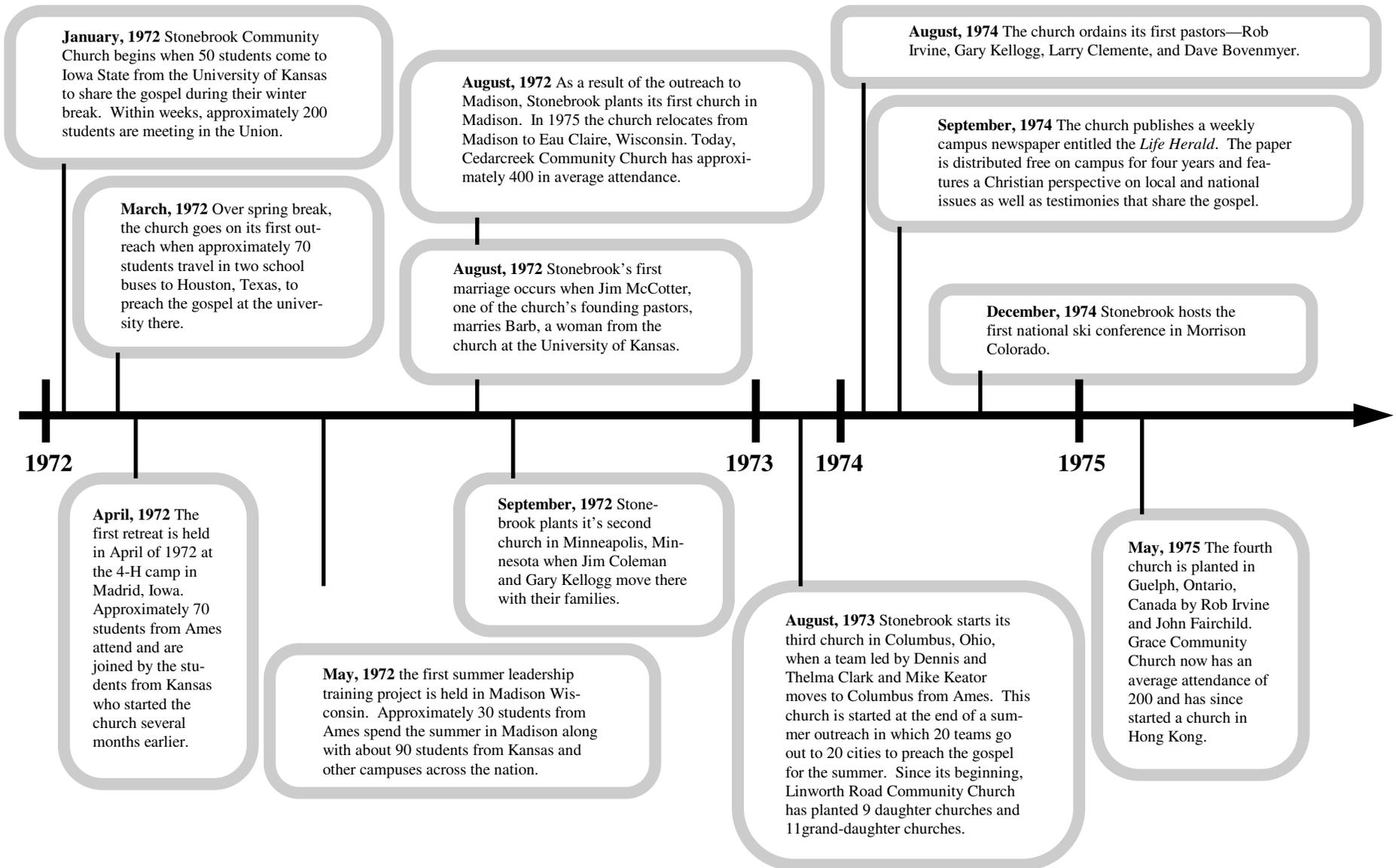


HISTORY OF STONEBROOK COMMUNITY CHURCH



September, 1976 *The Student*, a national, weekly student newspaper is started by the church leadership. The paper is published for four years and includes articles analyzing current events from a Biblical perspective, articles describing how Christ has changed the lives of individuals, and articles defending the Christian faith. The paper's name is later changed to *Today's Student* and eventually reaches a circulation of five hundred thousand on over one hundred campuses.

May, 1978 During the summer of 1978, Stonebrook sends out teams to all 99 counties in Iowa to distribute *People to People*, a specially prepared gospel newspaper. Many people come to Christ, including our very own Elaine Roys who gives her life to Christ while listening to a gospel presentation on her front porch.

April, 1980 Stonebrook moves its meeting location from the Memorial Union to the University Inn on South Duff Avenue. During the next few years, the church meets in various locations, including the Scheman building.

May, 1984 Stonebrook starts its eighth church in Des Moines, when approximately ten families move to Des Moines. In 1985, Tim Rude and his family move to Des Moines to pastor the new church. Today, Walnut Creek Community Church has an average attendance of 1,000 people.

September, 1984 Stonebrook leases space at 715 South Duff Avenue. The location is not ideal. The building is hard for visitors to locate and sits between two businesses that almost look like junk yards. But church members remodel the inside to be attractive and the church has a place to call home and continues to grow.

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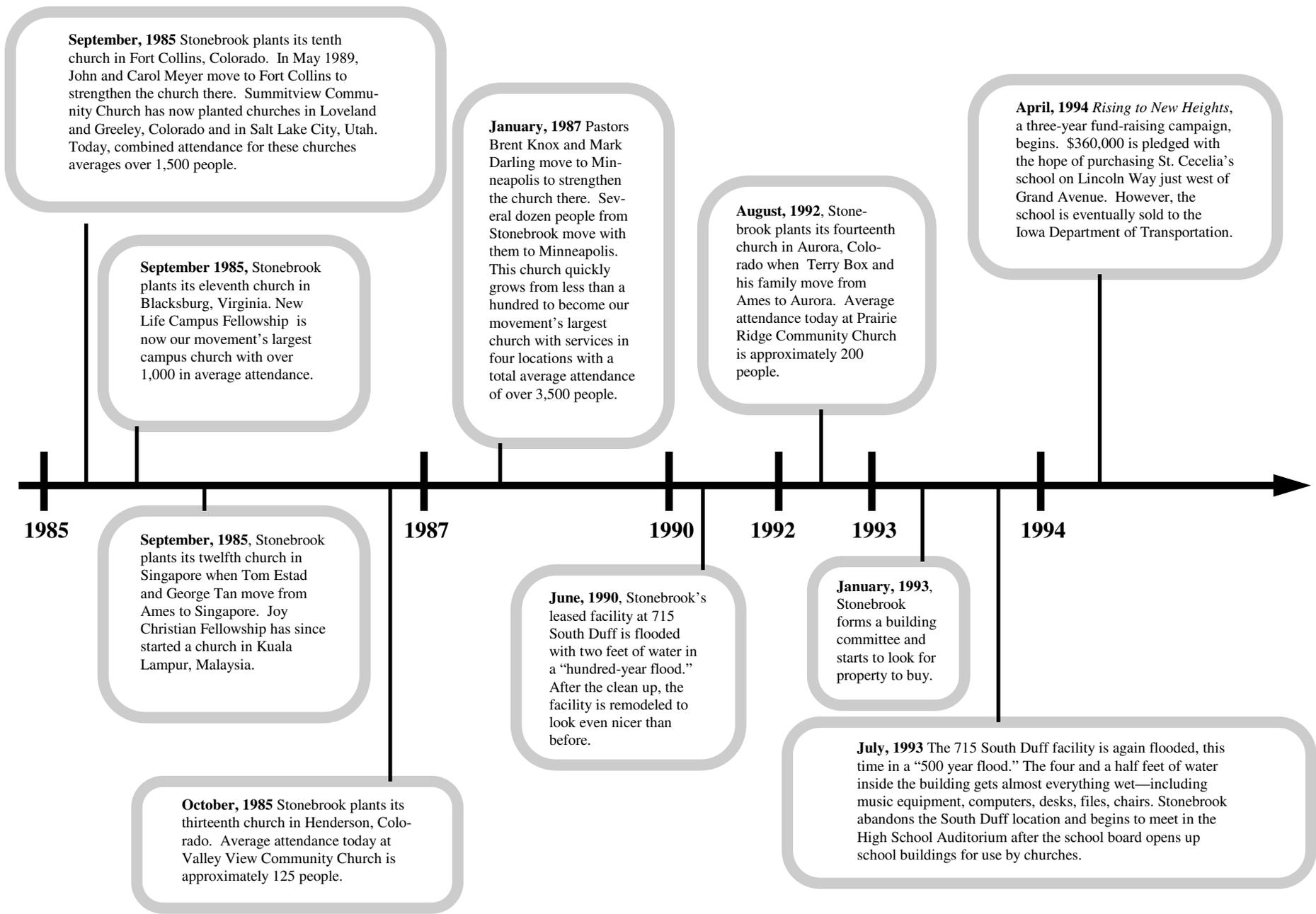
September, 1977 During the summer of 1977, Stonebrook sends out over 200 people on twenty teams to preach the gospel on campuses across the country. One of these campuses is Michigan State University, where Stonebrook plants its fifth church. Dave, Dawn and Daniel Bovenmyer move with a team of others to East Lansing to help start this church. Riverview Church goes on to start five other churches with a combined total attendance of over 1,000.

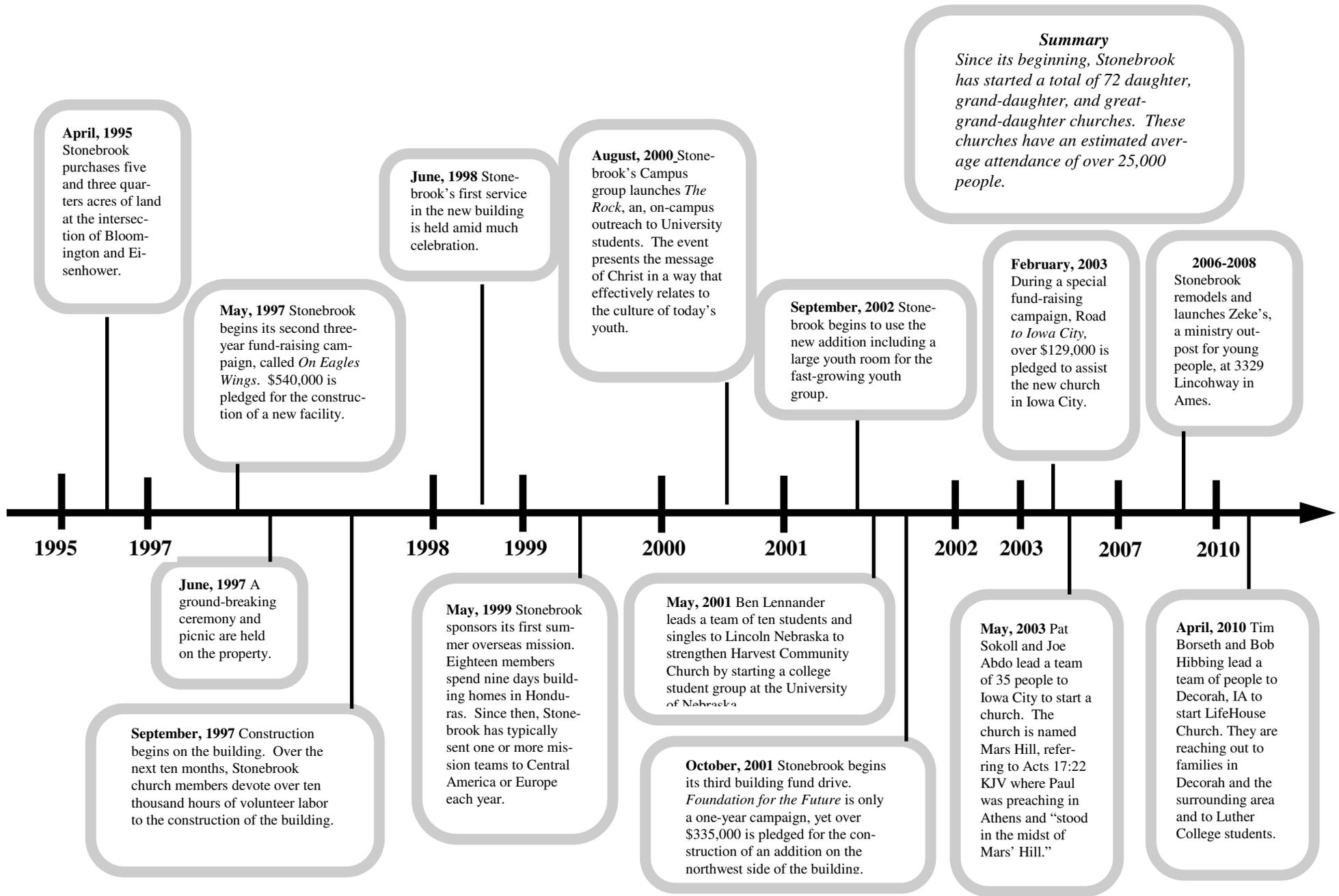
May 1979, Stonebrook's sixth church is started in Gainesville, Florida by Rick Whitney and Sam Lopez. Later, Gary Osborn moves to Gainesville to help pastor the church there and in 1985, Gary moves to Tampa, Florida to plant a church there. Today the Gainesville and Tampa churches have an average combined attendance of about 300 people.

November, 1979 Stonebrook plants its seventh church in San Clemente, California when Craig Coria, Jim McCotter and other leaders move there with a team of church members. Later, the church moves to San Diego, and today Mountain View Community Church has an average attendance of about 100.

June, 1981 the church leases space on the east end of 5th Street in downtown Ames, but fairly quickly Stonebrook outgrows the facility.

November, 1984 Stonebrook plants its ninth church in Iowa City when Duane and Jolene Laugerman and a team of church members move there. In 1994, this church relocates to Cedar Rapids. Today the church has an average attendance of 200 people.





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