

EBCG Celebrates 50 Years



The birth of EBCG

The groundwork for EBCG's Jubilee was set in 1970. Several English-speaking families and young adults in Geneva began to feel the need for English-language services, so they met in homes for Bible study and prayed for guidance. The pastor of the French Baptist Church of Geneva (FBC), who had been praying for 20 years that something might be done for Geneva's English-speaking population, was happy to encourage a collaboration between the FBC and Pastor Derek Adamsbaum, EBCG's first pastor.

An English-language work was created, adopting the title of Evangelical Baptist Church of Geneva (EBCG). The FBC agreed that the budding church could use their premises at 1 rue Etienne Dumont following their own services.



rue Etienne Dumont, Geneva

The first English-language service, with 35 people present, was held on Sunday 6 September 1970. And so, the EBCG began.



Chapelle de l'Oratoire at 7 rue Tabazan

The rapidly expanding group soon outgrew the space at 1 Etienne Dumont, and in June 1974 moved to the Chapelle de l'Oratoire at 7 rue Tabazan.

Pastor Adamsbaum and his wife Beryl led the congregation until he retired in 2002 after 32 years of faithful service. Derek Frank served as pastor until retirement in 2013 after 11 years of devoted ministry.

In 2013 Sam Fiore - long-time member of the EBCG – was called as pastor and continues to shepherd the congregation today.



Michelle and Sam Fiore

We will launch our year-long Jubilee Year festivities on **Sunday, 27 September 2020** with an all-age celebratory Service. More festivities are planned throughout the year

We celebrate this milestone with gratitude for the marvellous deeds the Lord has done, and with anticipation of the wonders He will yet perform.

Glory to God!

"To him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."

Ephesians 3:21

Why do we celebrate?

Celebrations give people a reason to pause during their story to unite, focus and rejoice – and the EBCG's Jubilee year does just that. Former members and current "EBCGers" join to reflect on the works the Lord has done among us, to recognize the EBCG's role in the community, and to set the stage for the next 50 years.



EBCG Service

Even as we consider the individuals the church has touched; we also celebrate the impact the Lord is accomplishing in surrounding communities.



Westlake Church, Nyon

The EBCG has given birth to two "daughter" churches – Westlake Church Nyon and the Chinese Bible Church, Geneva.

Supporting missions

We have faithfully supported over 30 mission organizations in prayer, financially and in person – groups such as Project Nepal, Pactec, Youth for Christ Lebanon, Salaam Alaikum, and Zimkids to name just a few. The EBCG has also provided a catalyst for increasing unity among churches of different denominations in the city itself. And the ripples continue to expand.

Hopes & Aspirations

Rejoicing over the past is only a part of the celebration – anniversaries also look to the future. In this Jubilee year and beyond we desire to see God continuing work in and through the EBCG. The possibilities are numerous: expanding numbers, growing unity, a building to call home, increased impact on the community, revival in the city, unexpected blessings. Who can imagine what the Lord will do?

In all of this, our hearts and our longing remain focused on the central goal for our Jubilee celebration: to recognize all that the Lord has accomplished, and to praise and honour His name in this generation and beyond. Glory to God!



Temple de Carouge

Get involved!

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-  50thanniversary.ebcg@gmail.com
-  [Evangelical Baptist Church Geneva](https://www.facebook.com/EvangelicalBaptistChurchGeneva)
- Spread the news and volunteer to be a part of the celebration year.
- A special request—do join us in committing this special occasion to prayer.

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Gatherings

Morning Gathering
Starts at 11:45 am
13 Place du Temple
Carouge

Evening Gathering
Starts at 6:00 pm
7 Rue Tabazan
Old Town