

## BIG CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH PROFILE

The Big Creek Community Church is independent, non-denominational, evangelical, and Biblically oriented in our philosophy of the ministry.

Our current staff consists of our interim Pastor, two Deacons (These three form the General Church Board), three Sunday School teachers, one Song Leader, and two leaders of the Women's Bible Study groups. The Pastor is the only salaried position. All other leadership positions are filled on a volunteer basis. The two deacons are elected by the congregation.

Our primary ministries consist of the Sunday morning service, weekly Sunday School classes for all ages, two Women's Bible Study groups, one of which meets each Wednesday morning, and the other on Wednesday evenings. We give regular monthly support to three missions; Victor and Elaine Rodriguez of Latin America Missions, Chinese for Christ, and two children and their families through World Vision. Each summer we present a one week Vacation Bible School. We are also currently allowing the church facilities to be used for the teaching of piano lessons to the community children.

People attending our church come from several denominational backgrounds. They desire sound Bible teaching and preaching, and we enjoy warm and caring fellowship. We currently have 15 official members. There are also several who attend regularly and others who attend occasionally. We get some visitors from nearby areas and others who are just passing through as they are visiting the National Recreation areas that are in very close proximity to us, as well as those who lived here and attended church before and are coming "home" for a visit. It is a fun place to attend church. Our winter attendance is normally lower than the summer. This is due to the lack of summer visitors, winter weather, and illnesses. Over the past three months our average Sunday School attendance has been 15, and the Sunday morning service average 25. The individuals who reside in our town and attend church change due to job changes and retirement.

The construction of the church building was completed in 1953 by volunteer labor from men in the community. It is a two-story wood frame structure of approx. 3,400 sq.ft.. The outside walls are cement tiles and the roof material is Duratech XL metal installed in 2004. The upper, street level floor consists of a Foyer, the Main Sanctuary, which seats approximately 100, a small Library room, a storeroom, the Pastor's Office, and a small Sound Control room. The downstairs floor contains six Sunday School rooms. One of these rooms is a computer learning lab, and one room is the Nursery. There are also two restrooms, and a furnace/storeroom. The interior walls upstairs are varnished cedar boards with chamfer edges laid horizontally. The upstairs flooring is maple. Seating is cushioned pews. The downstairs construction is similar to upstairs but the flooring is carpet on concrete. The structure is attractive and in sound condition.

The Church also owns a house that is used as a parsonage for our Pastor's family. It is a two-story structure with all the main living quarters on the ground level floor. The house is of wood frame construction. It's exterior walls are vinyl siding. The roof is metal similar to the Church's and it has fairly new double-pane windows. The interior is mostly painted wallboard. The upper floor consists of a living room, kitchen, dining room, two bedrooms, study, and combination laundry room/recreation room. There is also a outside deck at the back of the house and a one-car carport. Downstairs consists of two rooms

which can be used according to the needs of the resident, and an unfinished basement area for storage. The home may be heated by either a freestanding wood stove or a ducted propane furnace. We are currently in the process of doing repairs to the house interior. This includes painting, replacing several light fixtures, installation of a new kitchen countertop, and new kitchen floor covering. The house is older, as many in Big Creek are, but is sound and provides a good home.

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