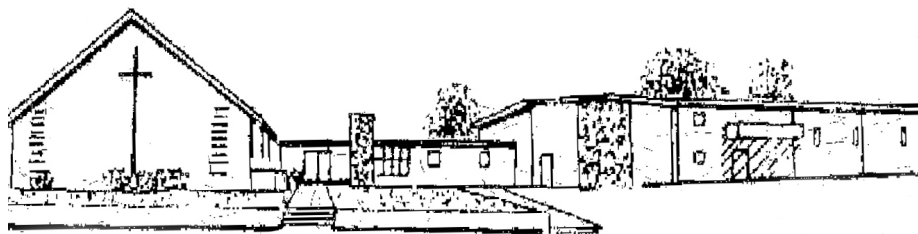




*Celebrating the
Past, Present & Future*

October 12, 2025



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Cimarron, KS 67835
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Our First Church, 1928



Our Church, today



Church History

1925 – the Church was organized

1929 – the new Church building was dedicated

1960 – original building started (current sanctuary)

1961 – the new Church building was dedicated

1966 – new parsonage was dedicated (Little House)

1975 – an educational wing and gym were added to the building

1982 – purchased new parsonage on 911 N 5th Street

1999 – Family Life Center (gym) and kitchen were added, old gym was turned into classrooms

2004 – purchased new youth parsonage on 319 N Main Street

2008 – the stain glass windows were installed in the sanctuary

2008 – Sunday Schools rooms downstairs were remodeled

2009 – upstairs teen area was added. Snack area, game room and sanctuary. Since then, the area has been updated to stay fresh with new paint colors and designs.

2011 – the foyer was added onto for more room

2016 – Children's room downstairs was painted and made kid friendly

2018 – the sanctuary was remodeled

2024 – the Family Life Center (gym) was remodeled

Senior Pastors

- Rev. Harry Cole (Nov 1925 – Dec 1931)
- Rev. Mark Whitney (Dec 1931 – Dec 1934)
- Rev. Charles Dickerman (Sept 1934 – Aug 1935)
- Rev. Vernon Curless (June 1935 – Aug 1936)
- Rev. Guy Dedman (Aug 1936 – Aug 1937)
- Rev. LC Sturdevant (Aug 1937 – Aug 1942)
- Rev. William Howard (Aug 1942 – Aug 1945)
- Rev. AR Bean (Aug 1945 – Jan 1947)
- Rev. Lee Spradlin (Feb 1947 – Aug 1949)
- Rev. Archie Norsworthy (May 1949 – Aug 1952)
- Rev. OA McGuire (Aug 1952 – July 1955)
- Rev. Glen Adams (July 1955 – Oct 1957)
- Rev. Norman Howerton (Nov 1957 – July 1963)
- Rev. Bill Johnson (Aug 1963 – Feb 1965)
- Rev. Harold Jones (March 1965 – June 1969)
- Rev. Duane Yoesel (Aug 1969 – Dec 1975)
- Rev. Tom Mixon (Jan 1976 – Jan 1977)
- Rev. C Ed Murphey (April 1977 – Aug 1984)
- Rev. Garey Miller (Oct 1984 – Oct 1988)
- Rev. (Bill) Rushing (Nov 1988 – May 1990)
- Rev. Kendall Franklin (Oct 1990 – Oct 1995)
- Rev. J Geron Rogers (Dec 1995 – May 1997)
- Rev. Jim C Bond (Aug 1997 – June 2002)
- Rev. Randall Harrell (June 2002 – Sept 2013)
- Rev. Tom Boese (Feb 2014 – Present)

Spanish/Associate/Youth Pastors

Rev. Larry Gann (March 1976 – Jan 1977)
Rev. Benjamin Turner (Dec 1987 – Aug 1988)
Rev. Nathan Burns (May 2000 – Aug 2001)
Rev. Andy Owen
(Summer 1992/May 1994 – December 1994)
Victor Ornales (Sept 2000 - Dec 2004)
Rev. Charky Marquis (August 2001 – March 2003)
Rev. Jordan Flowers (June 2004 – June 2006)
Rev. Scott Powell (June 2009 – June 2010)
Rev. Nathan Jenkins (July 2018 – March 2019)
Rev. Oscar Claro Nava (June 2005 – June 2006)
Rev. Travis Janzen (Aug 2006 – Present)

Summer Interns/Part-Time Pastors

Eric Clarkson
Rev. Michael DeBoef
Ben Wallace
Dr. Jacob Lett
Robyn Fitzgerald Jenkins
Michelle Madden Carden
Michael Feltman

As we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Cimarron Church of the Nazarene, we wish to look back and remember those who have been instrumental in building this congregation.

Rev. Harry D. Cole sold his farming interests at the time of the Armistice of World War I. He became a minister in the United Brethren Church, and came to Cimarron, Kansas to serve as pastor. They were in Cimarron for about three years then moved to Council Grove, Kansas, then to Emporia, Kansas. While in Emporia, Roy Ball was holding a meeting. Rev. Cole felt this was the church he had been looking for; he and his family became charter members when the Nazarene church organized there. Rev. Cole felt that every county seat town needed a Nazarene Church, and he decided to return to Cimarron and held a meeting in "Grandma's Kitchen". Meetings were then held in a building where Carpet for Less is now located. A building south of the railroad was rented sometime later. This building had a space in the back for the Cole's to live. There were four girls and a boy at home while they lived in Cimarron. The Church of the Nazarene in Cimarron was organized by Rev. HS Hester, Pastor of the Church of the Nazarene in Dodge City on Sunday evening, November 15th, 1925. This was a result of the early revival held by Rev. Boon. The first two charter members were Mrs. GN Davis and Rev. HD Cole. During the same service, forty-seven dollars were raised to cover the first month's running expenses. By the end of the year, there were eleven members. The first stewards were George Hole, Ada Hole, Marjorie Cole, and Dorothy Cole. The first trustees were George Hole, Margaret Hole, and Mrs. Harry Cole. It had been on Pastor Cole's heart for some time to build a building of the church. In 1928, two lots of land in block 40 in the city of Cimarron were purchased for the location of the new church. This was one block south and one block east of the railroad station. (300 South 1st) Rev. Cole did much of the work. His youngest daughter recalls how her brother held the lantern at night so her father

and Mr. Weldon could see to pound the nails. The parsonage was at the back of the church building. District Superintendent AF Balsmeier dedicated the new church in 1929. The pastor's daughter, Dorothy, was married in the new parsonage in February 1929 to Frank Schmidt. One daughter, Violet, passed away in 1930. Rev. Cole was killed in a car train accident in December 1931. Mrs. Cole lived until 1972. She sacrificed much with her husband to get the church started at Cimarron. She gave all of her inheritance from her father's estate to help keep the church going. After Rev. Cole's death, even though she had moved from Cimarron, she and the children kept up the building payments during the depression years so the church wouldn't go into receivership.

The next pastor was Rev. Mark Whitney who arrived in December 1931. Rev. Whitney had been living in Garden City and came immediately after Rev. Cole's death. Rev. Whitney had held several revivals in some of the country schoolhouses in rural Gray and Finney Counties. At one of these revivals, salvation was brought to the Howard and Otis Bond families. Otis recalls how Rev. Whitney once had to make an all-night trip to Wichita to pick up a tent which hadn't been delivered so an important tent meeting could go on as scheduled.

Rev. Charles Dickermom was the third pastor and served for seven months.

Rev. VB Curless and his wife were here from 1935 to 1936. Rev. Curless recalls the sacrificial giving and the generosity of the congregation as they shared what they had. In July, the church held a tent meeting with Rev. VH Lewis as evangelist. The tent was across the street from the courthouse where Perfection Auto Works is now located. There were children's meetings during the tent revival, and there were several converts. The Kansas District Assembly was in Dodge City that year, and after Assembly, the Curlesses went to Liberal.

Guy Dedman came as pastor in 1936. He worked

as a painter to help support his family during their year-long stay.

In 1937, the District Superintendent, OJ Finch, asked Rev. LC Sturdevant to take the Cimarron church. For five years they drove every Sunday to Cimarron from Garden City. The first two months they received one dollar each week, but the D.S. stepped in and said they needed two dollars each week. During the revivals, which were two weeks long, the Sturdevants would stay in the parsonage. They kept the little church open and the finances increased so there was money in the treasury when they left which was significant considering there was none when they came. Some families were reached that are still faithful to God's work. In 1942, the Sturdevants left Cimarron to organize the Kalvesta Church of the Nazarene. The Kalvesta Church was 22 miles north of Cimarron and served the rural families of Cimarron, Kalvesta, and Ingalls.

William and Esther Howard came as pastors in September 1942 after graduating from Pasadena Nazarene College. Ester recalls standing at the door of the train that delivered them to Cimarron and the porter asking, "Are you sure you want to do this?" Several women from the church were there to greet them. Rev. Howard was a good personal worker and took special interest in the spiritual growth of his congregation. Every week or so he would call and visit with the people about their spiritual walk. In 1945, the Howards moved to Kansas City to attend Nazarene Theological Seminary.

Rev. AR Bean and family came to Cimarron in August 1945. Mrs. Bean was pleasant and was loved by all. Rev. Bean was a good holiness preacher and stressed holy living. The church purchased "The Glorious Gospel" as their first regular hymnal. One Sunday evening service a month was devoted to singing songs - some new and some old.

The Lee Spradlins came in February 1947 from California. Pastor Spradlin recalls the privilege of pastoring the Merle Brown, Roy Sauer, Ted Patterson, Leslie Stewart,

Kenneth Kruise, Harold Sand, the Eastman, Holmes, Smith, Jones, Morris, and other families. Rev. Spradlin was a good preacher and interested in young people. He taught school in Ingalls while he was here to help support his family. Rev. Spradlin was interested in sports and helped the young people have their first basketball team. Those included on the team were Davis, Olmstead, and the Eastman boys. Mrs. Spradlin took an interest in the girls and young women by helping them cook and serve banquets so they could wear their long dresses. During his stay, the church building was moved over and a basement was dug. The church was moved back over the basement and a new entryway was built.

Rev. and Mrs. Archie Norsworthy came in August 1949. And they worked and prayed to build the church. Ill health sometimes kept them from doing all they would have liked to accomplish. Their interest in the church continued even after they moved.

Rev. OA McGuire and family came in August 1952. They had two boys and two girls. He was a Bible preacher and Mrs. McGuire was a gracious pastor's wife. They worked with the youth and formed a youth choir. Their son Roger began preaching while they were here and their daughter Evelyn was a good pianist. The McGuires were interested in the young people and their spiritual welfare.

Rev. Glenn Adams served the church from July 1955 to October 1957. He was a successful personal pastor and won several people to the Lord in their homes when he visited. Rev. Adams had a special ministry to the older members of the congregation.

Rev. And Mrs. Norman Howerton served our church from November 1957 to July 1963. He was a wonderful pastor and they were deeply loved and respected by the community. He had the ability to turn even a hunting or fishing trip into a profound spiritual experience. He spent time with the men on their farms and at their places of business. They knew he cared about their concerns.

About this time, a revival, held by Rev. Emma Irick, strongly impacted the church. Her powerful preaching led the congregation to bow before the Lord in humility and repentance. This resulted in a renewed vision of God's plan for our ministry in Cimarron. Accordingly, land was purchased and the present sanctuary was built. and dedicated to the Lord on September 24, 1961. The Howertons began our first Caravan program and several other youth activities. When they left Cimarron, Rev. Howerton, his dedicated wife, and three children went to Argentina as missionaries. The Boys' Clubs trips started under his capable leadership and were continued by Dwight Sauer until 1991. Rev. Howerton accompanied them on their final trip. This ministry changed the lives of countless boys.

The Bill Johnson family moved into the old parsonage in August 1963. With seven children, they have been our largest parsonage family. He led the church in building the new parsonage next to the church. Pastor Johnson's loving concern for people, his Bible preaching, and spirit-filled prayers are still remembered by those he ministered to.

Rev. and Mrs. Harold Jones pastored from 1965 to 1969. In 1966, the church celebrated its 40th Anniversary and dedicated the newly completed parsonage. The highlight of his pastorate was seeing new people come to Christ, join the church, and become active in their own ministry. Pastor Jones enjoyed preparing the men's prayer breakfasts and fellowshiping with the men of the congregation. Another love of his life was caring for and maintaining the church property. He reveled in keeping the ground manicured - seeding, fertilizing, watering, mowing, and trimming - for the enjoyment of the body and glory to God.

Rev. and Mrs. Duane Yoesel arrived in Cimarron in August of 1969. On their first Sunday, there were 65 in Sunday School and 68 in the morning worship service. During Rev. Yoesel's pastoral ministry, our building became inadequate for our growing congregation. When Kalvesta

Church of the Nazarene closed in 1975, the members of their congregation joined with us. We voted at that time to enlarge our sanctuary, add an educational wing, and a gymnasium to the existing building. Through Rev. Yoesel's ministry the Holy Spirit brought a real melding of love and unity through the entire body. Music was always a vital part of our worship and outreach. Our people loved to praise God through beautiful music with the talents with which God had blessed them. Our choir, under the direction of Dr. Wayne Brown, presented the new Gaither musical, "Alleluia", for our community and later was asked to sing at the Kansas District Assembly. Choir members will never forget the thrill of that entire experience.

Rev. Tom and Beverly Mixon arrived in January 1976 and during that time our new facility was completed and dedicated on May 16th, 1976 at the 50th anniversary celebration. The church continued to grow during their brief period of ministry. Larry and Trish Gann served the church as our first youth ministers during Rev. Mixons tenure.

Rev. Ed and Evelyn Murphey came in April 1977. He was a strong Bible preacher and emphasized the need for each member to identify his or her spiritual gifts and use them in ministry. Mrs. Murphey was a vital part of the ministry with her engaging laugh, musical talents, and teaching ability. She was also instrumental in developing a much needed singles' ministry in our church and in the surrounding area. Though our church always emphasized missions, Pastor Murphey introduced us to the Faith Promise plan of mission giving and our support for missions grew substantially. Attendance continued to increase and additional Sunday School space was needed. The parsonage basement was renovated for children's classrooms. Soon after, the entire parsonage was needed to accommodate the children's department and became known as "The Little House". At the time the present parsonage, located at 911 North Fifth Street, was purchased.

Rev. Garey and Brenda Miller came in October 1984. The church continued to grow in spirit, love, and unity. Our congregation was challenged to a deeper commitment to holy living through his ministry and example of their Godly lives. Pastor Miller gave personal encouragement through conversation, notes, and cards. Brenda was very active with the children's ministry and did a wonderful job of organizing that department. Ben and Melodie Turner came in 1987 to serve as our youth ministries.

Rev. Bill and Dale Rushing came in November 1988. Bill, Dale, and the children quickly became involved in small town life. Rev. Rushing was a wonderful pastor and teacher. His smile and laughter were contagious despite the fact he was dealing with serious health issues during his time in Cimarron.

Rev. Kendall and Denise Franklin arrived in October 1990. Youthful vitality, enthusiasm, and an exceptional love for people characterized their ministry. Their loving spirit enabled them to minister to every age group in both church and community. During their ministry the congregation increased so much, double services were a necessity for Sunday mornings. To enable families to participate in Wednesday night activities, Eat & Retreat meals began being served at church. The meal provided a wonderful time of fellowship and met a real need in our busy lives. This ministry has been faithfully ongoing by many dedicated and wonderful ladies. In order to meet the needs of a growing youth group, Andy Owen joined our staff as youth minister and served as worship leader for the early Sunday morning service.

Rev. J Geron Rogers and his wife Michelle arrived in December 1995. The Lord blessed him with a tremendous gift and eloquence in presenting the spiritual Truths of God's Word.

With the arrival of Rev. Jim and Donna Bond in August 1997, God continued to bless our church. Jim and Donna brought a wonderful spirit of love and nurturing to our

congregation. God has blessed them with the ability to value people and love them to the Lord. The Wednesday night Caravan program resumed under the leadership of Donna. Once again it seemed necessary to build so we could adequately serve our growing congregation. In 1999 a 60 x 100 foot Family Life Center was added and the old gymnasium was "double-decked" making classroom space for children, youth and adults. This building project was a glorious time in our church as God inspired and enabled both men and women to use their abilities to do much of the work saving thousands of dollars. The "Little House" was then removed and the grounds landscaped and the parking lot expanded. Nate and Kari Burns were hired as our youth ministers in May 2000. In September of 2000 the Church Board voted unanimously to begin a Spanish Church and shortly after hired Victor Ornales as our bi-vocational Spanish pastor. Charky Marquez and his wife Shelia became our full time youth pastors in 2001 until 2003.

Rev. Randall Harrell and his wife Amber arrived in June 2002 with their two children Ashley and Chance. Pastor Randy was a man of prayer spending a lot of time praying over members of his congregation. Pastor Randy knew everyone's name and all of their families. He was active in the community volunteering his time at school and in other ways. During this time, our foyer was expanded and remodeled to allow for more space. We purchased a youth parsonage from Mrs. Phyllis Soliday in 2004. Jordan and Chrissy Flowers became our youth pastors in June 2004 until May 2006. Pastor Oscar Clara was our Spanish congregation pastor in 2006. In December of 2008, our new stain glassed windows were installed. These were hand made by Marc Woofter. Scott Powell was our Worship and Family pastor in 2009.

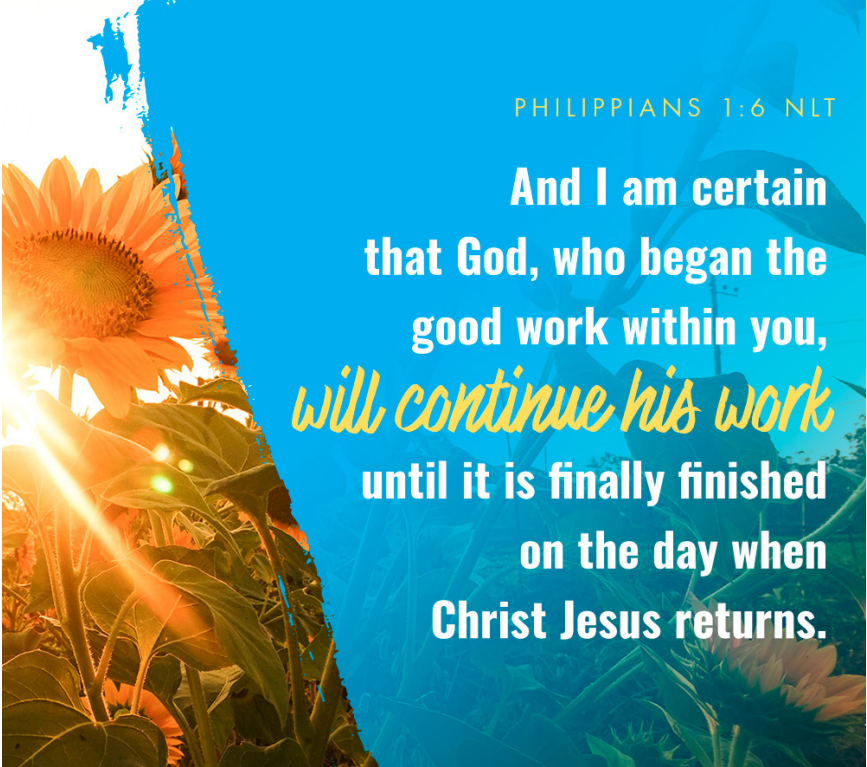
Rev. Tom (aka Larry Latrine) and Donna Boese became our 25th pastor in February 2014 and brought with him a new vision and excitement. Before their arrival the Senior Pastor parsonage was extensively remodeled.

Pastor Tom has been involved with Bless Cimarron, Men's Cornhole, and Resonate. He strives to make as many hospital and nursing home visits to those from our congregation as possible. Pastor Tom spends a great deal of time reading and studying God's Word and preparing to present the Gospel to us. He has made a concerted effort to have personal spiritual growth. He has been heavily involved with the Kansas District and regional representative for USA/Canada on several leadership committees. Perhaps Pastor Tom's favorite hobby is woodworking and carving. He has hand made a cross for every baby that he has dedicated, many made from wood from the old sanctuary stage and a few pews.

Pastor Travis and Charlene Janzen arrived in 2006 bringing their two small sons Coby and Luke to our congregation. Pastor Travis brought the vision to reach out and grow the youth of the community with the expansion of the youth area in 2009. Many updates and murals have been added to keep the rooms fresh and inviting. Pastor Travis started a youth Worship Team including the teaching of music, instruments and working with each student individually which continues today. Pastor Travis has traveled many miles with our students throughout the years keeping and growing relationships. His main objective is to make sure that our students hear the Word and are given an opportunity to grow in their faith. He has been and continues to be very active in the school district. Pastor Travis takes a pizza to a Wednesday night winning student every week and interacts with many junior and senior high students.

In 2017, Pastor Travis added Administrative Pastor to his resume. With this additional title, he took on several new tasks throughout the church including master of all things mechanical and techy. He was instrumental in the sanctuary remodel in 2018 and the Family Life Center 2024. His input has been invaluable in so many areas. We are blessed to have him here.

Our current pastoral staff of Pastor Tom and Pastor Travis have continued to cast the vision of our congregation. Spirit Filled, People of Prayer, Making Disciples is our Mission Statement, and we continue to strive in that mission. As we continue into the next century of ministry to southwest Kansas and beyond, may we with the help of our current and future leadership, be dedicated and committed godly people by being obedient to the call of God in our lives. We anticipate the future, knowing that God still has great things in store for us. To God be all the glory!



PHILIPPIANS 1:6 NLT

**And I am certain
that God, who began the
good work within you,
will continue his work
until it is finally finished
on the day when
Christ Jesus returns.**