

A Brief History of the Emmett Seventh-day Adventist Church

As early as 1906 Idaho Adventists were working the Emmett valley for God. In 1908 tent meetings were held in Emmett and a small group of Adventist began to meet regularly.

The group worshiped in a few rented locations and in 1921 the organization of the Emmett Church was completed with a charter membership of fourteen people.

1922 two lots were purchased to build a church at what is now 211 Lincoln Avenue. Members cut timber in the nearby mountains and milled the lumber to build the two room church. Worship services were held in this building for 20 years.

An old grocery store/gas station was purchased in 1943 on Washington Avenue and remodeled. 1969 brought another change; The Washington Avenue church was sold and 1.25 acres purchased for \$2,500 on Highway 16. The congregation rented the Methodist church while building their new church.

Once again the members did a large part of the work on the new church. Hundreds of loads of sand were donated by the local sand company. The sand was hauled by members to raise the lot to a level ready for building. The rock came from an Indiana quarry and was hauled from Indiana by a member for only the cost. The church pastor did the rock work.

The members began meeting in the east Sabbath School room in 1972. On December 1, 1973, the Emmett Church was dedicated. Two Charter members, Alanthus and Fanny Moore, took part in the dedication service.

In 1979 and 1980, we added the fellowship hall at the back of the church. Through the years we have been active with Evangelism, Vacation Bible School, holiday food boxes, Adventurer and Pathfinder youth clubs. Many Emmett residents have benefitted from the Food Bank where we provide boxes of food for over 130 people every month.