



The History of Cedar Run Community Church

On September 18, 1988 Tyson's Community Church (TCC) held its first service at the Tyson's Corner Marriott with approximately 60 people in attendance. Our founding pastor, Walt Tomme, felt led by the Lord to reach people who were outside the influence of a local church, and he wanted to create an environment where they could feel comfortable seeking answers to their questions about God. The contemporary service was led by a worship team and featured a short drama that highlighted the sermon topic. TCC had a small group Bible Study ministry for adults and began to develop children's and youth programs. TCC was blessed to have talented children's ministry and youth leaders. People came to Christ through Sunday Services, special plays at Easter and neighborhood dinners hosted by church attendees. In 1990 the church relocated to Joyce Kilmer Intermediate School near Tyson's Corner and continued to meet there for almost ten years. During this time, Walt felt led to step out of his pastorate role and pursue other ministry efforts.

In 1992, Walt invited David Morris and his family to come to TCC to lead the small group ministry, and in May of 1994, David was called to become the pastor. He was ordained by the church on September 18, 1994. Under David's leadership, the church began to follow God's call to reach those not only locally, but also internationally, as we supported our first Global Partners in Africa, Indonesia, and other countries. Soon after David became pastor, the church under God's direction, felt we should move to the western part of Fairfax County where more of our families were living. In 1996, TCC relocated again to Waples Mill Elementary School.

While God was working at TCC, he was also working in another newer congregation called Cedar Run Community Church which was meeting at Poplar Tree Elementary School in Chantilly, Virginia. Their pastor, John Cox, had recently resigned as pastor to attend Harvard Business School. David learned of this through some of the leaders at John Cox's church and began talking with them about the two churches joining together. After much prayer and leadership meetings, God joined the two churches and the new "combined" church adopted the name of Cedar Run Community Church. God's plan was at work from the beginning as he blended the two congregations to form an expanded worship team, a growing youth ministry, a vibrant children's ministry and many other ministries.

Glen and Angela Urquhart and their family, who had been attending Tysons Community Church, owned a parcel of land at the corner of McLearen and Centreville Roads. Glen and his family generously donated this land to the church, so it could have a permanent building to have its ministry. The land remained undeveloped for a number of years until the Lord faithfully provided the funds to build. In 2005 David felt God leading him to challenge those attending Cedar Run to build or give up the property. The 100 families who attended the church stepped out in faith to donate and raise the money that would be needed to build. God miraculously provided twice as much as the initial challenge - \$2M instead of the initial \$1M which allowed the church to add a second story to more easily accommodate a growing congregation. The church broke ground in December 2006, and the building was completed and dedicated in November 2007.

God continues to bring new people to the Cedar Run church family. As the congregation has grown, our staff has expanded to meet the needs of the adults, youth and children. Additionally, Cedar Run has increased the number of our Global Partners to reach people all over the globe. Several of our Global Partners have come from our church body to minister both in the U.S. and internationally. The church annually supports several mission trips to countries overseas. God has blessed Cedar Run over the years, and the church is excited about the future as we continue to faithfully serve Him.