



Church of the Nazarene

For many years the settlers on the plateau had to travel to Sumner or to Buckley to attend church services. When Oscar "Doc" Bowen arrived with his family from Colorado, he saw the need for a church to be located nearby. Oscar and his wife Goldia held church services in their newly constructed home, and when the congregation outgrew that space, they built a brush arbor in the adjacent woods for their services.

In 1935 Oscar Bowen donated the land and much of the material which was supposed to have been used to complete the Bowen home and used it, instead, to help build a much needed church.

Originally located across Meyers Road from the present church, the Church of the Nazarene on Elhi Hill was officially organized by Superintendent E.E. Martin on May 30, 1936, with Warren L. Tanner as the first pastor. Other early congregation members were the Meyers, Wedgewood, Filkens, and Bushness families.



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