

A Little Sanctuary
in the Woods of Cross Plains

50th Anniversary

July 28, 1958 – July 28, 2008

Memory Book by Fern Ramsey

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- snapshots taken by Pastor Bob of members and places of special interest in and around the sanctuary
- the Church Newsletter edited by Susan Korzynowski
- Receipts from Treasurer, Sue Reynolds for occasional memory gifts

All of these made me feel a part of the Cross Plains church even though I now sit in a Beltsville church pew.

And I am so thankful for all the happy memories I have of the 250 members whose names have been on our record book sometime during the last half century.

Special thanks to Ellen Ramsey Eldridge who was a toddler in the early days, for typing the history and helping arrange the pictures.

Preparing this book has brought joy and happy memories to me and I hope it does for each of you as well.

DEDICATION

This Book of Memories is lovingly dedicated to each one who has been a part of our Little Sanctuary some time in the last half century.

To the 19 charter members and their 22 charter children who followed step-by-step the leading of the Lord in the early days of the Little Sanctuary.

To all those who have since joined by baptism or transfer and have shared special talents that have done so much for the growth of the Little Sanctuary.

To all the children who have been in my Sabbath School class and Vacation Bible School, but are now grown and working somewhere in the Lord's vineyard.

We must not forget those who had a large part in the early organization, planning and building but are now asleep in Jesus waiting for Him to call them on resurrection morning. With what joy they will see the results of their dream of a Little Sanctuary in the woods of Cross Plains.

Let us all be present when we meet under the Tree of Life in Heaven, for a joyous homecoming with Jesus as our Special Guest.

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PROLOGUE (Preface or introduction to the work)

1958 – A special year for Cross Plains

- D. D. Eisenhower, President of the United States
- R. R. Figure, President of the General Conference
- W. B. Oaks, President of the North American Division
- D. R. Reece, President of the Southern Union
- E. L. Marley, President of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference
- The first commercial jet passenger service flew between New York and London
- Sputnik became the first satellite to circle the earth
- The first voice message was broadcast from space
- The first Seventh-day Adventist church was organized in Cross Plains



DD Eisenhower
Pres of U.S.



R.R. Figure
Pres. of G.C.

The Dream of a Little Sanctuary

Mr. Alvin Yates, a life-long resident of Cross Plains, dreamed of a "Little Sanctuary" in the woods of Cross Plains. In his mind he could see families living in the area coming together each Sabbath Morning rather than driving to distant churches. He visualized the missionary work that could be done, and the gospel seeds that could be sown. He thought of a plan that would start making his dream come true.

He contacted the Ayres', the Day's, the Graves', the Tinnon's and the Yates', all living in Cross Plains, White House area. Their responses were very positive and favorable to his plan.

Mr. Yates' daughter Noble, a nurse at Madison Sanitarium, mentioned to her father that Dr. Ramsey who had recently completed his residency at the Sanitarium, wanted to move his growing family to a country environment. When Mr. Yates met with Dr. Ramsey, he found the doctor quite interested in setting up his practice in Cross Plains. Together they met with the Cross Plains "Council" and Dr. Ramsey was welcomed to fill the doctor's office that had been vacant for sometime.

It was a rainy day in May when Dr. and Mrs. Ramsey and their seven children, with the help of Clarence Yates and Charles Hardin, moved into their temporary home on Young's Road. A few days later, Viola Parkhurst, who was to be Dr. Ramsey's office nurse, arrived from Missouri with her two children. They found a comfortable home in Orlinda. Mr. and Mrs. Menzano, an elderly couple from Madison, friends of the Yates', asked to have a part in the new venture. Their help proved to be a real blessing.

Mr. Yates and Dr. Ramsey took their plans of starting a church to Elder Marley, President of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference. He felt there was a good prospect for starting a Seventh-day Adventist Company in Cross Plains. He also suggested speakers that would be available to bring timely messages each Sabbath.

Now, Mr. Yates began looking for a suitable meeting place. He found the very old Community Building available rent-free if used for religious services. He immediately made arrangements for its use.

Elder Wayne Foster, of the Educational Department of the Conference, was consulted regarding a possibility of starting a church school. He heartily approved the idea and recommended Kitty Thrall, who had just completed the Teachers' Training course at Madison College as teacher. So, Don and Kitty Thrall moved to Cross Plains with 4 of their 5 children. (Their daughter, Donna was attending Highland Academy.)

The first Sabbath afternoon following Camp Meeting, the entire group met at the Community Building. There was an inspirational devotional and a story for the children. After a brief discussion, they voted to meet each week for Sabbath School and Church..

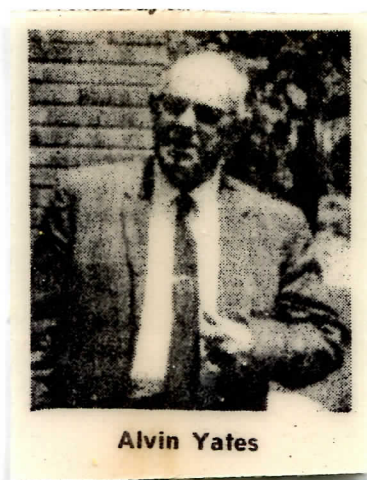
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The Dream of a Little Sanctuary, Continued

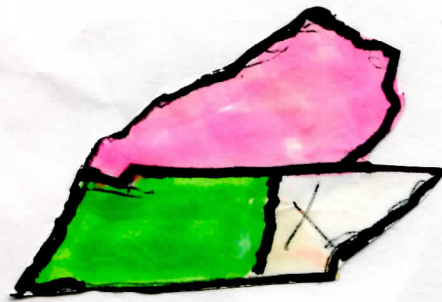
For the next seven weeks, regular services were held. All took part in some way to make the meetings interesting and helpful. The guest speakers added their blessings as well.

Visitors were always welcome, although a Saturday Sabbath seemed strange to most of them. Their children enjoyed the "kitchen" Sabbath School.

Mr. Yates was seeing his dream coming true.



The Woods in Cross Plains



The Little Sanctuary Is Organized

Early in July, leaders of the close-knit group accosted Elder Marley regarding organization. The 21st of July, Elder Marley and Conference Secretary, Elder Dunn, came prepared to organize a Company. They found a very determined group expecting nothing less than Church organization. So Elder Marley and Elder Dunn returned the following week with the necessary material and information.

It was July 28, 1958 (Beulah Graves' birthday) that the first Seventh-day Adventist church was organized in Cross Plains with 19 charter members. It was the 72nd church in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference. The new church became a part of the Boulevard-Ridgetop district with Elder Douglas Bennett as Pastor.

That evening a nominating committee was chosen and officers for the remainder of the year were elected. The officers were:

Church Offices

Elders

O. W. Ramsey and J. P. Manzanos

Deacons

Alvin Yates, Clarence Yates and Eugene Graves

(Clarence and Eugene were ordained that evening)

Deaconesses

Lottie Tinnon, Mary Day, Mildred Ayres and Della Yates

Dorcas Leader

Della Yates

Church Clerk

Katherine Manzanos

Treasurer

Beulah Graves, a position she filled faithfully and efficiently until her death in March 1978

Home Missionary Leader

Alvin Yates

Home Missionary Secretary

Viola Parkhurst

Sabbath School Offices

Superintendent

Don Thrall and O. W. Ramsey

Secretary

Beulah Graves

Childrens' Leader

Fern Ramsey

Assistants and Teachers

Lottie Tinnon, Juniors

Mary Day, Primary

Mildred Ayres, Kindergarten

Charlotte Parkhurst, Cradle Roll

Usually it would be very difficult to plan a Sabbath School program for 30-35 children, ages 18 months to 13 years. But these children were exceptionally reverent and attentive. They enjoyed the songs, stories, the Sabbath School lessons and any exercises. The teachers had well-planned lessons. Each teacher gathered her class close to her. They listened quietly, and were soon taking an active part.

The Little Sanctuary is Organized, Continued

Mr. Yates was especially interested in the children. There were 22 children of the charter members, and each week he invited community children to join them. We seldom counted less than 30-35 children. Mr. Yates called them his "Little Flower Garden". Every Sabbath morning he would "peek" into the kitchen, explaining, "I just wanted to see how my Little Flower Garden is doing". One memorable morning there were 50 little blossoms to greet him!

School began in September. The school room was Viola Parkhurst's front room. Mr. Thrall made temporary, moveable blackboards. With Mrs. Ramsey's desk for the teacher, a small book case with special books for extra reading, borrowed school desks and brand new text and work books, Mrs. Thrall and her 6 pupils started the first church school in Cross Plains.

With organization comes the responsibility of taking a more active roll in the Seventh-day Adventist mission: "The Gospel to all the world".

Cross Plains, Tennessee, now has a Seventh-day Adventist church, newly organized with approximately 20 members on Monday night, July 28. Officiating at the organization was the conference president, Elder E. L. Marley, and also present were R. W. Dunn, conference secretary-treasurer, and Elder H. D. Bennett, who will include Cross Plains in his Madison Boulevard-Ridgetop district.



CHARTER	MEMBERS
Alvin Yates	Eugene Graves
Della Yates	Beulah Graves
Clarence Yates	J. P. Manzana
Lottie Tinnon	Kathryn Manzana
Viola Parkhurst	O. W. Ramsey
James Ayers	Fern Ramsey
Mildred Ayers	Joy Ramsey
John Day	Joanne Ramsey
Mary Day	Don Thrall
	Kitty Thrall

Brother and Sister Alvin Yates have lived many years in this area and have been most active in sharing their faith with friends and neighbors. Dr. and Mrs. Wayne O. Ramsey recently moved from Madison College into Cross Plains. Along with others who have come in and accepted the message, they have a fine group to form the nucleus of a strong church to carry on God's work in that area. Cross Plains adds one more torch to the group of churches which are letting their lights shine throughout the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference.

The Little Sanctuary is Taking Shape

The week following organization, Elder Bennett met with us for our first mid-week Prayer Meeting. He especially reminded us to let our light shine and left us this challenging quotation: "There is no limit to what the Lord can do with a life consecrated to Him."

That night a Building Committee was selected: James Ayres, Don Thrall and O. W. Ramsey. Mr. Yates, in conference with several others, made final arrangements to purchase the property he called "an answer" to his dream. He also had the land bulldozed in preparation for the builders. With deed in hand, the Committee met to make definite plans.

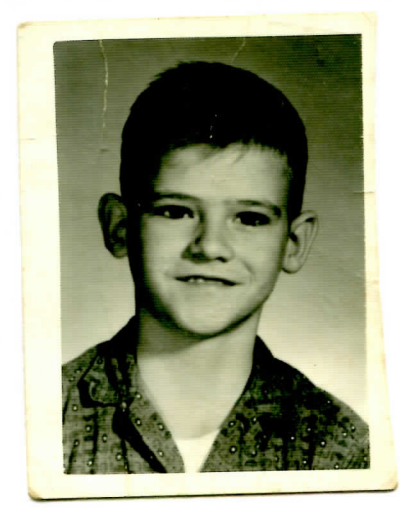
Cash and pledges began coming to the Treasurer. Her first report showed gifts ranging from \$500 to .10. One dime! Now who would have contributed that? The record showed it was 5 year-old Tommy Day who wanted to do his part.

Tommy's little gift inspired other children. Each week Beulah found small offerings, usually less than a dollar, with a childish-written name on the envelope. She faithfully recorded each one, and God blessed the gifts and the givers.

The Community Building was certainly a comfortable and convenient place of worship for our small group. But we looked forward to having our own "Little Sanctuary".

The Building Community lost no time in getting started. Plans were drawn up and stakes driven. Elder Marley was invited to inspect the plans and offer any suggestions. He came with Elder Mohr of the M.V. Department. Their response reminded us of Isaiah 54:2, "Enlarge the place of thy tent, lengthen the cords, and strengthen the stakes." What they actually said was "Lengthen the building by 10 feet; widen the school room by 4 feet; and plan on a 10-foot ceiling." These adjustments were gladly made and work began immediately. After church each week, nearly everyone drove to the new church site to see what progress had been made during the week.

At first, much work was done by members that meant considerable savings. Also, Mr. Yates was given the bricks for a third of the usual price. Clarence was given over a hundred dollars worth of lumber suitable for sub-flooring. By the end of December, excavating was complete; foundations built; sub-flooring laid; walls up; roof on; and well drilled. The building was taking shape; but work was suspended for the cold winter months.





August 1958



January 1959



January 1959



Autumn 1964

The Little Sanctuary is the Reward of Faith and Work

The year 1959 arrived with promise of good things to come.

- Alaska and Hawaii were admitted to the Union as the 49th and 50th states
- The Kentucky-Tennessee Conference office was moved from 2308 West End in Nashville, to Gallatin Road in Madison

School resumed in the Ramsey living room with 3 new students. Surrounding the home were beautiful green fields, a variety of trees and a wide, bubbling stream. It was an ideal place for nature walks and general recreation.

The Conference had purchased property near Liberty, Tennessee for a Youth Camp with Elder Bill Dopp as Youth Leader in charge. He sent word to all the church school children to give their suggestions for a name. The winning entry, "Indian Creek Camp" was sent in by Joy Ramsey (her own idea with no help from anyone). She was awarded the first week at camp that summer free.

Work had resumed early in February. With the Lord's help, rapid strides were made.

- The Electric Department from Madison College, under the direction of Mr. Weddel, donated several days' labor to do the wiring and install the light fixtures. Soon the gas heater was in place and working well and the plumbing was complete.
- Landscaping added beauty. Viola Parkhurst and Beulah Graves contributed several flowering bushes and trees. Tiny blades of greens were peeping up promising a lovely lawn.
- Mr. Burgess Thomas, of the Thomas Drug Store, donated the interior paint.
- Mr. and Mrs. Salsgiver of Ridgetop made and donated a registry board to be hung on the front wall.
- Pastor and Mrs. Miles Coon, also of Ridgetop, gave the clock to hang on the back wall.
- Mr. and Mrs. Manzanoa gave their family piano to the school.
- Mr. and Mrs. White McClanahan of Springfield presented the church with a beautiful Werlitzer piano in honor of his mother who had lived in Cross Plains as a girl, and distributed Adventist literature to her friends and neighbors.

The Little Sanctuary is the Reward of Faith and Work, Continued

- Ella McClanahan, now in her 80's, was a member of Ridgetop church, but transferred to Cross Plains. It was an honor to have her as a member.

On March 29, just eight months and one day after organization, the first Prayer and Praise service was held in our own "Little Sanctuary".

Borrowed chairs and pulpit from the Community Building were set up on the sturdy sub-flooring. Mildred Ayres, with lots of help, brought her piano. That night, with Mildred playing her piano and Dr. Ramsey leading, we sang "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" as requested by Mr. Yates, and he offered the first prayer in the "Little Sanctuary". The joy of that meeting was an unforgettable experience.

Although there was still much work to be done, it was a beautiful building to those who had worked, watched, waited, prayed, and sacrificed as the Little Sanctuary grew. Seven members transferred from other churches. After a short evangelistic series, Elder Bennett baptized eight new members. Membership was now 34.

On April 14, 1959, curious eyes peeping out of their windows could have seen a red and grey station wagon moving slowly down Young's Road, turning at Hwy 25, then onto Payne Bridge Road (as Jernigan Road was then known) and pulling up at the new church. Larry, Joy, Joanne and Jackie, with arms extended out of open windows balanced the blackboard on top.

After several more trips from the temporary school room, and with much arranging and rearranging, Mrs. Thrall and her nine students were ready for the next Monday morning in their own school room.

It was as Elder Bennett said, "The Lord is rewarding your faith and work."



The Little Sanctuary is Dedicated for a Mission

In September 1959, a new school year began. Mrs. Thrall now had ten pupils in her school room.

Elder Bennett's district was divided and we became a part of the Highland district, with Elder Edwin Beck as Pastor. He and his wife and three children had just returned from spending five years in Burma. They shared many stories, colorful pictures and artifacts from that country made so well-known by Eric B Hare (Dr. Rabbit) and his special stories.

The Little Sanctuary was now nearing completion. The floor was sanded and varnished. The carpet was purchased from Henry Bell Furniture Co. in Springfield, and Mr. Cook, the proprietor donated his time and work to install it.

During the first week of November, furniture was ordered from a Texas factory. Mr. Burgess had asked to pay for the pulpit. Several pews were paid for by friends or relatives of members. Borrowed furniture was returned to the Community Building. One more time we met there for Sabbath School and Church as we waited for our furniture. The new light oak furniture arrived on Monday. As could have been expected, everyone at some time during the two days it took to install it, was on hand, just to see the last phase of furnishing our Little Sanctuary.

With the furniture came two small stands to be placed on each side of the pulpit. McFarland's Greenhouse donated three lovely plants and planters to be placed on the communion table and on each of the small stands.

Our Little Sanctuary was complete, debt free, lacking one week of being 16 months since organization. During that time not one call for needed funds was made on any Sabbath. When a bill came due, money was in the bank. Surely the sacrificial planning and giving was pleasing the Lord.

On November 2, 1959, Elder Beck led a beautiful dedication service. Elder Marley was the guest speaker. Many friends from the community and from Adventist churches in Madison and Ridgetop met with us on this special day. Each Sabbath morning for the next seven years, we met for church and Sabbath School and on Wednesday evening for mid-week prayer meeting.

For each Sabbath afternoon, Jimmy Day planned interesting Missionary Volunteer programs in which he involved all the youth. Ingathering goals were reached each year by December 31. At Halloween the children gathered canned food and non-perishable items for Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. A singing band visited the nursing home almost every week.

Evangelistic services were held. Elder Beck and his family gave a good travelogue of Burma before each well-planned service. Elder Hooper came to help Elder Ron Watson, our Pastor, hold a tent meeting in Orlinda. (Elder Watson told us later it was his first experience pitching a

The Little Sanctuary is Dedicated for a Mission

tent and he appreciated the help his members gave him!) After each service there were beautiful baptisms.

The Little Sanctuary was well and growing daily, and they did not forget their mission.



at Orlinda after
tent meeting
July, 1963

Baptisms



RAINEY HOOPER
Evangelist



at Ridgely church
Late 1963



Elder Beck & Family Cross Plains, 1959



Orlinda 1963

CROSS PLAINS SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
DEDICATION SERVICE
November 21, 1959

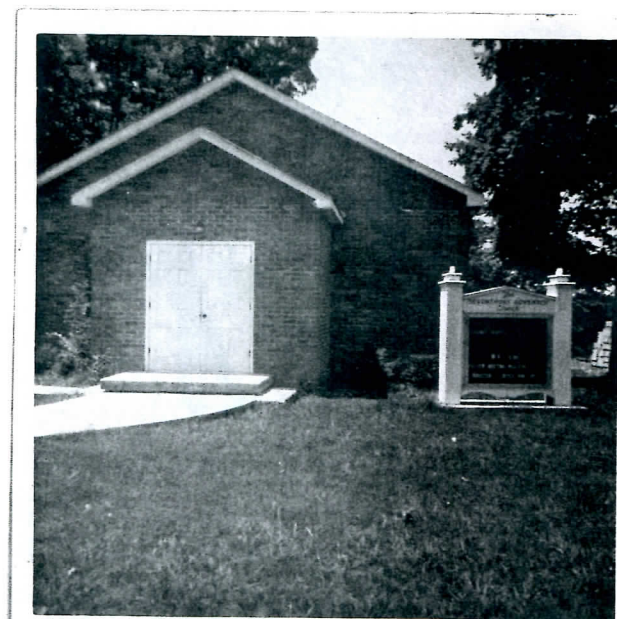
PIANO PRELUDEMrs. Viola Parkhurst
DOXOLOGY Congregation
INVOCATION Elder E. L. Marley
HYMN OF WORSHIP 579
SCRIPTURE READING- 2 Chronicles 6:14-42
OPENING PRAYER Elder E. C. Beck
SPECIAL SONG
HISTORY OF THE CHURCH..... Dr. O. W. Ramsey
DEDICATORY SERMON..... Elder E. L. Marley
ACT OF DEDICATION..... Elder E. C. Beck
DEDICATORY PRAYER Elder E. L. Marley
SPECIAL SONG
OFFERING For new Church Hymnals
HYMN OF CONSECRATION 346
BENEDICATION

Church Dedications

Dedication of two churches on November 21 made that Sabbath a high day in Kentucky-Tennessee.

At Cross Plains, Tennessee, dedication services were held during the morning and climaxed a six-month building program. E. L. Marley, conference president, delivered the dedicatory address. Dr. O. W. Ramsey preceded the address with a history of the church. Pastor E. C. Beck read the act of dedication and R. W. Dunn, conference treasurer, offered the dedication prayer.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Yates with Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Graves were the first Adventists in Cross Plains. In 1954, Dr. and Mrs. Ramsey moved to the community. From that time on to the completion of the building, the flame of evangelism burned brightly, and we rejoice with the members for the beautiful monument to God's cause in their community.



PASTOR E. C. BECK

PURPOSE OF GOD'S CHURCH

The church is God's appointed agency for the salvation of men. It was organized for service, and its mission is to carry the gospel to the world.

The church is God's fortress, His city of refuge, which He holds in a revolted world. Any betrayal of the church is treachery to Him who has bought mankind with the blood of His only begotten Son.

The church is the repository of the riches of the grace of Christ; and through the church will eventually be made manifest, even to "the principalities and powers in heavenly places," the final and full display of the love of God.

He (God) has sent forth His angels to minister to His church, and the gates of hell have not been able to prevail against His people.

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ACT OF DEDICATION

Minister: To the glory of God, our Father, by whose
favor we have built this house;
To the honor of Jesus, the Son of the
living God, our Lord and Saviour;
To the work of the Holy Spirit, minister
of life and light,

Congregation: We dedicate this house, O God, to Thee.

Minister: For worship in prayer and song,
For the preaching and teaching of the Word
For the celebration of the holy ordinances,

Congregation: We dedicate this house,

Minister: For comfort to those who mourn,
For strength to those who are tempted,
For help in right living,

Congregation: We dedicate this house,

Minister: For sanctification of the family,
For the guidance of children and youth,
For the salvation of men,

Congregation: We dedicate this house.

Minister: For the defense of liberty,
For the training of conscience,
For aggressive warfare against evil,

Congregation: We dedicate this house,

Minister: For the help of the needy,
For the relief of the distressed,
For the defense of God's Sabbath,
For hastening the coming of Christ,

Congregation: We dedicate this house to Thee, O God.

Minister: As a tribute of gratitude and love from
those who have tasted the cup of Thy sal-
vation and experienced the riches of Thy
grace, we bring this house as a freewill
offering to our God.

Congregation: We, the people of this church and
congregation, now consecrating ourselves
anew, dedicate this entire building to
the cause and service of God.

The Little Sanctuary is Dedicated to Pathfinders

Morris and Kathleen Bryant were among the newest members. They chose working with the Pathfinders as their special mission. In June 1965, they joined the Conference Pathfinders at Highland Academy for their day at camp meeting. That year, the theme was "The Four Freedoms". Each club was assigned a booth in the gym, and they were encouraged to prepare a "float" each representing the theme. The Cross Plains club won second place for their booth and first place for their float! The Cross Plains Club did well in the afternoon. Winners were:

Crafts

Oil Painting	Joy Ramsey, Second Place
Wall plaques	Carol Day, Joanne Ramsey, Phyllis Ramsey, Third Place
Liquid Embroidery	Brenda Hardin, Second place
Leaf and Wood Collections	Glenda Tinnon, Third Place

Afternoon Activities

Wood chopping relay	Joe Dale Ayres, Brenda Hardin, Gary Bryant, First Place
Hundred Yard Dash – Boys	Joe Dale Ayres, Gary Stewart, First Place
Fifty Yard Dash – Girls	Joanne Ramsey, First Place
	Phyllis Ramsey, Second Place

Elder Don Holland awarded the Cross Plains Pathfinder Club a Golden Cup for outstanding "Pathfindinging".



Hundred Dash — for boys
Joe Dale A + Gary S.
First Place



This is the Cross Plains Pathfinder Club's float which took first place at the Pathfinder Fair held at Highland Park Camp Meeting. Riding the float illustrating "The Four Freedoms" are Jeffrey Bryant and Linda Brewer.



Shown here is the Cross Plains Pathfinder Club's booth which took second place at the fair held Sunday, June 6.

C. P. Pathfinder Club Members Attend Highland Academy Camp

The Cross Plains Pathfinder Club attended Highland Academy Camp Grounds last week for a week of Pathfinder activities and special meetings for the Junior and Youth groups.

The Missionary Volunteer Pathfinders of the Seventh-day Adventist Church held their annual fair on June 6, with clubs

representing a number of the churches in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference. Theme for the fair was, "The Four Freedoms". Any one, or all four, could be used. The Cross Plains Club selected "The Four Freedoms" for their entries. Their fair booth won second place along with the Cave Spring Club from

Pegram, Tennessee. Their parade float won first place with the clubs from Louisville, Kentucky and Lawrenceburg, Tennessee.

*From the Springfield Herald
June 17, 1965*

VBS

Our First Vacation Bible School — 1959

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The children sing —
"In my Father's House,
I will wear a crown"



Nature Corner with
Viola Parkhurst and Freddie



The 34 children
who received VBS
Certificates.



They all loved Craft time

VBS-1962



1963 - "This is My Father's World"



Elder Ron Watson joined the children each day, for Crafts, recess, Story Time and Prayer time.



Elder Ron Watson -
presenting Certificates

V B
Vacation Bible School

1964



1964



1966



1967



VBS - 1975



Craft-Time



Clark and Norma Dean Spencer
brought children by the
"truck load"!



Elder Southard spent
much time with the
children each day

VBS

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VBS is over,
and we are going home -



Crafts



Playtime



Two of our
youngest children
1966

22



1967



Very early VBS



Probably in 1959

Unable to recognize all the children. Perhaps you know a few.

Front row - Lisa Sammy Mike Scott Shawn. - - Roger

Second row - - - Pamela Carol - - Linda Roger - -

Third row Mrs. Weaver + baby Jeffrey James Linda Dennis Paula Ellen Randall

In the back Bern Ramsey Jean Warner Gary Tony - Sue Carolyn Fernigan Jean Bernigan

VBS with Ann Walton

about 1985



Cross Plains Church Hosts Holiday Party

The Cross Plains Seventh-day Adventist Church hosted its fourth annual Christmas party for underprivileged children on Thursday evening, December 18.

Seventy-five children, including members of the church, enjoyed the festivities in the church basement, which was beautifully decorated by Mrs. Linda Wells, of Cross Plains. A large number of the children arrived from Springfield on the Fairview Baptist Church bus, driven by Gene Ellis, who has volunteered this service the past four years. Louis LeBlanc, Robertson County Youth Guidance Director, and Ronald Gunn, of the Juvenile Court, work closely with the church each year in arranging for a group of youngsters to participate. Other special guests included Robertson County Juvenile Judge Tom Guthrie and Robertson County Chief Deputy Sheriff Milton Fredricks.

Following a Christmas carol sing-a-long with guitarists Ricky Suter, Greenbrier, and Marlin Rood, Cross Plains, and a welcome by Pastor Lawrence Walton, the children enjoyed cookies and punch. Each child then received a personally tagged



Helping with the Cross Plains Seventh-day Adventist Church annual Christmas party for underprivileged children were back row, left to right, pastor, Lawrence Walton; Elizabeth LeBlanc; Ronald Gunn, Juvenile Court; Milton Fredricks, Marlin Rood; front row Judge Tom Guthrie; Louise LeBlanc, Youth Guidance Director; Gene Ellis, Ricky Suter, and some of the children attending the party.

gift, purchased by the church. Wilson Sporting Goods donated several footballs for this special occasion. A small bag of goodies containing fruit, candy, a Bible story booklet and a loaf of homemade whole wheat bread was also given to each one. The bread was provided by O. W. Ramsey, who baked 100 small loaves and 30 larger loaves.

Those helping with the party were Clark and Norma Dean Spencer, Wayne and Linda Wells, Buddy and Shirley Brewer, Dr. Don and Marcie Schwisow, Clarence and Dorothy Yates, Kathleen Bryant, Noble Taylor, Ginger Ayers, Brenda Hardin, Janie Brewer, Dianna Denning, Dorothy Moore, O. W. and Fern Ramsey, and Pastor Lawrence and Ann Walton.

2007 Cross Plains Christmas Events

One of the beauties of being a member of a small church is that personal involvement is never overlooked or under appreciated. The Cross Plains church is so fortunate to have members who love to do for others, and we all benefit from their generosity. Take the Women's Ministry Christmas Breakfast, for instance. The first week of December everyone gathered for a breakfast feast that even Opryland's Sunday Buffet would be hard-pressed to match. The food was wonderful, but the fellowship among close friends was even better. The following week was our annual Christmas

party. This was a big event for all the kids and adults, and it's been happening for many years. The kids were so excited about what their present would be that they could barely take time to eat — even pizza! The squeals of delight with their presents had everyone laughing. The adults didn't do too badly either as they exchanged gifts. We can hardly adequately express our appreciation for the many hours Thelma and Bill Pitt, Sue Reynolds, and Linda Wells devoted to decorating so beautifully, shopping, cooking, and making sure that everyone had a great time.

-Susan Korzyniowski

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Christmas Activities At Cross Plains

2009

There were a lot of special activities going on at the Cross Plains church during the month of December. Our annual Women's Ministries Christmas Breakfast was held December 4. We gathered in the fellowship room, which had been beautifully decorated by Linda Wells and Thelma Pitt, for an absolutely delicious breakfast. Linda Wells led out in a short program afterwards with seasonal songs and stories and door prizes. Then the following week on Dec. 13 our annual Christmas party was held. This is one program the kids never want to miss. After a pizza supper the kids were each given a gift purchased specifically for them. Then the adults did a gift swap. Pastor Bob and Susan were surprised with a gift from the church, for which they would like to thank each one. That day just happened to be Susan's birthday as well, and she received a lovely gift. In looking back over the year and recounting our blessings we were especially happy that Shirley Brewer could be with us, as she has suffered through some critical illnesses this year but is doing much better now. We thank God for each one of our Cross Plains family members and for the closeness we enjoy.

-Susan Korzyniowski



Prayer Chain At Cross Plains Church

The young people at Cross Plains have been making a prayer chain — literally. They've been writing the names of their prayer requests on paper links to construct a very long chain. Every church member has added their prayer requests to it, too, so that when these names are prayed for each week no one will be left out. At the Christmas Party this long paper chain decorated the Christmas tree to help us remember that Jesus really is the reason for the season.

-Susan Korzyniowski



Cross Plains Festivities

church family celebrate 2007

Christmas was a very special time of year for Cross Plains because it was when so many of our church family were able to get together to share the joy of the season. On December 6, our annual Christmas Party was held, with quite a few community kids attending. There was lots of great food, festive decorations, and presents for everyone. It was so much fun to see the looks of delight on the kids' faces as they opened up a gift purchased especially for them.

Then on Sunday morning, December 8, the church hosted its annual Women's Ministry Breakfast. Needless to say, the women at Cross Plains really outdid themselves. They put Shoney's to shame! Linda Wells led out with a very nice holiday program.

Our thanks go to Thelma Pitts, Sue Reynolds, and Linda for making all this possible. They go way beyond the call of duty out of love, and we really appreciate all they do to make the Cross Plains one great little church.



L to R from top:

- Party kids
- Kids, big and small joined hands for prayer
- Stephanie Beckwith
- Ashlee West
- Opening gifts
- Swiftly Gonzales played Christmas songs on her Q-Chord
- Barbara Pitt & Janie Brewer
- Olivia Reynolds (the youngest at 7) & Miss Iris (oldest at 97) sang Silent Night together
- Sarah West
- Below-Olivia Reynolds



Cross Plains Sabbath School Room Gets a New Look

By Susan Korzyniowski



Linda Wells, department leader of the Cradle Roll/Kindergarten class at Cross Plains, undertook a big job in September. She (along with the help of friends and family) stripped the room, repainted walls and installed new carpeting. Everything from the curtains to the stenciling on the walls coordinate with the theme of Noah's Ark. Not only does the room smell clean and fresh, it is also colorful and an inviting place where the little ones love to come for Sabbath School. Good job, Linda!





The beautiful, cheerful Sabbath School room
Linda Wells has redecorated for Kibler's Grade Roll.





Thelma Pitt keeps
the room for the
Primary and
Junior children
neat and very
attractive



The youth often plan the entire
Sabbath School Program. They are
preparing to be leaders of tomorrow.
Lottie Tinnon - youth teacher is
there to help as needed,



There is often special
features for all ages



Mr Yates 72, and "Little
Walter" 2, placing their
13th Sabbath offering
on the tree.



Ruth Tervigan and Tommy
with his mother's help
place their 3th Sabbath
offering on the tree.

A Blessed Tragedy Comes to the Little Sanctuary

The members saw the need for more room for their activities. They planned an Educational Building (later known as their Community Building). There would be school rooms and a community services room, built over a useful gym. Mr. Jack Williams was overseer of this project which began in 1965 and was nearing completion by the beginning of 1966.

All seemed to be going very well. Then, suddenly before 6 o'clock Sunday morning, February 13, 1966, a neighbor, Janell Jernigan who was on her way to work, yelled in at the front door, "Dr. Ramsey, your church is on fire".

He dressed more speedily than usual, grabbed a hose and dashed to the flaming church. He hoped to prevent flames from reaching the Educational Building. To his dismay, he saw the wind was blowing flames directly toward it.

The fire department responded immediately. Our new pastor, Elder Doyle Philips along with other members who had been notified, stood watching helplessly. All at once the wind changed direction and flames blew away from the Educational Building!

With all their efforts, the firemen could not quench the flames. The church was completely destroyed. In the previous week, the gas company had been notified of trouble with the heater. They had promised to be out on Monday morning to check it, but that was too late.

Sad as it was, we could see God's protective hand at work; first, in Janell's frantic call and secondly, in the change in the direction of the wind. If the heater had "blown up" on Sabbath, the church and Sabbath School was in full attendance. If it had happened on Monday, the school would have been in session; the teacher's desk was directly above the heater. On Sunday, no one was present, and no injuries resulted.

Before the flames had died down, many friends from the community came by. Several quietly slipped checks, cash or pledges into Dr. Ramsey's pocket. Everyone knew him. Our new pastor, Doyle Philips had not had time to get acquainted with our friends. Almost \$1,000 was given that day.

Brother Little, Pastor of the nearby Methodist church, along with a sizable check, offered the use of their church as long as we needed it. The offer was gladly accepted. For the next 10 ½ months it was our comfortable church home.

Kathleen Bryant was Sabbath School superintendent. In February, she announced that Visitors' Day would be the first Sabbath in April. But the last Sabbath in February, she announced that Visitors' Day would be next week. She reminded us to invite others. When asked why she changed the date, she answered, "Oh, I don't know. I just thought it would be a good idea."



Adventist Church Burns In Fire At Cross Plains

A fast-burning fire destroyed the Seventh-Day Adventist church building in Cross Plains early Sunday morning, but firemen managed to save an adjacent school building.

"It was remarkable that we were able to save the building because it was not more than 8 feet from the church building which was burning out of control when we got there," Walter Lee, fireman from the Springfield Civil Defense unit, said.

The blaze was first discovered by Janelle Jernigan, whose discovery brought two trucks from the Springfield CD unit, one from White House and one from the Springfield fire department.

THE FIRE WAS terrific when we arrived and the room already had fallen in," Lee said. "It must have started fast."

Lee said that a man at the

scene said that the gas furnace at the church had been giving trouble and had recently been cleaned. Lee said it would be his guess that the gas furnace exploded.

"I guess it was the one in the front because the one in the back blew up during the fire after we got there," he said.

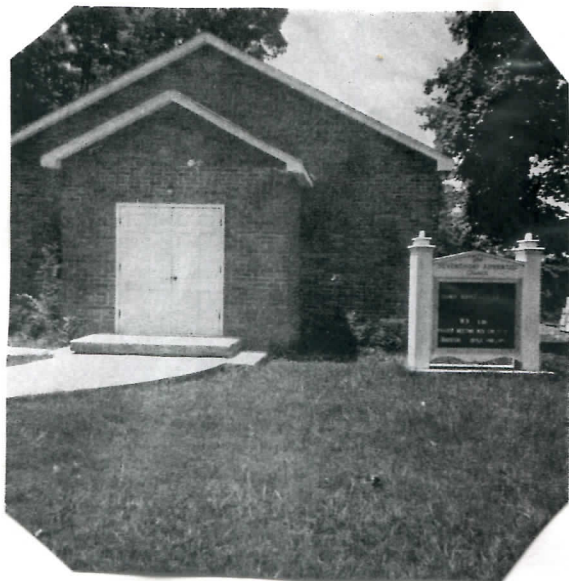
THE BUILDING that was saved had recently been completed and classroom work was to have begun this week.

It wasn't a "near-miss" for the congregation, which holds services on Saturday rather than Sunday. The building was empty at the time of the fire.

The Cross Plains Methodist Church has offered the use of its building for services of the congregation until permanent arrangements can be made. Numerous gifts of cash have been given by individuals and churches in Robertson County since the fire.

Cross Plains school also has offered the use of desks, books and maps for the the church.





We left Sabbath Services February 12, 1966, not knowing we never enter those doors or sit in those pews again.

One of the conference brethren remarked "paradoxically," Brother Doyle, we knew you were a great preacher, but we did not know you could set your church on fire so soon!"

In a little over six years, members have rebuilt the large "Little Sanctuary", and it would be free!

Pastor Clarence Souths planned a beautiful dedication service for Jan. 13, 1972. Once again there was a Seventh day Adventist church in the Woods of Cross Plains.



A Blessed Tragedy Comes to the Little Sanctuary, Continued

Before the April date, we had attended two funerals. One was "Miss" Azie Lee Howard who lived next door to the Methodist church. The other was her brother-in-law, Mr. Ceph Howard who lived by the public school. Both had been life-long members of the Methodist church. Both had been present on the Visitors' Day, and both expressed their appreciation for being invited. They mentioned the pleasant memories they would have of the occasion.

Could it be that the Holy Spirit had given Kathleen that "good idea" to change the date? And could a blessing come from the tragic fire? Would there be a "silver lining" in those clouds of smoke?

The beautiful
Methodist
church was
our "Church
Home" for
16 1/2 months.



We did
appreciate
the kind
offer of
our friends.





Jack Williams
and his plans
for a Gym
and "Ed" Building



The finished Building — Gym on lower level
School rooms, Community Service rooms upper level
with other rooms to use as needed



Azzie Lee Yates not Howard She was a Pitt before marriage,

She was no kin to Ceph Howard, checked with his family today (Monday, November 24, 2008)

A great niece , Ann Howard Yates Graves, she married Eugene Graves nephew

Azzie Lee husband was Herman Yates Sr.

Children; Launa married Grady Henry Jones
 Roberta married James Oliver Jones (Methodist Minister)
 Herman Jr. married Edna Groves (he Methodist Minister)
 James Robert married Betty Leigh
 Donald Pitt married Elsie Arnold
 Jerry Lee married Lillian Galloway

Until the Little Sanctuary was rebuilt,
we were thankful for the unfinished Gym.



• JUL 66



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1967



• JUL 66

1966

Rebuilding the "Little Sanctuary"

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June 1966



July 1966



June 1966



August 1966



September 1966



Lottie Tinnon
Chair person of
the Building
Committee
carefully
watched the
progress of
the building.



The Silver Lining in the Clouds that Destroyed the Little Sanctuary

Lottie Tinnon was chosen Chairperson for the rebuilding of the Little Sanctuary. This time, it would be larger and have its own baptistery. A new idea: there would be red carpeting over the entire floor and four feet up the wall. This elicited many comments from visitors who had not seen this arrangement before. There would be dark paneling and dark furniture. On the lower level, would be a kitchen, a fellowship room and a number of class rooms for children's Sabbath School.

There were many helpers, some donating much of their time. Bobby Collins laid the brick; Floyd Carter was official painter. James Ramsey (Dr. Ramsey's twin brother) took his summer vacation away from teaching in his 5th grade classroom to assist with the carpenter work. Buster Mundy was there to help wherever needed. Mr. Burgess Thomas again funded the interior paint, and asked to pay for the pulpit. Juanita Payne, from Highland, painted the beautiful scene above the baptistery (under the watchful eyes of a fascinated audience of course.) Mrs. Randolph arranged for the lovely maroon curtains that could be pulled as desired to protect the baptistery.

Near the close of 1966, 10 ½ months after the fire, the new Little Sanctuary was nearly complete with the furniture all in place except for a piano. Dr. and Mrs. Ramsey loaned their new Hammand piano and organ for the first service. They fit so well with the décor that they did not remove them. The piano was given to the church in memory of Joy who had often played for church service and children's programs and an evangelistic service before she had become a victim of a fatal automobile accident. The organ was given in honor of Joanne who played the organ for the first service and others as needed. She often played the piano for services as well.

The baptistery was in frequent use. We also welcomed a number of members transferring from other churches. Each one added to the up building of the church. There were also happy weddings and a few sad funerals.

In the spacious fellowship room, besides the friendship meals on many Sabbaths, there were Saturday night socials, wedding receptions, birthday and anniversary celebrations as well as cooking and health classes. The children and their leaders and teachers enjoyed the bright new rooms for each division.

At first the janitor and yard work was maintained by members. Frequent work bees kept the fresh clean appearance of the church.

The Educational Building with the gym was a great asset. The gym was used not only for recreational purposes, but also served as a large community dining room for the special community meals Mrs. Randolph sponsored on a number of Sundays. Neighborhood churches were invited to come after their services for a vegetarian meal. We received many complements for our "fine food" (and gladly accepted their donations for our welfare work). Other meals were

The Silver Lining in the Clouds that Destroyed the Little Sanctuary, Continued

served on Randolph's front lawn or in a tent borrowed from Barber's Funeral Home and pitched on the front lawn of the church.

On June 20, 1972 with the church debt free, our Pastor Elder Clarence Southard officiated at the beautiful dedication service for this rebuilt "Little Sanctuary". Elder Harold Schmidt, President of the Southern Union was the guest speaker. Elder Kimber Johnson, President of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference was also present. Our membership had more than tripled since our organization in 1958.

The church continued to meet regularly for the usual services. There were also graduations, Vacation Bible Schools, and frequent programs given by the children depicting denominational history, or a Christmas or Easter themes using *The Desire of Ages*, and suitable songs for the theme.

The summer after the dedication, 20 members became the nucleus for a new church in White House. They were sadly missed in Cross Plains, but we rejoiced with them as the church grew and prospered.

Fire threatened again – twice. About dedication time it was found that it was an arson who had set fire in the children's Sabbath School storage room, destroying over \$1,000 worth of pictures, books and furniture.

On April 20, 1994, caused by a damaged wire, (believed to be due to gnawing by a mouse), a fire was started in the attic. It was detected early by a neighbor and the fire department was able to control the blaze so that no furniture was lost. There was, however, considerable smoke and water damage to the interior of the building.

With the wise counsel and leadership of our 20th Pastor, Elder Steve Rose, the building was now brought up to the new fire code. A ramp was built at the front porch and special fire exits were made available. The dark paneling was replaced with clean white paint. The floor was carpeted in blue. Cushions were placed on each pew. The recessed lights were replaced by beautiful hanging lamps.

Elder Rose helped us see the changes in décor were part of the silver lining in the smoky clouds after the fire. But there were other changes. Elder and Mrs. Rose were transferred to the Gulf States Conference. They had been with us six years. We had already seen our first 19 Pastors transferred. Elder Rose reminded us that when there is growth there will be changes and each new pastor will have a part in that growth. We missed them, but we accepted the changes as part of the silver lining.



JUNE 1972

Burning Mortgage note.



Dr. O. W. Ramsey, Elder Rogers, C. E. Randolph

Church Dedicated

Dedication services for the Cross Plains Seventh-day Adventist church were held Saturday, June 10.

Musical numbers for the afternoon program featured Janet and Mary Beth Kramer of Goodlettsville, Pastor and Mrs. R.C. Mills, and daughter Susan of Southern Missionary College near Chattanooga, and Dr. O.W. Ramsey and daughter Joanne of Cross Plains.

J.P. Rogers, Secretary Treasure of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, assisted by Dr. O.W. Ramsey and Dr. C.E. Randolph local elders, burned the mortgage note.

Elder H. H. Schmidt, president of the Southern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, of Atlanta, will be the speaker.

Eight of the 19 charter members were present for the services.

The church building was begun soon after fire destroyed the first church in February 1966.

Members of the Seventh-day Adventist church are grateful to the many friends of the community who gave generous, unsolicited, donations toward the building fund. They remember with special gratitude kindness of the Methodist congregation who made their church available for use until the new building could be occupied later in the same year.

The Cross Plains Church is one of 70 in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference. Clarence Southard is pastor of Cross Plains, Ridgeway, and Franklin Kentucky Churches.

Special music by
Janet and Mary Beth Kramer
also.

Elder R.C. Mills and Susan

Dr. O. W. Ramsey + Joanne

DEDICATION OF CROSS PLAINS SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH June 10, 1972

Hymn	"We Gather Together"	8
Scripture Reading & Prayer	James P. Rogers	
Welcome	Elder C. Southard	
Introductions	Dr. C. E. Randolph	
Music	Janet & Mary Beth Kramer	
Church History	Dr. C. E. Randolph	
Mortgage Burning	J. P. Rogers, Dr. Ramsey, Dr. Randolph	
Music	R. C. Mills and Susan	
Dedicatory Sermon	Elder Harold Schmidt	
Act of Dedication	Elder C. Southard	
Dedicatory Prayer	Elder Kimber Johnson	
Music	Joanne & Dr. O. W. Ramsey	
Thank Offering	Eugene Graves	
Hymn	"Oh Jesus I Have Promised"	288
Benediction	Elder C. Southard	



Membership Vows

1. I believe in God the Father, in His Son Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Spirit.
2. I accept the death of Jesus Christ on Calvary as the atoning sacrifice for my sins, and believe that through faith in His shed blood men are saved from sin and its penalty.
3. Renouncing the world and its sinful ways, I have accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour, and I believe that God, for Christ's sake, has forgiven my sins and given me a new heart.
4. I accept by faith the righteousness of Christ, recognizing Him as my Intercessor in the heavenly sanctuary, and claim His promise to strengthen me by His indwelling Spirit, so that I may receive power to do His will.
5. I believe that the Bible is God's inspired word, and that it constitutes the only rule of faith and practice for the Christian.
6. I accept the Ten Commandments as still binding upon Christians; and it is my purpose, by the power of the indwelling Christ, to keep this law, including the fourth commandment, which requires the observance of the seventh day of the week as the Sabbath of the Lord.
7. The soon coming of Jesus is the blessed hope in my heart, and I am determined to be personally ready to meet the Lord, and to do all in my power to witness to His loving salvation, and by life and word to help others to be ready for His glorious appearing.
8. I accept the Biblical teaching of spiritual gifts, and I believe that the gift of prophecy in the remnant church is one of the identifying marks of that church.
9. I believe in church organization, and it is my purpose to support the church by my tithes and offerings, my personal effort, and influence.
10. I believe that my body is the temple of the Holy Spirit and that I am to honor God by caring for my body, avoiding the use of that which is harmful, abstaining from all unclean foods, from the use, manufacture, or sale of alcoholic beverages, the use, manufacture, or sale of tobacco in any of its forms for human consumption, and from the misuse of, or trafficking in narcotics or other drugs.
11. Knowing and understanding the fundamental Bible principles as taught by the Seventh-day Adventist Church, it is my purpose, by the grace of God, to order my life in harmony with these principles.
12. I accept the New Testament teaching of baptism by immersion, and I desire to be so baptized as a public expression of my faith in Christ and in the forgiveness of my sins.
13. I believe that the Seventh-day Adventist Church is the remnant church of Bible prophecy, and that people of every nation, race, and language are invited and accepted into its fellowship, and I desire membership in the local congregation of the world church.



Buster Munday
who fixes most
anything!



Mr. Burgess Thomas -
donated paint for
Church, and gave
the pulpit.

Mr. Floyd Carter - who
did the painting.



Bobby Collins -
did most of the
brick work on
the new church.



Juanita Payne
painted the beautiful
picture back of the
baptistry.

New church • 1966-1967

Charlotte Parkhurst First to Graduate
Class of '59
from the Cross Plains Church School

Teacher Cathrine Thrall

Graduation with Madison Boulevard
Church School



Motto: Ever Upward
Aim: Step by Step



PROGRAM

Invocation Elder L. W. Mauldin
 "Our School Song" Grade Six
 Class Play "The Keepers of the Keys"
Characters
 First Guard Teddy Mohr
 Second Guard Johnny Dodd
 Graduates Linda Woods
 Louise Rosser
 Carol Anne Mauldin
 Larry Osborne
 Vocal Solo Judd Wilcox
 "Two Ways for Travelers"

COMMENCEMENT

Processional Pomp and Circumstance Clyde Holland
 Commencement Address Elder B. D. Bennett
 Consecration Prayer Miss Dorothy Matthews
 Introduction of Students John Coble
 Presentation of Diplomas Elder Teddric Mohr
 Commendation to the Class Miss Jean Pettis
 Vocal Solo "I Love A Little Cottage" Mrs. Edythe Cotnren
 Benediction Dr. Wesley Osborne
 Recessional Clyde Holland

Class Roll

Carol Anne Mauldin
 Larry Dale Osborne
 stella Louise Rosser
 Linda Carol Woods
 Charlotte Parkhurst*
 *from Cross Plains Church School

Class Colors

Pink and Silver

Aim

"Step by Step"

Class Flower

Cecile Bruner Rose

Motto

"Ever Upward"

*Audience please be seated during recessional

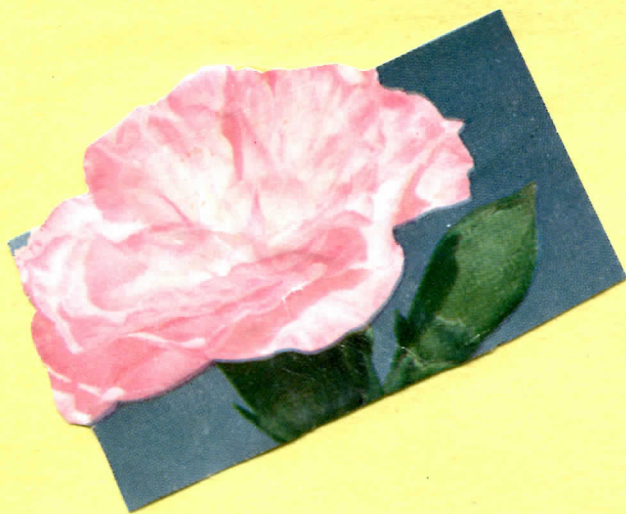
**Our thanks for our beautiful floral arrangement to
 Miller's Flower Shop



Second Graduate
from
Cross Plains Church School

Teacher
Catherine Thrall

Class of '61
Larry Thrall



Class Colors
Pink and Silver

Flower
Pink Carnation

Motto

A Peak But Heights Beyond

RECOGNITION of GRADUATING CLASS

- 1961 -

May 27

11:00 A.M.

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PROCESSIONAL

INVOCATION O. W. Ramsey, M.D.

"THE LORD'S PRAYER" -

Church School Children

ADDRESS Elder R. W. Dunn

"MY TASK" Linda Whitman

DEDICATORY PRAYER Don Thrall

PRESENTATION OF AWARD . . . Dr. Ramsey

RECESSIONAL Donna Thrall
(Audience please be seated)

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MOTTO: - A Peak, But Heights Beyond

FLOWER: - Pink Carnation

COLORS: - Pink and Silver

GRADUATE - LARRY THRALL

SCHOOL ROSTER

Diana Hardin	Joy Ramsey
Brenda Hardin	Phyllis Ramsey
Douglas Ramsey	Glenda Tinnin
Joanne Ramsey	Jack Thrall
Kathy Thrall	

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GEMS FROM THE PEN OF INSPIRATION

"Balanced by religious principle,
you may climb to any height you please."

"Higher than the highest human
thought can reach, is God's ideal for His
children."

-MESSAGES TO YOUNG PEOPLE, Pgs. 37, 40

"Upon every Christian parent there
rests the solemn obligation of giving to
his children an education that will lead
them to gain a knowledge of the Lord and to
become partakers of the divine nature
through obedience to God's will and way."

-CHILD GUIDANCE, Pg. 304

"Our schools are the Lord's
special instrumentality to fit the child-
ren and youth for missionary work. Par-
ents should understand their great respon-
sibility and help their children to ap-
preciate the great privileges and blessings
that God has provided for them in educa-
tional advantages."

-CHILD GUIDANCE, Pg. 311

THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
Cross Plains, Tennessee



Third graduate
from
Cross Plains Church School

Teacher -
Fern Ramsey

Joy Ramsey
class of 62

Colors - Blue and Silver

Motto - Others

Aim - To work
for Jesus

Class flower
Pink carnation



RECOGNITION of GRADUATING CLASS

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH SCHOOL
CROSS PLAINS, TENNESSEE

May 30, 1962

7:30 P.M.

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PROCESSIONAL

INVOCATION Mr. Eugene Graves

"OTHERS" Mrs. Peggy Newhart

ADDRESS Pastor J. G. Reams

CHALLENGE IN SONG TO THE GRADUATE . . Schoolmates
"There's a Work for Jesus"

RESPONSE (Musical Reading) Joy Ramsey
"O Jesus I have Promised"

BENEDICTION O. W. Ramsey, M.D.

PROCESSIONAL (Audience please be seated)

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MOTTO: "Others"

AIM: "To Work for Jesus"

FLOWER: Pink Carnation

COLORS: Blue and Silver

SCHOOL ROSTER

EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATE Joy Ramsey

Dennis Bush

Brenda Hardin

Diana Hardin

Douglas Ramsey

Joanne Ramsey

Phyllis Ramsey

Stephen Ramsey

Gary Stewart

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GEMS FROM THE PEN OF INSPIRATION

"From His earliest years He was possessed
of one purpose: He lived to bless others."

-Desire of Ages, page 70

"Not more surely is the place prepared
for us in the heavenly mansions than is the
special place assigned on earth where we are
to work for God."

-Christ's Object Lessons,
pages 326, 327

"Higher than the highest human thought
can reach, is God's ideal for His children."

- Messages to Young People,
pages 37, 40



Joanne Ramsey
Fourth Graduate
from
Cross Plains Church School
Teacher
Fern Ramsey

Flower
White
Carnation



Class of '63
Motto Out at the Harbor
Into the Deep
Aim - To Anchor in Heaven's Harbor

Class mates

Paula Pitt
Stephen Ramsey
Peggy Carter
Diana Hardin
Carolyn Pitt
Gary Stewart
Dennis Bush
Douglas Ramsey
Phyllis Ramsey
Wayne Carter
Brenda Hardin
Danny Pitt

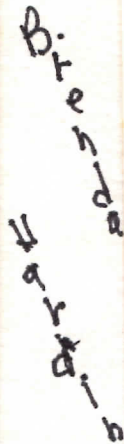




The children
all
participated
in the
Program
we're
sailing
home



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Flower- Red rose

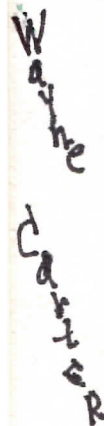
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Heaven our Goal

5th & 6th

Graduates of

A photograph of a black card with five red roses and green leaves. The card is placed on a white background. To the right of the card, a small white label with the letter 'F' is visible.



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Graduation

May 1964

Graduates - Brenda Hardin
Wayne Carter

Colors - Red and White Flower - Red Rose

Motto - Christ Our Leader

Aim - Heaven Our Goal

Processional - Joy Ramsey School Roster

Invocation - Billy Jeremiah Ellen Ramsey
Linda Carter

Address - Pastor A. Watson - Tony Bryant

Presentation of awards
Pastor A. Watson Stephen Ramsey
Prayer Carter

and Linda Williams Gary Stewart

Pinning Flowers on Parents Dennis Bush

Brenda Hardin Gary Bryant

and Wayne Carter Douglas Ramsey

Benediction - O. W. Ramsey, MD Phyllis Ramsey
Diana Hardin

Recessional Joy Ramsey

class
of
'66



Douglas
Ramsey



Phyllis
Ramsey



Gary
Bryant

7th
8th
9th
Graduates of
C.P. church
school

Colors- Purple and Gold

Flower- Yellow Rose

Motto- In the Service of the King

Aim- To claim My Royal Heritage



Teachers
Evalyn Simmons
Fern Ramsey, assistant



Church School Days at the Little Sanctuary

The first church school had opened in September 1958, two months after the church was organized with Kitty Thrall as the first teacher. It must have been a record: 3 school rooms that first year! The first semester school was held in Parkhurst's front room. Second semester began in Ramsey's front room; but ended in the school room at the Little Sanctuary. School would held there until the last half of the 8th year of school. During these years, there would also be 5 different teachers.

Almost every spring, Elder Foster sponsored a Music Festival for the church school children of the Conference. Copies of songs to be used were sent to the teachers and they took time to teach the children each song.

Two days before the Festival, the teachers and children gathered at Highland Academy for final practice and instruction. Besides songs by the entire chorus, there were instrumental numbers and special songs by smaller groups.

In defense of the time spent in teaching children music, Elder Foster made this unforgettable statement (among others): "Teach a boy to blow a trumpet, and he won't blow up a bank."

The programs were well attended, very successful, and a highlight of the school year.

Following Kitty Thrall, the teachers were Fern Ramsey, Linda Williams, Evelyn Simmons and Ruth Bolton.

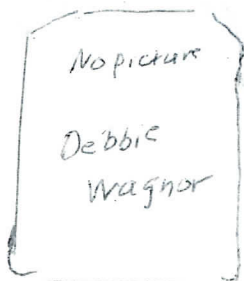
Graduates were:

1959	Charlotte Parkhurst
1961	Larry Thrall
1962	Joy Ramsey
1963	Joanne Ramsey
1964	Wayne Carter
	Brenda Hardin
1966	Gary Bryant
	Douglas Ramsey
	Phyllis Ramsey



Cross Plains students who graduated from Highland Elementary

Gary Stewart, voted as Class President; Debbie Wagner; Steven Ramsey and Ellen Ramsey



Church School Days at the Little Sanctuary, Continued

At the time of the fire Evelyn Simmons was teaching. The 1965-66 school year began as usual. After the fire, teacher and students bravely finished the year in the unfinished gym.

It was almost unbelievable to see how much necessary equipment filled the empty place. The Cross Plains public school donated the desks they had just replaced with new ones. Ridgetop church school and Highland Elementary loaned as many books as they had available. Mr. Eckles of the Eckles School Supply in Springfield gave a large set of world maps. Church members helped supply paper, pencils, workbooks and other necessities. There were sufficient supplies so that the school could continue in spite of many inconveniences.

Graduation for the three students was also held in the gym. After the usual exercises, speaker, and presentation of diplomas, there was an informal reception. All the schoolmates, parents, and many friends were present that evening.

The 1967 school year was to begin in the hastily prepared but still inadequate school rooms in the unfinished Educational Building with Miss Ruth Bolton as the teacher. However, it was soon apparent that this was not a good arrangement. Because of the added expense in building, it was thought best to close the school for the present. Miss Bolton was transferred, and the school children were given opportunity to attend Highland Elementary school.

Transportation for the 17 miles between Cross Plains and Highland loomed up as a problem. The difficulty was solved when Mrs. Ramsey offered to take the children to and from school each day. The morning drive to school was used for greetings, exchanging news and sharing plans for the day. But the way home seemed long to the tired, hungry students and tempers often flared. Finally Mrs. Ramsey planned her strategies.

- Strategy #1 On a seldom used road, every one out of the car . . . By briskly walking or slowly jogging before the creeping car, by the end of a couple of blocks or so, they were calmed and in a better mood.
- Strategy #2 Apples, popcorn, unshelled peanuts, or similar treats kept them busy and quelled the appetites until they were home.
- Strategy #3 For good behavior, boys were allowed to ride on the hood, girls on the trunk for the last quarter of a mile on the un-traveled road to the first drop off while the car again crept along.

The relief of frustration, the jolly goodbyes and the promise of "I'll see you in the morning" were reward for the extra time and planning. Mrs. Ramsey used her judgment as to which strategy would work best on any day. Their routine continued for four years until the last Cross Plains student graduated. The students and numbers involved varied each year. Elder Glass, Bible teacher at the academy once remarked, "Mrs. Ramsey, you could turn your car loose and after all these trips it would know the way home." Except for "turning the car loose", he was right. It still needed an alert driver who followed the way.

Church School Days at the Little Sanctuary, Continued

The saddest result of the fire was closing the church school. The silver Lining . . . ? At the larger school there were more rooms, more teachers, more library space, more recreational equipment, and more possibility of widening the circle of friends. Both Highland Elementary and Ridgetop church schools were within driving distance and in either one, students deciding to attend would be welcomed.

First School year at Cross Plains



Second Semester - 9 students



A treat! Outdoor Study.



First Christmas Party



Lunch in the sunshine

School Activities



Someone is having a
Birthday party at
Romsey's House



Planning for Holiday
Food Baskets



Seventh and eighth grade
Cooking Class prepared
supper for their parents
and served it at Romsey's
House.

VIGNETTES (Short pictures in words – gleaned from early SS secretary's reports)

1958

August – We came together for the first time as a church following organization on July 28. There were 71 members and guests present.

September – The children's memory verse was "Great is Thy faithfulness". To illustrate faith, Mrs. Ramsey stood little Ellen on the table and held out her arms. Ellen jumped – showing faith in her mother, just as we are to show faith in God.

November – This was 6 week-old Randy Hardin's first visit to the Sabbath School. His sisters, Brenda and Diana took turns holding him as the children sang, "There is a New Baby at Harden's House".

1959

January – It was Bank Day in the children's room. A Branch Bank of Heaven was opened, with Charlotte Parkhurst as Vice-President, Larry Thrall and Joy Ramsey as cashiers. Each child wishing to open an account in his or her own name was given a penny as a starter. There was 100% response. Beside the regular Mission offering each child was encouraged to bring something to put into the Bank of Heaven toward the 13th Sabbath offering.

March – Our newest member, Randy Hardin opened his account in the Bank of Heaven. Today the total assets stand at over \$18.

April – Dr. Ramsey led out in the very first Sabbath School in our own little sanctuary. For special music, Dr. Ramsey and his visiting nephew, Kenneth Ramsey, played a trumpet duet. They were accompanied by Viola Parkhurst at the piano.

April – A special exercise was planned for Mr. Yates' birthday. His grandson Eddie Russell, whose birthday is also in April, was chosen to present Mr. Yates with a small bouquet from the children in honor of his interest in his "Little Flower Garden".

May – Freddie Parkhurst brought two little birds he had found fallen from their nest. The children sang, "God Sees the Little Sparrow Fall". They decided one way God cares for them is to have someone special find them when they fall.

September 12 – Elder Beck, our new Pastor and his wife, met with us for the first time. He told several stories about Burma. Their three children, Nancy, Jeannie and Peter, sang "Jesus Loves Me" in Burmese.

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November – In Sabbath School the children were studying about Daniel. Mrs. Ramsey gave the older children a note paper and asked them to write something they had done to be brave like Daniel. Jimmy Ayres wrote, "When the cow kicked and spilt the milk, I didn't get mad". That seems to be the way Jimmy meets unexpected circumstances.

1960

November – The children enjoyed acting out their Sabbath School lesson about the Good Samaritan. A rug road led from Jerusalem to Jericho. Overturned chairs were rocks. Phyllis Ramsey represented the man robbed and left to die. Joy Ramsey and Jimmy Ayres were the priest and Levite who completely ignored him. Joanne Ramsey was the Good Samaritan who came by on her donkey (Douglas Ramsey) and took the victim to the inn where David Ayres was the inn keeper.

1963

January – The girls' chorus sang "Every Year with Jesus" for the birthday exercise. The chorus included Ginger Ayres, Carol Day, Brenda Hardin and Joy and Joanne Ramsey.

February – Investment dime banks were distributed. Last year Beulah Graves saved more than \$20 in dimes for investment.

March – Brenda Hardin sang "Teach Me to Pray Lord" for special music.

April – A poll was taken for the favorite hymn of Sabbath School members. "The Old Rugged Cross" was the special choice. It was chosen by Anne Davis, Diana Hardin, Phyllis Ramsey, Glenda Tinnon, Lottie Tinnon and Carol Day.

April marks the birthdays of our oldest and youngest Sabbath School members. Mr. Yates was 73, "Little" Walter Tinnon was 3. Two candles were placed on the table. One was quite short, but the flame was still burning brightly. The other was tall and also burning brightly.

At first the children thought the tall candle represented Mr. Yates and the short one "Little" Walter. But one Junior explained that Mr. Yates candle had been burning 73 years so the shorter candle represented him. "Little" Walter's candle had only been burning 3 years so his candle was taller.

Mr. Yates and Little Walter were each given a small birthday plant.

December – This was the last Sabbath of the year, but it was the best in several ways. In spite of the weather, attendance was excellent. The 13th Sabbath offering was twice as large as any previously taken.

1964

April – Ginger Bryant and Joanne Ramsey sang “Each Step I Take” for Ruth Jernigan and Alvin Yates, our two oldest Sabbath School members.

May – Mrs. Ramsey planned a special program to honor our mothers and grandmothers. The program was introduced by the children as they sang “With Mother in the Family”.

Bobby Ayres gave a special welcome to the mothers. Jimmy Ayres and his mother Mildred sang “My Mother’s Prayers Have Followed Me”.

Ginger Ayers gave the poem “The Three Mothers”. On the platform was Della Yates in her rocking chair representing the Mothers of Yesterday; her daughter, Norma Dean Hardin was sitting nearby representing the Mothers of Today; sitting in a small chair by her mother was Diana Hardin holding her dolly, representing the Mothers of Tomorrow.

All mothers and grandmothers were given a special Mothers’ Day flower.

June – Kathleen Bryant put a quiz on the blackboard. The children enjoyed filling in the missing words.

July – Jany and Jeffrey Bryant took the 13th Sabbath offering dressed as American Indians.

August – The members were all thankful Morse and Kathleen Bryant, and Dr. Ramsey were spared with only minor injuries in the two recent automobile accidents. Also, they were so happy to know that Mable West was not injured when she fell down the cement steps in her basement.

October – On this 13th Sabbath we were greeted by 2 smiling Coolies, Gary Bryant and Gary Stewart. Diana Hardin dressed in an oriental costumes sat by a tiny tea table with a colorful parasol in the background. Just before the offering was taken, Pamela Jernigan and Roger Brewer illustrated the poem, “Mission Babies”.

1965

November – The youth class quietly sang “Tread Softly” as they make their way to the platform where they conducted the entire Sabbath School program.

Jimmy Ayres was Sabbath School superintendent, Carol Day secretary; Johnny Day offered the opening prayer; James Day gave the Mission story. After the Sabbath School class the youth sang “What a Wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord”. Each stanza was introduced by a quotation from *Steps to Christ*, read by Joe Dale Ayres and Brenda Hardin.

1966

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June – The mission exercise was given by 4 juniors, Gary Bryant, Douglas Ramsey, Diana Hardin and Glenda Tinnon.

July – During the 13th Sabbath program, a visiting nurse from North Africa told several interesting stories.

August – Brenda and Diana Hardin repeated the Ten Commandments. Six of the 19 primary and junior children have completed that memory work.

September – In the mission exercise, the story of the “Unhappy Brides” was given as a dialogue by Jany Bryant, Glenda Tinnon, Phyllis and Ellen Ramsey, Peggy and Linda Carter.

The juniors had charge of Sabbath School. They chose “heaven” as their theme. The opening song was “Just Over the Mountain in the Promised Land”.

Douglas Ramsey acted as superintendent and Glenda Tinnon as secretary. Glenda, Diana and Phyllis gave the mission story. Gary Bryant gave an interesting story showing the differences between animals now and those we will see in heaven. Gary Stewart gave a poem, “How Beautiful Heaven Must Be” as the girls illustrated it on the flannel board.

November – Visitors were welcomed by a poem given by Billy Jernigan and illustrated with pictures by Jim Carter’s class.

Mrs. Charles Howard whom Eugene Graves invited, and Tammy Jernigan, great granddaughter of Ruth Jernigan, were the youngest and oldest guest, and were each given a small booklet as a remembrance.

The Cross Plains Sabbath School followed many others in omitting the secretary report
SO NO MORE VIGNETTES!

Heard Here About

3 of his grand children who helped him blow out the candles.

Youngsters from 7 to 70 had a wonderful time on Easter Sunday, the early morning showers did nothing to mar the vigor with which they met the day. Having more fun than any one hereabouts was Alvin Yates who was the most surprised person ever seen at his own surprise birthday celebrated. This occasion was the "brian child" of the versatile and talented wife of Dr. O. W. Ramsey, who not only planned the entire party but wrote and directed a skit depicting the life of Mr. Yates since he became a member of this community some 70 years ago on April 14. One of the highlights of the skit was the portrayal of the first date which Alvin had with his wife Della (this answer was authenticated by the lady herself, the first date was in Hot Springs, Ark., and your reporter teasingly remarked that she had been in hot water ever since.) Fern Ramsey enlisted the help of her husband in order to entice Alvin to the party, he was brought to the Seventh Day Adventist Church (where the party was held in the classroom) on the pretext of meeting the pastor and was only mildly curious upon seeing Mrs. R. there since she and the Doc are building a home near this site, but his curiosity was beginning to rear its head a little when they met wife Della and some of the "kids" in a car (he remarked that they didn't tell HIM they were going anywhere). The honoree walked into the classroom and was greeted by a large number of family and friends singing "Happy Birth-

day to You" tears of surprise and thanks filled his eyes as he and Della were seated in chairs of honor beneath placards reading "Happy Birthday to Alvin." The beautifully tiered birthday cake (a product of Fern Ramseys oven) bearing 70 candles was brought in by Donald Thrall and Joanne Ramsey who also portrayed Alvin and Della in later life in the "It's is your life" skit. Mr. Yates was assisted in lighting (and blowing out) the candles by his grandchildren and great grand children. This delicious cake and ice cream was served at the conclusion of the "Pot Luck" dinner to the many guests. Those enjoying the day and food with Alvin included: Beulah and Eugene Graves, Mabel and Orman West, Orman, Jr., and Betty and their girls, Melinda and Anita, Noble, Bill and Eddie Hershe, of Fountain Head, Norma Dean and Charles Hardin and children, Brenda, Dianna, Randal, Ellen Allen, Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Randolph of Washington, D. C., Pastor and Mrs. E. C. Beck of Fountain Head, and children, Jeanne, Nancy and Peter, Mr. and Mrs. John Robert Day, and children, James, Johnny, Tommy, Donny and Carol, the James Ayers and children, Jimmy, Jo, David and Bobby. The Walter Tinnons, the Gardner Tinnons and children, Glenda, Douglas and Marcia, Fern and Dr. Ramsey and children, Joy, Joanne, Douglas, Phyllis, Stephen, Carol and Ellen, Wesley Bush and son, Dennis, Terry Dorris, Dorothy Yates and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Thrall and children, Larry, Jackie, Kathy and Dennis.



Brenda
Hardin



Dianna
Hardin



Randal
Hardin

at six
Randal said
"I can't
go to school.
I can't
even read!"



A Birthday Poem

For many a day it was
 Only a dream
 In the heart of a
 Grand old man.
 He was much in prayer
 And zealous in work
 Before its fulfillment
 Began

God looked down from
 His throne on high,
 His Cross Plains children
 To see.
 A little sanctuary in
 This place?
 What better dream
 Could there be?

The Lord's hand is not slack,
 And He can still hear
 The prayer of a godly
 Man.
 It was only a few short months ago
 This dream turned into a
 Plan.

We must get this thing started
 We heard him say
 As he "studied" just what
 He should do
 Then he remembered an
 Old white church,
 'Twas a thought from
 The Lord, he knew.

The Community Building
 Was just the place;
 Permission to use it
 Was given
 Thus he found for us
 Our Sabbath home
 Like a gift
 Right out of heaven

Our church was
 Organized July 28.
 But our work had only
 Begun

We must have our own church
 And a school, said he,
 Where we can invite folks
 To come

O, the depth of riches
 And knowledge of God!
 His ways are past
 Finding out
 That the Lord's hand is
 In this thing
 Our friend has had
 Never a doubt.

At last he can see the
 Fulfillment
 Of the dream he had
 Long ago.
 A neat little church with a
 School in the back
 For his beautiful
 Flowers to grow.

Now let us open the
 Garden gate
 And see those blossoms so
 Fair
 The boys and girls he
 Has gathered in
 Whom he counts
 With such tender care.

Grand and full has his
 Journey been
 His years number
 Sixty and nine
 We look to him with
 Respect and love,
 Like a patriarch of
 Olden time.

We wish for him
 Birthday blessing,
 More years for God's
 Cause to be given,
 Many true friends,
 Abundant health.
 And at last a home
 Up in heaven

*Written in
 honor of Mrs
 69th Birthday
 J.R.*

Just a few of his grandchildren in the Flower Garden 65



Craig Searcy



Eric Searcy



Tommy Collins

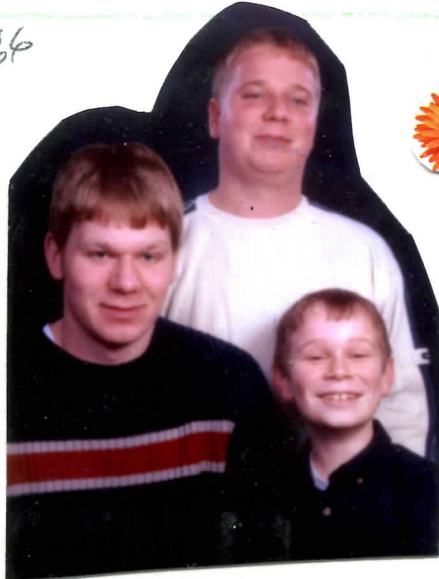


Aimee Wayne Taylor



Great Grandsons
Kevin Te
Collins

Part of Mr. Tate's Flower Garden



Jeremy Joey
Wells Josh



Marcia Tinnen



Carol Ramsey



Johnny Brewer



Stephen Ramsey



Kathy Thrall



Peggy Carter



Tina Herner



Roger Brewer



Dennis Thrall



Ellen Ramsey



Linda Carter



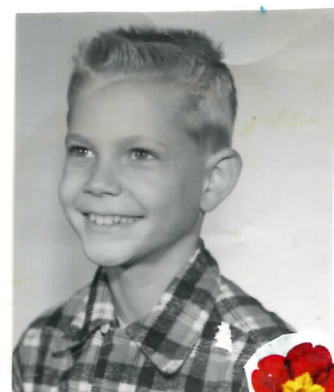
Joe Dale Rogers



Gary Stewart



Pamela Serragan



Douglas Ramsey





Fred
Parkhurst

Amy Brewer-Lutes Ashlee Sarah



Wayne Carter



Ginger Bryant



Gary Bryant



Joanne Ramsay



Joy Ramsey



James Brewer



Phyllis Ramsey



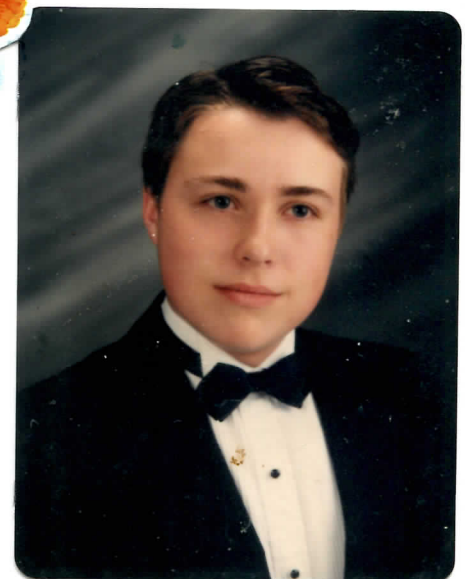
Carol Day



Linda Brewer



Gilbert Jimmy Gyles
Joan Dale & Bobby Gyles
Joann Goodwin



Shane Brewer



Marguerite Entz



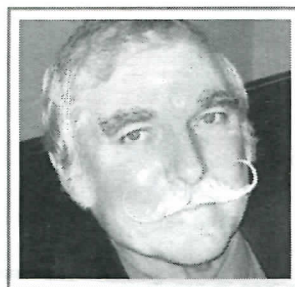
Linda Brewer Wells



Fern Ramsey

Witnessing on the Road trucker's story

Paul Reynolds is a member of the Cross Plains Church who spends his week behind the steering wheel of an eighteen-wheeler. I asked him to share with us a story of witnessing on the road.
Editor.



I have been ask many times if when I'm out on the road I'm able to witness to others. The answer is yes. I've had many opportunities to witness. I always carry small books and pamphlets with me, but the story I want to tell you didn't involve the written word at all. It had to do with what I *didn't* do.

It happened in New Jersey on a Monday morning around 6.30AM. About eighteen drivers were standing in the small shipping and receiving room, all talking and joking. At 7.00AM the window opened and the clerk asked who was first. The first driver handed in his bills to the clerk.

"You don't have an appointment number. Call your company and get one," said the clerk.

Several other drivers got the same response. The line gradually moved from the clerk's window to the phones as the drivers got the bad news. Their speech was liberally sprinkled with four-letter words, and the clerk was spoken of very badly.

As my turn came to approach the clerk it was apparent he was frustrated. "What is your number and appointment time?" he demanded.

"Here, my friend, are my bills. All numbers are in the corner top," I answered.

"What? You are a Christian?" he said, stunning me.

I heard his response very well because there wasn't a sound in the room. Every driver was looking right at me. Each one in the room could hear my response.

"Yes, I walk and talk to the Master every day."

I have wondered many times what I said (or maybe didn't say) that caught this person's attention.

The story is told in Matthew 26:73 of how Peter betrayed Christ at the time of Jesus arrest by the crudeness of his speech. I believe even our speech will testify of our allegiance. Hopefully it will reflect Jesus, because the only sermon some people will ever hear will be a the one we live.

O God, let others see you in me as I walk daily with you.

Cooking Demonstration
and Bread making Demonstration

Witnessing in the Workplace can they co-exist?

By Penny Reynolds

When we get up every morning, ready for our work day, I sincerely hope we spend a few precious moments with Jesus first. If we claim to be servants for Christ and want to share truth with others, then we must prepare our hearts, spiritually, for the work day ahead. Also a good, positive, cheerful attitude attracts others to want to listen to you.

I work in a non-Adventist institution, actually a hospital. I work in a delicate area, treating patients that just have gone through a major life threatening "heart event". It is a cardiac rehab area. People need positive encouraging words at this point in their lives. Working in a hospital setting, I can not "initiate" a discussion of my beliefs. However, if a patient brings up a comment about God or religion, then I have the opportunity to comment back. I have found that if you ask Jesus to open doors, He will. Many times patients have suddenly asked me, out of the blue, what I think about a religious topic. I always say a silent quick prayer, asking for the Holy Spirit to guide my every word. Sometimes patient's give me the credit for their improvement in health and that is one of my favorite times to tell them "give all the credit to God". Here are a few of my experiences witnessing in the workplace.

One day I was talking to three patients and we were having a discussion about the goodness of Jesus Christ and how He makes a difference in our lives. A non-denominational preacher came up to me and told me I wasn't suppose to be discussing religion here. We had not been discussing doctrines but had been uplifting Jesus. I told this man, very calmly, "The day I cannot talk about Jesus is the day I don't need this job." When I looked back at the three patients sitting close by, one elderly black man nodded his head of approval to me. The non-denominational preacher left the area.

Another day a few years back, one I will never forget, I had the opportunity to talk with a elderly German patient, that claimed to be an atheist. He

began discussing the "big bang theory" with me. He was a very intelligent man, an engineer and professor. He wanted to know why I couldn't believe it. As we discussed our beliefs (God opens doors) I was able to witness about our "Creator". As we talked over the next few weeks about this topic, he opened up to me. He had lived in Germany as a young boy during WWII. He had seen and lived through many horrible things. His conclusion: "There couldn't be a God to allow so many horrific things to happen". It saddened my heart so much, and I earnestly prayed for him. I couldn't change his past. He one day told me his daughter was going to have a baby and that it would probably be a C-section and that he would be leaving to visit her soon. I was impressed by the Holy Spirit to tell him I would pray to God that she would be able to have a normal delivery without C-section. He just laughed. When he returned, he came up to me and told me his daughter delivered a healthy baby and didn't have to have a C-section. I reminded him that I had prayed to God for this. He nodded his head yes and smiled. Shortly after that, I went on leave to have my second child, Olivia. Upon my return to work about 4 months later, I heard that this patient had died. I don't know if he had a change of heart, but I hope that he found God.

Even if it is just to agree with a co-worker or a client that Jesus is good and is our Saviour, you are witnessing for Him. I have had many opportunities, and not every witnessing experience positive. Out of the blue, a patient asked me if I believed a person goes to heaven when they die. A co-worker quickly chimed in "She's a Seventh Day Adventist." I responded with truth, and that person looked appalled at me.

Never back down from truth. Keep an open mind to listen to others, then share Jesus and scripture truth when chances are made available.

*...do not worry about how or
what you are to say;
for it will be given you in that
hour what you are to say.*

*For it is not you who speak, but it is the
Spirit of your Father who speaks in you."*

Matthew 10: 19,20





Pastor and Mrs. E. C. Beck, Jeanne, Nancy and Peter in native Burmese costume.

A Special Thank You

Of all the ways that gratitude
And thanks can be expressed,
The little phrase "God bless you"
Seems to be the very best.

Thanks so much for sharing
5 happy years with us and
for your thoughtful gift.
Your friends,
Elder + Mrs. Lauthard
Joy, Bobby, + Jerry

9-8-88

Dear Cross Plains Family,

We want to thank you so much for the lovely farewell you gave us, and also for the beautiful loose-leaf Bible for Lawrence, the loose-leaf hymnal for me, and the nice Bible games for the children.

Thank You

But most of all we want to thank you for your friendship during the past 4½ years. That's the best gift of all. The Waltons
Lawrence, Ann, Mark, Karen + Ryan



Elder Watson and
his beautiful bride
Wanda

From the Wilsons - called from here to Africa for 4th pastor
A.D. 12th Avenue Castle

Dear Friends -

March 30, 1965

Have been thinking of all the nice things you did for us
And want to express our appreciation. We enjoyed our stay in
your Community very much and you were among those who helped
it to be so enjoyable.

Snatches of letters sent from Africa

God has richly blest our work here in Malawi during the last several months. For a long time now we have been trying to get land in the New Capital City on which to establish our work. It looked as if we were going to have to settle for some little isolated place in the old township. Thanks to the intervention of the Lord we have been able to get 25 acres in a beautiful location near to the new American Embassy building and about a block away from the new parliament building site. We are very busy right now raising funds for a new church and an evangelistic centre. We also want to build a medical-dental service on the 25 acres and eventually move our Union office to that site.

On the very day when we received information that we would be able to secure this place His Excellency Dr. Banda gave a gift of a quarter of a million dollars to our medical-dental work here in the country from his own personal account. This was a tremendous gift to our mission and was very much needed.

We went to thank His Excellency on January 29 and spent 55 minutes with him. It was at that time that we learned that he had accepted an invitation to worship with us at Malamulo on March 3. When he came to the mission there were about 15,000 to 18,000 people present. It was a tremendous event with live radio coverage. The service went off very well and we have received many favourable compliments. I wish I could tell you all of the details about these events. On July 22 Barbara and I were invited to the State House for a reception in the honour of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. We had the good fortune of being able to talk with the Queen. We were also invited to the State Banquet which followed the reception. This will go down in our lives as an outstanding moment.

Our work is going forward with great speed. Many people are taking their stand for the truth for which we are grateful.

With warm personal greetings to you all and with best wishes,

Doreen Rose & Lana & Steve Allen



To all the Church Members
Love - The Wilsons

from Elder Fred and Barbara Wilson

Elder & Mrs Hewett



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Armchair Travels With Susan

On April 7 I left my poor husband at home and joined family and friends for twelve days of intense sightseeing in southern Europe. Now before you feel too sorry for Bob, let me make it clear that he was definitely urged to come along but he just couldn't part company with Ridgetop and Cross Plains that long. When you realize that skiing was involved you get an idea of just how highly you rank! After going through all the rigmarole of finding my lost party in the terminals in Munich, filling out forms in hopes of recovering my lost luggage, and getting our rental car, we were finally ready to hit the road on our big adventure.

The wonderful city of Prague, Czech Republic, was our first stop. It is amazing how much ground you can cover when you're truly motivated. Being of the opinion that I may never get to see a sight but once in my life (or twice in this case) and should therefore make the most of it, I donned my walking shoes once there and hit the pavement running. Jet lag is nothing to the serious tourist. We prowled the various old sections of the city from the open-air markets to the largest castle complex in the world, and even stood on the spot where Huss and Jerome were burned at the stake as heretics.

Next stop was the cool (and I mean that literally) town of Innsbruck, Germany, which is surrounded by the beautiful snow-covered Alps. This is where I had to part company with most of the group, as their main purpose for this stop was skiing, and mine was prowling the old streets with camera in hand. The snowfalls made it a picture-perfect place.

On to Venice...and warmer weather. Now this is where I really logged in the miles. You've heard the term "foot sore"? That is a literal term, you know. The narrow winding streets and alleys were teeming with tourists, many of which were high school seniors. And this was low season! I can't imagine competing with the throng once the season gets rolling. I went camera nuts here and fell in love with all the scenic canals and buildings – and pizza.

Without doubt the most memorable visit was to the WWII concentration camp in Dachau, Germany. It was moving in a way that I cannot adequately describe. My eyes brimmed with tears as I viewed the crematoriums and read about the needless deaths of multiple thousands of prisoners. Man's inhumanity to man was and still is astounding.

Last stop was Salzburg, Austria, where we joined the tourists and every-day shoppers on the many "pedestrianized" streets that make shopping so much fun in Europe. The various street performers (mimes, musicians, etc.) make it fun to just roam around. The huge castle that looms over the city was super interesting as well.

There it is – my trip in a nutshell. If you want to see some pictures check out our website at www.bobandsusie.net and go to the Photo Album. Traveling is great fun but home is always the best place to be!

-Susan Korzyniowski

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Would you recognize
Susie Wilcox (below)
with her parents and
brother as our dear
Susan Korzyniowski?



Susie, brother Reed, and parents Jud & Dixie Wilcox

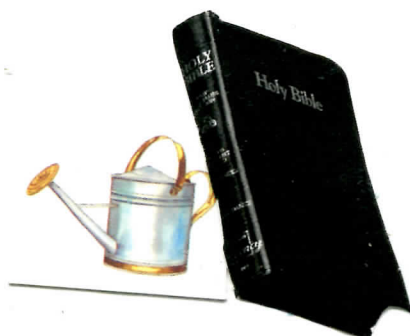
I mark the beginning of my personal year by the start of camp meeting because that's been the one big focal point of my year since I was a child. Ky-Tn Camp Meeting is, in point of fact, one of my earlier childhood recollections.

This year as camp meeting rolls around, I hope won't miss the opportunity of participating in one of the highlights of our church year and of receiving the blessing that await you. Give your children and grandchildren the chance to make some lasting memories that may just affect the way they feel about the church in adulthood.

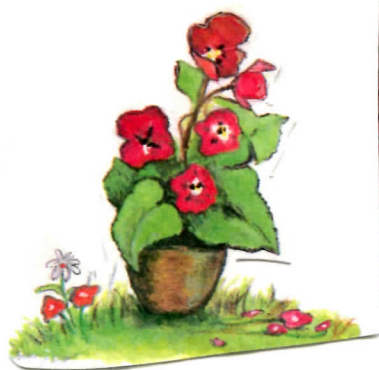
Our Pastors



1 Douglas Bennett	July 1958 - Sept. 1958
2 Edwin C Beck	Sept 1959 - June 1960
3 E E. Lumbo	June 1960 Aug. 1961
4 Joe Reams	Aug 1961 Nov. 1962
5 Don Kenyon	Nov. 1962 Apr. 1963
6 L A Watson	Very short terms - weeks
7 Ronald Watson	Apr. 1963 July 1963
8 Rainy Hooper	July 1963 July 1964
9 Fred Wilson	July 1964 Aug 1965
10 Doyle Philips	Aug, 1965 Oct 1968
11 Des Cummings Jr	Oct 1968 Dec 1968
12 John Newman	Dec 1968 Apr 1969
13 Claude Steen	Apr 1969 Aug 1971
14 Clarence Southard	Aug 1971 June 1976
15 Alvin Wolcott	June 1976 June 1979
16 Herb Hewett	June 1979 July 1982
17 Jack Colcesser	July 1982 Mar 1984
18 Lawrence Walton	Mar 1984 Sept 1988
19 Ric Johnson	Sept 1988 July 1993
20 Steve Rose	Aug 1993 May 1999
21 Bob Korzynowski	Aug 1999 -



They gave the water
of life freely.





Our first pastor, Elder Bennett, giving VBS certificates to the 34 children at our very first VBS.



Elder E.D. Beck - our 2nd - 1959 - pastor had been a class mate of Fern & Wayne Ramsey at Union College.



Elder Hooper baptizing after the tent meeting at Onhinda. 1963



Our 7th pastor was busy with VBS and Church School children with his other duties 1963 Elder Ron Watson



Elder Cumbow at Highland Academy in 1961



Elder Fred Wilson, baptizing in a beautiful lake near Ridgetop. 1960



Elder Walton giving certificates at VBC closing program



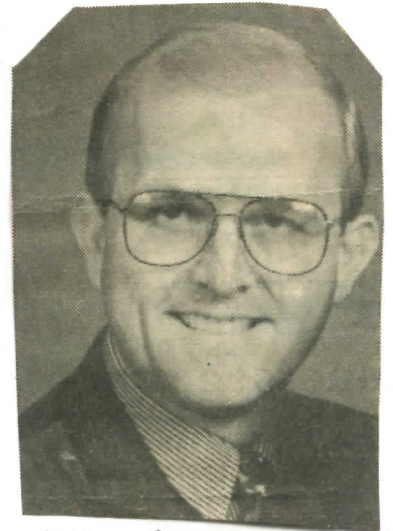
Elder Southard chatting with every one after VBS.



Elder Rose who had been with 6 years. He had helped us after the last fire to see the silver lining.



Elder DesCummings who was called from us only after a few short months



Elder Rick Johnson, with us for about 5 years. Theo and Jasper (not so dumb dummies) also fortified his good advice.



Elder Korzyniowski and Susan have inspired us in many ways. We appreciate their work at the church.



Elder Hewett and his wife Vera shared beautiful music with us on special occasions.

To the Cross Plains Church Members:

When Vera and I came to serve as Pastor of the Cross Plains / Ridgetop Church District in 1979, what a pleasant surprise it was to discover such a neat, attractive church building on a fine piece of property in the small town of Cross Plains, Tennessee.

But more importantly, it was the people who composed the Church that made it even more attractive and inviting. Known and loved for his compassionate care and treatment of the sick throughout the area, Dr. Ramsey along with his wife, faithfully supported the church from its inception. I also remember Dr. Claude Randolph and his wife, and how harmoniously they worked together in the church. Everyone "pitched in" to do his or her part for the church, whether it was taking care of the church building or serving in some church office. Leaders and Elders faithfully supported the church from its inception.

Fern was one of the best Sabbath School teachers I have ever known. I remember visiting her Junior/Earliteen class over in the annex on several occasions, and I marveled at how well she managed those restless youngsters, and got the lesson across. The other teachers in their classes also did their part so well.

I felt blessed to have had a part in working with the Cross Plains Church, whether it was giving the Sabbath morning sermon, visiting the church members, baptizing new members, ingathering, or just enjoying the fellowship of everyone in the church. I even enjoyed tooting my horn for special music once in a while.

We look forward to the day when there will be another even grander celebration – a reunion when there will be no more parting of the ways with friends and loved ones we now dearly miss, but expect to see soon when Jesus comes.

With Christian love,

Herb and Vera Hewitt

Elder Frederick Herbert Hewitt, together with his wife, Vera Louis e (Noss) served ass pastor of the Ridgetop-Cross Plains Churches 1979-82 before retiring at Ridgetop, Tn. where they still live as of 2008. Vera was born and grew up in Nashville. Her father worked for many years at the Southern Publishing House. Herbert was born, and grew up in Hammond, La., about fifty miles north of New Orleans. Both met and graduated from Madison College. They married in 1941.

Beginning as a teacher and dean of boys at Pewee Valley Academy in Ky.. Herb then went on to served as Principal of several other academies, namely, New Orleans Jr. Academy, Pine Forest Academy, Ozark Academy, and Collegedale Academy. He also served as M V and Educational Superintendent of the Texaco Conference, and later as Educational Secretary of the Southeast Asia Union Mission, with head quarters in Singapore During intervening years, he also served as pastor of several churches in the Ark.-La., .Texico, and Ky.-Tn. Conferences Vera taught academy courses and served as Registrar. at Pine Forest and Ozark Academies. She also served as an office secretary in the Texico Conference , and later as secretary for the President, Ralph Watts, of the Southeast Asia Union Mission in Singapore. She also played the piano for several major evangelistic. campaigns ,and served as organist in several churches. She also conducted successful cooking schools.



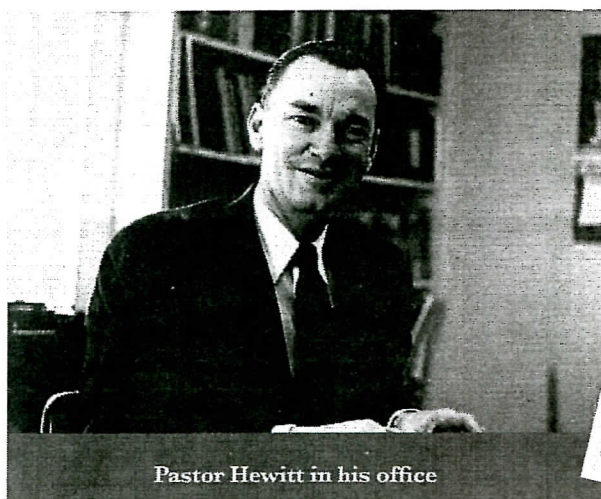
*Home in Hammond LA
Born and lived here for 16 yrs*



met at Madison College

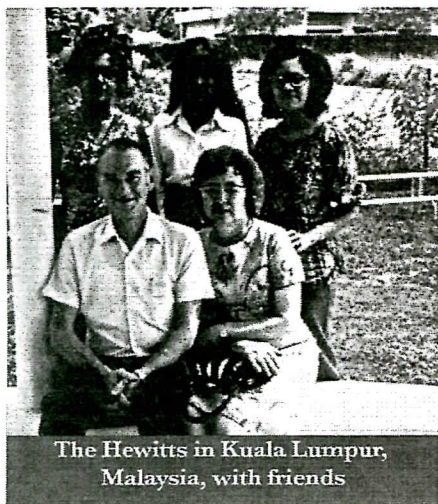
1. A Gibbon Ape - pet that loved to play. Belonged to the Outners, missionaries in Sarawak (Borneo)

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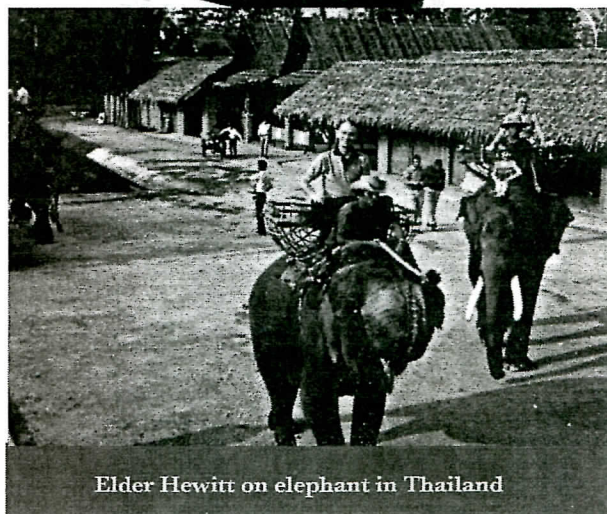


Pastor Hewitt in his office

Top: With Gibbon Ape in Sabah, Borneo
Middle: On cover 1981 These Times magazine



The Hewitts in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, with friends



Elder Hewitt on elephant in Thailand

1. "Sally" with Hewitts

2. With daughter Carol, and son, Fred
3. We played together in many places

Hewitts

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Sally was cast out of her
Buddhist home when she became
an SDA Christian. Later we counilled
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Hewitt

1. Dr. & Mrs. elad Randolph
 2. Hewitts - Early days
 3. Jungle Village Borneo
 4. S D A friends from Malasia / Singapore.
- Attended General Conference in USA. Visited Hewitts at Ridgelytop

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Blessings and Benisons as you celebrate Fifty Years!

greetings!

You all were my very first parish entirely 'on my own' (alongside the Franklin, KY, group at that time in 1963). And, frankly, it was a very large change for me to move from the city of Nashville...to the country! Since I had grown up in 'the city' (Jacksonville, FL), coming to Cross Plains was a very new experience for me.

However, the move was an exciting one for me since everyone in the congregation and in the community made me feel very welcome. I was grateful for all the membership's kindness and friendship as I came to live among you. The Ramseys helped to introduce me around the church folk and with the townspeople. I remember making arrangements with the Postmistress, Beulah Villines, in the postal office which was her house, as I recall. She was always very cordial and helpful to me. Also, I met the owner of the Chevrolet dealership...and asked him if I could rent his house out on the Highway 29 that he had built for his son (who was away during the Viet Nam war). When he came home, his girlfriend did not marry him; he did not care to use the pleasant cottage that his father had built for him adjacent to his brother's large farm. I was very pleased to have the opportunity to 'live in the country' and to have such a very delightful home where I could live close by the membership and to have a place to invite folk over.

I moved out there and church friends shared furniture with me (I was not married and did not have very much for domestic living!). I planted flowers, learned to mow the lawn, and enjoyed having farm animals 'out back'. And, someone gave me a rooster whom I named 'Chanticleer'; he woke me up every morning...until he disappeared. I fear he moved away to a neighbor's chicken yard where he could have more 'fellowship'! I named the house and land 'Wildacre' after a home in Colorado that belonged to my grandmother's father in Littleton. It was my first home, and I have always treasured its memory and the gracious days I enjoyed there.

Some church family gave me a little plot of land where I could plant potatoes. They helped me...well, actually they did the plowing...and then, showed me how to put the potato pieces with the 'eyes' in the mounds. Soon I had plants showing. One early Sunday morning I went over to weed and hoe. Someone drove by and shouted ...for me to 'get out of the garden on the Lord's Day!'. That was the last time I worked on a Sunday, realizing that some in the neighborhood could be offended.

The Methodist minister in Cross Plains was very friendly and cordial with me; he told me that he was the true 'Sabbath-keeper' since he rested on Saturday before the Sunday services...and that I really was 'working the hardest on the Sabbath', which was true! He liked to share with me and use a little humor in our relationship. He had been a missionary in South Korea and had known the Adventists there...and he bought his vegetables from the Adventist college outside Seoul from their school farm.

I once asked directions from an old man, when I was out visiting from home to home. He looked at me...and suggested, 'Wahl, young man, you jest drive on up this here road...'til you shoot tha Kentucky line; the thing tah do...is tah turn 'round, head back

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up tha way you'd come...and turn ri-upt at tha very next dirt lane!'. I loved his accent and colorful directions...and I found the place.

I very much enjoyed the church school we had at that time, and I would come over for stories and prayer in the mornings...and occasionally would stay around for a recess period. The Vacation Bible School was a busy and enjoyable time too as kids came 'from all around'. Ms Ramsey, her daughter, and the church women were very talented to work such a fine program for the community children.

We had meetings set to open in Orlinda...from the Conference Office suggestion, and the evangelist was Rainey Hooper. He called and suggested that I 'use a truck' and come over to Highland Academy and pick up the tent. Well, I was frightened with this prospect of driving a Conf. truck (which I had never done). I was very careful to keep it running (engine was a bit decrepit and I had a hard time starting it) and also to drive it in such a way and park it, so I would not have to put it in 'reverse' which I did not know how to accomplish! But we loaded up the tent and all its parts...and I carefully drove back to Cross Plains. I had a mimeographed page or two of instructions on 'how to erect at two pole tent', but I had not the least notion of how to begin this project or how to fully put this plan into operation. But...a lady in the church (her name escapes me), came over and took a look at my 'printed instructions'. She put her hands on her hips and told me 'not to worry'...she would 'pull this off' with the help of the church deacons, men, and elders. We made a time for everyone to come...and she directed the men (and me!), and soon that tent was up and standing ready for chairs, sawdust, and all the preparations for the coming 'prophetic meetings'. It was my first experience.

Unfortunately, I had a bad attack of appendicitis, and shortly I was taken by Dr Ramsey to Madison Hospital for surgery. He performed the operation for me and looked after my medical needs, at no expense to me (his kindness knew no bounds, in finances or friendship!). As a result, I was not 'up and out' and able to attend the services in Orlinda.

Shortly thereafter, the Conference Committee and leadership decided to have Elder Hooper take over my parish work, and I was moved to Dickson, TN. I did ask if the Conference brethren would reconsider and allow me to 'stay on' (and I was to be married in the late autumn, and it was now late summer), but they had made their plans and needed me to follow along with their counsels. So, I was to move away...

I was broken-hearted, but I did as I was told and prepared to leave my 'country house' and all my good friends and neighbors around Cross Plains.

My pray^{er} and thoughts
are with you
on this special
Sabbath,
Rou Watson

Postscript:

I recall that at the campmeeting time I asked the Conference for permission to remain in my home at Wildacre for the two weeks of services, etc. But they said they wanted me to be 'on campus' there at Fountainhead/Highland Academy. However, oddly, they said I could not rent a dormitory room nor could I be permitted to use a small tent or any of the Conference accommodations! I asked them 'why?'...and they said that since I was not married they could not take the risk of having me 'footloose' sleeping just anywhere during the campmeeting sessions! Mercy! I felt like asking the Cross Plains congregation to give me 'recommendations' and 'references' since they were having to put up with my reputation and youthful activities in the community! But, the dentist family, the Trivetts, gave me a room while I was busy with all the 'camp pitch' and the work I did in the junior department tent (not much time with all this activity for young ministerial foolishness!).

I remember the June daisies all along the highways, and I often picked bouquets for my house of these beautiful flowers. And, I used to watch for the blackberries to ripen in the hedgerows and fences; so delicious they were in cobbler and ice cream! or just plain, with cereal. Folk would often leave tomatoes on my little porch...or bell peppers from their gardens, and unshucked corn, and many types of squash; what a blessings all these gifts were for my single chair supper table! I loved the old drugstore in Cross Plains and the pharmacist, Doc, and his friendly crew behind the soda fountain. I enjoyed a drink there on hot, humid days...and plenty of good conversation (and I always wondered if he ever married that delightful lady in the area he dated and courted for so many years!).

For a Florida boy, our winter snow storms were a continual fascination...and with our altitude and high plateau location, we could have some nice snowfalls at times. I recall a lady in the community used to predict our snows...by the number of fogs in the late summer and early fall (maybe there was something to her observations which the weather people really did not know). And, I loved the way all the drivers on the roads would wave as they passed; it was a cheerful and affable gesture that I still find appealing and attractive. When I 'take a country road' anywhere ... even now, I still wave as I pass others on the pavement...a nice habit I learned in Cross Plains.

One day, in the farm shed out back of my house (next to the Yorkshire pigs, whom I found to be friendly and sociable!) I discovered an old butter churn. It was broken and in rather in derelict condition, but I took it out and cleaned it up. I was able to use the old brass rings and reassemble it...and shortly, I was able to display it in my small kitchen. In the meantime, I asked the family if I might buy it because I was very pleased to have found it. They graciously offered that I keep it as a gift; they had no interest in keeping it themselves. I still have this treasured antique in my house.

And, I keep my memories of Cross Plains lovingly, and with great appreciation for the lessons I learned and for the long-term friendships I formed while a member of your

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remarkable congregation. I happily and gladly join with many in this time of remembrance and celebration. The Lord has blessed me to grant that I might be a small part of the spiritual success of the witness and ministry of the Church in Cross Plains. I will sing the hymns with you in this bright and pleasant season of joy and gratitude to God for His grace over these last fifty springs and summers, autumns and winters, as He has bent His mercy to shine upon you!

I close with the words of the Good Apostle Paul in his counsels to Timothy:

'That good thing which was committed unto thee, keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us.'

I thank the Good Lord over and over for the friendship and ministry you shared with me 45 years ago, at the time I began my work as a pastor,

*Now he adds another
important postscript!*

Ron Watson

I am enclosing a check also for the church congregation to use, however they wish.

If anyone is asking 'what I am doing now'...please let them know that I was in active congregational life for 22 years...then, the conference here asked me to work in trust services, which I did for 5 years. It was in 1989 that I transferred from the conference to LLU where I have been working now for nearly 20 years, as the director of planned giving. This has given me an interesting ministry...and, at the time I accepted, it was stated to me that the University wanted 'a pastor with experience in this position'. Well, I felt I could come, if that was the spiritual profile they needed and wanted.

Wanda has been working now for about 12 years with our medical alumni which has been very rewarding to her. Since she grew up in Loma Linda, she has known many of the old families here, the medical personnel, etc. Being at the reception desk and also answering the phone has put her in a very familiar stance...as she recognizes the graduates from the medical school from the 50s onward!

God's special blessings as you assist in this special occasion and celebration. My thoughts will be with you and all those who will assemble for the services of gratitude. Do let me know how it all transpires...and know that my thoughts will follow you. I count the time I spent there with you and the family, and all the gracious folk in the church...as my most precious (you were the first to welcome me into ministry, all on my own!). I was so very inexperienced and lacking in knowledge, but you all were so very patient and longsuffering with me; it was a treasured page in my life's story!

With every good wish and affection,

Ron W.



Here I am, with Wanda, in my Scottish Kilt!



Our daughters, Shelley (36) Occupational
and Ronda (38) Therapist
Registered Dietitian
Both are graduates
of Loma Linda University



our
grandsons
Jacob (7)

Justin
(10)

* both in L.L.U.
elementary
where their
grandmother
attends!



Shelley's
husband,
VICTOR
WEAR



our
family
at
SABBATH
lunch

and the
family
and

Adventist Health

San Joaquin Community Hospital

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Bakersfield, CA 93303-2615
661-395-3000

Greetings,

Congratulations on your 50th year as a Seventh-day Adventist Church serving the community of Cross Plains. I pastored for five years both the Ridgetop and Cross Plains churches. I well remember my good talks with Dr. Ramsey. After pastoring at Cross Plains, I went to be the youth leader for the Indiana Conference. Our lives took a turn when my then wife decided she wanted to be single. It took a few years to adjust from that. I learned a lot while being single, nine years of it. I learned that when an Advent minister becomes single he gets a lot of casseroles, pies, cakes and invitations to meet someone special as some will say "she is nice, real nice." Being single as a minister is not a good thing, but I rather enjoyed the contentment of being alone, not lonely. I went into professional healthcare chaplaincy from that time on and am still there to this day. My chaplaincy has taken me to Elizabethtown, Tennessee where I served as a house-call chaplain, to several Atlanta Hospitals (Emory Adventist Hospital, Crawford Long Hospital, Emory University Hospital, Eggleston Childrens' Hospital), then to San Diego, California where I was the Director of Pastoral Care at Paradise Valley Hospital. I received my specialized chaplaincy training at Emory University. While at Paradise Valley Hospital I attended our annual chaplaincy meetings at Adventist Health in Sacramento where I met the chaplain from San Joaquin Community Hospital in Bakersfield, California. We fell in love, married two years later. I moved to Bakersfield from San Diego, from beach to valley, from high cost living to comfort level living and took over the directorship of Pastoral Care. I then married Sandy Wyman, chaplain, author and singer. She is mostly known from *It Is Written* and *3ABN*. I am sometimes called Mr. Wyman. We have been married for nearly four years. She is now the Executive Director of Mission and Service for our hospital. She has three children, Todd, Trevor and Taryn. She wrote about her loss of Trevor in her book, Hold Me, Help Me, Heal Me. This makes me a father of four – one boy and three girls. Todd is 25 years old; Taryn is 17 years old and the twins are 22 years old. Megan is a Social Worker Major while Melody is an Architecture Major, both in their junior year at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan. They are not married yet, so I am still waiting for grandkids.

Now for the question the old members during my pastoring are wondering about – Theo and Jasper have retired. They are confined to a small space in the second floor of our one level home. To be honest after my life changing event my heart turned. Ventriloquism just would not come out of me as readily as before. I set my heart on hearing the heart of others through my experience of pain that all my energies are expended on being the healing presence for someone else. I enjoy this stage of life and would not trade my experiences, both good and bad, in order to be anywhere different. I love my chaplaincy. In fact, I am working on my doctorate.

If I may conclude on this life experience to leave you with a point from my pastoral heart – learn the art of listening to the heart of others, to experience what they may experience, to understand and offer a presence that uplifts both you and the other into the divine presence of the Healer who grants us through our life experiences lessons learned with peace and comfort to calm the inner heart.

Great love,

Ric
Johnson

Todd

Tanya

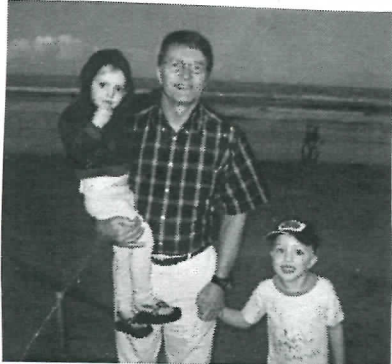
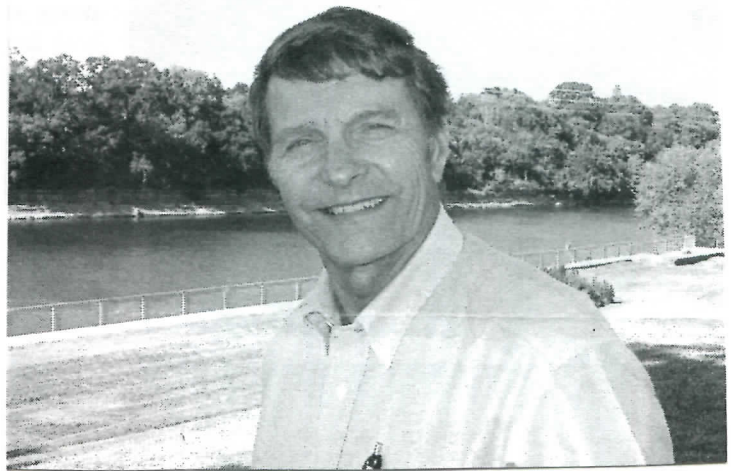
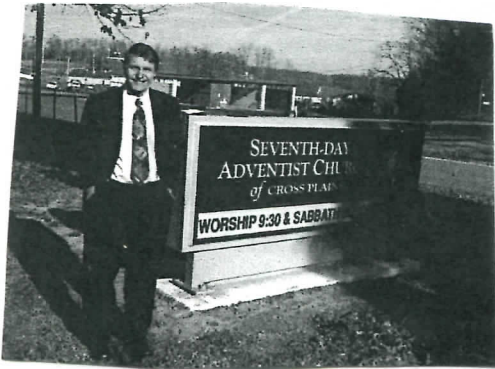


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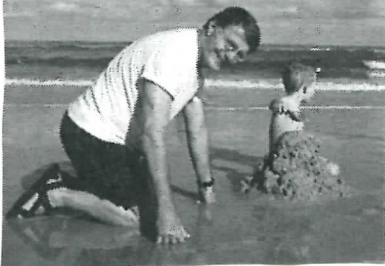
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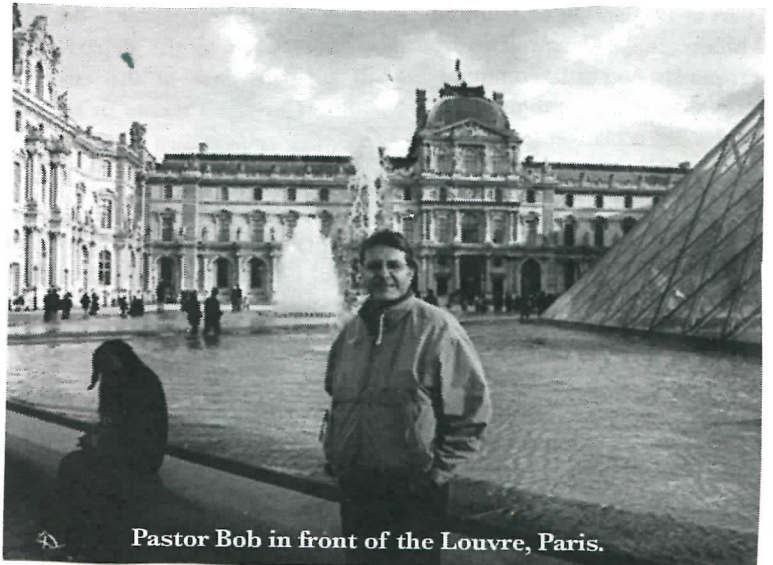
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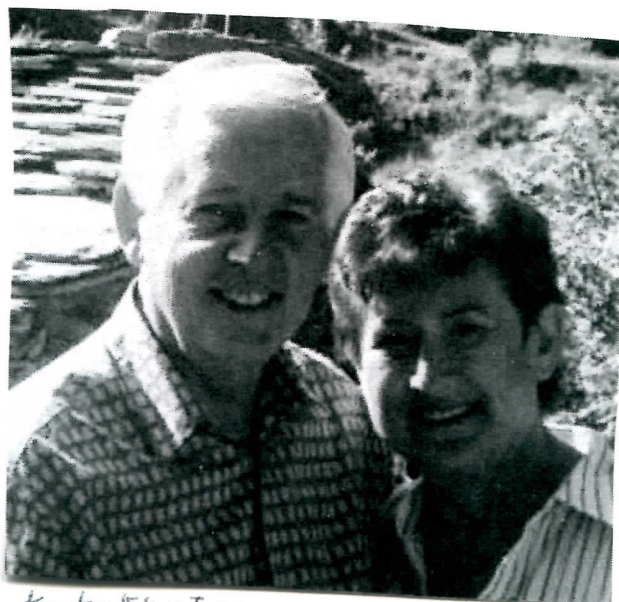
"Poppy" demonstrating the fine art of sand castle building to grandchildren during a free afternoon on the beach.



He has many ways of keeping busy!



Pastor Bob in front of the Louvre, Paris.



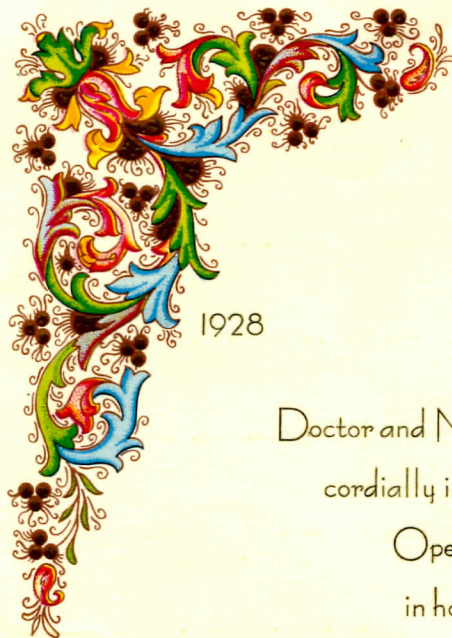
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Doctor and Mrs. Paul Cutler
cordially invite you to an
Open House
in honour of
the Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary of
Doctor and Mrs. C. Elden Randolph
on Sunday, May the twenty-first
nineteen hundred and seventy-eight
from two to six o'clock
at their Home



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Randolphs Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Dr. and Mrs. C.E. Randolph celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on May 21 with an open house at their home in Cross Plains, where they have resided since 1969.

Hostess for the occasion was their daughter Beverly Cutler, who had come from Toronto, Canada, to be with her parents. She was accompanied by her husband Dr. Paul Cutler, their children, Sean and Michelle, and Dr. Paul's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cutler.

The garden, home and dress reflected the years Dr. and Mrs. Randolph had spent in the Orient as medical missionaries.

The well-kept yard and garden were in keeping with the Oriental way of life. Throughout the house were interesting mementoes from China, Singapore and the Philippines.

Mrs. Randolph wore a gown brought from the Philippines. It was appropriately gold in color, made from native material. The "Mestiza", with

its puffed sleeves, beautifully arranged scarf and long full skirt is the typical Philippine formal dress for women.

Dr. Randolph wore the white "Barong Togolog", which is the usual Philippine formal dress for men.

There were many cards, gifts and flowers brought by neighbors and friends to commemorate the day. One especially unique gift was an original copy of the *New York Times*, published May 16, 1928, the day the Randolphs were married in Nevada, Iowa. This was from their daughter and her family.

The Randolphs were especially honored to have two families with whom they had been associated in the Orient as house guests. They were Pastor and Mrs. Fred Mote, presently of Coalmont, Tenn., and Pastor and Mrs. Bob Mills, presently of Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

Over 100 guests signed the register and were served cake, orange punch, candies and nuts.





Dr. Wayne and Fern
Ramsey celebrated
their 50th Wedding
Anniversary
March 4, 1995

Bill and Thelma Pitt
celebrated their
50th Wedding
Anniversary
Nov. 12, 1952



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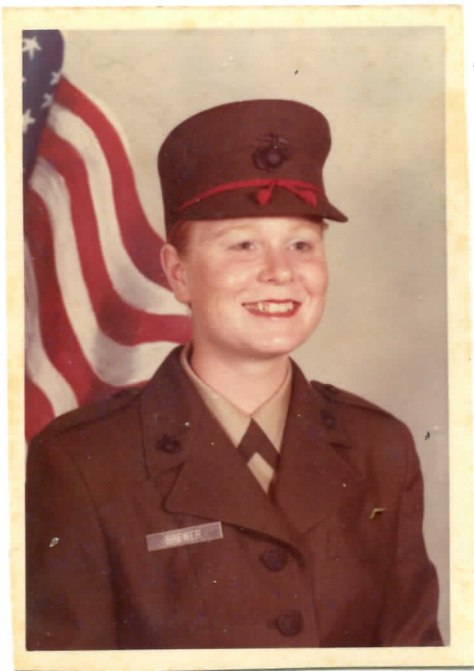
Joey & Ashley Wells Summer 2004

Time Marches On

Need help?
 how much
 want start?
 Call Buddy!
 He can fix
 most anything.
 His motto
 "Do unto
 others"
 Shirley helps
 in her own
 way too.



Table Talk after a delicious Friendship Dinner



June 1980

Linda Brewer
 and Roger Brewer
 Serve their Country
 in the Marines



June 1980



Long-time Friends
Fern Ramsey Kathleen Bryant Noble Taylor
July 2000



The Oldest mother
in our church
A 44 year old Charter child
05/1958, Many years
later takes a bride - Flo.



If you are hungry
for delicious tomatoes
or corn, Call Jimmy.

If you are in need
of helpful advice,
Call Ginger

They are loyal friends
to all of us.



The Ramseys, Ellen with Gary, Joanne & Phillips
at Cross Plains July, 2002 & their Mother.



Their father on a
Valentine's day 1985



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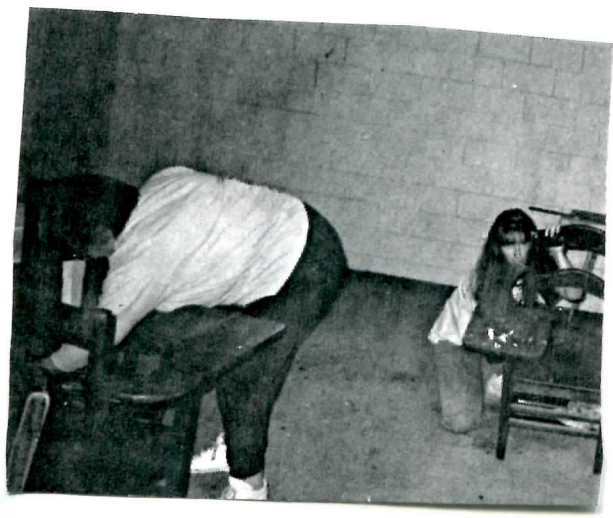




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Hi, Fern.

We thought you might enjoy seeing the faces and places of home, so here are a few familiar sights. I'm getting used to using a new digital camera and in my learning process some of the shots turned out blurred, so don't think you're dizzy. I'm sending them anyway, since you love us all just as we are anyway.

I send all my love as does each person represented here. You are missed!

Lots of love,

Susan

Susan



30 March 02

Dear Fern,

Susan and I took a few pictures at church today for you. We passed on your greetings to the whole church, and everyone was most happy to hear about you. During the morning prayer your name was lifted up before the Lord, and you can be sure our prayers continue to be with you.

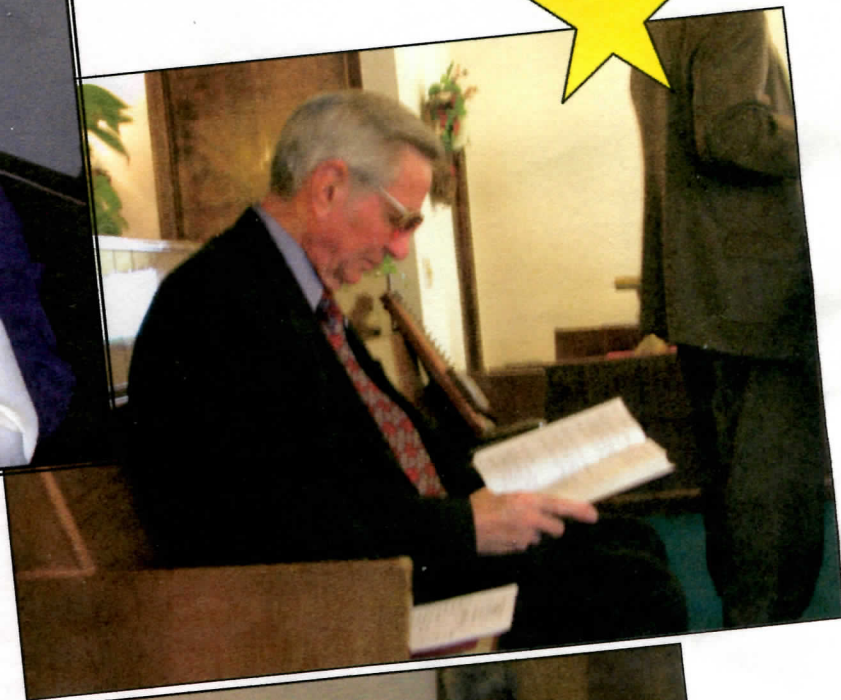
Wishing you a speedy recovery,

Pastor Bob

Pastor Bob

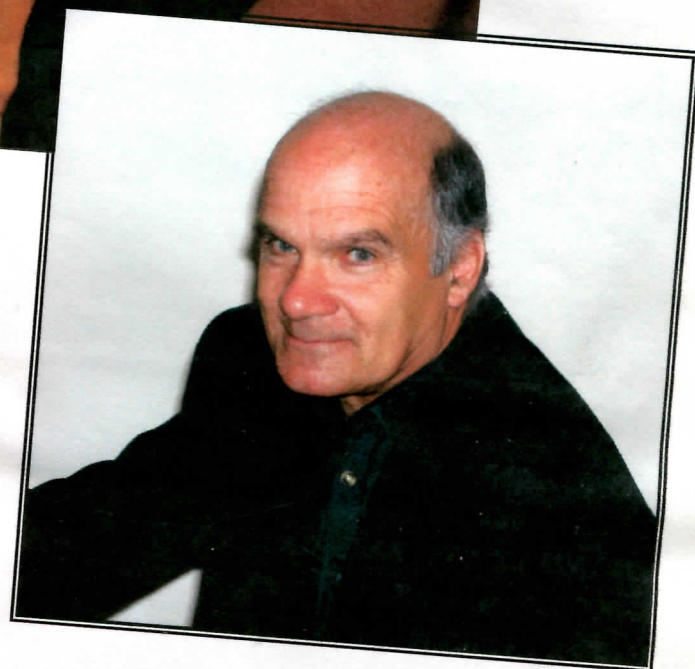








We miss you!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME! And a joyful Homecoming Sabbath to all! We especially welcome our guests and friends as the Cross Plains Church celebrates its 21st Anniversary. May God bless His Church and all who have come to worship here today. Everyone is invited to the fellowship dinner that will be served right after the worship service.

PROGRAM THIS AFTERNOON. 2:15 P.M. 1979

All are invited to attend the special Homecoming Program this afternoon at 2:15

PROGRAM 21st Homecoming

Song Service	2:15 P.M.
Welcome	The Pastor
Hymn	649
Prayer	Eld. R. M. Hillier
"How God Leads"	Mrs. O. W. Ramsey
Vocal Solo "How Great Thou Art"	Jimmy Ayers
"An Experience"	Literature Evangelist Tom Day
Instrumental Duet	Dr. Ramsey and Eld. Hewitt
Vocal duet	Eld. Hillier and Eld. Hewitt
Dedication of Beulah Graves Memorial	Dr. C. E. Randolph
Greetings from former pastors	Jim Carter and Dr. Ramsey
"A timely Message"	Eld. R. M. Hillier
Hymn "Is My Name Written There?"	617
Benediction	Eld. F. H. Hewitt

Organist: Marguerite Entz Pianist: Viola Hendly

CROSS
PLAINS
CHURCH

1958
to
1998

40th

Home
coming

21st Homecoming

Our 40th Homecoming

It has been 39 years since we held the first Praise and Prayer in our own Little Sanctuary. Several of our "Chatter Children" related their memories of those eventful years. They recalled that first meeting in the unfinished church with borrowed chairs and pulpit.

Mildred Ayers played the piano, Dr. Ramsey led the singing. Mr. Yates offered the first prayer. Thirty-nine years later Kathy Graves, Mildred Ayers Granddaughter, played the piano Tommy Collins, Dr. Ramsey's Grandson, led in singing "Praise God from whom all blessings," and Kevin Collins, Mr. Yates Great grandson offered the closing prayer.

Special guests were Elder & Mrs. Hewitt and Elder & Mrs. Bowman. Pastor Mrs. Rose with their children Kara and Steve Allen were also with us.



Cross Plains Celebrates 44 Years

Sabbath, July 27, the Cross Plains SDA church celebrated 44 years of organization. Specially honored was Fern Ramsey, one of the charter members. Mrs. Ramsey has been heavily involved in the operation of the church since day one.

She was honored with a corsage and dinner and presented with *Pathways to the Pioneers*, a 22 cassette volume of dramatized stories about early church pioneers. With Mrs. Ramsey for this special day were her three daughters—Phyllis Dickens, Ellen Eldridge and Joanne Goodwin.

She is moving with her daughter and son-in-law to Maryland and is excited at the prospect of living so close to the General Conference.

Busy Decade Leading to the 50th Anniversary of the Little Sanctuary

Elder Robert Korzyniowski, affectionately known as Pastor Bob, came as our 21st pastor. He and his wife Susan inspire us with their friendliness, love of Bible study and zeal for soul winning. They are leading us to that special landmark – 50 years of church organization.

Membership has fluctuated from the original 19 charter members to as high as 75 at one time.

In 1979 the conference office moved again. The present location is 850 Conference Drive, Goodlettsville, Tennessee.

Cross Plains may be considered a small church, but it has the warmth and friendliness of any size congregation. Sabbath School is well attended by all church members, and all classes maintain a good mission offering. The Senior and Youth appreciate the special features in the opening exercises and the well-planned lesson study by several different teachers during the quarter.

Linda Wells plans little extras to make Sabbath School for Cradle Roll and Kindergarten children special. She has recently redecorated the rooms with nature and Bible story themes.

Thelma Pitt always has a lively and challenging program for the Primary and Junior children. Her room is attractive and has recently acquired new upholstered chairs making the room comfortable and complete.

The members take an active part in the promotional activities of the world church. They also continue to assist in the support of the District church school at Ridgetop with the Love Offering taken each week by the children at the Children's Story time.

Paul Reynolds (aka Eddie) assumes a special interest in instigating many of the improvements seen over the recent years. He is also willing to spend time in the "problem areas": leaking or frozen pipes, or worn out plumbing, fading paint or any necessary replacements. Two examples of the work of Paul and his willing helpers can be seen in the new water cooling system in the church and a new electric pump installed in the basement to prevent frequent flooding.

During a recent cleanup day, the foundation of the Community Building (previously known as the Education Building) was painted white and a new door replaced the old worn out door. More recently, with his helpers, plumbing in bathrooms and kitchen was replaced and a new hot water heater was installed. This was in special preparation for a program scheduled for early 2008. Inya Walden is transferring from Wildwood to be in charge of programs which will include water treatments, cooking classes, stop smoking classes, weight loss classes, diabetes education, etc.

In the kitchen, Bill Pitt built new shelves, sanded and painted the cabinets white to match the walls. The drainage pipes were enclosed. Sue Reynolds painted grape vines on the column.

Busy Decade Leading to the 50th Anniversary of the Little Sanctuary, Continued

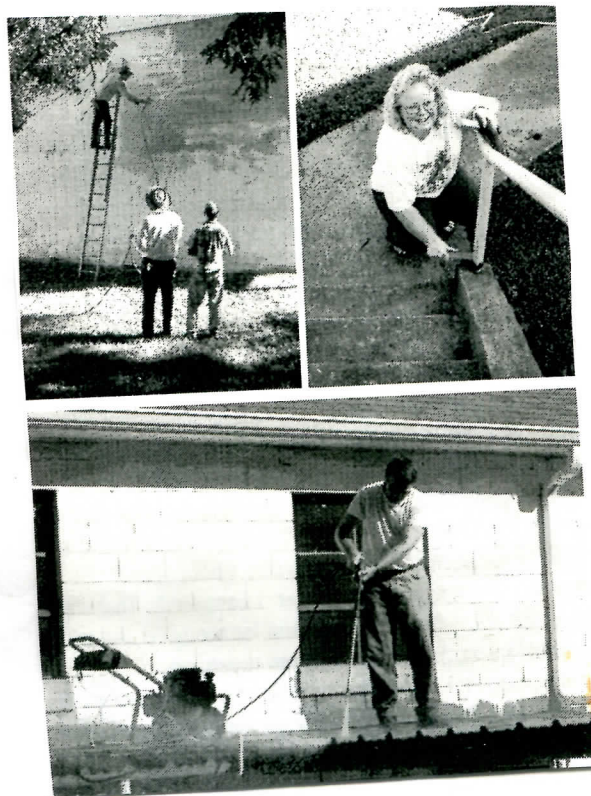
New stove, refrigerator and microwave had recently replaced the worn out original ones. Pastor Bob and Susan oversaw the purchase of a new lighted church sign. Pastor Bob, Paul Reynolds and Tony Ayres were responsible for removing the old sign and placing the new one. Pastor Bob attached a timing device to the lighted sign. According to reports, "all did a fantastic job".

Does it seem possible we have been in the Little Sanctuary for nearly half a century?

Cross Plains Work Bee

Just like with our homes, no church is ever without a long list of jobs that need doing. And they're usually big jobs that we put off a long time. So on Sunday, Sept. 4, the Cross Plain members came armed with an assemblage of power tools, paint brushes, sandpaper, and hedge clippers to give the place a good once over. It was amazing what we accomplished in just one short day. Paul Reynolds manned the spray gun (along with lots of technical advice from Jimmy Ayers and Ronnie Costa) to give the gym and awnings a lovely coat of white paint. Bill Pitt and Linda Wells attacked smaller paint jobs with sandpaper and brushes, while Thelma Pitt commandeered her daughter and grandson in the monumental job of whacking the bushes down to size. Pastor Bob and Susan had the fun job on that hot day of power washing all the concrete walkways. When it was all said and done the church looked considerably brighter and much fresher.

-Susan Korzyniowski

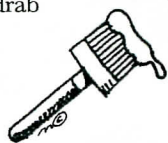


Cross Plains Renovations sprucing up

October has been an extra busy month for a number of Cross Plains members who have volunteered their time, labor and money to give a face lift to parts of the church.

First on the list was the Community Services building, where new plumbing and fixtures were installed, as well as a fresh coat of paint. Work is still in progress to make it an attractive and usable building.

Next on the list was the church kitchen, which was badly in need of some TLC. A thorough cleaning, fresh paint, the building and installation of shelving, plus the painting of the cabinetry, has turned a drab work space into an inviting area.



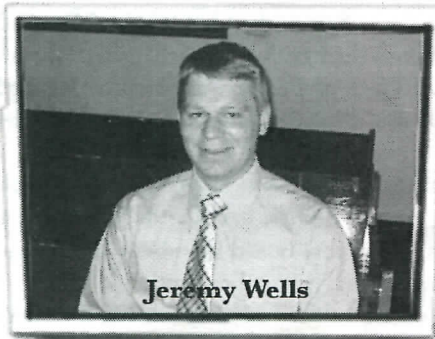
Many thanks to the members who have given so much of themselves to make God's house an attractive house.



The day the water pipes froze and burst, Eddie found a verwet fellowship room. He repaired the pipes. Ginger and Jimmy helped clean up the water and rearrange the furniture.

Cross Plains Changes everyone pitches in

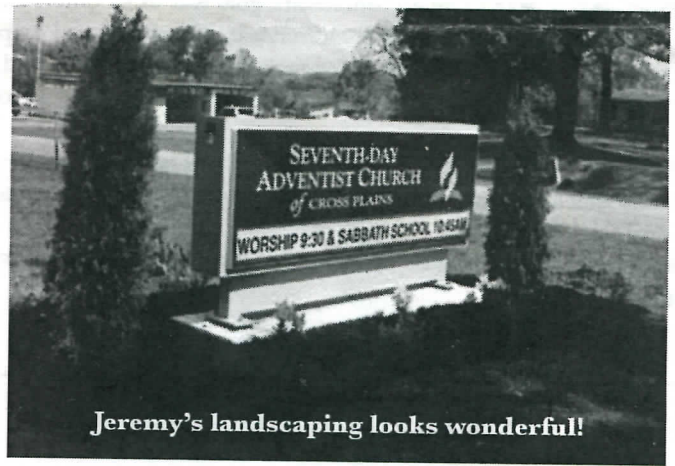
The Cross Plains church is serious about making it's facility as inviting as possible, and church members have been volunteering many hours and lots of muscle to bring about change. Many thanks go to Jeremy Wells for volunteering many hours of hard labor in landscaping the front of the church and around the new church sign and for giving us a kick start on the interior. Jeremy's younger brother, Josh, has been very involved in door-to-door witnessing, and we just love and appreciate these two young men.



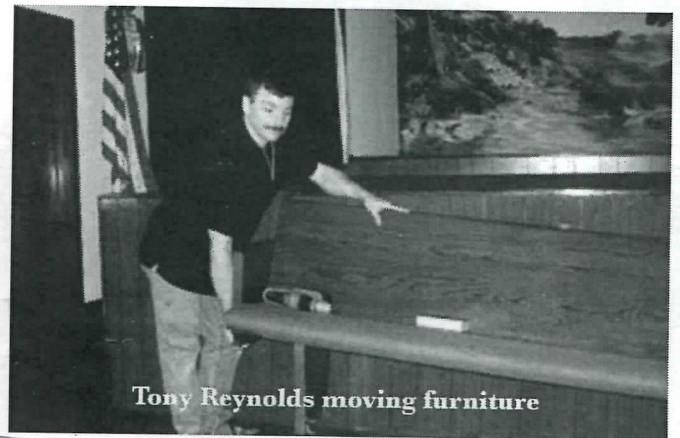
Jeremy Wells

Tony Reynolds provided muscle in removing some of the heavy furniture in the sanctuary that design tastes of yesteryear favored. The result is a lighter, more viewer-friendly sanctuary.

Lots more changes are underway. We'll keep you posted.



Jeremy's landscaping looks wonderful!



Tony Reynolds moving furniture



Notice the newly painted rails! Don Traily worked weeks painting them all.



The flower and trees around the sign, also the little flower garden by the front porch, planned and prepared by Jeremy and Josh Wells





Entrance

Exit





Thelma Pitt at the Piano

Elder Korzybiowski with a message & Bill Pitt, local Elder





The beautiful restful painting above baptistry

The lovely maroon curtain pulled to protect baptistry





Entrance to Friendship Hall from outdoors





The ladies are preparing for a Friendship meal.





The Table is set.

The food is served. Pastor Bob and Tony will soon join the guests





Entrance to fellowship room from outside - very neat!
Ron Costa and Paul Reynolds make a difference in
the appearance of the lower level.





Ron and Eddy never have trouble keeping busy.

Steps to the Gym. How convenient!





New Church Sign At Cross Plains

For quite a few years now the Cross Plains Church has seen the necessity of updating the old church sign. Not that the thirty-year-old sign's info had changed, but the style and run-down appearance didn't begin to convey the vibrancy of what was inside the doors of the church. So after some serious shopping around and many design consultations, our new sign finally arrived. With the help of Tony Ayers digging the hole, and Paul Reynolds pouring the concrete, and Pastor Bob installing the wiring, we now have a beautiful sign that is much more representative. We are thrilled! Its lighted presence at night has been noticed and commented on by quite a few in the community. Its clean modern appearance says loud and clear that we are open for business. Our prayer is that God will use this humble means to draw people's attention to our little church.

-Susan Korzyniowski

The Little Sanctuary and the Global Rain Program

The date 7-07-07 was designated as a special date of continual prayer around the world for the out pouring of the Holy Spirit. There was a month of preparation.

Near the beginning of the month, a solemn anointing of each head of household took place. Then all members of the family searched heart and house for anything that might be standing between them and God. During the last 10 nights, there was prayer and Bible study attended by everyone.

On Sabbath morning 07-07-07 all participating members around the world gathered at their own church for the final phase of Global Rain.

From time zone to time zone continuous prayer would be ascending to heaven pleading for the Latter Rain. Requests to God were made for guidance in giving the Three Angels Message, and for help in preparing ourselves for the last conflict.

We were cheered by the statement, "When the way is prepared for the Spirit of God, the blessings will come." Selected Messages, Volume 1, Page 124

We felt the need to reach those in our community who show no interest in the nearness of the end. As a result, personal visits and distribution of literature is taking place. Friends and neighbors are invited to accept Jesus as their Savior because the time of Christ's appearing is near, "even at the door."

This program is a climactic ending to the 50 years of missionary work at the Little Sanctuary.

Global Rain Planning Session... took place at Pastor Bob and Susan's home on Friday evening, July 20. Discussed were methods to best approach the public and what literature would be most effective. Tony and Penny Reynolds (pictured right) led out in the discussion.



Cross Plains News operation global rain

By Tony Reynolds.

In March of this year, Cross Plains member and Sabbath School superintendent, Penny Reynolds, was watching 3 ABN before leaving for church. The subject of the show, 3 ABN Today, was an interview with two pastors from California who were presenting an idea entitled Operation Global Rain. The goal was for Adventists around the world to pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in order to finish the work of spreading the three angels' message to the world.

Penny and her husband, Tony, were immediately impressed by the plans which called for the churches around the world to unite in this prayer. Tony and Penny presented the idea to the Cross Plains church members. The church was quick to support the program which called for ten nights of prayer, beginning on June 27 and culminating on July 7. Pastor Ivor Myers, who originated the plan, presented an additional two hour interview with John Lomacang of 3 ABN. Additional details were given on the topic to be presented during the ten night and gave a website for churches to register. Cross Plains was one of the first fifty churches to register. Eventually 839 churches in over ninety countries around the world registered.

As a preparation, Cross Plains members were anointed in a special service at church and called upon the Holy Spirit to help them cleanse their hearts and homes. The meetings began on Wednesday the 27th and enjoyed wide participation

from church members. On nights that Pastor Bob was unable to attend, local elders led out in prayer and study. The meetings built on each other, drawing all into a greater understanding of the need for the power of the Holy Spirit. Some of the nightly topics were Repentance, Unity, and Forgiveness. The topic which most touched those present was Burden for Souls. There was a deep outpouring of emotion as members prayed for those who no longer attend church as well as those we seek to reach in the community.

The last night of prayer was on Friday, July 6. It was appropriate that the next day was a communion Sabbath. The members of Cross Plains have re-dedicated themselves to reaching their community with the message of a soon-coming Savior. Plans are being made to meet people door to door with literature and prayer. With the power of the Holy Spirit, nothing is impossible, and many souls may be won to Christ

An Effort In Progress witnessing in cp

By Thelma Pitt

O u r small church of forty-three members (with a typical average of twenty-one) was ready for action



after the Global Rain series on 3 ABN in July of '07, after the anointing; and after the Week of Prayer, asking for the Holy Spirit to help us be ready for the latter rain. We were then ready to embark on a program to reach the community of Cross Plains. We met at the home of Pastor Bob and Susan, and over supper discussed the materials to use for door-to-door handouts. Selected were two booklets: *At Jesus' Feet* by Doug Batchelor and *She Kissed the Face of God* by E.G. White (the first eight chapters taken from *Desire of Ages*).

Next, we had cards printed to put in the booklets that we handed out, that gave the recipients the opportunity to request more information or Bible studies, or to share a prayer request.

About this time Inga Walden, a Bible instructor from Wildwood, Georgia, joined our church and presented an overview of how to accomplish the task of reaching out to our community. Before long she was joined by Faith McIver, also from Wildwood, who is a Bible worker and lifestyle instructor.

Soon the wheels started turning...maps, assignments, charting house numbers and responses, etc.

To date we have been out several Sabbath afternoons and have had many and varied experiences. We are praying that there will be a successful harvest, and that people who are desiring to know truth and more about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be impressed by the Holy Spirit to reply. "*The Lord is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.*" 2 Peter 3:9

Please pray for our Cross Plains effort.



July 28, 1958
Charter Members

1958



August 1, 1958 New
Members after Organization

1958-9

d Clarence Yates	Laura Cope
d Beulah Graves	Nellie Miller
d Eugene Graves	William Hershe
d Della Yates	Noble Hershe
d Alvin Yates	Charlotte Parkhurst
James B. Ayers	Donna Thrall
d Mildred Ayers	Eddie Russell
d Lottie Tinnon	Catherine Hulsey
d Dr. Orel Ramsey	Gardner Tinnon, Faye Tinnon
Leona Ramsey	John Day Jr.
d Joy Ramsey	James Day
Joanne Ramsey	James (Jimmy) Bayers Jr.
d Katherine Manzana	Norma Dean Hardin Spencer
d R. John Manzana	Martha B. Dorris
Mary Day	Mrs. G. A. McClanahan
d John R. Day, Jr.	Jackie Thrall Harry Thrall
d Viola Parkhurst	Walter Tinnon
d Donald Thrall	Joe Dale Ayers
P Betty Thrall	Carol Day

19 charter members all

Working for their Sanctuary

Terry Dertis

Mable West

Susie Carter

Horace Wayne Carter

Virginia Grace Carter

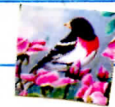
Douglas Wayne Ramsey

Brenda Hardin

Diana Hardin



Phyllis Jean Ramsey 
 Harold Knight
 Charlotte Knight
 Rita Knight
 Carolyn Knight
 Georgia Jennings
 Doyle Jennings
 Morse Bryant
 Kathleen Bryant
 Ginger Bryant
 Gary Bryant
 Dorothy Parks
 Danny Pitt
 Glenda Tinnon
 Patricia Davis
 Elder Ronald Watson
 Walter Stewart
 Rebecca Stewart
 Gary Stewart
 Ruth Ternigan
 Billy Ternigan
 Walter Ternigan
 Stephen Ramsey
 Sherman Yates
 Douglas Tinnon
 Bernice Mecom
 Jany Bryant
 James Munday 
 Jeannie Ternigan
 Carolyn Ternigan

Shirley Brewer
 Jack Williams
 Margie Williams
 Elder Rainy Hooper
 Kathryn Hooper
 Jimmy Carter
 Bessie Graves
 Lonnie Parks
 David Ayers
 Thomas Earl Day
 Ruby Brown
 Mary Lou Dillahay
 Lorraine Dillibay 
 Bernis Smith
 Ellen Jane Ramsey
 Donnie Day
 William Brewer
 Robert Simmons
 Evelyn Simmons
 Patricia Sherrill
 Debbie Wagner
 Vickie Wagner
 Rosa Carter
 Ruth Bolton
 Fred Parkhurst
 Billy Horner
 Jean Horner
 Mary Horner 
 Kaye Horner
 Rex Horner

James Brewer

Claude Bellar

Evelyn Bellar

Ricki Bellar

David Wagon

Danny Wagner

Linda Brewer

Jeffery Bryant

Evelyn Dillibay Biggs

John Dillibay

Dorothy Gates

Leon Collins

Alberta Randolph

Dr. C.E. Randolph

Randal Hardin

Linda Horner

Helen Poulton

Robert Poulton

Essie Buntin

Debbie Buntin

Tony Buntin

James Buntin

Buddy Williams

Lisa Stewart

Dora Johnson

Bill Jones

Wayne Poulton

Darleen Poulton

Dean May

Erlene Fitch

David Entz

Marguerite Entz

Ellis Long

Ernie Long

Gary Swann

Jamie Swann

Harold Plogger

Rose Plogger

Roberta Gilbert

Clark Spencer

Thomas Collins

Carol Ramsey

Sterling Carter

Celin Carter

James Campbell

Mildred Campbell

Tammy Campbell

J. Doyle Campbell

Martha Trauber

Jamie Brewer

Alvin Wayne Taylor

Darrell Maynard

Leland Post

Pansy Post

Paul Reynolds sr

Thelma Reynolds

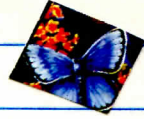
Dr. Donovan Schurson

Matcella Schurson

Diana Denning

John Copely

Mark Wathan



Mildred Graves Campbell

Herbert Mantlo

Ed Westfall

Carolyn Mantlo

Lynn Westfall

Wayne Wells

Elizabeth Westfall

Ronnie Ayers

Ruth Westfall



Harold Paine

David Jones

Tammy Morris

Dwayne Jones

Jacquelyn Morris

Tamara Jones

Shelly Rigby

James Kennedy

L.J. Olinard

Bobby Kennedy

Stephanie Olinard

Victor Mettayer

Jeanetta Gill

Petra Mettayer

Dorothy Moore

David Crawford

Steve Varro

T.C. Collins

Donna Varro

Kevin Collins

Judy Ayers

Joe Durham

Tony Ayers



Darlene Durham

Warren Spencer

Tony Reynolds

Chris Hardin

Brian Beck

Ang Brewer

Ron Costa

Paul (Edie) Reynolds

Kathy Ayers Graves

Sue Ann Reynolds

Kyle Knapp

Stacy Hyten

Penny Reynolds

Tiffany Taylor

Dean Taylor

William Pitt, Jr.

Pearl Taylor

Thelma Pitt

Barbara Pitt



Wanda Eklman

Stephenie Boxwith

Jerome Wells

Regina Fraily Boxwith

Gail Tervinen

Donald Fraily

Rhonda Collins

Joshua Wells

Karen Taylor



Ann Costa

Faith McKiever

Luge Walden



Eris Hadin

Swiftly Gonzolas

the above as of

June 1, 2008



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These empty pews in the Little
Sanctuary would soon be filled.
Destroyed by fire Feb. 13, 1966



Many whose names appear on the record
book are in this picture. Can you
identify any of those pictured here?

CODA (Closing Remarks)

In 1902 Ellen White shared her thoughts as she remembered the struggles and final organization of the Seventh-day Adventist church in 1863 (145 years ago).

She wrote "In reviewing our past history, having traveled every step of advance to our present standing, I can say Praise God as I see what the Lord has wrought. I am filled with astonishment and with confidence in Christ as leader. We have nothing to fear for the future except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us and His teaching in our past history." Life Sketches p 196

We can identify with her, although there are only a few left who were here in the early years when the Little Sanctuary was organized, built and dedicated. Those who came later have had a significant part in the growth of the Little Dream Church.



The First
Seventh-day Adventist Church
Washington N.H. 1863



Considered Founders of SDA Church
James White Ellen White Joseph Bates

The First
Seventh-day Adventist
Church in
Cross Plains, TN 1958
Founders - Alvin Yates who had
a dream of an SDA church
in Cross Plains. His
helpers were the other
18 charter members and their
22 children.



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EPILOGUE (a concluding statement that rounds out or comments on the work)

2008

- George W Bush, President of the United States
- Jan Paulsen, President of the General Conference
- Don Schneider, President of the North American Division
- Gordon Retzer, President of the Southern Union
- Richard Hallock, President of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference



Jan Paulsen



Don Schneider



Gordon Retzer



Richard Hallock

	World-Wide SDA Churches		World-Wide SDA Members	
1958	12,707		1,104,070	
2008	56,575		15,000,000	and growing
	KT Conference SDA Churches		KT Conference SDA Members	
1958	72		5,492	
2008	93		12,113	and growing



JULY 12, 2008

CELEBRATING

50 YEARS

OF THE

CROSS PLAINS

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

CHURCH

1958 - 2008

Pastor Robert M. Korzyniowski
140 Eagle Pointe
Springfield, TN 37172

CELEBRATION OF FIFTY YEARS

Welcome and Prayer

Paul Reynolds

Children Sing

Linda Wells/Inga Waldon

Poem (Written by James Brewer)

Linda Wells
(2nd generation)

Thru the Years

Fern Ramsey
(charter member)

Special Music

Jane Frailey

Charter Members

Linda Wells

Total Membership (235)

Linda Wells

Pastoral Roster

Linda Wells

Memorials

Tony Reynolds

Special Music

Faith McKiever

A View of Building, Past and Present

Pastor Bob

Planning For Church Growth

Pastor Bob

Special Music

Ron Costa

Variety Recognitions

Surprise

Musical Treat

Swiftly Gonzales

Thanks

Thelma Pitt

Closing Song

"God Be With You"

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Closing Prayer

Pastor Bob

"May the Lord watch between you and me when we are absent
one from another." Genesis 31:49.

CROSS PLAINS SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

5460 Jernigan Road

Cross Plains, Tennessee 37049

July 12, 2008

*Welcome to the Celebration of 50 Years of the Cross Plains Seventh-day
Adventist Church, 1958 - 2008*

SABBATH SCHOOL 9:30 - 10:40

Song Service - Tony Reynolds (3rd generation member)
Opening Song - Hail Him The King of Glory, Page 202
Scripture - Paul Reynolds (2nd generation member) Matt. 5:14-16
Prayer - Paul Reynolds
Remarks - Paul Reynolds
Mission Report - Pastor Bob Korzyniowski Mission Pictures
Lesson Study - "All Things To All Men" Teacher: Tony Reynolds
Closing Prayer - Tony Reynolds

Pianist -

Swiftly Gonzales

INTERLUDE 10:40 - 10:50

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP 10:50 A.M.

July 12, 2008

"Spirit Of The Living God"

INTROIT

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MINISTERS ENTER & KNEEL FOR PRAYER

**DOXOLOGY
INVOCATION**

#694

**Congregation
Pastor Bob**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Paul Reynolds and Linda Wells

**PRESIDING ELDER
HYMN OF PRAISE
WORSHIP IN GIVING
CHILDREN'S CHAPEL
PIANO AND TROMBONE DUET
SCRIPTURE AND PRAYER
PRAYER RESPONSE**

"To God Be The Glory"

**Paul Reynolds #341
Local Church Budget
Pastor Bob
Elder & Mrs. Hewitt
Revelation 21:1 - 4
#684**

SERMON

"God's Great Society"

Pastor Bob

**CLOSING HYMN
BENEDICTION**

"Over Yonder"

**#431
Pastor Bob**

RECESSIONAL

Swiftly Gonzales

1958



Cross Plains Seventh-Day Adventist Church

2008

