



Town + Field

CHURCH

OUR STORY

- 1946** Thirty friends meet in a living room in Langley to discuss what God has put on their hearts. Their dreams and prayers are the beginning of Langley Prairie Church. "Sacrificial giving and labour combined with prayer support made a good foundation for a soul-saving church."
-25th Anniversary Reflection
- 1948** The church becomes official, with a building and a growing Sunday school class of 40 children. "We note a three-fold missionary emphasis for the church: prayer support, sacrificial giving, and going forth into the mission field at home and overseas."
-25th Anniversary Reflection
- 1952** Growth leads to another building expansion.
- 1957** Church members are involved in 'branch works' (church plants) in Kensington Prairie and Aldergrove.
- 1958** "To fully discharge our responsibility to our 'Jerusalem' we will need to preach the gospel from home to home...Bible, missionary, and mass evangelism missions should be considered in our calendar."
-David E. Enarson, Pastor
- 1962** Christian Service Brigade and Pioneer Girls mid-week children's ministry programs are established. Trinity Junior College (Trinity Western University) opens. It's connection to the Evangelical Free Church of America makes for a natural relationship with LEFC. Leaders and staff become part of the fabric of the church.
- 1966** Ground is broken for a church building that will become a ministry hub for the next 50+ years
- 1972** Langley Evangelical Free Church members are commissioned to start a church 'branch work' and Fort Langley Evangelical Free Church is born.
- 1975** Sixteen 'Five Day Clubs' are held throughout the city with 335 children attending and 49 making decisions for Christ. To accommodate growing children's and youth ministries a building project doubles the size of space available. "Lord, help us not be satisfied, but help us keep reaching out as a congregation."
-Virginia Jenkins, Sunday School Superintendent
- 1976** A strong partnership with Campus Crusade for Christ leads to involvement in the 'I Found It' Campaign that sees a significant number of people make first time decisions for Christ. 170 children attend VBS that summer, half are unchurched. "Pray with me that each person will sense God's hand upon him as we consider our responsibility in spreading the gospel."
-Calvin B. Hanson, Pastor
- 1979** "Perhaps our church goals could be summed up in winning, building, and sending, and using all means so that 'by all means we might win some to Christ.'
-Bernard Fosmark, Pastor
- 1980** Attendance in Christian Service Brigade and Pioneer Girls mid-week programs exceeds 200 children.
- 1981** LEFC becomes a 'mother church' to Cloverdale EFC, and a Mission church plant; sending finances and families to establish reproducing churches.
- 1984** "We are purposefully moving from a major emphasis on fellowship and community to outreach and evangelism."
-Gordon Dennison, Pastor
- 1985** Project E-Van-gelism launches. For the next ten years, volunteers pick up dozens of children from low-income housing units in Langley City and bring them to church each Sunday. "We have a desire to use our Sundays to evangelize children in our community who have no opportunity to hear the gospel."
-Ynolde Adams, Sunday School Superintendent
- 1987** "The best way to win those not for Christ is to create an atmosphere in which they're welcomed...to prepare a table for them."
-Peter Whittenberg, Pastor

- 1988** 595 children participate in 'Friends Puppets' summer outreach and a second van is purchased for the van ministry. "Our Sunday School teachers were trained in how to share the gospel in their lessons each week because they were teaching children who had never heard the message before."
-Janet Martens, Member
- 1990** LEFC sends its first short-term missions team to Cebu, Philippines to share Christ through the Jesus Film and helping to build a seminary.
- 1992** Continuing to accommodate growth in children's and youth ministry, LEFC undertakes its biggest building program to date and hires the first youth and family ministry pastor.
- 1993** "May this congregation become a large lighthouse attracting many to a saving knowledge of Christ"
-Si Coleman, Board Chair
- 1997** "We stay focussed on our mission statement to "proclaim the gospel and make disciples of Jesus Christ who are thoroughly equipped through biblical instruction to serve others and glorify God."
-Don Roth, Pastor
- 2001** \$195K is raised through the "Finishing For Freedom" campaign to pay off the mortgage. This intentionally opens the door for Global Outreach to receive a strategic boost with the introduction of Faith Promise giving, and its own budget. The Global Outreach (GO) team initiates a yearly fund-raising event to engage the congregation in global missions. "We are taking real steps of faith as a church to reach outside our walls."
-Dave Martens, GO Team
- 2003** After season of reflection and refocusing, LEFC emerges with renewed intention to reach the community with the gospel, and a new mission statement: "We exist to love God, love others, and share Jesus"
- 2011** The "Beyond our Walls" campaign raises \$500,000 and reignites a dedication to evangelism with a commitment to plant a campus, develop an internship program, and address critical building needs.
- 2012** LEFC becomes one church in two locations with the launch of LEFC Clayton Heights campus—an evangelistic strategy to reach those living in this fast growing area of Surrey.
- 2016** "Big Day" events like Block Parties, Easter Eggstravaganzas, and Trunk or Treat are developed as opportunities to connect and engage with families in our neighbourhoods through fun, generous parties.
- 2017** Strategic community partnerships are established with Hope for Women Pregnancy Counselling Centre, NightShift Street Ministry, and the Langley Counselling Centre. The Believe Campaign is initiated to raise funds for these partnerships each December.
- 2018** Recognizing cultural changes and desiring a name that communicates clearly, the congregation approves a name change to "Town + Field Church". 'Town' represents the desire to maintain the feel of a small community where everyone is known and loved; '+' represents the cross of Jesus Christ at the centre of the gospel and our lives; "Field" represents the mission God invites us into both locally and globally.
- 2019** More than 100 children participate in Mighty Mites sports camp in August, KidsTown has its highest attendance in over ten years, and Sunday morning attendance through the fall is the highest ever.
- 2020** As a global pandemic sets in, online Sunday services, Zoom community groups and Kids Gatherings, and Facebook live-stream teaching and discussion events foster connection and growth amid an unprecedented season.
- 2021** Gathering restrictions ease in September, and people enthusiastically return to Sunday morning gatherings. On October 31, Trunk or Treat is the first live community event in 18 months. More than 1000 of our friends and neighbours gather for a safe event where we bless our neighbours and shine a light on a dark night.
- 2023** The Alpha Course returns with three sessions held simultaneously on Tuesday nights and more than 60 people in attendance. And on Easter Sunday nine people are baptized in an outdoor celebration in the parking lot. Meanwhile, a Search Committee is convened, and Town + Field Church begins discerning who will lead our church in our next steps of joining God in restoring all things in our lives and in our world.