

Our Mission

*"Connecting People to God
and to one another"*

*We are an interdenominational
Christian church that believes in
Jesus Christ as our personal Savior
and Lord, and that the Bible is the
true, inspired Word of God. As a
community church, we welcome
everyone to come and worship with
us and participate in our ministries
and activities.*

*Our mission statement is;
"Connecting people to God and to
one another." This core purpose
takes many forms, including,
worshipping Christ, studying His
Word, and spreading the Gospel
through local, regional
and national missionary efforts.*



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***"I have heard your prayer and have
chosen this place for Myself."***

II Chronicles 7:12 (NIV)

All are welcome, please join us!

Welcome

to Great Outdoors
Community Church

Sunday Worship Service

at 10:00 am

followed by fellowship time

at 11:00 am

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HISTORY

The church had its beginning in 1990, when a small group met for Bible Study. In 1993, the group began regular Sunday worship services at the Plantation Manor. At that time, Rev. Ken Vander Broek became the lead pastor. In April of 1994, plans for a church building were drawn up for construction on land donated by Jack Eckerd. The church held its first service in the new building on Palm Sunday, April 5, 1998.

Pastor Jeff Moody became the lead pastor in 2000. As the congregation grew, more room for ministry became necessary. Planning began in 2005 and the congregation moved into its newly expanded campus in 2009. Due to God's grace and a generous congregation, the 1.3-million-dollar expansion was paid off in two years.

Upon Pastor Moody's retirement, Dr. David W. Price became lead pastor on January 1, 2012. Thereafter, Pastors J.B. Kump and Dan Zahn joined the staff as associate pastors.

Programs

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| † Baptisms | † Lending Closet |
| † Choir/Handbells | † Singles Group |
| † Christian Library | † Small Groups |
| † Helping Hands | † Worship Ministry |
| † Missions | † Prayer Groups |
| † Outreach Ministry | † Hospitality Committee |
| † Prayer Chain | † Christian Concerts |

GOVERNANCE

Our church leadership team includes men and women who are elected by the congregation at its annual business meeting. This includes a president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary, and various ministry team leaders which serve three-year terms.

The leadership team meets each month during the primary season. Skype or phone meetings are used during the summer months. Church business is conducted by as specified our constitution and by-laws.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Our church offers full memberships for those who have GOCC as their sole home church, and associate memberships for those who wish to also retain membership in a secondary church. Both full and associate members are eligible to serve on the main leadership team and are voting members.

Qualifications for Membership:

Because of our congregation's diverse church backgrounds, GOCC maintains simplified requirements for membership. We ask the following of all membership applicants:

Belief in Jesus Christ as personal Savior, as well as the Bible as God's true and inspired Word.

Awareness of, and agreement to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of GOCC.

Furtherance of the church's ministry through active interest, participation, and financial support.

Adult Baptism:

Throughout the New Testament the consistent pattern of Christian experience is that every person who accepts Christ as Savior is baptized. As Acts 2:41 records, "Those who believed and accepted His message were baptized." - Acts 2:41

Annual Events

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| † Columbarium/Memory Garden | † Flea Markets |
| † Christmas & Easter Music | † Missions Day |
| † Women in the Church (WIC) | † Open Air Market |
| † Ladies Prayer Shawl Group | † Car Wash |
| † Men's Breakfast Group | |