



The Faithfulness of God

Celebrating 84yrs Of God Using OBC For The Kingdom!

A Wonderful Heritage

- **1933 – J.A.B. Adams prayed for a church in Osoyoos while working a field**
- **1935 – 3 Families banded together to form a Christian Fellowship**
- **1936 – The NAB purchased 2 lots for the church. These lots were the very spot where Mr. Adams had prayed for a church to be formed.**
- **1937-38 They built the first religious building to be built in Osoyoos. Osoyoos Baptist was staking a claim for Jesus in the enemy's territory**





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When the church looked for help between 1940 and 1960 they were told they needed a better building and a fulltime pastor.

- Oroville Baptist was a big help in these years
- Early 60's people moving from the prairies.
- Jan. 1960 the decision was made to change to English.
- March 1960 was official church recognition.
- In 1968, J.A.B. Adams came to pastor this church for 3.5 years

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- In December 1973, the old building was sold and a parcel of land on the corner of 87th St. and 92nd Ave. was purchased.
- Construction began in '74 and the first service was held in the new building Feb. 2, 1975. A service of dedication was held April 20th, '75.
- From 1975 – 2003 God provided good pastoral and congregational leadership, and significant ministry happened in the community.



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- In January of 2005 we began praying for God to show us where He was at work and how we could join Him in what He was doing.**
- In March we assumed responsibility for South Okanagan Transit**
- In April administrative oversight to MOW**
- In April of 2006 we approached to co-sponsor the Nyarzas**
- In May we made Osoyoos Food Bank a ministry of the church**

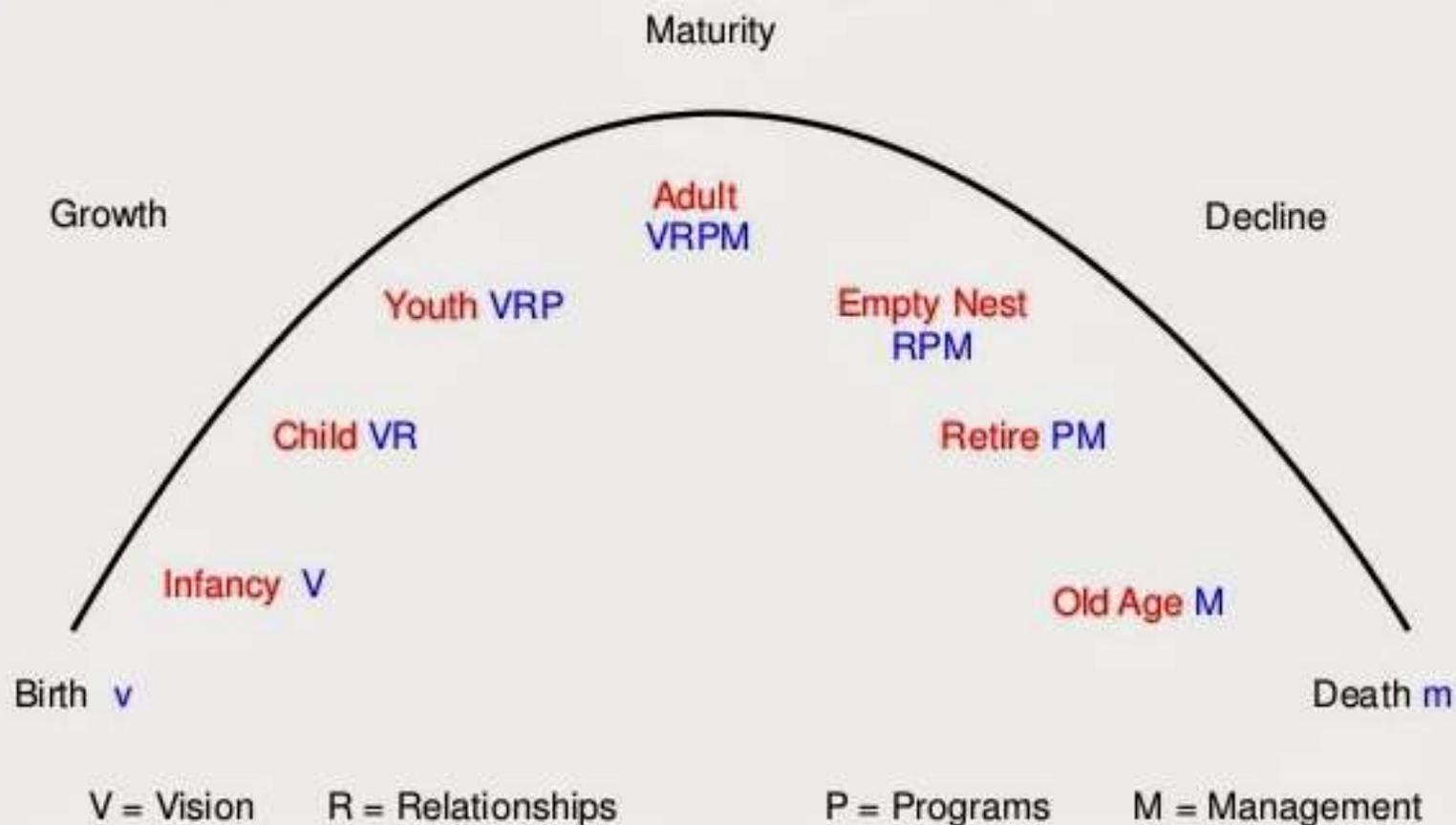
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- ▶ **June 06 we had the church meeting to decide whether or not to sponsor the Nyarzas.**
- ▶ **In preparing for that meeting I felt I should bring some Bible texts to show we should do this.**
- ▶ **The volume of scripture that showed the heart of compassion God has toward the poor, orphans, widows and foreigners blew me away.**
- ▶ **That meeting became a tipping point for me and the church.**
- ▶ **It passed with a 65% majority.**

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That fall we had a meeting of self examination of where we were as a church, it was not good.

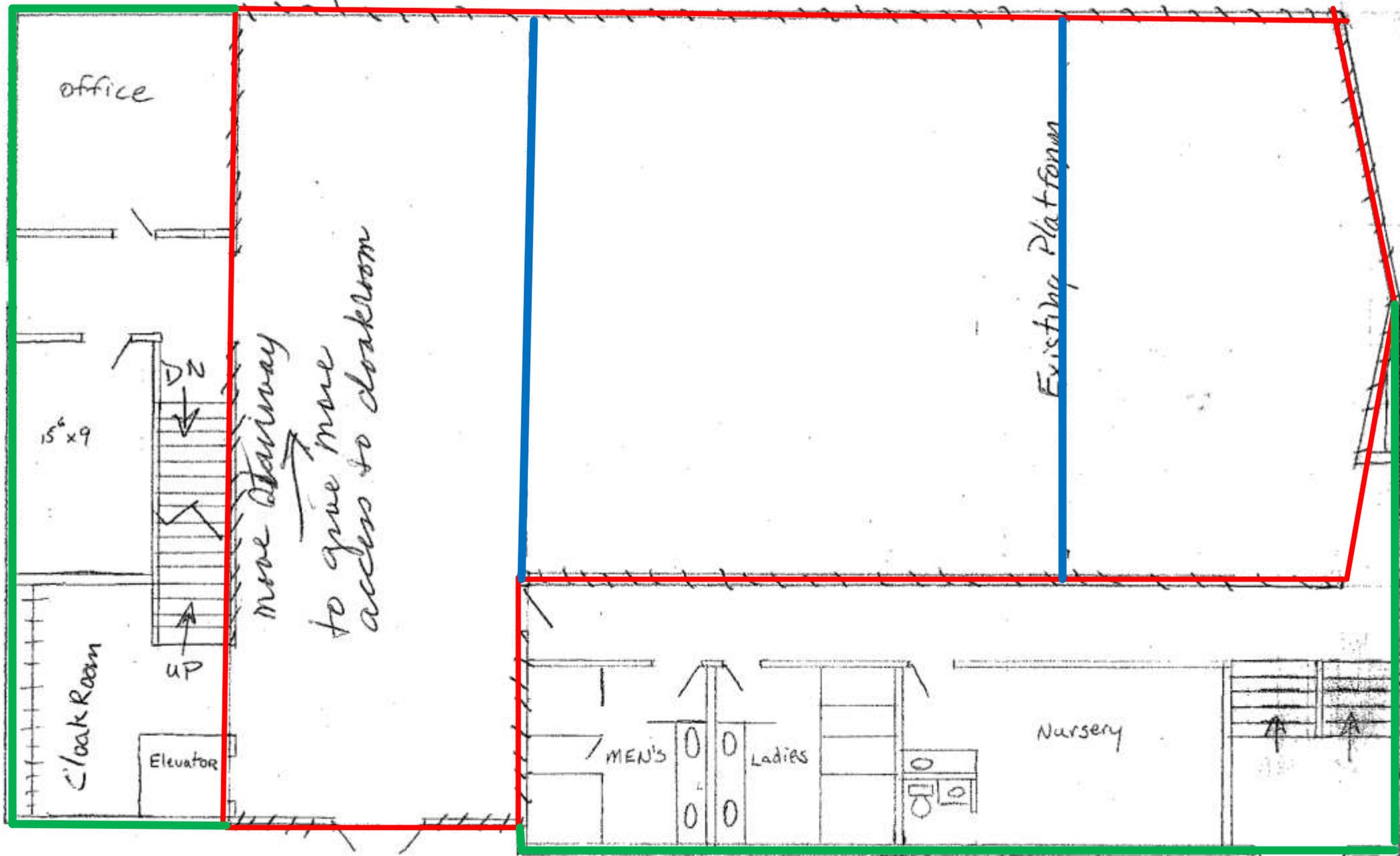
Life Cycle in a Congregation



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- ▶ **June 08 We had come to the conclusion we had to expand staff and the building.**
- ▶ **Church unanimously voted to hire Youth worker from within and to explore the cost of an addition on the building.**
- ▶ **Oct. 08 the church unanimously voted to keep Delight on and to proceed with a \$500,000 expansion of the building as phase 1.**
- ▶ **Phase 2 purchase land, \$300,000 and Phase 3 a second expansion of \$500,000 = \$1.3 million**





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- ▶ We hired an architect to do the “as is” drawing
- ▶ 1 month later, just as those drawings were being completed, Bernie called and said, “I think we need to call the Elks.”
- ▶ Dec.8/08 a committee of 4 from our church met with the Elks Club and in 30 min had a deal
- ▶ Our building and \$50,000 down with the Elks carrying \$250,000 mortgage for 5yrs at 5%
- ▶ We could be in for \$50,000 down and \$1400/mth

Facility	OBC	Elks
Year Built	1975	1975
Square Feet	6272	14,400
Seating Capacity	200	400+
Land	.6 acre	3.84 acres
Walls	2x4	2x6
Kitchens	1 Warming	2 Commercial
Handicap Access	Upper Level	Both Levels
Offices	2	1 small
Building Project Costs	\$500,000	\$350,000
Visibility	Hidden	Highway

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➤ The vote was called for Dec.21.

- A decision was made to allow advance ballots**
- Vote to allow advance ballots had one negative vote, and the person spoke up to say they were not opposed to the advance poll but on the principle the constitution didn't say yes**
- When the vote was counted, it was unanimous**
- The church family exploded with joy!**
- Possession was March 1st.**

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- The Pastor's report that year spoke of how God had done special things
- In that Final Service in Building 2, March 1 we committed that we will continue to Remember our Past and look to our Lord and our future in Him.

**Then we let the Cross lead us to our
new Church Home**



A group of people, including men, women, and children, are gathered in front of a brick and stucco building. Two women in the foreground are holding a white banner with blue and red text. The building has a prominent entrance with a glass door and a small porch. A dark car is parked on the right side of the building. The sky is overcast.

**OSOYOOS
BAPTIST CHURCH**
ON THE MOVE!





Baptists march to new home at Elks Hall



ABOVE: March 1st marked a historic day for the Osoyoos Baptist Church as its members left the 92nd Avenue facility where they have held services for 34 years. They formed a procession through Osoyoos to their new location which was formerly the Elks Hall on Hwy. 97. **RIGHT:** The Elks, who made a deal in December to switch buildings with the Baptists, welcomed them to the facility, and after the groups shared cake and coffee, the Elks presented the Baptist congregation with a symbolic key to the hall.

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▶ That day the Elks Club met us, gave us “The Key” and we hosted them to Coffee and Cake



GIVING
GOD
ROOM





In that First Service in Building 3, March 8 we committed that we will continue to preach:

The Cross
Christ Crucified
Risen
Coming Again

- ➡ **Then we dedicated ourselves and this building to God. Will you join us in Rededicating ourselves and this building to God**



The evening after the first service we held a church dedication service, where we prayed for spiritual cleansing and direction.

- **One of the phrases in that prayer struck me.**
- **Show us ways that we can use this building to meet the needs of people within this community and the larger world**
- **Shortly, Mountain Park brought the picker dinners to OBC**
- **Will you join us in Rededicating ourselves and this building to God**