

In the early 2000's an upper floor was added which today is where the Nursery through 5th grade resides.

In 2008, Rodney McCann was called as our pastor. In 2020 he stepped down due to burn out.