## Our History

Eph. 4:15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into Him who is the Head, that is Christ.

Easton Baptist Church began in 1971 when five families attending Trinity Baptist Church in Brockton felt led to begin a new work in Easton, a neighboring town. Easton was contiguous to Brockton and while these folks were well served by the ministry at Trinity they felt called by the Lord to create an evangelical fellowship in their town which could become the focal point for their growing families as well as provide a location from which they could minister to neighbors and friends.

Over the past three decades God has truly blessed this ministry. He has provided us with a succession of pastors of exceptional gifts and abilities who have provided the church with wisdom and leadership. Each has been different, yet the Lord, in His loving providence, has allowed each to bring the church through different phases of its corporate life steadfast in the desire to love one another and minister to the world around it, both near and far.

In the late 70's the church built a modern facility in the underdeveloped central part of town. Since then, an additional multipurpose building was added to the property which has, at times, been used as a residence for the Youth Pastor, Sunday School rooms and Youth building. The property has land which is currently used for children and youth activities.

In the intervening years since the construction of the church, the town of Easton has seen explosive growth with the immediate neighborhood being a focus of this growth. One fact that has caused concern for leadership is that the church has been unable to appeal more strongly to the young families which have bought into these homes. However, Easton Baptist has always had the vision of reaching beyond its walls to those beyond the boundaries of the town. Current membership and attendance is from over half dozen surrounding towns as well as Easton proper.

Additionally, from its inception, the church has evidenced a passion for missions that has remained a vital characteristic of this church through the years. Easton Baptist has consistently given sacrificially, both of resources and its people, to the furtherance of the Kingdom both here and abroad.

In keeping with the church's family emphasis, youth and children's ministries have always had a central place at Easton Baptist. The Lord, once again, has always provided dedicated, capable and loving leadership that has maintained our desired excellence in these programs. Through the years, this ministry has provided opportunities for many to come to the Lord as well as providing and entry point to the greater church fellowship for families.

Through the years and into the present there have been other ministries undertaken by the church which have allowed it to be a presence in the community. Some served their purpose for a season and ended, and some continue today, such as a vibrant women's Bible study and a committed prayer chain that has become known and utilized far beyond the local community.

One of the most distinctive characteristics of Easton Baptist through the years is the sense of family. This is a church where people come and are loved; where they find a place to belong, a place where individuals and families experience what it is to be a part of the family of God.