

North American Baptist Heritage Commission
Church Histories



Current building – dedicated 1989

Grace Baptist, Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Twenty-one German immigrants! That's the number of people who founded the Grace Baptist Church on June 30, 1912! These members of the church community spoke German and called themselves the "Deutsche Baptisten Gemeinde". What a heritage they have left: their pioneering spirit lives on in the fact that their church is the mother – or grandmother? – church of all North American Baptist Churches in the city of Calgary: a total of 9.

The original name was changed in 1941 to Riverside Baptist and later to Bridgeland Baptist, followed by the current name Grace Baptist. The church has been through five building projects and relocations in its history: The first was a small building located on Marsh Road NE. In 1940 a second building was established on 8th St. NE and a third in 1952 on the same site. In 1975 Grace Baptist relocated and a fourth building was established on Maryvale Drive NE with a seating capacity of about 450 people. The church community grew with the facilities quickly becoming inadequate.

Presently the facility located at 2670 Radcliffe Drive SE overlooks the city's core on Memorial Drive, and other conference rooms and classrooms have been added, helping create an environment with the hope of inspiring its members to love and live like Jesus in their building, community, and in the world!

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First church building on Marsh Road



3rd building in 1952 on 8th street