

A Brief History of Calvary Baptist Church, Emporia, Virginia

Calvary Baptist Church began as a mission Sunday School in North Emporia..
The mission became Park Avenue Baptist on December 2, 1906.

Ground was broken on June 29, 1927 for the original church building. At the initial service on June 3, 1928, the name of the church was changed to Calvary Baptist.

Main Street Baptist and Calvary shared a pastor until September 1, 1947.

Ground was broken for a new sanctuary in front of the original building in 1951. The first service in the new building was on April 5, 1953. The original building became an educational building holding the social hall, library and choir rooms.

A new educational building was dedicated in 1962.

A fire on July 19, 2014 destroyed the original building. The first service after the fire was held outdoors at Veterans Memorial Park, on July 20. The Sanctuary suffered smoke damage but was restored enough in time to hold a Christmas Eve service.

Groundbreaking was held for the new education building on August 26, 2015. The new building, including classrooms, a kitchen and social hall, was dedicated June 5, 2016.