



# Southridge Community Church

## Membership Video Series

### Worksheet #2: History of Southridge Community Church



History – where we have come from – helps us to look ahead and focus on where we are going.

Pastor Dwayne sat down with Cal & Marian Friesen and Wayne & Cathy Fisher, to discuss the history of the church, reflecting on the following:

- In April 1976, a weekly Bible study and prayer meeting began. It was held in the home of Mr. Jake Jantzen, with Pastor Art Dyck of Marwayne Alliance Church, giving leadership.
- By August 1976 Pastor Alvin Torhjem was asked by the Canadian Midwest District of the C&MA to come and start the Lloydminster Community Church. Services were first held in the Stockade Building, starting in September 1976.
- By 1977 the group had grown from a small Bible Study to a church of over 200 people. The focus on creative evangelism and discipleship was a distinctive of the group. By the Fall of 1977 the current property was donated and a building committee was formed, looking at relocating to the current property in the Southridge area of the city.
- By the winter of 1978 the church experienced continued growth and needed to move to the Civic Centre Auditorium.
- The Church held “Drive-In Services” on Sunday evenings in the summer of 1978, resulting in more people joining the growing group of believers.
- By May 1979, three years after the initial Bible Study began, the Southridge Community Church held its first services in the current facility located at 5701-41<sup>st</sup> Street.
- Since its inception, Southridge Community Church has been a church focused on creative evangelism and discipleship, reaching the whole community with the whole Gospel.
- Since its began, Southridge has been a church that has lived out the Gospel as a loving and supporting family, serving the community and each other.
- Southridge Community Church has a history of being committed to both its Biblical roots, as well as being open to the work of the Holy Spirit in all of His fulness.

The future of any church depends upon our expectancy and trust in what God will do in our midst. The Fishers and Friesens shared their vision of where they would like to see God work. What are your dreams for Southridge Community Church and your part in what God is doing in this community?

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