Emmanuel Baptist Church began as a mission sponsored by Humboldt's First Baptist Church

Emmanuel Baptist Church was organized on May 3, 1953 after beginning as a mission sponsored by First Baptist Church, Humboldt.

The group rented a small frame building at the corner of Vine Street and 22nd Avenue for \$50 a month. An upstairs room was used as the Sunday School room for children. The pastor, Teddy Pope, was paid a salary of \$150 a month.

Thirty-five people were present on June 1, 1951, when the mission program started; many gifts of chairs, heaters, pianos, songbooks and donated labor helped to get the mission on its feet.

Early in 1953, a petition was presented to First Baptist Church asking permission to organize a church. Property owned by the Church of God at the corner of Ferrell Street and 21st Avenue was bought for a sum of \$15,000. The purchase consisted of a church building and a house next door.

Ninety-eight charter members were

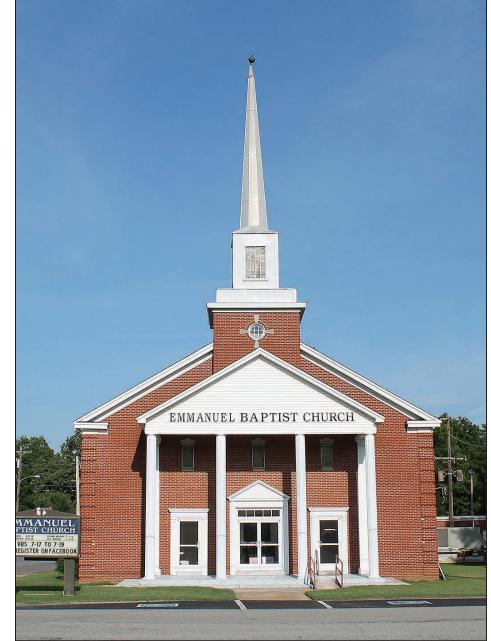
received during the organization service on May 3, 1953. Prayerfully the name, Emmanuel, was chosen from Matthew 1:23. This means "God with us."

The church has grown from the first building that was located where the parking lot is today to the facilities at 22nd and Ferrell Street. The first floor of the educational building was begun in March 1960. The sanctuary was dedicated on November 5, 1961 while the newer part of the educational building was dedicated on October 8, 1972.

Bill Brown served as pastor until pastor, Bro Jake Fry became leader of the church congregation. The minister of music is Mark Stanley with Heather Ray serving as children's minister.

God has indeed been with the ministry of Emmanuel Baptist Church. There is a sweet spirit among the membership which now totals 417.

Visitors are extended a warm welcome to any of the services.



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