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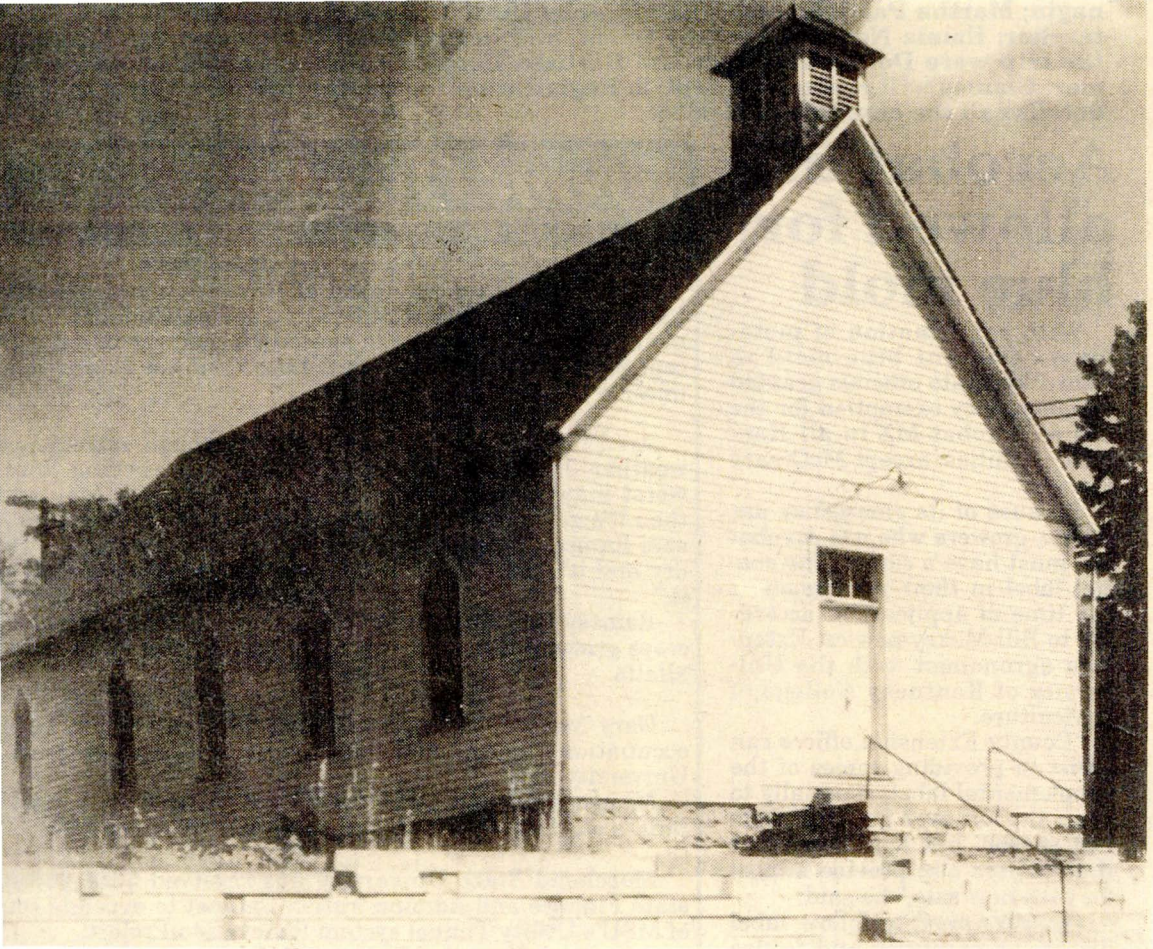
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JACK ELLIS

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2003

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PASTOR MOREWOOD FIRST CHURCH OF GOD
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1982
First Church of God
Morehead, Ky
Womens Society
1956

Front Row: Bethel Baldrige, Gladys Laagy, Ada Fannin, Bessie Stone,
Inita Sparkman, Janis Ellis, Ferrell Perkins

2nd Row: Louella Johnson, Ray Crosthwaite, Pearl Tate, Fula Kantz

Janis
Ellis



Pastor, First Church of God
1947 - 1970²



First Church of God

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L. to R: , Marvin Tate, Bethel Hall, Harold Ellington
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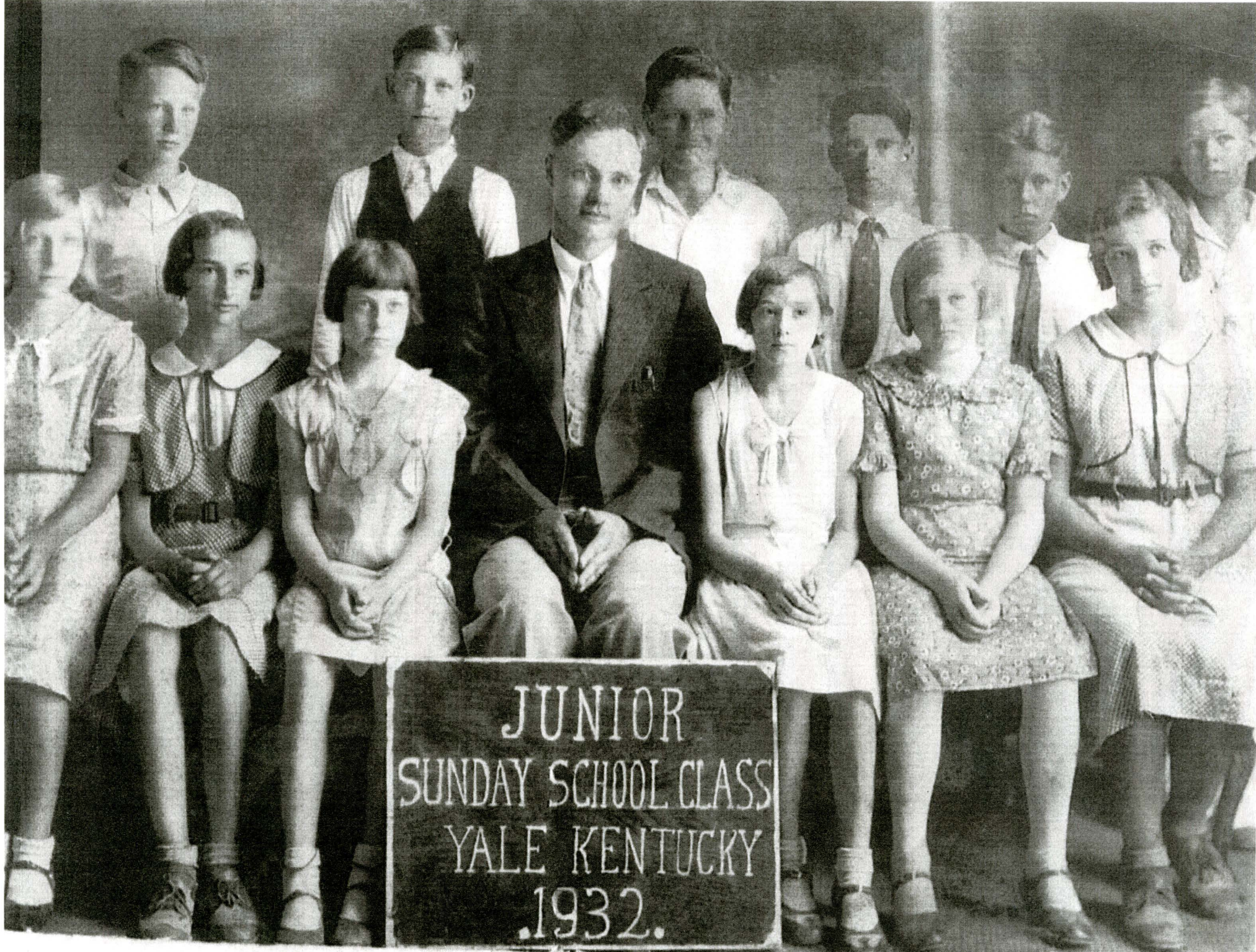
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Members of the Primitive Baptist Church of Morehead attend a baptism by immersion in a creek. August 1940.



— First Church of God - 1956 - Rowan Co. Centennial —
Morehead, KY

- 1st Row - L to R - David Perkins, John Jay Ellis, Marvin Tate, Minister
- 2nd Row - Jackie Ellis, Janis Ellis, Jack Ellis, Norma J. Tate,
- 3rd Row - Jerry Blair, Joyce Hall, Freddie Fruley, Mac Fruley, Mary Lee Man
- 4th Row - Eula Kantz, ? , Dee Pelfrey , Fyrrly Perkins,
- 5th Row - Larry Reynolds, Hester + Mort Roberts, ^{Bethel} Hall, Va. + Gene Reynolds
Roy + Irma Sparkman
- 6th Row - Lulu Holbrook, Edith Cline, Lena Maxey, Bessie + Don Stone,
white, Barbara Hyden
- 7th Row - Mr. + Mrs. Ed Fannin, Mary Hogge, Bubby Johnson, Mr. + Mrs. ^{Carl} Johnson
Aileen Moonfield
- Random Listing: Betty Stewart, Mary Louise Johnson, Hobert Lacy,
Martha Lacy, Lola Ray Crosthwaite, Pearl Tate, C. Roger Lewis, Margie ^{Robert}
Mertie Hamm, Allie Jane + Frank Havens, Sissy Johnson



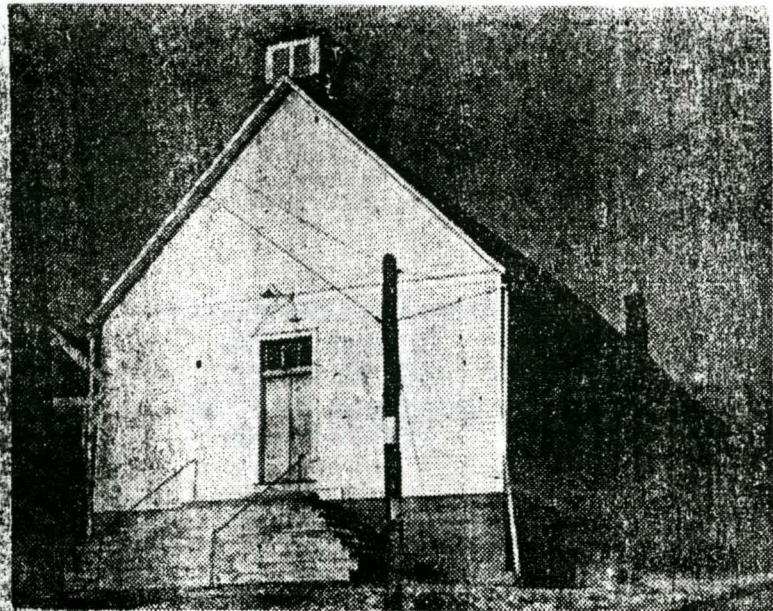
JUNIOR
SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS
YALE KENTUCKY
1932.

CHURCH OF GOD
GEORGE ELLINGTON TEACHER
YALE KY CHURCH OF GOD
1932

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STOR 35 YEARS—Much of the growth of the First Church can be traced to Rev. T. F. Lyons who came to Morehead in 1866 and served as pastor until his death in 1941. He became one of Eastern Kentucky's most beloved and respected ministers, as the Morehead church, under his guidance, had an unusually large congregation and attendance at all services. At 10:30 Sunday morning a special memorial service honoring Rev. Lyons and Mrs. Lyons, who assisted him in his work, will be held at the new church.



BEING TORN DOWN—Workmen are busy this week tearing down this old building which has housed the Church of God in Morehead since 1902. It has been replaced by the modern structure pictured on the opposite page.

Clearfield Tabernacle Burns To Ground In Friday Fire

Decision Made To Rebuild Church

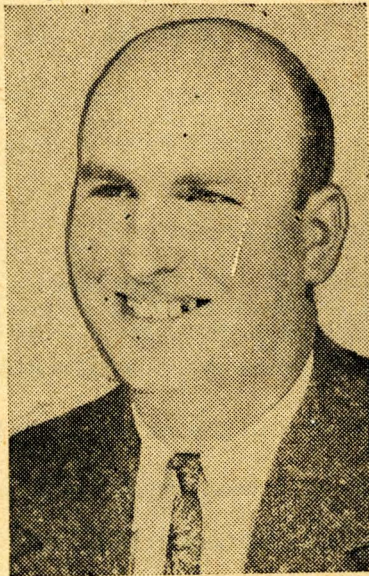
The Church of God Tabernacle at Clearfield, Rowan County's largest religious meeting place, burned to the ground Friday evening.

The fire, discovered at 7:30, quickly consumed the large frame structure, completed in the past year.

Members of the Morehead Fire Department said most of the building could have been saved if there had been sufficient water. The fire truck pumpers rapidly drained a small nearby creek and chemical pumpers were inadequate.

Members of the congregation in the Clearfield vicinity hurried to the flaming building, which ignited the sky, and openly wept as their new church, made possible through contributions, pledges and special fund-raising events over a period of years, went up in flames.

Cause of the fire is not known. Pastor B. W. Moore said this morning the church had an insurance policy on the building



Rev. B. W. Moore
... let us all pray

in the amount of \$8,200 but owed a \$4,500 mortgage.

Pastor Moore said it had been arranged to hold services temporarily at the Kissick Motor Company, Flemingsburg Road, just outside the Morehead city limits. Until further notice Sunday School will be held at Kis-

sick's at 10 a. m. followed by the Sunday preaching service at 11 o'clock and the Sunday evening service at 7 p. m.

It cost \$22,000 to construct the building, Rev. Moore said. Since the fire he and church officers have held two business meetings and today they released the following statement:

"A decision has been made to rebuild the church, either on the same lot or another spot to be acquired which will permit additional parking space.

"We ask our people to pray and join us in hard work for the new building. Anyone desiring to contribute see or mail funds to Rev. Moore, Virgil Richardson or Noah Hall. We will not make personal solicitations at business places.

"We will hold cottage prayer meetings to help hold our folks together and seek further spiritual guidance. Prayer meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wells next Tuesday at 7 o'clock. The place of the prayer meeting will be announced each week. Let us all keep cheer for the darkest hour before dawn often heralds the brightest sunrise. We are praying for and are confident that brighter days for our church and for all of us are ahead."

Pastor Tate Praised By Congregation

A vote of confidence and commendation as "one of Kentucky's outstanding young ministers" was bestowed upon Rev. Marvin Tate, pastor of the First Church of God, by the congregation last week during a business meeting.

The action was taken as the members reviewed his three years' service at the modern church, which has the largest membership in Rowan County.

In brief, Rev. Tate's accomplishments at Morehead were related:

(1) During his tenure the church has built a lovely parsonage and one of Eastern Kentucky's most modern and complete church buildings;

(2) Despite this considerable program, Rev. Tate through uniring efforts and excellent management, has worked with the

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Rev. M. L. Tate

... his achievements recited.

Pastor Tate--

(Continued From Page 1)

governing board and the congregation so that the indebtedness of the church is less than \$5,000, although physical assets are ten times this much;

(3) The Sunday School has 400 members and an average attendance of over 200;

(4) Rev. Tate has spent a great part of his time working with young people and formulated a young people's long-range attendance and educational program of inestimable benefit to the morals, spiritual guidance and recreation of the youth of the community. Rev. Tate personally teaches the young people's class which has had remarkable growth and interest. He also formed the Young People's Choir;

(5) Rev. Tate has been a leader in promoting interest in Boy Scouting and is scoutmaster of Troop 145, which the church sponsors;

(6) Rev. Tate has brought distinction to himself and to the church by being named to responsible positions in many organizations, including: Executive Committee of Rural Church Fellowship of Kentucky; Evangelistic Board of Churches of God of Kentucky; and member of National Committee of Small Town and Country Church Fellowship.

Before coming to Morehead, Rev. Tate was in Missouri and helped build the first Church of God unit there.

In answering the praise bestowed upon him, Rev. Tate said: "In all the places my family and I have lived we love Morehead best ... it is more like home because of the friendly attitude of the people. It is the congregation and the governing board that has

Celebrate the Journey

A church anniversary celebration is a time that we set aside to reflect on our past, but more importantly to appreciate the present while focusing on a divine, strategic vision for the future.

Both notions of our theme, "celebrate" and "journey," are helpful ones. Anniversary celebrations are exercises in gratitude. By celebrating, we are saying thank you to all those who have, by God's grace, gone before us, pioneers and saints, members and musicians and teachers and ministers, planners and dreamers, whose stewardship of the First Church of God vision was faithful in its own moment and whose legacy to us is beyond measure.

At the end of the day, though, the old adage that "the past is prelude to the future" should also prove to be very true. Anniversary celebrations ARE about the past, to be sure. But the journey of faith to which God calls us moves ever forward. "Celebrate the Journey" will invite us to consider – by celebrating our past – where God's good future is leading us.

Where is God calling us? What is the church that we are called to be? Where would you like to see First Church five years from now? What new and bold things await our future ministry? So as we celebrate 25 years of ministry today, and as we look ahead to the next 25, how will we meet the challenges and changes that a new day brings?

~Pastor Allan

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today	
10:00 AM	Morning Worship Service NO Children's Church
12:30 PM	Join us for lunch in the Wells' Family Life Center NO PM Service
Monday, September 10	
7:30 PM	Board of CE Meeting
Tuesday, September 11	
1:00 PM	Ladies Prayer Group
Wednesday, September 12	
6:00 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal
6:15 PM	AWANA Clubs
6:30 PM	Adult Bible Study Youth Group
7:30 PM	Worship Choir
Thursday, September 13	
6:30 PM	Northeast KY Right to Life Meeting - Public Library General Assembly - Fountain Park Church, Richmond
Friday, September 14	
	General Assembly and Ordination Service
Sunday, September 16	
9:45 AM	Sunday School
10:45 AM	Sunday Morning Worship Children's Church
6:30 PM	Evening Worship Service

Children's Attendants

TODAY

Baby Nursery -	Emily Dailey
Preschool Nursery -	Brittany Jones
Children's Church -	No Children's Church

NEXT WEEK

Baby Nursery -	Jan Lewis & Katelyn Parson
Preschool Nursery -	Robin Pollitte & Teresa Jennings
Children's Church -	Bobby & Debi Trent

September 2, 2012

Tithes & Offerings	\$5,895.88
RCCA	540.00
Faith Promise	545.00
Seekers	10.00
Builders	16.00
Youth	140.00
Pavilion	152.00
Recreation	145.00

Celebrate the Journey

1987-2012

25 Years of Ministry at 576 Sunset Drive



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Welcome to First Church of God

We are glad you are here!

September 9, 2012

Call to Worship & Invocation Pastor Allan

Praise You Worship Choir

Welcome & Greeting Pastor Allan

Worship Medley Pastor Natalie

To the King
Majesty

Church History Video Presentation

We Will Remember Ben & Jameson McBrayer

Recognition of Pastors Steve Lewis

Honoring Our Golden Members

The Church Triumphant Worship Choir
Narrator: Brian McBrayer

Memorial Service Pastor Allan

What a Day That Will Be Jim Hill

Tithes & Offerings Disciples Quartet

Anniversary Sermon Rev. Mitchell Burch

Closing Song of Praise Victory in Jesus

Benediction Rev. Rodney Williams

Welcome

In this time of celebration, we would offer special praise. As we think of past and future, we vow anew to walk your ways. Times of triumph, times of failure— still this song keeps ringing through: Lord, your works cannot be numbered, First Church of God belongs to you.

First Church of God is a place to CONNECT!

We anticipate great things from God and are glad that you have chosen to be with us for this time of fellowship, teaching, and worship. We have been praying for this morning and trust that God has something special in store for you. Please take a moment in our service this morning and fill out the Connection Card and place it in the offering plate.

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Senior PastorAllan F. Hutchinson
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(pastormatt@fcogmorehead.com)

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(lkeays16@gmail.com)

A taped broadcast of our service is on the radio each Sunday at 10:00 AM on WIVY Radio 96.3 FM.



96.3 FM



CALL TO WORSHIP

Today we celebrate the 25th Anniversary of First Church of God.

Many, O Lord, are Your wonderful works.

For 1,300 Sundays God's Word has been proclaimed in this place.

Many, O Lord, are Your wonderful works.

For 25 years communion has been celebrated in this place.

Many, O Lord, are Your wonderful works.

Countless children, parents, and grandparents have been baptized in this place.

They are more than can be numbered.

Countless prayers of thanksgiving, and praise have been offered in this place.

They are more than can be numbered.

Countless witnesses have gone out from First Church to spread the gospel in this community and throughout the world.

They are more than can be numbered.

All of our activities, all of our sacrifice, and all of our worship we offer up in praise to God.

Many, O Lord, are Your wonderful works; they are more than can be numbered.

With thanksgiving for the past, with joy in the present, and with hope for the future we celebrate this anniversary.

Many, O Lord, are Your wonderful works; they are more than can be numbered.

Count not the hours of planning
And intensive preparation...
Think not of the commitments made
And yet to be made...
Disregard the anxious doubts
And fears about the future...
Instead, focus on the

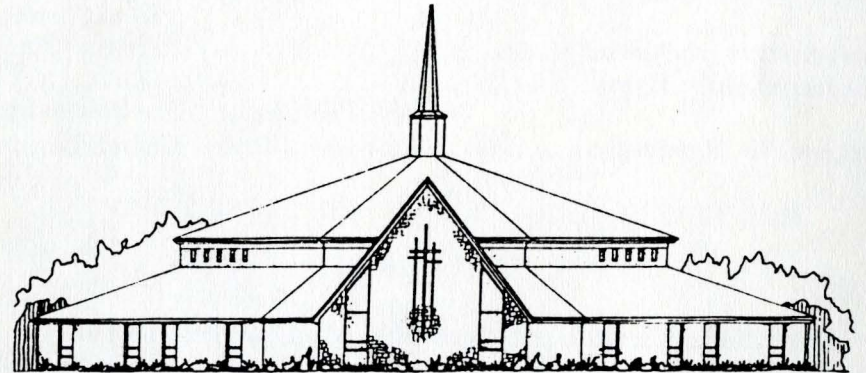
Willing
hearts and hands ...

The hopes and dreams...
And the burning
Desire to see God's work carried
Out in spite of the odds.

J.K. Wendt

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Our Day Of Dedication



The Morehead First Church of God

Mitchell W. Burch
Jim McKenzie
George Ann McBrayer

Senior Pastor
Associate Minister
Minister of Music

**FIRST CHURCH OF GOD
MOREHEAD, KY**

**NEW FACILITY
DEDICATION SERVICE**

June 14, 1987

2:00 P.M.

Organ Prelude.....Rev. J. Ellsworth Jackson
Opening Hymn.....No. 31 Come, O Thou God of Grace
Welcome.....Pastor Mitchell W. Burch
Prayer of Invocation.....Rev. Marvin L. Tate,
former pastor
Introduction of Special Guests.....Pastor Burch
Congregational Hymn.....
No. 452 The Church's One Foundation
Responsive Reading.....led by Steve Taylor, Church Layman

Matt. 16:15-19 / 1 Cor. 12:12-13 / Eph. 1:21-23 2:19-22

THE CHURCH

LEADER: He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?

PEOPLE: And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

LEADER: And Jesus answered and said into him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but My Father which is in heaven.

PEOPLE: And I say unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock will I build My church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

LEADER: And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

PEOPLE: For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.

LEADER: For by one Spirit we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

PEOPLE: He hath put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be the head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fulness of Him that filleth all in all.

LEADER: Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

PEOPLE: And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone;

LEADER: In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord.

PEOPLE: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

Vocal Duet.....David Arrowood & Leslie Wells
"More Than Wonderful"

Message..... Dr. John W. Conley, Former Pastor
and President, Mid-America Bible College

Charge To Congregation.....Rev. David M. Hall
State Chairman Church of God

Response To Charge.....Pastor Mitchell W. Burch

Sanctuary Choir.....Hallelujah Chorus
Director-Rev. George Ann McBrayer
Accompanist-Shelly Burch

Benediction.....Rev. Alex Conyers
President-Rowan County Ministerial Association

**Open House and Reception immediately following service
Everyone is invited.**

I was saved when a teenager, but gradually grew away from God. I considered myself a Christian for years afterward, but now believe I was so very close to spiritual death. After coming to First Church and finding Jesus again, I know the only way acceptable to me now is forward with Jesus.

I recall the many people God used to help me find the right path again. Jeanette Stone -- she invited me to church many times in the last 10 years and often spoke of God. A preacher we met in Mississippi who had given up his job and material possessions because God had called him to travel to different churches, spreading God's Word. My grandmother Royce--she was in terrible pain due to cancer and I told her I wished I could do something for her. Her words to me were, "Get right with God." This was about four days before she died. Tim McKenzie--his coming to our home and making that extra effort. He was concerned and that concern came through to us. Jo Ann Jones--she told me what a difference God had made in her life. Finally, Pastor Burch--his sermon, "Hardening of the Heart" is the one that did it. It seemed God had written it just for me.

There are many more, but these are the ones that come to mind now. I know a word for Jesus may seem to fall on deaf ears many times. In my case, I remembered those testimonies and believe the culmination of these over the years brought me back to God before it was too late.

Praise the Lord!

--Wilma (Sissy) Lewis

We welcome personal testimonies which lift up the Name of Jesus Christ, in each of our newsletters. If you have a witness you would like to share with us, please submit it to Sammye Rice. The deadline each month is the 10th. May the Lord bless you richly in your walk with Him!

HARGIS HEARTBEAT

MOREHEAD FIRST CHURCH OF GOD
135 North Hargis Avenue
Morehead, Kentucky 40351

Schedule of Services:

Sunday School 9:45 AM
Morning Worship 10:45 AM
Evening Worship 7:00 PM
Wednesday Night 7:00 PM

Sunday Morning Services
broadcast over WMOR radio

Mitchell W. Burch, Pastor (784-5365)

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Words cannot describe the humility and quiet strength that radiates from the life of this young person. Surely we have been visited by the angels of Heaven, to have him in our midst. Oh, if we could see Jesus through his eyes....

I have been around the church all my life. We had been to a number of churches, trying to find the one that we wanted to go to. When we moved to Lyons Avenue and decided to try the church across the street, we finally found our permanent church home and have been greatly blessed ever since.

My dad was saved, and that kind of led me to the Lord, and I am grateful to the Lord for that. The Lord has to keep me going sometimes when I get down on myself because I can't walk and do things as well as others. But again, the Lord picks me up and says, "Hey! Just because you can't do something as well as others, that's all right! The important thing is that you serve Me." I feel that I'm lucky because I am able to do more than others in my condition.

I've been through a lot. My mom and dad divorced and I thought it was over. But, as always, He's there to pick me up again, dust me off, and we got through it together. He's brought me through surgeries, and if it wasn't for Him, I don't know where I would be today.

I now have a new family. They're all great!

Hope and pray,

Todd Collins (14)



"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples -- if ye love one another."

--John 13:35

The remaining three testimonies repeat the importance of extending love and concern for the unsaved. The first one tells, so well, what many of us have experienced when the Holy Spirit has stirred our reluctant and needy hearts into action. You'll identify with her experience!

The first time I walked through the doors of the church, I had a sinking feeling that I might belong there! Everyone there seemed to make an effort to welcome me--a wave here, a smile there, a few handshakes, and even some hugs! And the Preacher....well, he really poured it on me! I couldn't believe how he singled me out; it had to be me he was talking about! I was the one making promises to God ("next time," "some other time; I'm just not ready," "I don't have time to go to Church," "too busy," "I believe, but not that much!"). How could he see me, way back there, holding on to the back of the seat until my hands were cramped?! I thought going to Church was supposed to make you feel good! I was miserable! Why was everyone else smiling?

When I finally accepted Christ, I came to realize that I was just like everyone else under conviction. Thank God, all you sweet people prayed me to the altar. I'm still learning and I hope I am extending the same feeling of Love to other people who are trying out our Church to see if they can come home.

--Priscilla B. Fouch

The marriage of two good people can be a blessing. But not until Christ becomes the center of the family, does it become truly blessed. A very special couple contribute the last of our testimonies.

I have received many blessings from God. Top-most on the list is my salvation through Jesus Christ. My wife and children are right at the top, also. I have many friends, each one a blessing. Should I live forever, I could never give due thanks to God.

I remember one friend in particular. Many years have passed since I've seen him. He came to our house one day and asked my brother and me if we wanted to go to Sunday School and ride the bus. My parents weren't regular church-goers but they wanted us to go. The Sunday School bus came without fail even before elementary school.

Several years passed swiftly by. We moved back and forth between Shelby, Ohio and Morehead. My family attended church on a somewhat irregular basis, which no doubt led to some unhappy times. Throughout this period, I strove to be a good person. I believe my early Sunday School days left a very good and lasting impression.

When Sissy and I were married, we both knew we were supposed to be in Sunday School and church. We also knew we wanted Ginny and Gary Thomas to go to Sunday School and church to learn about Jesus and to learn right from wrong. There was that Sunday School bus which was more than willing to pick them up. Ginny had asked us several times to go to church with her. We always told her we would go "sometime." We finally promised we would go with her. We were also invited by two fine young men. One of them drove the Sunday School bus. The bus had again played a part in our lives.

I now drive one of those buses. I hope I can impress the children as much as that person who first asked my brother and me to go more than 25 years ago. Praise God for Sunday School bus drivers.

--Gary Lewis

Welcome to Worship

May 1, 2005



The Burch Family
Mitchell, Shelly, Andrew, & Meagan

Principle & Vertically Grace

Verbal Grace
Hargreaves
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Jabara
Matt

Michelle

Pastor
Interim Minister of Music

Allan Hutchinson
Michelle Hutchinson



Meditation

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."
~Matthew 5:8

Prelude Betty Lewis

Special Music Disciples Quartet

Welcome and Invocation Pastor Allan

Congregational Praise and Worship

"Awesome God"
"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"
"Praise Him! Praise Him!" (No. 74)

Tithes and Offering

Offertory Linda Conn

Camp Skit Youth

Reading of the Meditation

Prayer Song

"Open Our Eyes, Lord" (No. 462)

Prayer

Special Music Disciples Quartet

Message Rev. Mitchell Burch

Invitation

Benediction



*Constitution
and
By-Laws*

of the

**First Church of God
Morehead, Kentucky, Inc.**

CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS
of the
FIRST CHURCH OF GOD
MOREHEAD, KENTUCKY, INC.

ARTICLE I - Name

The name of this corporation shall be the First Church of God, Morehead, Kentucky.

ARTICLE II - Purpose

Section 1. The purpose of this congregation is to propagate the teaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ. In this purpose it is voluntarily associated with, and thus a constituent part of a larger group of similar churches known as, the Church of God, and whose teachings, beliefs, doctrines, and practices are founded upon the Bible, and are accepted and held by the General Assembly of the Church of God which meets annually at Anderson, Indiana.

Section 2. The purpose of these By-Laws is to govern and facilitate all business affairs of the church and to meet the requirements of the civil law with respect to the holding of Real Estate.

ARTICLE III - Voting Requirements

Section 1. All members of the corporation shall have the right to vote in its business meetings as herein provided:

- a. They must have lived in harmony with the doctrines and practices of the Church of God for a period of at least three (3) months prior to any business meeting of the church;
- b. They must have worshipped regularly with the church for a period of at least three (3) months prior to any voting business meeting of the church;
- c. Any member may be given the right to vote by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members present, regardless of the foregoing conditions;
- d. They must be 16 years of age or over;
- e. Eligible voters unable to attend any business meeting may vote at a specified place and time prior to the meeting, after having notified the church office one day in advance.

Section 2. Questions concerning one's right to vote may be raised at any time before the actual voting. Any member may call upon the presiding Chair before a vote is cast to require each person present to signify whether he/she considers himself/herself qualified to vote.

Section 3. If any member's right to vote is questioned, and said member insists he/she has a right to vote, then the objector may call for an expression of the assembly, and the Chair shall ask the members to cast a vote. The decision shall be binding upon all.

ARTICLE IV - Officers

Section 1. The officers of the corporation shall be a Chair, Vice-Chair, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Financial Secretary. These officers with exception of Chair shall be elected for one year.

Section 2. The pastor of the congregation shall be Chair of the corporation. He/She shall preside at all business meetings and exercise general supervision over the affairs of the church.

Section 3. The Vice-Chair shall perform the duties of the Chair in his/her absence or in the event of his/her inability to serve as Chair.

Section 4. The Recording Secretary shall keep an orderly record of the proceedings of the business meetings of the church in a book provided by the corporation for that purpose. This book shall be carefully preserved by the Secretary and shall remain the property of the corporation.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall receive and deposit and administer all funds for the church. The accounts in the name of the church shall be kept in bank or banks as recommended by the Board of Trustees. The Treasurer shall be authorized to write checks or issue funds covering any authorized expense of the church. He/She shall keep an orderly financial record of all receipts and expenditures. An annual detailed statement shall be furnished to the Chair of the business meeting. The books shall be open to inspection to the Board of Trustees, or to individuals or committees authorized by the corporation. A monthly statement shall be prepared for the Board of Trustees. All legal papers are to be put in a safety deposit box at the bank in which money is deposited. The Treasurer of the church shall be bonded. The Treasurer and Financial Secretary shall count church's funds. Funds shall be secured at bank immediately after services.

Section 6. The Financial Secretary shall assist in the counting and banking of the church's funds. The Financial Secretary and Treasurer shall serve as a Counting Committee for the church offerings. Furthermore, a record of the envelope giving of the church shall be kept. This record shall be carefully preserved and remain the property of the church. Periodic statements shall be issued to those giving. In the absence of the Treasurer, this person may be authorized by the Board of Trustees to sign checks.

ARTICLE V - The Church Council

The Church Council shall be composed of the Pastor, Minister of Music, Vice-Chair of the Corporation, Secretary of the Corporation, Chair of the Board of Trustees, Church Treasurer, Chair of the Board of Christian Education, President of the Women of the Church of God, President of the Men of the Church of God, Chair of the Benevolence Committee, and Youth Minister. The Pastor, Vice-Chair and Secretary of the Corporation shall serve in same capacity in the Council.

Section 1. Purpose and Powers. The purpose of this Council is to coordinate all the service agencies of the church. It shall act for the church in all routine matters pertaining to the work of the various organizations represented

in the Council. In all matters of major importance involving change, the Council may only recommend its findings to the church for its consideration. Should the question arise as to whether a matter is major or routine, the Council shall decide thereon by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the council present. Seven (7) members shall constitute a quorum.

Section 2. Pulpit Committee. The Council shall appoint not more than seven (7) or less than five (5) persons to serve as members of this committee.

This Committee shall have the responsibility of supplying the pulpit when there is a vacancy of the Pastorate. They shall select and recommend eligible ministers who are prospective pastors.

The church, in all cases, shall make the final selection of the pastor. A three-fourths (3/4) majority will be necessary to call a pastor.

The Pulpit Committee shall elect from among themselves a Chair and a Secretary. The Chair of the Pulpit Committee shall appoint three (3) persons to serve as tellers in counting ballots.

Section 3. Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of seven (7) members, appointed by the Council, to serve for a period of one (1) year. The pastor shall be a consultant member. They shall elect from their members a Chair and a secretary. This Committee shall nominate at least two (2) candidates for each vacancy or office to be filled. (Nominees should be consulted before their names are placed on the ballot.) Additional nominations may be made from the floor. Nominations shall be from among those only who are qualified to vote in the business meetings of the church.

Section 4. Audit Committee. The Audit Committee shall be three (3) in number, appointed by the Council. It shall be their responsibility to audit all treasurer's books once a year. This Committee shall seek professional advice when needed. All books are to be audited at least two (2) weeks before the annual business meeting.

Section 5. Special Committees. Special Committees may be appointed to perform any special duties when needed. These may be of such size and appointed in such a manner as the Council may decide at the time.

Section 6. Reports of Officers and Committees and Chair. The Chair of the various activities shall prepare a quarterly report to present to this Council along with any new plans or problems which they wish to discuss in the Council.

Section 7. Meetings. The regular quarterly meeting or special meetings of the Church Council shall be held at the call of the Chair.

ARTICLE VI - Boards and Committees

Section 1. Board of Trustees. The Trustees of the church shall be seven (7) in number. Two (2) shall be elected for one (1) year, two (2) elected for two (2) years, and three (3) elected for three (3) years. Thereafter, each of these shall be elected for a term of three (3) years. No trustee shall be elected for more than two (2) terms in succession.

Their duties shall be to hold in trust the properties of the church in accordance with the laws of the state. They shall place the insurance of the church, attend to all improvements, leases, buying, selling, repairing, renting, hiring labor and such other related duties as are necessary. They shall approve annual budget and present it to church for ratification at annual business meeting.

They shall meet monthly at a time and place to be determined by a majority of the Board. The time and place of any special meetings may also be fixed by consent of all trustees, or may be called by the Chair, upon notification of each Board Member. The election of officers shall be held at the first meeting following the annual business meeting of the church. Two (2) alternate members shall be elected each year for a term of one (1) year. Their duties are to attend all Board meetings, take part in discussions and vote on an alternate basis in the absence of a regular member.

Section 2. Board of Christian Education. Membership of this Board shall be the Pastor, Minister of Music, Sunday School Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Sunday School Secretary, Youth Minister, together with two (2) members elected by the church for a term of one (1) year.

The Sunday School Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent shall be elected at the annual business meeting of the church. The Superintendent shall be elected for a two (2) year term and shall serve as Chair of the Board of Christian Education. The Assistant Superintendent shall be elected for a term of one (1) year and serve as Vice-Chair of the Board of Christian Education. The Sunday School Secretary shall be appointed annually by the Board of Christian Education and shall serve also as secretary of this Board. This Board coordinates the various phases of the work of the Christian Education as follows:

- a. Appoint all teachers and workers. (All appointments by the Board shall be subject to the approval of the pastor.)
- b. Provide leadership training.
- c. The Recreation Chair shall be appointed by the Board of Christian Education, subject to the approval of the Church Council, for a term of one (1) year. He/She shall exercise general supervision over the recreational program of the church, and shall coordinate the same so that the program shall reach all groups and ages. He/She shall be responsible for any recreational equipment owned by the church. Upon recommendation of the Chair and approval of the Council two (2) assistants may be appointed.
- d. Fill by appointment any vacancy created by an unexpired term among the church school.

The Board shall bring all changes before the Church Council. The Board shall meet quarterly and special meetings may be called by the Chair as needed.

Section 3. Budget Committee. The Budget Committee shall consist of the Pastor, Chair of the Board of Trustees, Chair of the Board of Christian Education, Vice-Chair of the Corporation, Minister of Music, Youth Minister, Church Treasurer, and three (3) elected members to be voted on at the annual business meeting. They shall arrange a budget of the estimated expenses of the congregation's next fiscal year, and submit it to the Board of Trustees for approval, who then will present it to the Church for ratification.

Section 4. President of the Youth Program. The President of the Youth Fellowship shall lead the youth program under the direction of the Youth Minister.

Section 5. President of the Women of the Church of God. The President of the Women of the Church of God, in cooperation with the Church Council, shall be responsible for administering the women's work.

Section 6. President of the Men of the Church of God. The regularly chosen President of the Men's Fellowship, in cooperation with the Church Council, shall be responsible for administering the men's work.

Section 7. Chair of Benevolences. The Chair of Benevolence Committee shall be elected for one (1) year at the annual business meeting of the church. The Committee shall direct the benevolent and charitable outreach of the church. Two (2) persons from the church shall be appointed by the Church Council to serve as members of this committee for terms of one (1) year.

Section 8. Chair of Socials. The Chair of the Social Committee shall be appointed by the Church Council for one (1) year. The Chair shall select four (4) members subject to approval by Council. It shall be their responsibility to plan and promote socials authorized by the Council.

Section 9. Usher's Committee. The Pastor, Vice-Chair of the church, the Chair of the Trustees, and the Chair of the Board of Christian Education shall serve as an Usher's Committee. It shall be their duty to appoint the head usher and along with him/her, select and provide training for ushers to serve the needs of the church.

Section 10. Music Committee. The Music Committee shall be composed of the Minister of Music, Pastor, regular organists and pianists and president of the Choir.

The Music Committee shall arrange the schedule of singers for all general services of the church, and carry on a training and developing program.

Section 11. Missions Committee. The Missions Committee shall consist of the President of the Women of the Church of God and President of the Men of the Church of God. The Chair of this committee shall select three (3) other members subject to approval of the Church Council.

ARTICLE VII - Vacancies

Section 1. Any vacancy created by an unexpired term of any standing board or officer shall be filled by appointment by the Church Council, and shall be effective until the next annual business meeting of the church.

Section 2. If a vacancy is created in the office of the Vice-Chair of the church business organization, and need should arise for such an officer, one (1) shall be elected pro-tem from among members of this church organization to serve the specific meeting for which he/she is elected.

ARTICLE VIII - Meetings

Section 1. Regular. The Annual Business Meeting of the corporation shall be held at the First Church of God in Morehead, Kentucky, on the third of fourth Wednesday of October. Notice of such meeting, financial report, and proposed budget, shall be given at least one (1) week prior to the meeting date.

Section 2. Special Meetings. A special business meeting of the corporation may be called at any time by the Pastor. Upon a written request of ten (10) members of the church, stating the purpose for which they desire a meeting called, the pastor shall call a special meeting of the church.

For all special meetings, the pastor shall give at least one (1) week's notice, stating the purpose, date, time and place for the meeting.

ARTICLE IX - Order of Business

Section 1. The Order of Business at all regular business meetings of the church shall be as follows:

1. Prayer
2. Reading of the minutes of the last meeting
3. Reports of Officers
4. Reports of Committees
5. Unfinished business
6. Election
7. Original resolutions and new business
8. Adjournment

ARTICLE X - Expulsion

Section 1. Upon recommendation of the Church Council, any officer of this business body of the church or any member of any regular or special Board or Committee which it may constitute, may be expelled from his /her office by a majority vote of the members present and voting at any regular or special meeting of the church. Such expulsion may be for conduct unbecoming to a member of the Church of God, for failure of duty, a lack of interest or zeal in the work of the church, for adhering to a doctrine contrary to that held by the church, or for any other grounds which the church deems sufficient for expulsion from his/her office.

Section 2. Notice of the time for the meeting for expulsion and the reason for expulsion shall be given at least ten (10) days prior to the date for the meeting. A written statement of the charges against the person to be expelled shall be given to said person by the Recording Secretary of the church not later than the time at which the meeting for his/her expulsion is announced. When one has been expelled from office, his/her authority in such office shall cease at once.

ARTICLE XI - Retention or Dismissal of Pastor

Section 1. The Pastor may, in any regular service of the church, or in any business session of the church, call for an expression by secret ballot to

determine the judgment of the congregation as to whether he/she should continue in his/her present position. Such a request must be concurred in by the Church Council and the announcement that such a ballot will be taken must be made at least seven (7) days prior to the time set for voting. At least thirty (30) days notice of termination of service should be given.

Section 2. Upon the receipt of a written request signed by ten (10) qualified voting members of the congregation, the Church Council shall decide whether or not a special meeting shall be called for the purpose of voting to determine if the present pastor should be retained. In such case a meeting is called, the Vice-Chair of the Church Council shall preside. At least two (2) weeks notice shall be given of such a called meeting of the corporation.

Section 3. The decision to remove a pastor from his/her office shall require three-fourths (3/4) majority vote of the members present and voting. If the vote is for removal, thirty (30) days shall be allowed for termination of the pastorate, unless there has been a defection of character resulting in the loss of recognized ministerial status. In such case, the removal shall be immediate and the church shall have no further obligation.

ARTICLE XII - Quorum

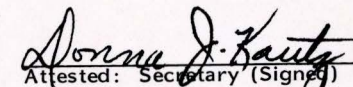
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ARTICLE XIII - Amendments

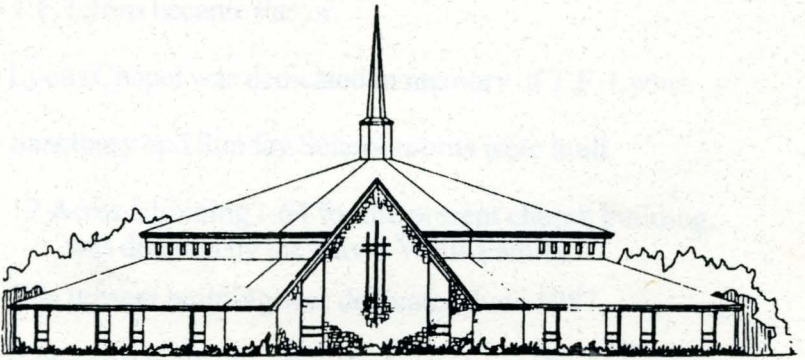
Section 1. These by-laws may be amended, altered or changed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting at any regular or special meeting of the church. A copy of the proposed amendment, alteration or change and notice that action shall be taken thereof, shall be given publicly at least seven (7) days prior to such a regular or special meeting.

These by-laws were adopted by the First Church of God, Morehead, Kentucky, on December 28, 1969. Amended November 1, 1978; and September 5, 1984.


Chairman (Signed)


Attested: Secretary (Signed)

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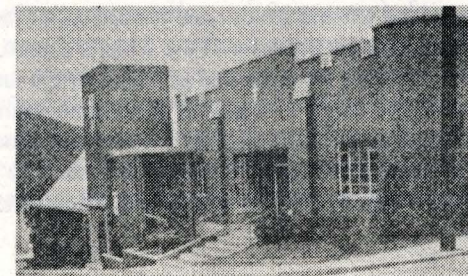
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1898 - 1998

A Touch of History . . .



- **1898** – A tent meeting was held at Main Street & Bishop Avenue. The congregation met in homes. Land was donated by A.W. & Mary Young.
- **1900** – A white frame Church was erected.
- **1917** – T.F. Lyons became Pastor.
- **1950** – Lyons Chapel was dedicated in memory of T.F. Lyons.
- **1959** – Sanctuary and Sunday School rooms were built.
- **1985** – 12 Acres adjoining I-64 for the present church building, was donated by the David Wells Family.
- **1987** – The present building was dedicated June 1987.
- **1998** – Construction of educational wing to house Rowan County Christian Academy.



HISTORY OF MOREHEAD FIRST CHURCH OF GOD

1898 - 1998

The history of the First Church of God has been handed down by word of mouth as well as the written word. The portion of the history from 1898 to 1914 was compiled by I.T. Mark whose father owned and operated a general store in Morehead, Ky. His parents became active members of the congregation after its inception in 1898. Brother Mark was a minister.

The history of the congregation from 1914 until 1983 was compiled by Mrs. Holly (Vada) Crosthwaite and edited by Betty Lewis. Sister Crosthwaite was a convert under T.F. Lyons's ministry in 1917. Brother and Sister Crosthwaite were active members of the congregation. Sister Crosthwaite was a Sunday School teacher for many years. Many of the persons now worshipping in the congregation were students of hers and remember her great dedication to God's work. Both of them along with their families worshipped in the congregation until their deaths.

The history of the congregation from 1983 has been compiled by Betty Lewis who along with her husband, C. Roger and family has worshipped with the congregation since 1949. C. Roger's father and mother, John A. & Sarah Lewis worshipped in the congregation from the time Bro. Lyons was pastor until their deaths in 1972. She has used notes, materials and personal experiences from many persons who worshipped in the congregation since 1983. Mabel Alfrey who passed away January 1998 contributed largely to this portion of the history, along with J. Earl McBrayer and Edith Cline.

The Beginning:

The freight train pulled into Morehead on a beautiful summer morning, July 3, 1898. As usual the whistle announced the arrival of the train; this announcement was repeated by the echo of the whistle sounding again and again in the narrow valley. The cars were spotted as usual for the unloading of freight; the unusual was part of the cargo — a gospel tent. Some strangers who had arrived on an earlier passenger train claimed the tent and proceeded to set it up on the east corner of Main and Bishop Streets. The men who had arrived earlier sang stirring religious songs as the tent was raised. Their voices could be heard all over the village.

People gathered out of curiosity; many questions were asked and many questions answered regarding the use of the tent. The news spread in all directions: "The Saints have arrived in Morehead. (Ed. Note: The church was known as the "Saints Church").

My father (Mr. Mark) owned and operated a general store where the Morehead Mercantile Building now stands. The chief topic of conversation in the store was the tent meeting. My mother (Alice Mark) and family attended the first service and my oldest brother, Milton was the first convert. Returning home after the service Mother brought three or four of the preachers and their wives with her to abide. Mrs. Dee Sims and my mother were saved the same night.

An ordinance service was announced for Saturday evening. Many gathered for this service, the tent walls were well staked down, and a partition was put up inside the tent, the women occupied one side of the tent and the men the other side. This was different from what the public expected. The service was conducted with decorum; after a season of prayer the restless crowd on the outside of the tent quieted down. The Town Marshal sent the few rowdy ones on their way. Following the ordinance service, opportunity was given for the testimony and exhortation; then the altar call. Many sought the Lord. On this Saturday evening two sisters attending school in Morehead were saved. They are still living in Lewis County, Kentucky. They are aunts of Henry C. Dunnaway and it was through their efforts that the church was started in Petersville, Ky. (Ed. Note: The church of God congregation is still active in Petersville.)

Following are names of many other people saved in this first tent meeting. Cora Wilson Stewart (founder of the Moonlight schools); Captain Tom Rose, a lawyer; J. H. Ruley, business man; Boone Mark (my father), merchant; Mrs. Jack Sexton and daughter, Eva; (Ed. Note: Eva is the mother of Hubert and Bobby Allen), Aunt Vine Ellington, nurse; Mrs. Betty Littleton; Mrs. Coffee; Mrs. Powers; Elijah Durham, teacher; Mrs. Hiram Bradley; Mrs. Conn and many students from the Morehead Normal School. Some of these remained faithful to the church.

From Bronson (Ed. Note: This is now the area behind Sealmaster Mfg. Co. and Baldrige Loop) were Zack Wright, Wilson Ramey, Ida Westcott, Mrs. Skaggs, Sam Mark and family, Frank Prater, wife and mother. People attended the meeting from Rodburn to Bluestone, from Brushy Fork to Clack Mountain.

After the close of this tent meeting, services were held in our home. Miss Lena Cecil who now lives in Franklin, California, was the first Pastor. Judge Allie Young (Ed. Note: Father of Jane Young Holbrook) and Judge Bill Young were deeply affected by the meeting and befriended the new church. They secured the use of the Rowan County Court House for the congregation to conduct their services. Allie Young gave the congregation a lot and Bill Young gave a cash donation for the erection of the first building which was built

in 1900. Mrs. Dee Sims and Mrs. Alice Mark solicited donations for the building fund. The Church of God never worshipped in the old Union Church as some believed. The Union Church was before 1898. At this time the Methodist, Baptist and Christian Churches owned their own buildings in about the same location as now.

A Revival meeting was held with main speakers being W. P. Long and W.A. Southerland from Greenville, Tn., Miss Lena Cecil, Henry Dunnigan, French Jones and Clyde Dennis. The second Pastor was Henry Dunnigan. He came to Morehead from Lee City, Ky. He lived at Bronson on my fathers farm at the old Markwell place. The third Pastor was Samuel Ford who in 1903 lived at Bronson directly across the cut on the old Evans place. The railroad crossing at Bronson was known as Bronson's Crossing. I remember the above events clearly, however I verified the information by talking and writing to Rev. Jesse Coldiron who lived at Bronson at that time, also Rev. N. S. Duncan who was brother-in-law to Samuel Ford and Mrs. Samuel Ford.

Reverend T.F. Lyons came to Bronson in 1905 and purchased a farm from my mother, however, he moved to Morehead 1907. He bought property from my mother which was located in back of the first white church building.

Only about fifteen people are still living who attended regularly or claimed membership in the Morehead congregation prior to 1904. Their names are as follows: Mrs. Lena Carpenter now in Franklin, CA. Mrs. Alice Miracle; Mrs. Cora Lykens, Petersburg, Ky, Mrs. Ida Asbury, Kendallville, Indiana and five members of my mother's family, N.S. Duncan, evangelist in Cal, Reverend Edward Ellis, Decatur, Michigan, W. A. Sutherland in S. Carolina. There a few others who might have some knowledge of the work prior to 1904. There were a number of well-known ministers who conducted revivals and camp meetings between 1898 and 1914. Some camp meetings were conducted in a tent in back of the church, some were conducted in the Court House. The tent was lighted with gasoline lights. Revivals or assembly meetings as they were generally called were held in the church building, but sometimes moved to the Court House for more room. Some of the ministers conducting these meetings were: In 1898 Sutherland and Long from Greenville, Tn., in 1899 Otto Bolds (Uncle to Luke Bennett) W.T. Clayton of "Floating Bethel" fame, Willis S. Brown (father of C.E. Brown, well known Church of God minister) in 1904 N. S. Duncan, J.N. Howard, nationally known evangelist, Alex Kilpatrick, teacher and pioneer preacher, in 1906 Edgar Fleenor, Edward Ellis, W.T. Carter, Amanda Brown, Emma Myers and girl preacher Joyce Meyers, A.Q. Bridwell and W. C. McCraw. In the year 1913 J Nichols Roy, a Hindu minister educated in England deep in the scriptures drew large crowds.

The following names are other ministers preaching in Morehead on different occasions.: French Jones, (*Ed. Note: Grandfather of Aubrey Kautz, Jr.*) Lillian Tosh, a Sister Roberts, Amanda Carter, H.H. McClure, John Watts who was one of the first men in the movement to preach from charts on Revelations, John Vance, now living in Cal, also Reverend Mrs. Stevenson, later L. H. Morgan a health officer from Ill., and about 1911 W. F. Chappell and J. W.

Lykens came to Morehead to preach for the first time. Later they both pastored and preached in Kentucky. Thomas Nelson, author of Home, Health and Success spoke in the 1911 campmeeting. He was probably the first family counselor in the Church of God. Before I leave the subject of preachers in Morehead, I would like to pay my respect to Brother Dan Holbrook. (*Ed. Note: This descendants are Harold and Robert Holdbrook of Morehead*). Truly, Brother Holbrook was a great man, one who walked with God. Also there were Uncle Buddy and Uncle Henry Hall. I first heard them preach about 1907. I remember Worley Hall as teaching school at the time he entered the ministry.

Jack Howard, who will be remembered by the old timers of Rowan County conducted a meeting in Morehead prior to 1898 using the Baptist Church. He was a great orator and debater and preached practically the same message as the Church of God Reformation Movement. It would not be too much of a venture for me to state that in his active days in the ministry he did not associate himself with the movement. His son Arthur was associated with us. Jack Howard preached so clearly against church joining, division, etc... One church in Morehead invited him to return and debate the subject with one of their able preachers. This challenge he accepted. His knowledge of truth and power persuasion was like a land slide, and could not be stopped or even slowed. After the 1898 revival service, Brother W. A. Sutherland returned to Morehead to hold meetings on different occasions. As a result of his ministry, the following people started preaching: Sam Mark, Zack Wright, Sister Staggs of Bronson, Wilson Ramey of Bluestone, Zack Tussey of Christy Creek, Richmond Tussey, and a Doctor Sam Porter, Virgil P'Simer, and Tom Rose. Brother Sutherland could not give me the exact date of his grove meeting at Bronson or of the Brushey Fork meeting, but I would put the date 1901 or 1902.

There were two railroad men who brought messages in our services on different occasions. One from Ashland was named Johnson, the other by the name of Allen who was an engineer Fields, a traveling man, also stopped off in Morehead and spoke in our services several times. Afterwards this man was elected to the State Legislature from Boyd County. In my evangelistic travels and attendance at camp meetings, I have met the following ministers from Rowan County: Wick Donahue, for many years pastor of the First Church in Portland, Oregon and missionary to Europe and Africa, Virgil Harmon, O.L. Johnson from Haldeman, Allen Combs, Morehead, Harold Messer from Christy Creek, Luther Vanhose, Grover Asbury, Ora Conn of Rodburn, Jessee Coldiron from Bronson and Chester Mark. Of these the last nine have all pastored in Indiana. I have already named some of these men as being saved in the first campmeeting. I now list them as being part time preachers around Morehead in the early days, some of whom continued in the ministry until their death. At this writing Samuel Mark, Peter Cassity, Zach Tussey, Zach Wright, Virgil P'Simer, Richmond Tussey, Doctor Sam Porter, Captain Tom Rose, Wilson Ramey, Mrs. Staggs Johnnie Donahue, Alex Patton are deceased.

Other people who preached in the church and area were: Buddy and Henry Hall, Judge Albert Williams (who was Dr. John W. Conley's grandfather) Dan Holbrook, Worley Hall, Leslie Brown, W. H. Hunt, John P. Jones, Virgil Lyons, Harlan Cooper, Holly Crosthwaite. There are no doubt many others since 1914 which the writer has no definite knowledge of. From the indirect influence of the Morehead Church came such men a Charlie Dunnaway, H. Clay Dunnaway, Wick Donahue, Professor Gene Newberry and others. Under the preaching of Sutherland, Samuel Ford, French Jones and others meetings were held at Bronson, Brushey Fork and Bluestone. Then, with Brother T.F. Lyons and co-workers works were established after 1905 in Siloam, Salt Lick, Midland, Slatey Point, Hilda and Petersville in Lewis County. Attempts were made to start a work in Farmers, but were unsuccessful. I would like to include in the Morehead church circle of influence some local preachers and pastors from Morgan, Bath and Menifee County. There is some information to the effect that our message came to Mt. Sterling, Frenchburg, Scranton and Lee City through the old Camargo or Jeffersonville camp meeting. G.M. Byrd, W. T. Carter, John Watts, Clyde Dennin and H.H. McClure preached in the territory mentioned probably about the same year as the tent meeting in Morehead. Edward Ellis, who is still living informed me that he conducted meetings in all these places somewhere near the year 1900. I believe it would be safe to state that Brother T.F. Lyons was converted in Mennifee County under the preaching of one of the above men.

Campmeetings were held in Morehead in the early days on an average of every other year. The first being conducted in the Court House with J. N. Howard of Nappanee, Indiana as the evangelist. Littleton's Inn on the east side of the Court House as used for the boarding house. Other camp meetings were conducted in a large tent on the lot in back of the church. Gas was used for lighting the tent. One year for a boarding house we leased the People's Hotel on Railroad street, this hotel was temporarily closed as a hotel, so we had the use of all the equipment including the beds. This was probably the most comfortable camp meeting dormitory the "Saints" in Kentucky every enjoyed. One camp meeting after Brother Lyons was pastor we secured the Cottage Hotel, directly across the Railroad tracks from the freight depot. This also made a comfortable camp meeting boarding house. In 1918 Joyce Meyers and her mother were evangelists for the meeting. At the age of fourteen, Joyce preached at an Anderson Campmeeting general service. Joyce and her sister Willa, her mother were the best singing Trio of the early days. Mr. Myers was postmaster at Louisville, Ky. In the year 1910 the campmeeting was conducted by W.A. Fleenor and Alex Kilpatrick. It was in this meeting that the decision was made to build an upper story on the home of Brother Lyons to be used as rooms for campmeetings. The 1914 Campmeeting was conducted by W.D. McCraw and W.A. Sutherland. Leslie Brown was converted in this meeting. Not long before this, W. D. McCraw had conducted a great revival in the church. Two girls name Fraley who had recently moved to Morehead were saved. They started visitation and personal work. Jesse Johnson, the local barber was gloriously saved and many people from Clearfield attended. Mr. Barndollar and

a Mr. Mullins were also converted. People who had never attended church were saved in their homes, then came to church and gave witness to their conversions. So great was the conviction on the community that Brother McCraw and Brother Lyons decided to forego the Anderson Campmeeting and continue with the meeting for a fourth week. This revival would compare favorably with the first tent meeting. Elijah Vanhooose, a soft spoken and kindly man conducted a very fruitful meeting one fall which was called an assembly meeting. There were many other outstanding meetings resulting in the salvation of souls. Many were saved under Brother Lyons preaching and visitation. Many Church of God people moved from Morehead during the period from 1905 to 1914. New Castle, Anderson, Indiana, Cincinnati, Portsmouth and Middletown, Ohio, Hunting ton, W. Va., and Ashland, Ky seemed to have claimed most of them. Some still attend church in the above named places. To complete this paper, I feel I should mention a few families who lived away from Morehead but faithfully attended and supported the Assemblies in the early days, Razor, Ralston, and Hackney families from Salt Lick, Marshall Wright from Brushey, Mrs. A. Crosthwaite, Licking River, Mrs. Lonnie Flannery, Siloam, Mrs. Oakley and daughter of Morgan County, Uncle Billie P'Simer, Hitchins, Ky., the Vanhooose family from Olive Hill, Mrs. Johnson, L & N Junction, Richardson brothers from Mt. Sterling and Willie Combs from Slatey Point.

This statement may amaze the readers: Morehead had an established congregation before Ashland, Mt. Sterling, Lexington or Winchester. Sometimes a group was started only to give up. Some works were started three or four times before a congregation was established. The church at Morehead was never closed after its beginning with the first tent meeting in 1898. Sutherland and Long's evangelistic party conducted a tent meeting in Ashland before coming to Morehead. I also remember hearing the ministers talk of services conducted in the Mt. Sterling Court House before the Morehead tent meeting. These services were conducted by W. T. Carter and Associates. Actually, the first preaching of the Church of God in Kentucky was at a small place called Dodge, somewhere between Jeffersonville and L and N Junction. The evangelistic party was Carter, Kilpatrick and Howard. There were a few saints at L & N Junction and in Louisville predating the Morehead church. In all probability, the congregation in Morehead built the first Church of God church building in the state of Kentucky.

(Ed. Note: The above history by I.T. Mark is just as he recorded it and we do not know when it was written. Editor's notes have attempted to list some of the descendants of the persons mentioned in Brother Mark's history. We hope you will trace some of them to your own relatives who may now worship in the Morehead First Church of God).

THE WORK CONTINUES.....

Under the influence of some of the ministers that held the tent meetings in Morehead, a young man from Menifee County was converted. Its possible some of these ministers traveled to adjoining counties for meetings in schools

and homes. Rev. T.F. Lyons married Sarah Elizabeth Wells and with their children, Virgil (*Ed. Note: Son, Ronnie and wife worship in the congregation now*) Jessie, Amanda, Hester, Nora and Deeda moved to Morehead from Bronson in 1908. They purchased property behind the white frame church, on Lyons Ave. (now where the Brad Collins family lives). Brother Lyons property extended from Lyons Ave. over to Oxley Branch (now Wilson Avenue) and was a pasture field. They built their house on the corner of Second and Lyons Ave. Much later Mrs. Sexton lived in the house and it was eventually torn down and replaced with the Collins home.

In 1908 Brother Lyons became pastor of the congregation. During this time many campmeetings and tent meetings were held. A tent would be placed on the church lot (now a parking lot). Some of the early ministers that held meetings were: W.A. Sutherland, W.P. Long, Willis Brown (father of C.E. Brown), J.N. Howard, Emma Myers, Alex Kirkpatrick, E. A. Fleenor, F.G. Smith, H.M. Riggle and W. D. McCraw to name a few. Many of these ministers were active in the Church of God movement with sons and daughters following them in the ministry.

The campmeetings and tent meetings were so well attended that in 1910 it was decided to add a second story to Brother Lyons home as well as screened porches to provide lodging and boarding for people attending the meetings. People came from surrounding congregations and communities by horseback, buggy, wagon and even walked. Some came by train from other towns. Brother Lyons provided pasture for the horses. Sometimes these meetings lasted several days. The men slept in the church building and the women and children slept in the upper story of the Lyons home. They brought their cloth bags to fill with straw for bedding on the floor. Visiting ministers were kept by some of the church folk and some had relatives in town that they stayed with.

Much of the food used in the meetings was brought in from farms and gardens. Many of the women helped in preparing it for the crowd. Mrs. Lyons did most of the cooking and of course the Lyons girls did most of the dishwashing (Hester and Nora have told us many stories about that). Some of the ladies pitched in and helped also.

When campmeeting time was over, everyone was anxious to return to their homes and to see how things had fared. One can imagine Mrs. Lyons and the girls were just as anxious for them to go. This was quite an endeavor, housing and feeding all these people. None the less, it was a great time of worship, preaching and singing. Many souls were saved during these meetings and the congregation today is reaping those efforts. Brother Lyons was of the mindset that if souls were saved, that was pay enough for the efforts by not only his family but the entire congregation. Brother Lyons was not a complainer. In those days, tithing was not taught. His sustenance depended upon the free will offerings. As you can imagine many times these were not sufficient to pay the bills. Many times Brother Lyons would go to his friends at the Bank and borrow money to keep them going. These were not easy times for the Pastor and his

family but God was faithful to those he entrusted to preach the gospel and somehow they managed.

Many of the congregations around Morehead and in surrounding counties owe their beginnings to converts of those first campmeeting and tent meetings. Many of the converts, mostly women, started having prayer meetings in the homes and school houses. Brother Lyons was a counselor, evangelist and burden bearer for the young churches. He went from congregation to congregation for revivals on horseback and most of the time not receiving much remuneration for this, except for the joy of seeing souls saved. Many people of eastern Kentucky are indebted for his preaching of the gospel which enabled them to find Jesus as Lord and Savior of their lives.

The weather was never too difficult or the night too dark for Brother Lyons to seek out the ones in need. Many were the calls that came. Many marvelous cases of healing followed his ministry. After many revivals and nights away from home there was not a cent to help with his own expenses. God always seemed to help him find a way. The rooms in the upper story of his home was used for students at the Morehead Normal School. Some were not able to pay much, but none was turned away.

Dan M. Holbrook was an excellent teacher at Morehead Normal School. He was a bible teacher and came to the congregation about this time. Also came Harry Mullins from Clearfield. He was the manager of the Lee Clay Products Company. Both of these men and their families were assets both spiritually and financially. They knew of the hardships Brother Lyons bore even though there was no complaining and always rejoicing when God's work was being done and souls were finding God. This writer (Vada Roberts Crosthwaite) was one of those souls.

Brother Lyons had held a ten day revival in the schoolhouse at Cogswell, Ky. (in the Scott's Marina area at Cave Run Lake). The congregation at Cogswell only had four Christians but they kept Sunday School and prayer meeting going. They had such a burden to see souls saved. The last sermon had been preached and the last song had been sung to the last verse. One young girl led the way, then a group went to the altar. Of course, joy followed and he stayed for a night service. More souls were saved. On Monday morning, men went to the creek to cut the ice and Brother Lyons stood in ice water and baptized 17 people—the youngest being nine years and the oldest 75 years old. We walked almost 1/4 mile to change clothes (evidently Sister Crosthwaite was the nine year old). Not one of these 17 took a cold. There was joy in that community. Sister Lyons was a faithful companion that stood by him, taking care of the family's needs and many of the needs of the congregation.

In 1924 Brother Lyons left the congregation and moved to Mt. Sterling where he pastored until 1926. He had the same type ministry in Mt. Sterling as he did Morehead, preaching, visiting and seeing souls saved.

Rev. R. C. Caudill came to Morehead as pastor. Brother Caudill was a forceful preacher. His leadership was felt in the community. He later was pastor of one of the largest congregations in Middletown, Oh. His son was also pastor in Ohio and Ky. While Brother Caudill was pastor he saw the need to expand the church building so a basement was put under the white frame building and an extension on the back of the church. The Sunday school and congregation was growing several people were converted and they needed more room.

During this time a young minister, Rev. Charles Richardson came to Morehead as a student and helper at the church. He stayed until 1927. He later pastored in Ky and Indiana.

In 1928 Brother Lyons was called back to the church as Pastor and stayed until 1941 when he died. His very soul was in the work of the church and his influence is very evident today. His picture hangs in the present church library. Many of the people in the congregation today began going to Sunday School while Brother Lyons was pastor.

As far as we know the Morehead congregation was the first in Kentucky to continue without interruption. Other congregations were started but difficulties arose making it hard for them to continue. Many of the people in the Morehead congregation moved away from Morehead looking for work. Most of them migrated to New Castle, Muncie and Anderson Indiana, Cincinnati, Portsmouth and Middletown, Oh., Ashland, Ky., and Huntington, W. Va., Most of them remained active in church works in those places.

The Morehead congregation received support from persons who had moved away but who had faithfully attended the campmeetings. Some were: Razor Ralson, Hackney Flannery Crosthwaite, Oakley Richardson and Combs just to name a few.

After the death of Brother Lyons the congregation turned to Rev. Ramah Johnson (Helen McBrayer's former husband), Rev. James Wade and Rev. Bill Moore for pastoral leadership. They kept the congregation going along with good leadership within the congregation. They began to see the need for larger and better facilities and began a building fund. They were successful in developing a working congregation and all went on to other pastorates. Bro. Bill Moore pastored the Clearfield congregation for several years until his death. Rev. Ramah Johnson pastored in Middletown, Ohio and in Kentucky until his death. Rev. James Wade pastored on the West Coast for several years.

A NEW ERA

By this time the town and college (now Morehead State Teachers College) was growing and the congregation knew they needed a young aggressive pastor to lead them and to help build new facilities. Such a person was Rev. Marvin L. Tate. He came from Rolla, Missouri in 1948. He was energetic and resourceful, active in the community in civic affairs and was a natural promotor

of the church and its ministry. He led the church in an aggressively building fund campaign with help from church extension in Anderson, Indiana. His wife, Pearl Tate and two girls, Norma Jean and Phylliss Ann were great assets. They possessed outgoing personalities. The girls making friends with other young people in the community and initiating youth groups. Many of the congregation today became active in those youth groups.

Many money making projects helped provide the funds for the new structure that was soon built. Strawberry patches provided funds for the project, many sacrificed personal conveniences for the sake of the building fund. A lot of sweat and tears went into this project. Brother Tate worked alongside men in the congregation to see that the building was completed. One man in the congregation, Elbert Christy gave many hours to the project. Paul Hackney, a neighbor on Lyons Ave. worked many hours, as did many other persons. After many hours of labor and personal sacrifices, Lyons Chapel was dedicated in 1950 by Rev. W. H. Hunt who was Brother Lyons son-in-law.

During the ministry of Brother Tate a young lady from the Church of God in Ashland, Ky came to the college to pursue a career in music. George Ann Barker was a talented musician. Her mother and father Clayton and Georgia Barker were also musicians. Her mother Georgia Ramey and her family had been in the congregation years before they moved to Ashland. Her grandparents Custer and "Mammy" Ramey had also lived on Oxley Branch and attended the church. George Ann began developing youth groups and youth choirs as well as the Sanctuary Choir. She lived with Brother and Sister Tate during some of her time at the college. She gave private music lessons to help her through college. She married a local boy, Jack McBrayer, son of Earl and Martha McBrayer. After a time away from the congregation (Jack was in the Armed Forces) they moved back to Vanceburg, Ky., where George Ann was choir director in a church, then later they moved to Morehead and George Ann served for 33 years as Minister of Music unit her death in 1992. Several of those years as Youth Director. Many of our congregation today were products of her ministry. George Ann's ministry and influence is evidenced today through countless lives not only in the congregation but the community and churches across the country. George Ann sponsored a missions trip to the Cayman Islands. Many of the youth that participated in that trip are in God's service today.

We soon began to outgrow Lyons Chapel. More Sunday School rooms were needed. Every available space was being utilized. Many will remember sitting in Dorothy Ellis' Sunday School room which happened to be the overflow room for the sanctuary. It was not unusual to have 40 persons crowded into that room. Dorothy Ellis was one of those teachers who drew people like a magnet. We hung onto every word she said and although she was not a singer, every Sunday we sang "It is no Secret What God can do" and Standing Somewhere in the shadows you'll find Jesus. Dorothy and her husband, Lon later moved to Florida where she taught school but after retirement returned to Morehead and worshipped in the congregation until their deaths. Their son,

Jack Ellis is a minister in the Methodist church. He and his wife Janice Caudill Ellis have been lifelong supporters of the congregation having worshipped there while Brother Tate was pastor.

Brother Tate resigned from the Morehead pastoral and became pastor of the Church of God in Bloomington, Indiana. He had done a great job as pastor and the church had grown and were worshipping in wonderful facilities.

At this time, the congregation called John W. Conley as pastor. He and his wife Dolores and two girls, Konnie and Kerrie came to Morehead in 1960. He had been pastoring in South Carolina. Brother Conley was a dynamic preacher and leader, was a product of Asbury College in Wilmore, Ky. He not only was a powerful preacher but a great teacher. He was able to develop leadership within the congregation to its fullest. Many converts were added to the church during his pastoral. During this time Ralph and Marge Toon came as Ministers of Music (while George Ann and Jack were away). They were graduates of Anderson College. Ralph and Brother Conley were members of the Disciples Quartet along with Robert Hall and C. Roger Lewis. Brother Conley was in great demand as a revival speaker; thus the quartet traveled many miles with him. When he resigned in 1967 he left to go to the South Charles church in Charleston, West Virginia. He later went to Houston, Texas as President of Gulf Coast Bible College. He led the college to a new location in Oklahoma City, Ok., and it is now known as Mid America Bible College. Many of our young people went to Mid America for training and most of them are now active in congregations across the country.

Reverend Dale Whalen came as pastor in 1967. He and his wife, Agnes and children, Pat, Dan, Lisa and Mark moved from the South Meridian Church in Anderson, Indiana. Brother Whalen had begun his ministry in Owingsville, Ky., in a tent meeting to establish the congregation in Owingsville. Brother Whalen was a good preacher, a wonderful singer and a very personable pastor. The church flourished under his ministry. It seems that our pastors became known quite well and soon he was enticed to move to Kingsport, Tn., as pastor of a big church there. Later he served in Phoenix, Az., Daytona Beach, Fla., Indianapolis, Ind. and later became a representative of Church Extension until his death in 1985. His influence in the congregation and community had a lasting effect. His children were active in youth choirs and youth groups.

At this time, Rev. Gerald Eggleston was called as pastor. He and his wife, Kathy and three sons, David, Doug and Dale served until 1973. Kathy and Brother Eggleston were very talented. Their sons were an integral part of the youth group and the community. They were leaders in their school and brought many good qualities to the congregation. Brother Eggleston took on the building debt with enthusiasm and while he was pastor the debt on the Sanctuary was paid and the mortgage burned. A picture records this event. Brother Eggleston left in 1973 to become pastor in Oklahoma.

At this time Rev. Richard Dillon was the Director of the Hope Hill Children's Home in Montgomery County. After Brother Eggleston left, Brother

Dillon came as Interim pastor. He was well received. His wife, Norma and three sons were an asset to the church. Norma was pianist and worked with the choir under George Ann McBrayer. Brother Dillon was such a loving and caring person that the congregation called him as pastor. Brother Dillon inspired us to buy a new parsonage. We did buy a wonderful house on Meadowbrook Drive (used by pastors until recently). This debt was soon paid off under his leadership. We used the old parsonage for additional Sunday school rooms because the church was continuing to grow. Rev. Dillon left in 1976 to take a pastoral in North Carolina.

A young man who had grown up in Rowan County Kentucky and had moved to Middletown, Oh., became pastor in 1976. Rev. Frank Fultz had pastored in Pennsylvania and Ohio. He and Helen Fultz came to the church with a determination to continue the congregation as it had been since its beginning. Brother Fultz was a pastor who loved his congregation. He began working in the community. Many people who had known him as a boy began attending church. People were being saved and the church was beginning to outgrow its facilities. Brother Fultz began dreaming of relocating the church to a larger area near the Interstate. Some of the people resisted change at this time but that did not hamper Brother Fultz in his ministry. He trusted God for the right time and he was willing to wait on the Lord until that time came. He and Helen were wonderful musicians and we were blessed with great singing and instrumental music. Brother Fultz and Helen continued in the pastoral until he retired in 1982. They moved into the country and continued to worship in the congregation and he was much in demand as a speaker and fill in minister for all the congregations in the area. Brother Fultz was always supportive of the congregation and was such a supporter of the new pastor that he was bestowed the honor of "Pastor Emeritus". Later he and Helen moved to Middletown, Oh., where they now live.

In June, 1983 a young minister from West Virginia, Mitchell W. Burch was called as Pastor. Brother Burch had been associate pastor in Oak Hill, W. Va.. He had been raised in the Church of God. His father was pastor in West Virginia. Brother Burch had gone to Gulf Coast Bible College and was recommended to us by Rev. John W. Conley. Brother Burch, his wife Shelly and Son Andrew began their work with a vigor that was catching. He developed new ministries, was a great preacher and he and his wife were talented musicians. He soon started singing in the Disciples Quartet along with Dan Wilson and Aubrey Kautz, Jr. C. Roger Lewis sang with the quartet from the beginning. Shelly was pianist for the quartet as well as the Choir. In his first year as pastor there were over 80 new converts, 50 baptisms and the church attendance was up to 300 persons with two services on Sunday morning.

A VISION IS REALIZED

As the congregation continued its fast growth it was evident that more facilities were needed. Expansion in the present facility was explored but God did not seem to lead in that direction since property was not available to us.

God led the David Wells family to give the church 12 acres adjoining the Interstate for new building facilities. We began a building fund campaign that resulted in pledges of \$465,000 over a three year period. The congregation was faithful to these pledges and in June of 1986 ground was broken for the new facility. As work progressed new ministries were begun which included Wednesday night church for the young. Tim McKenzie worked as Youth Director during this time and did a great job. He later left to take a pastoral in Knoxville, Tennessee. Then Randy Scott came as youth minister.

The facilities on Hargis Avenue were sold to the St. Claire Hospital for an outreach medical facility. This enabled us to build our present facility, which cost a little over a million dollars with only a \$378,000 debt. The new facility was dedicated on June 14, 1987 with Dr. John W. Conley as the speaker. Ellsworth Jackson provided special music from Michigan and David Arrowood and our own Leslie McBrayer Wells.

A new Johannes Organ was also dedicated to God's service after pledges of \$25,000 were raised to pay for it. God was blessing the congregation beyond belief and His name was being glorified. The gymnasium was named the Wells Family Life Center and was being used for different ministries. Brother Burch had certainly been faithful to God's calling and had led the church beyond all expectations.

In 1989 he felt God was calling him to the Dayspring Church in Cincinnati, Ohio. As much as the congregations wanted to keep him, we also knew that God had blessed us with his ministry and it was felt that God's leading would not only bless Pastor Burch and other congregations, but we would be blessed also.

At this time, Dr. John W. Conley was interim pastor at Dayspring church in Cincinnati and was able to come and be our Interim while we were in search of another pastor. While Brother Conley was here, Dale Fair and his family came from North Carolina as Youth Minister, and Lynnette Kautz assumed the duties of Minister of Music.

As youth minister Dale took a youth group of 3 and they soon began to grow quickly. Not only in numbers but spiritually. Today, at Wednesday night youth meetings there are between 35 - 50 youth attending. This is due to Dale's leadership and diligence. He and his wife, Sheila, and their children, Tyler, Brandon, and Janae' are true blessings to this congregation. Sheila is also the Administrative Assistant at the Rowan County Christian Academy.

Lynnette came at a time when the music program of the church was much in need of revitalization. By her leadership, the choir has grown to an average of 35 at Sunday morning worship services. Not only has the choir grown, but also a newly established sanctuary orchestra has been added to enhance our Sunday morning worship services. The children's choir program and the handbell choir also thrive under her direction.

A Mother's Day Out program was begun in 1991 and children began to fill the hallways of the church building. On June 1, 1992 this program became Morehead First Church of God Daycare, open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. for children infant through school age.

Out of the Mother's Morning Out program the Rowan County Christian Kindergarten was born. In August, 1994 with an enrollment of 6 students, Shelly Woford, who was the daycare director at the time, asked Tammy McKinney, who was teaching in the pre-school program, to become our Kindergarten teacher. It was not sure if a Kindergarten could be started. It was only financially feasible to hire a teacher if there were 8 students in the classroom, but there were only six students enrolled. Tammy said she would come teach for whatever they could afford to pay. She wasn't concerned with the money, she had a great desire to start a Christian Kindergarten.

In November, 1994 Tammy McKinney became the administrator of our daycare and school and the name was changed to Rowan County Christian Academy.

Brother Conley continued as Pastor of the congregation until January of 1995. He assumed the presidency of Circleville Bible College in Circleville, Ohio.

In February of 1995 we called Rev. Rodney Williams as Interim pastor. He had retired from the pastoral at Yankee Road Church of God in Middletown, Ohio and came to us as an answer to prayer. Brother Williams and his wife, Eva moved into the parsonage and soon became loved and respected not only by the congregation but also by the entire community. He was not a stranger in this area since both he and Eva were raised in Menifee County.

A NEW MINISTRY BEGINS

The Rowan County Christian Academy enrollment for the 1995-96 year grew to 25, which included two kindergarten classes and one first grade. We were taking a slow, prayerful approach to our school, adding a grade per year.

Brother Williams worked with the Pulpit Committee in their search for a new pastor. Several resumes were submitted to the committee, which all were very prayerfully considered. Brother Williams suggested Rev. Stephen D. Carney from Chillicothe, Ohio be considered.

Rev. Carney and his family came to Morehead for interview and weekend meetings the middle of May. The congregation gave him 100% call. He accepted the pastoral and he and his wife, Darlene and daughters, Jenni and Amanda and Darlene's mother Delores Barcus, moved to Morehead in August 1995. The congregation continues to grow numerically and a number of new ministries have begun. Pastor Carney and his family assume active roles in the life of the congregation. His daughters are very active in the Youth group as well as choir and other areas of worship.

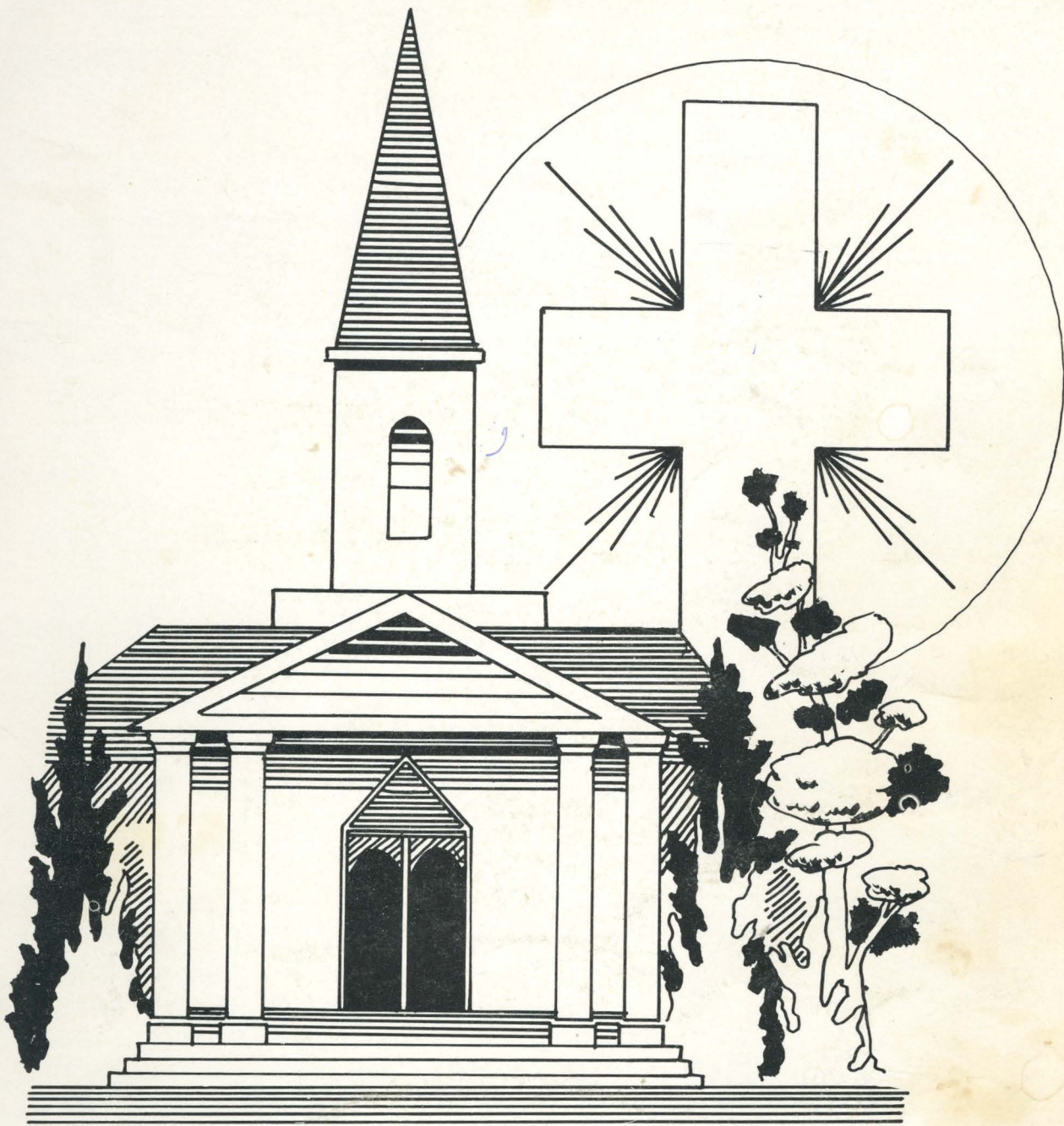
The congregation has accepted Brother Carney's leadership abilities, knowing that God certainly answered our prayers in our search for a pastor. God is blessing the congregation in a tremendous way and at this 100th year anniversary of the church; the next 100 years look promising with even greater blessings of ministry in extending the Kingdom of God to those who do not yet know Him. The goal for the next 100 years is to reach this community through ministry and the preached word of Jesus Christ.

In May of 1998, we broke ground for a new addition to the church, which will house the Rowan County Christian Academy. Our projection is that we will soon be accepting students through the 8th grade. God is blessing in a most wonderful way and we gratefully acknowledge His goodness to us.

As we enter the 1998-99 school year we are expecting the enrollment to be 150 which we go from Kindergarten through 5th grade. We have a staff of 44 people for the Daycare and school that Rowan County Christian Academy directs. The Academy is definitely a ministry in which we can share the love and teachings of Jesus Christ to our most prized possessions... our children.

LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NEXT 100 YEARS

We look back over the past 100 years with a great respect and love for those who paved the way, set the example and carried out the great commission from God. It is wonderful to look back at our great heritage ... but only for a short while. The future is calling for a greater dedication and love for the church. We will be ready to meet the challenge for the next generation. Our faith will continue to be strong in the affirmation of God's will and direction for the congregation here in Morehead. It is our prayer that God will continue to bless His people.



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Rev. Mitchell W. Burch
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What a great asset our new directory will be! It will no doubt be a collector's item; a convenience item affording easy access to often used addresses and phone numbers...but it can be more fun! This book can become our lingering invitation to associate a name with a face and thereby to begin new and lasting relationships with all who share as a part of this fellowship of faith. It is my prayer that as a result of the continuing use of this directory, all within the congregation and those who become a part of it, will come to be known and nurtured in the durable, intimate fellowship that only the embrace of the faithful can provide. Let me say "thank you" to all who have participated in this endeavor, and made it such a success.

In His Family,
Pastor Mitchell W. Burch

ASSOCIATE MINISTER



Timothy J. McKenzie
& Carol

MINISTER OF MUSIC



George Ann McBrayer
& Jack

MINISTRIES & ACTIVITIES

The Morehead First Church of God is actively involved in many exciting ministries including: Sunday School, Nursery Program, Toddler's Church, Junior Church, Wednesday Night Children's Program, Puppets, Bus Ministry, Youth Fellowship, Young Adult Ministry, Singles, Senior Adults, Men's Fellowship, Women's Fellowship, Tape Ministry, Radio Outreach, Recreation Programs, Bell Choirs, Jr. Choir and Sanctuary Choir, Shut-In Ministry, College Outreach, Undersheperd Visitation, Nursing Home Outreach, New Convert Classes, Discipleship Training, Prayer Cells, Food and Clothing, Benevolence, Transient Support, and Missionary Support.



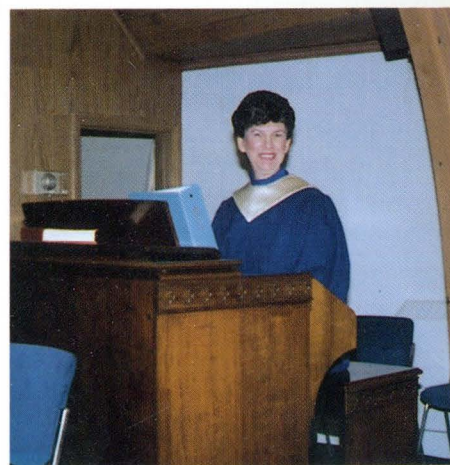
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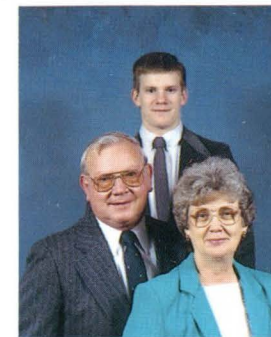


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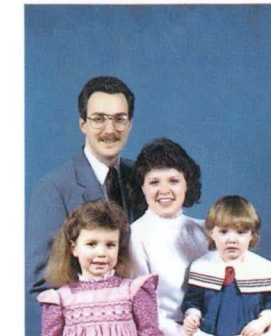
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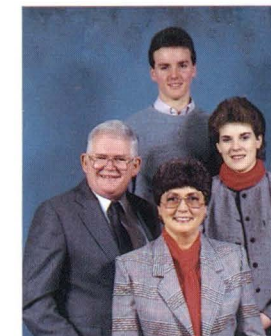
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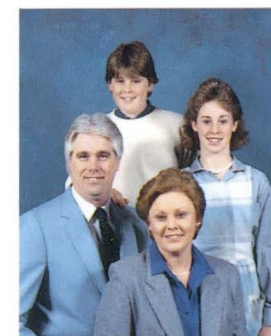
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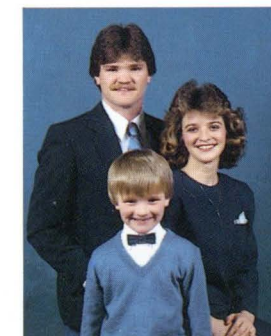
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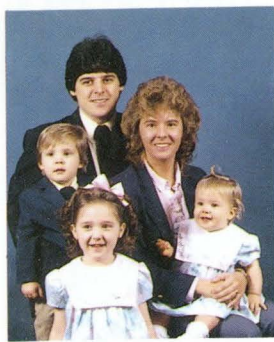
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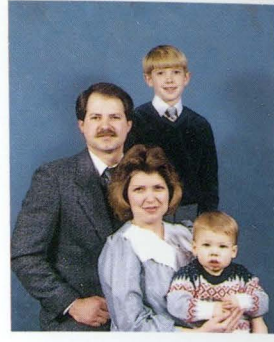
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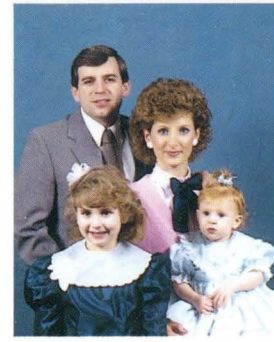
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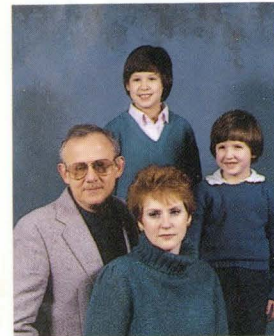
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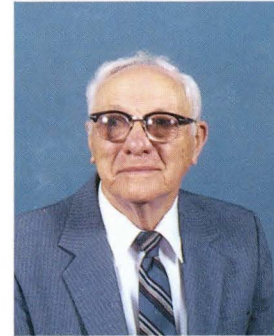
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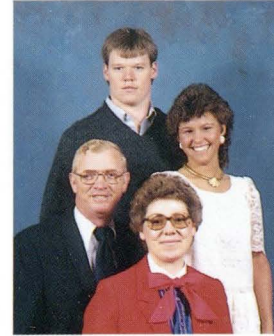
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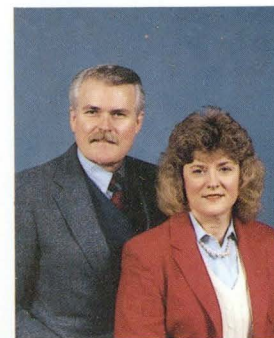
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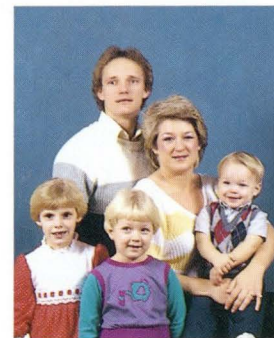
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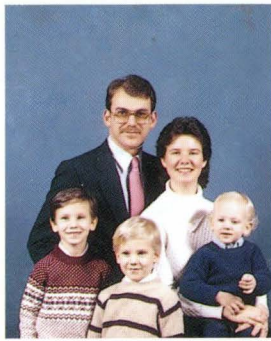
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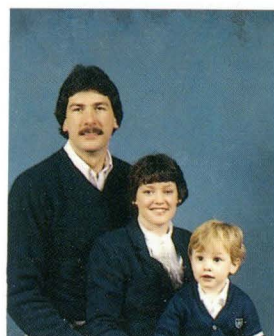
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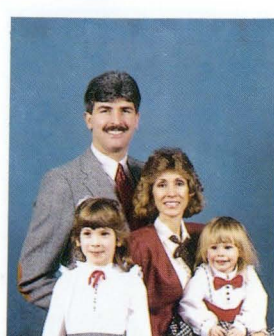
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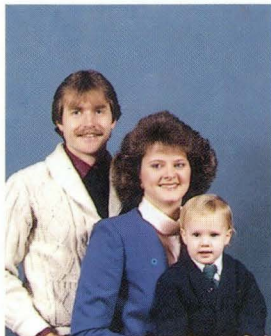
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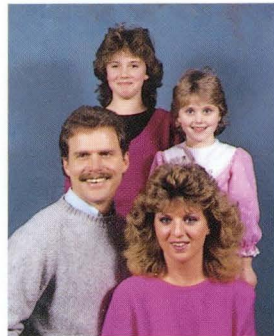
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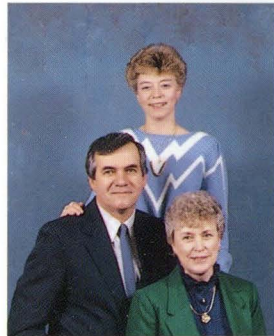
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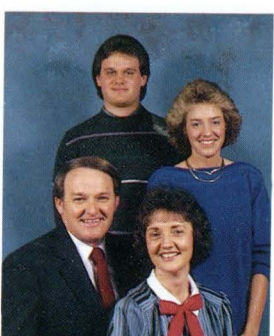
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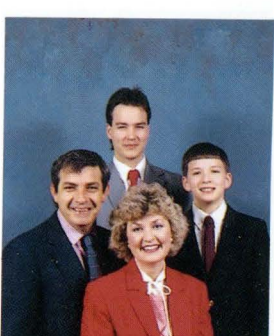
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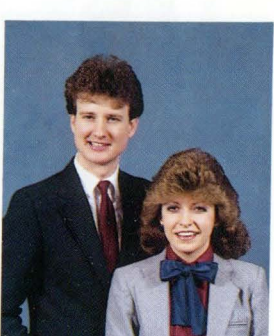
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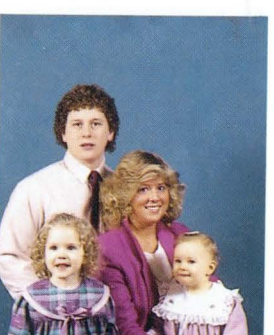
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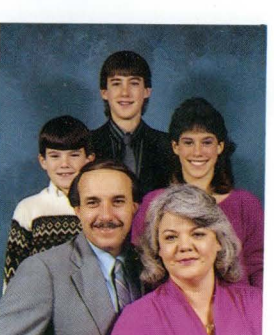
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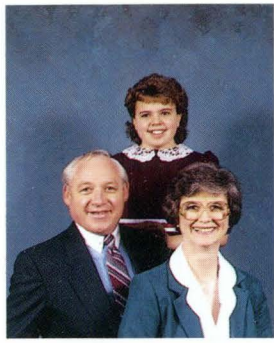
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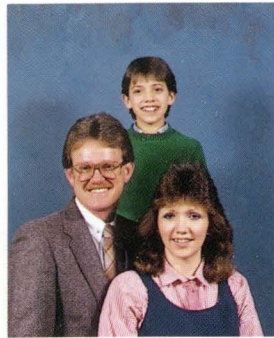
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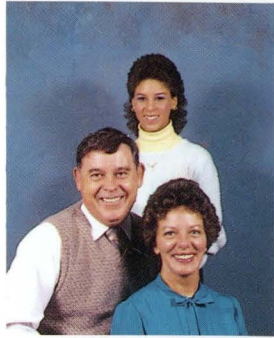
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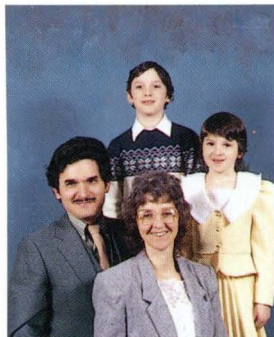
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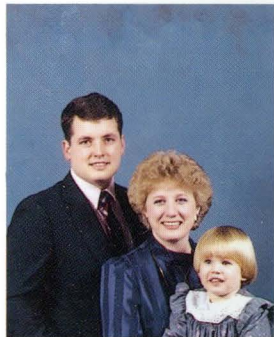
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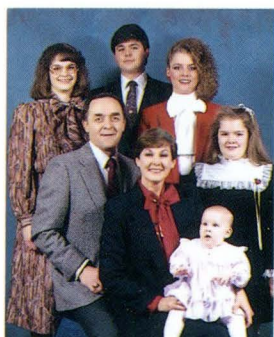
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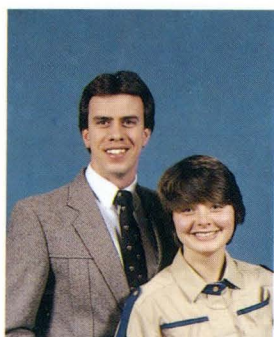
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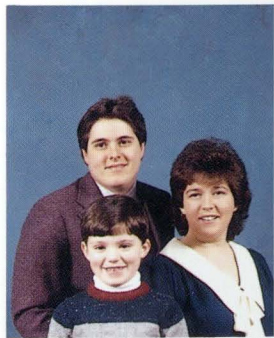
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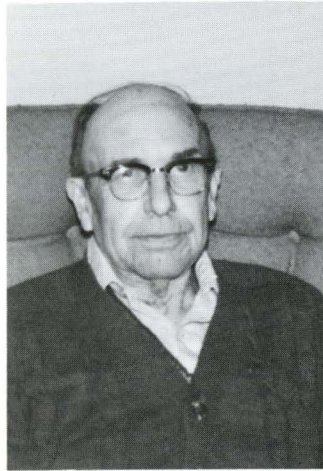
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IN DEDICATION

This directory is dedicated to the very special people presented on these two pages...our shut-ins. The Church acknowledges their faithfulness over the years and is pleased to present to them, this place of honor in our directory.



Elbert Blair



Stella Bristow



Holley & Vada
Crosthwaite



Ona Dickens



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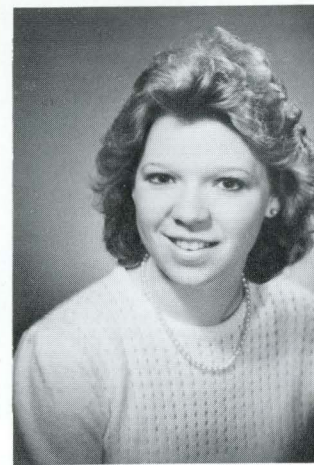
Minnie Wells

A pictorial directory can never be complete because people have a way of moving, growing up, marrying, giving birth to new family members; and new families move in. And, no matter how hard you try, someone is always out of town or sick on the day pictures are taken!

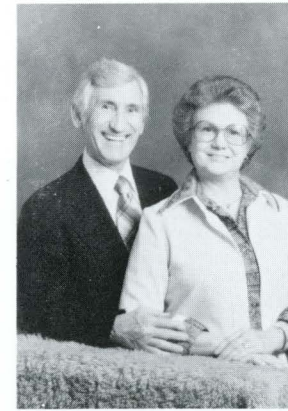
Certainly, this directory wouldn't be complete if we didn't include these remaining pictures of our church families...



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Joanne Erwin



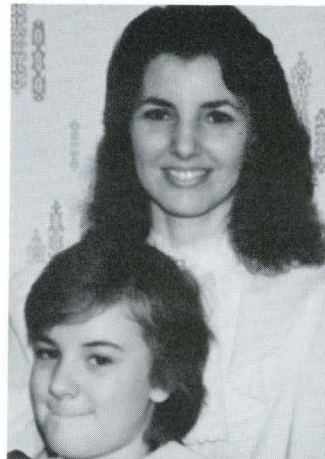
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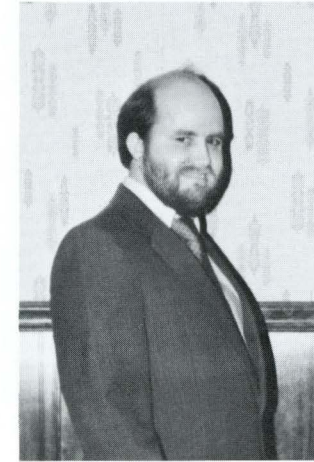
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Sue Byron



Charles & Winona Jennings



Louie Johnson



Aubrey Sr. & Julia Kautz



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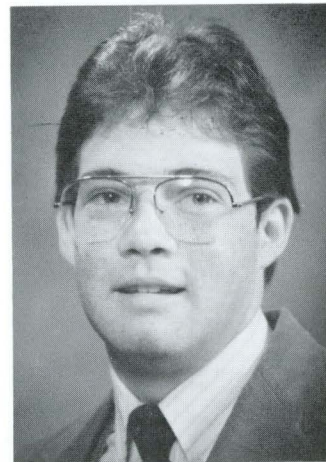
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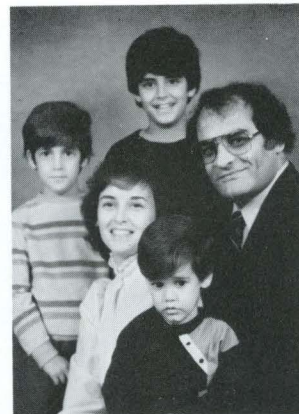
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SCOTT M. GRIFFITH, PASTOR CLEARFIELD, KY.

June 1979



GREETINGS FROM THE PASTOR

It is a real joy to Greet you through our Church Directory again. As we view the pictures of our friends and Brothers and Sisters in God's Family, may we be more aware of the love that binds us together as God's Big Church Family.

It is my prayer that we will always feel and sense the oneness of Christ, and that we may never lose our zeal and compassion for the lost. Also may we always be so dedicated and devoted to God and the Church that the influence of our lives will be felt by the Generations to come.

Among all the things that happen to us in our earthly pilgrimage, there will be great, rich precious and lasting memories of the Clearfield Tabernacle Church Family, that we will cherish and hold dear throughout our life time. When we have gone on to our Reward, may those that knew us best be able to say, "Brother and Sister Griffith truly loved us. As Apostle Paul said, 1 Cor. 13:1 "Tho I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, (love). I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling symbol." I Pray that Clearfield Tabernacle Church of God will always live by the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians and have that LOVE one to another.

Pray for me that I will always follow the Leadership of the Holy Spirit.

IN SHEPHERD LOVE,

Scott M. Griffith

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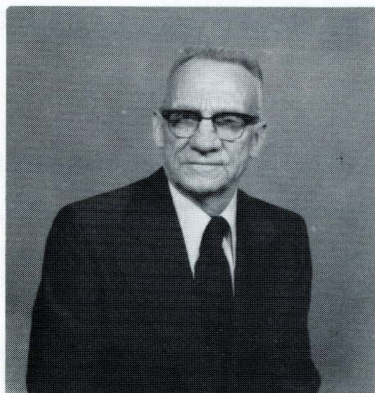


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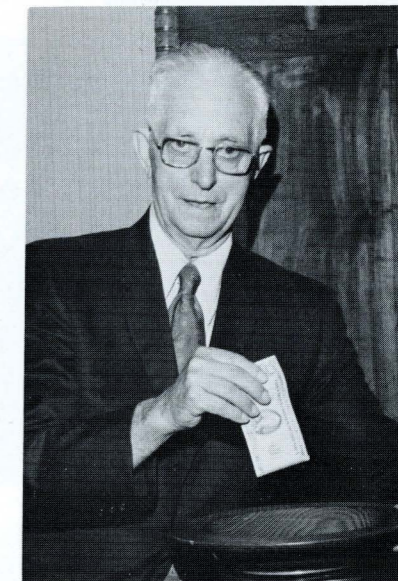
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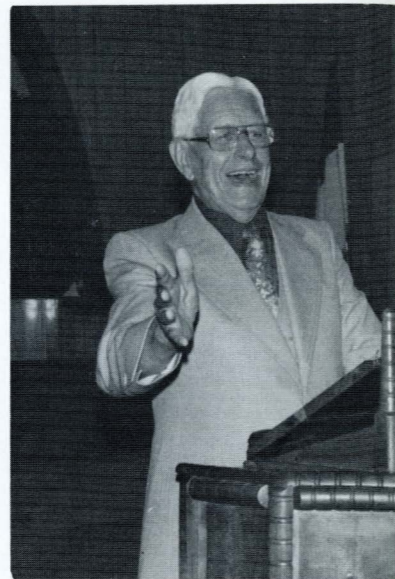
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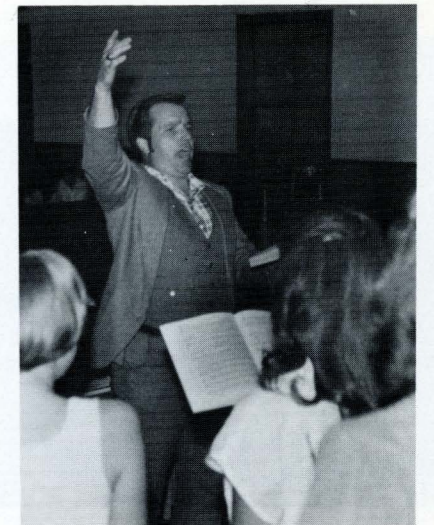
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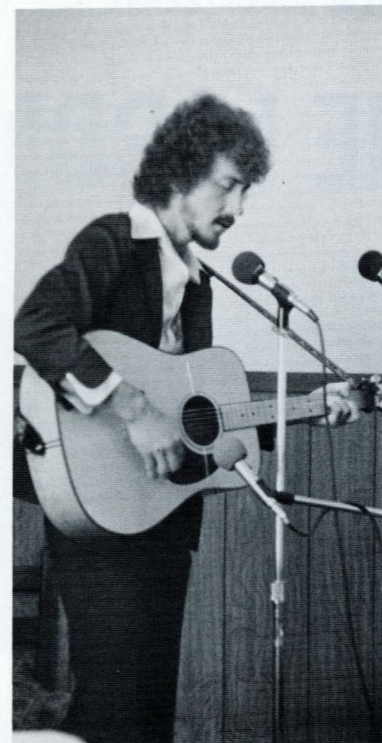
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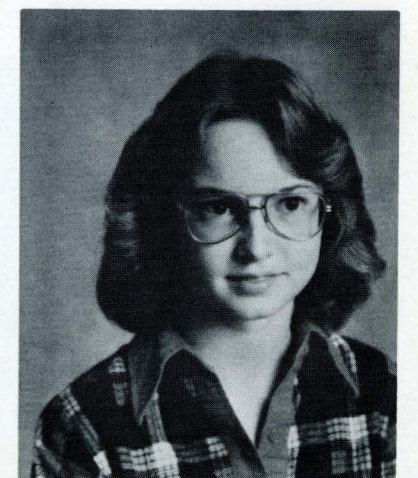
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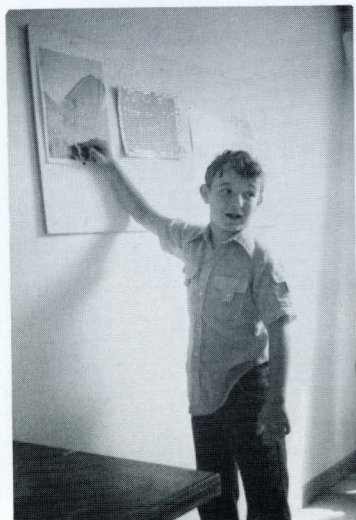
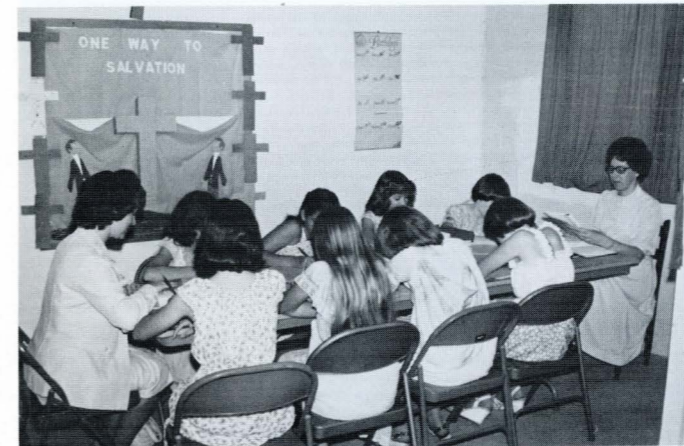
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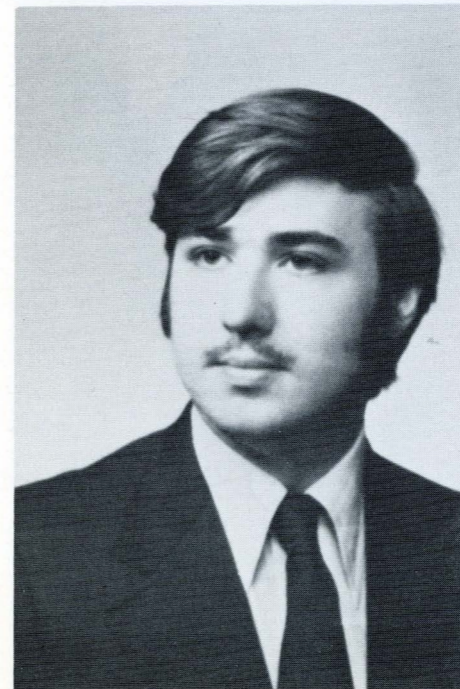
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YOUTH FOR CHRIST

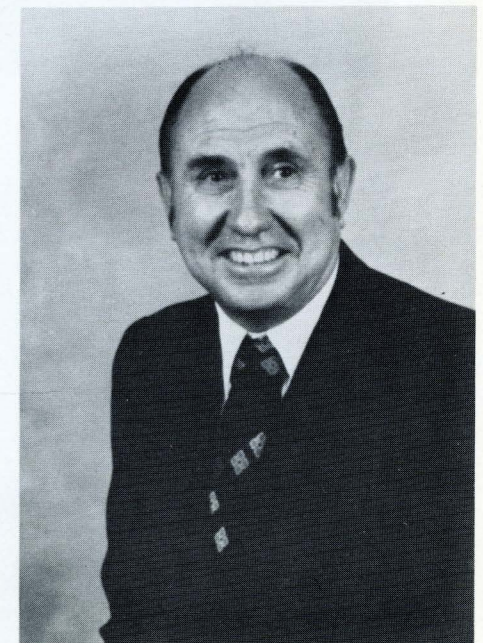


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Russell Gulley

IN LOVING
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Ray Walters



OUR CHURCH FAMILY



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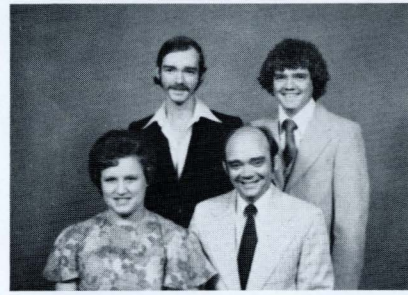
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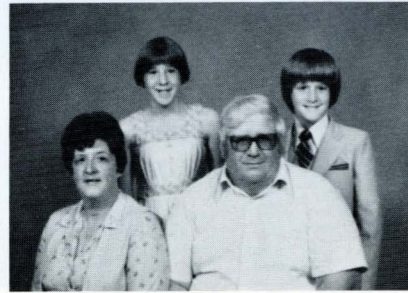
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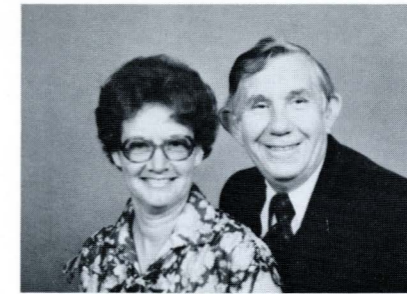


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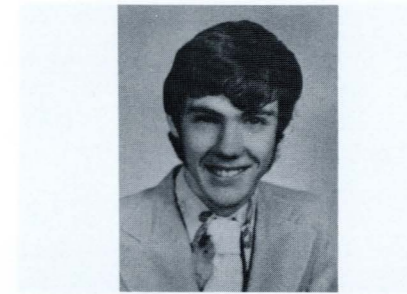


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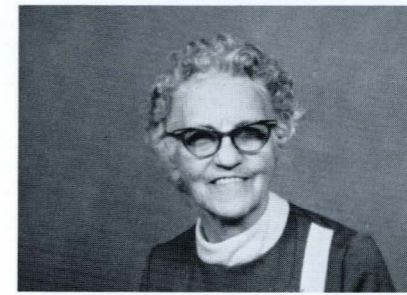
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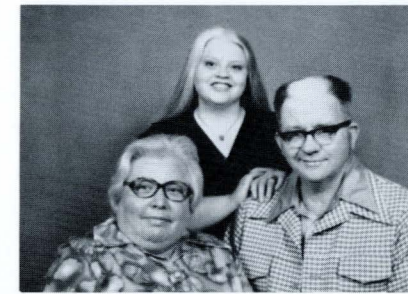
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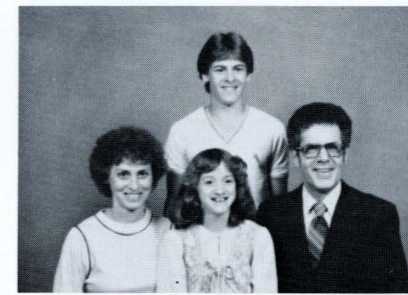
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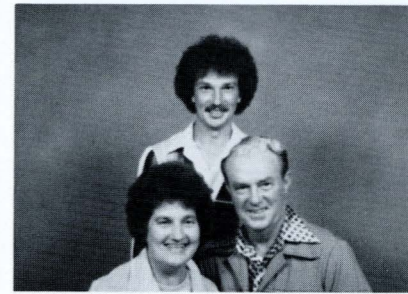
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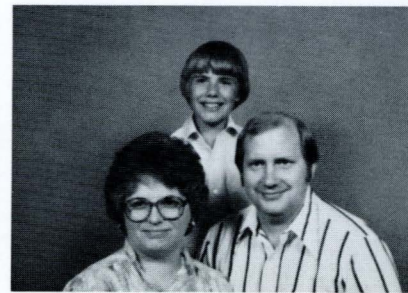
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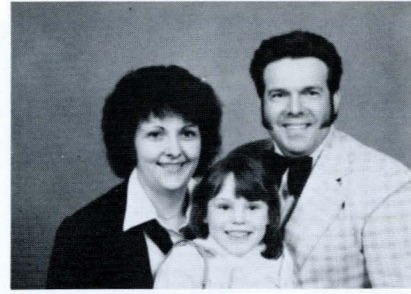
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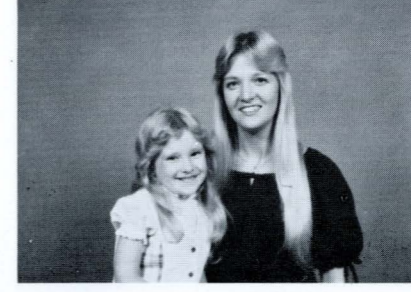
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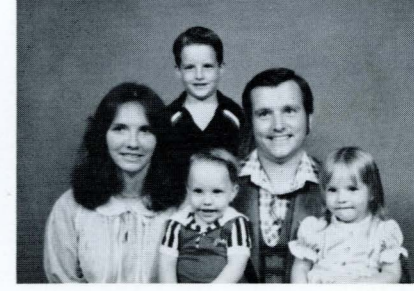
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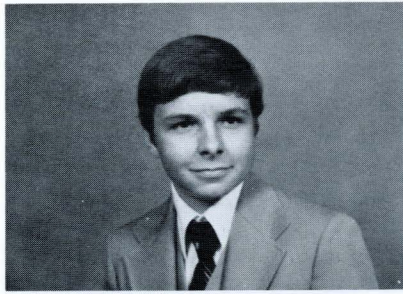
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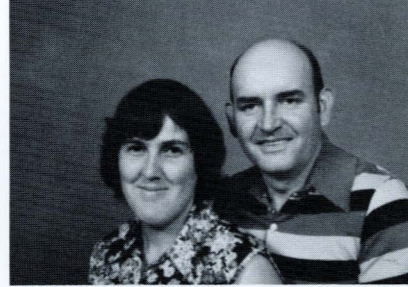
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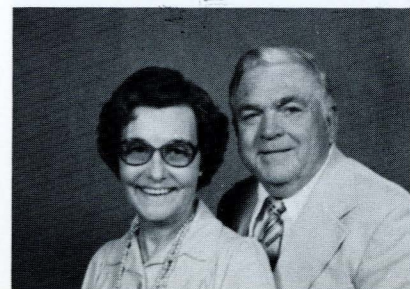
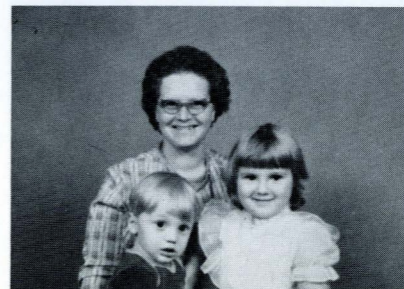
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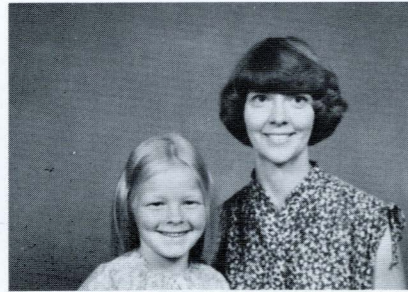
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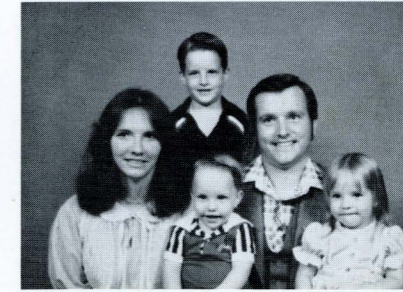
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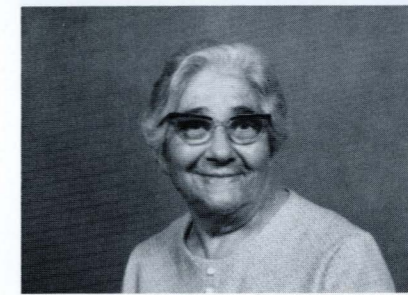
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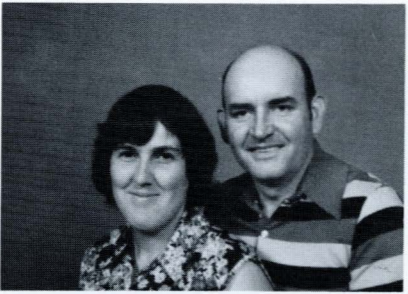
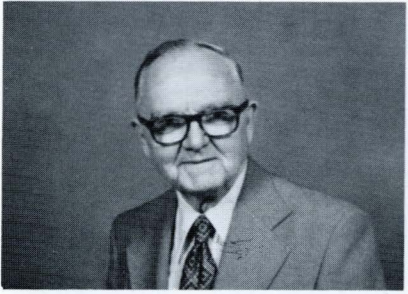
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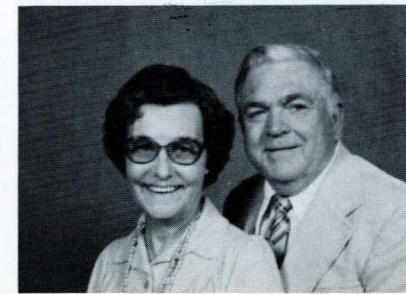
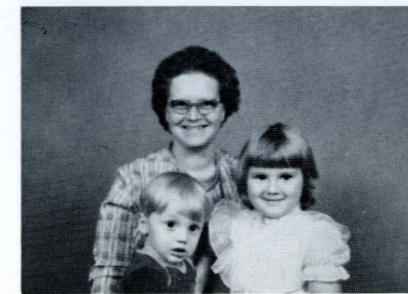
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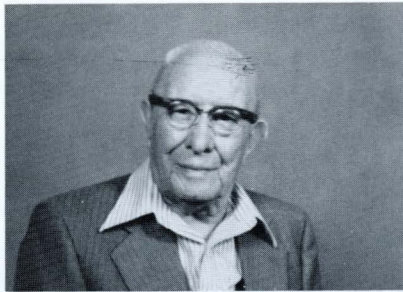
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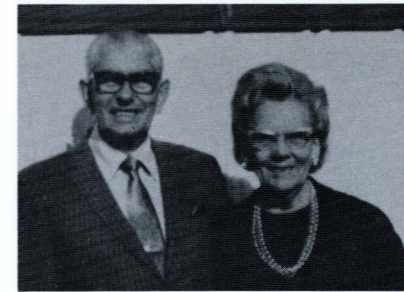
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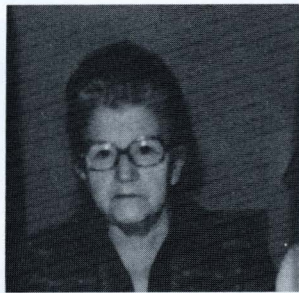
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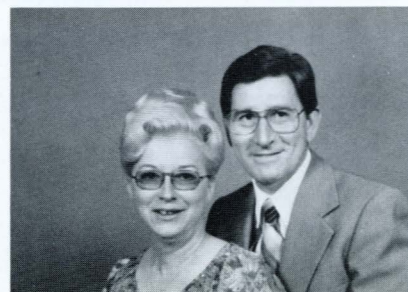
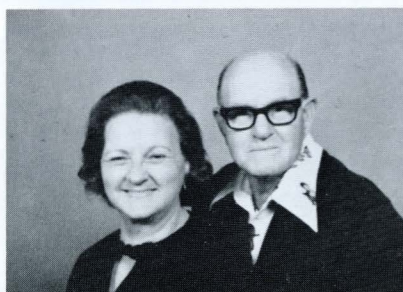
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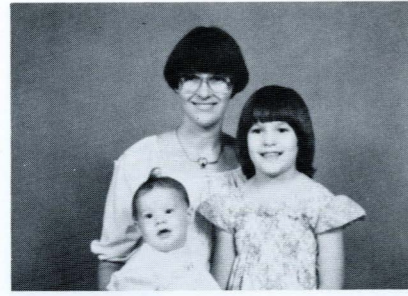
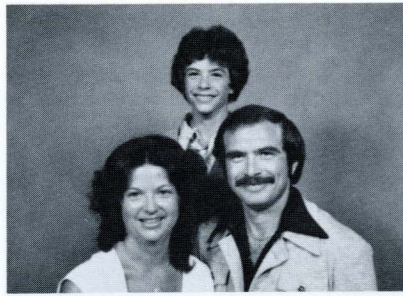
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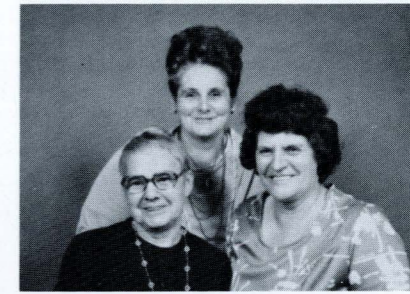
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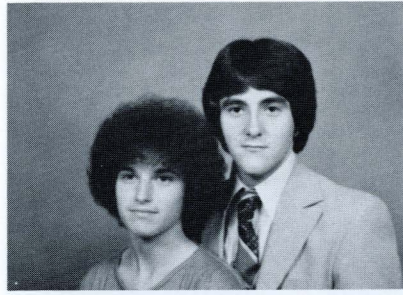
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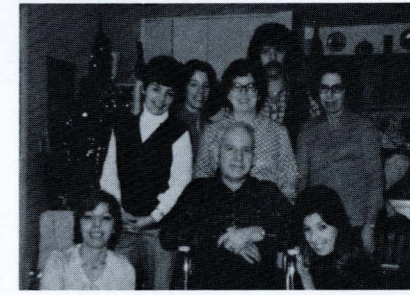
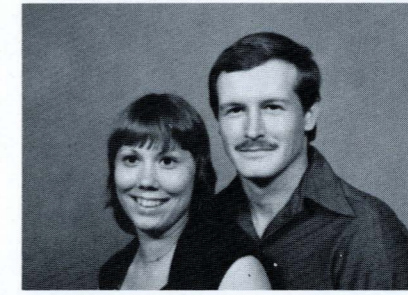
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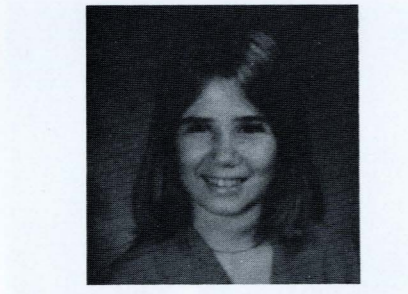
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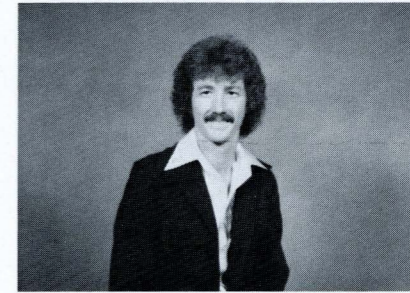
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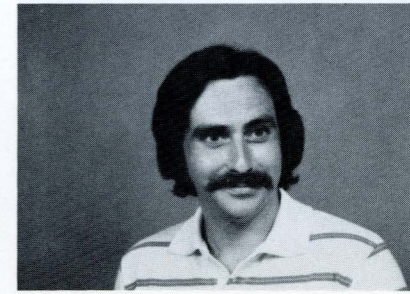
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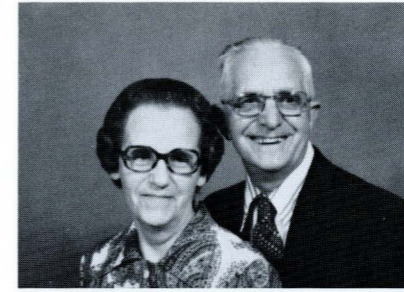
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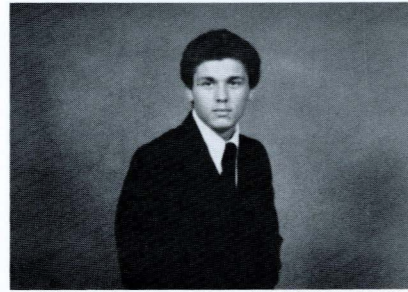
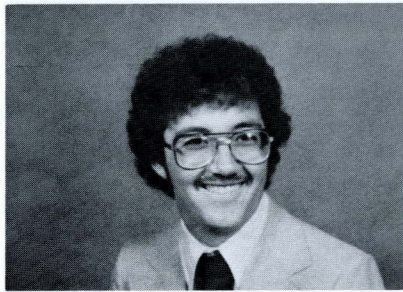
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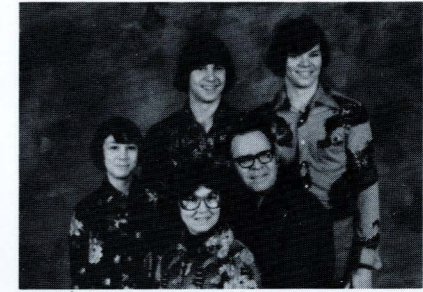
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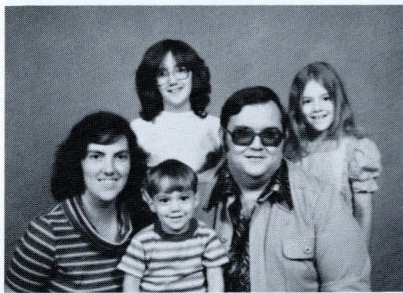
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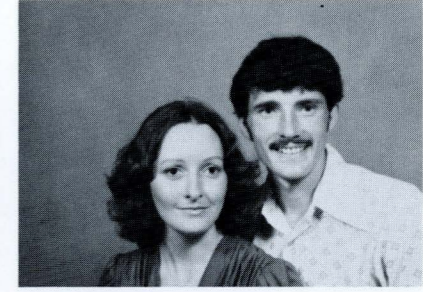
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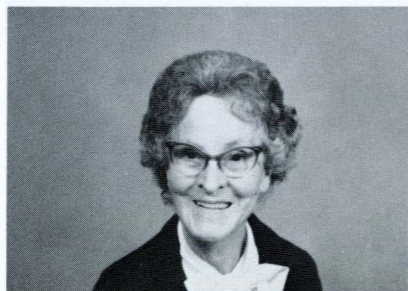
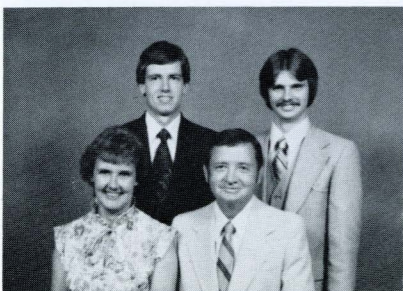
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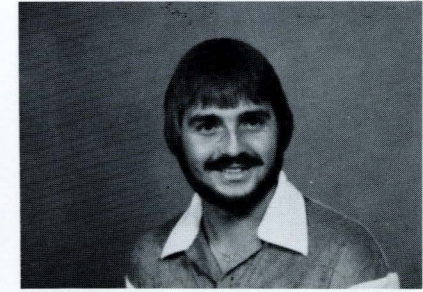
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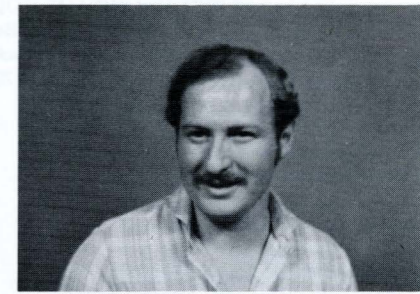


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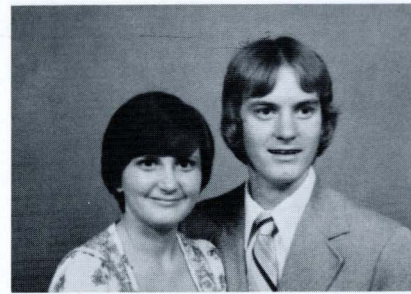
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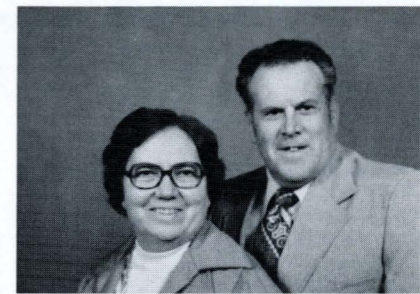


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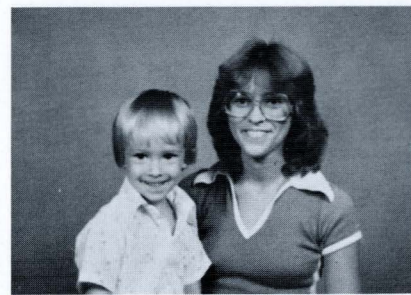
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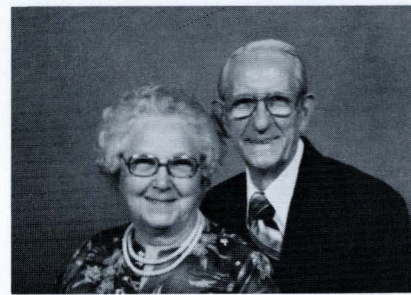
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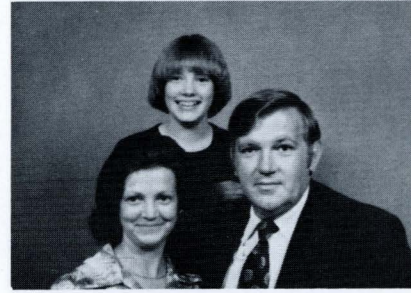


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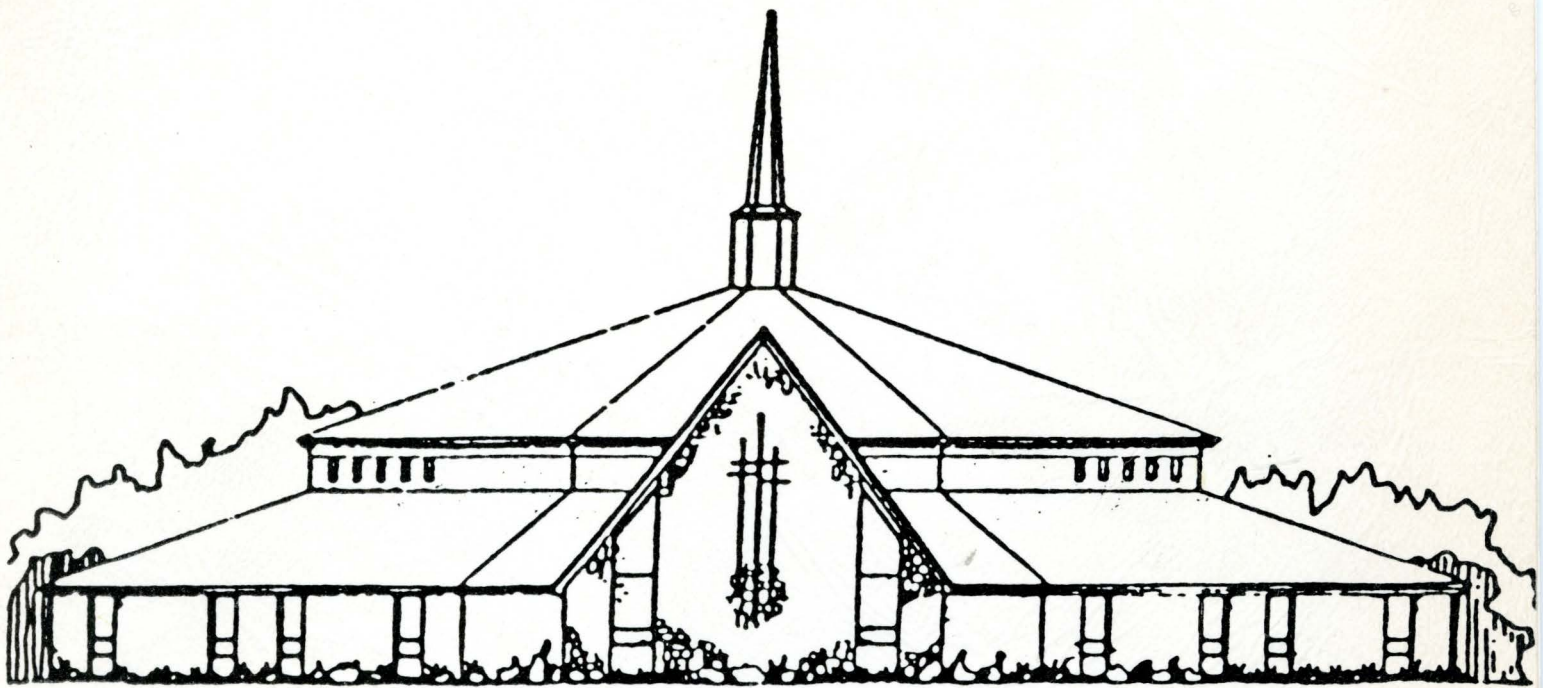


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SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday

9:45 AM Sunday School
10:45 AM Morning Worship
(Broadcast on WMOR AM and FM)
6:00 PM Preaching and Praise
(7:00 PM during E.D.S.T.)

Wednesday - 7:00 PM

Children's Ministry
Youth Groups (Junior High and Senior High)
Advanced Junior High (WHY?) study
Parenting Groups
Sanctuary Bible Study

Other Ministries

Widow's Fellowship
Ladies' Sports
Men's Basketball and Softball
Quilting Bees
Women of the Church of God
Men's Brotherhood
Daycare
Happy Timers (55 and over)
Single Parents Ministry
Saturday Family Night

Within the pages of this directory is the Family of God ...

Studying ... Loving ... Supporting ... Feeding ... Learning ... Healing ...

Worshiping ... Praying ... Reaching Out ... and Celebrating. Hurting with those that are hurting, and rejoicing with those who are rejoicing. Doing all of these things ... together ... with God's love.

We are a committed people, going to the highways and hedges ... working ... wanting the anointing of the Spirit, Himself. Singing hymns of ... contemporary ... country gospel and bluegrass ... while praising ... blessing ... and reaching.

This is the Family of God at work. It is always an unfinished work ... It is always welcoming the direction of the Holy Spirit ... It is always the 99 seeking the ONE PERSON ... together ... always seeking ... God's mandate.

WHAT A WONDERFUL THING IT IS AND HOW GLAD WE ARE THAT YOU ARE A PART OF THE FAMILY OF GOD.



Rev. Dale Fair
Associate and Youth Minister

MEET OUR STAFF



Todd Bowman
Minister of Music



Steve Stone
Tape Ministry and Maintenance Director



Mary Middleton
Secretary



Youth Ministry Serving Others



Our Drama Ministry



Softball Team Ministry

FUN IN HIS LOVE



Do You Recognize Me?



Celebrating 100th birthday of Mary Lee Mauk

CONTINUING TO GROW



Andrew Crum becomes self sufficient



Children's Church



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TOGETHER WE ...



Support Each Other



Singing His Praise



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Strings and Things



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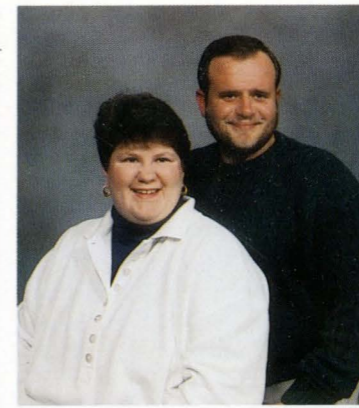
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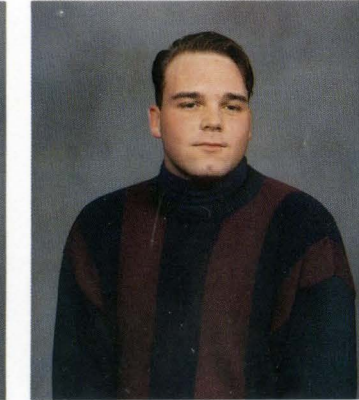
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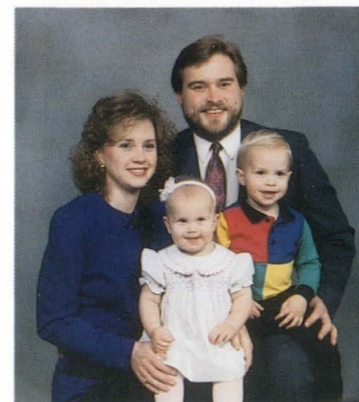
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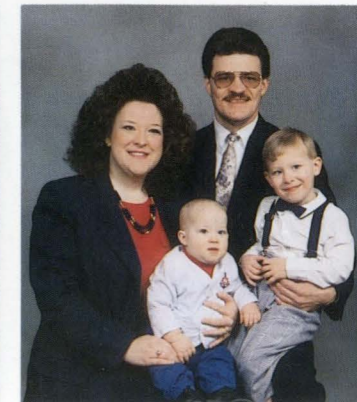
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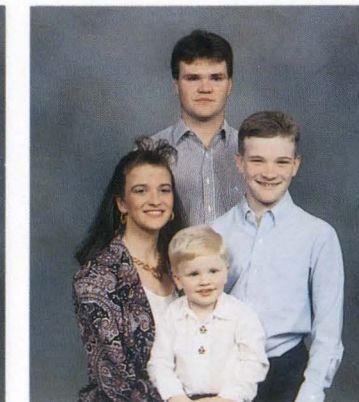
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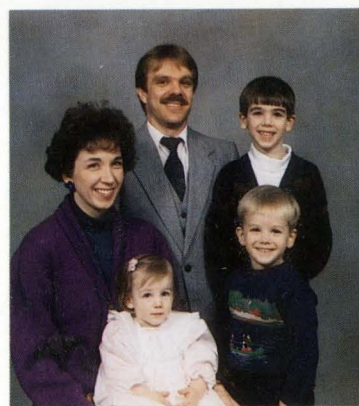
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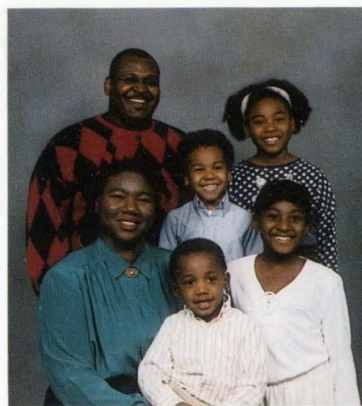
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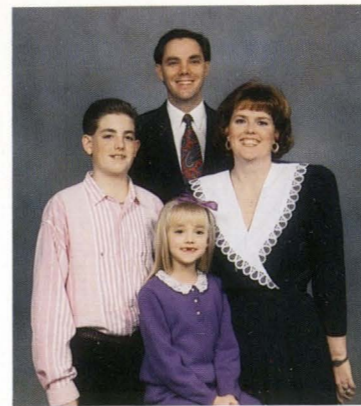
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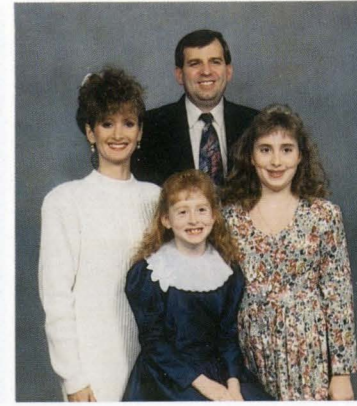
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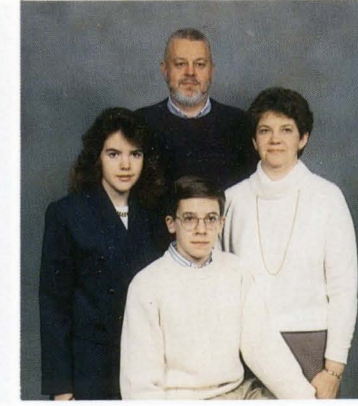
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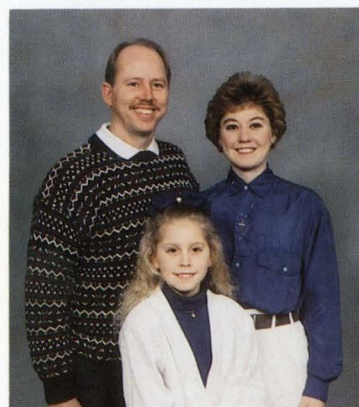
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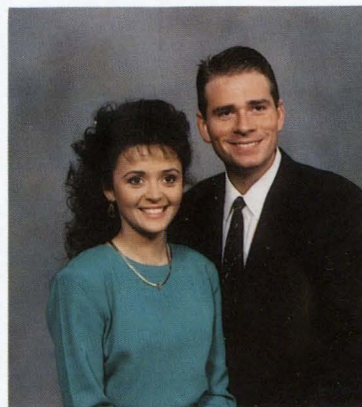
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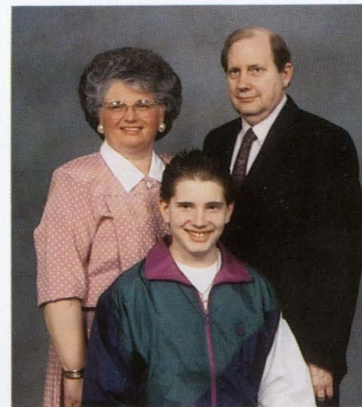
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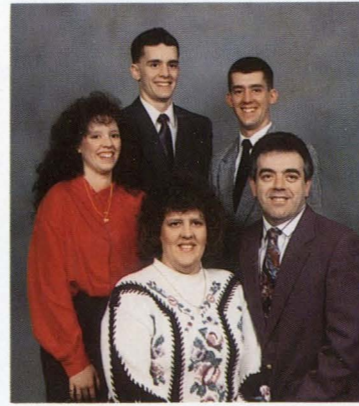
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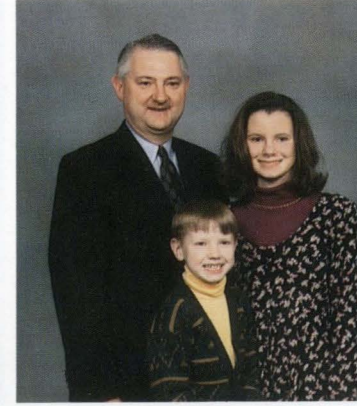
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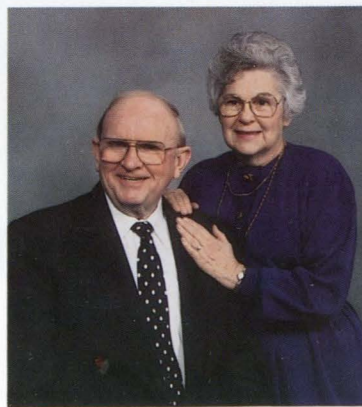
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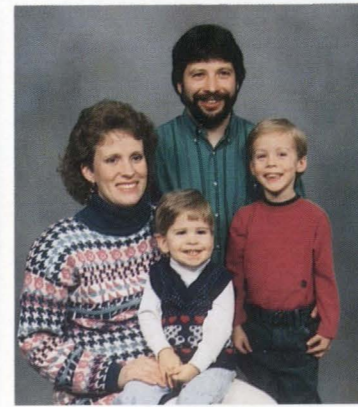
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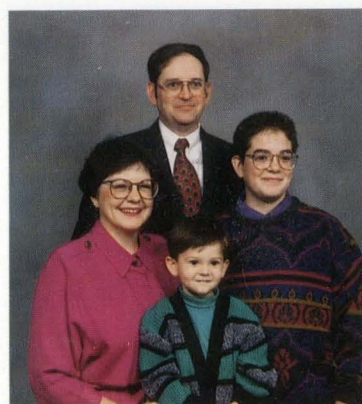
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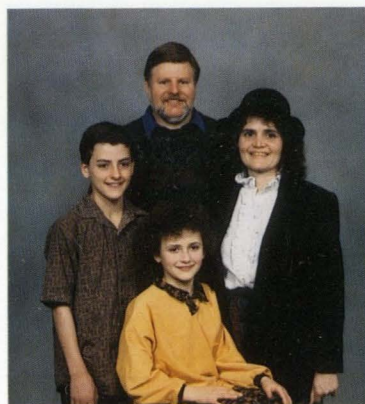
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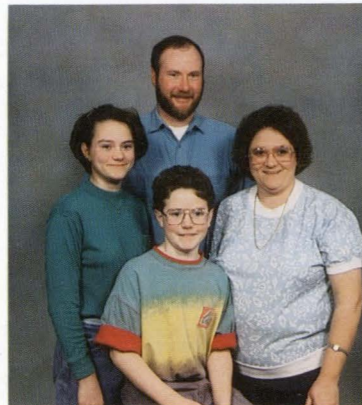
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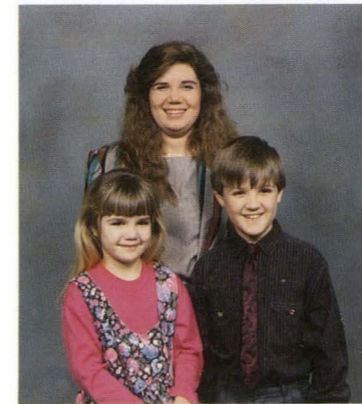
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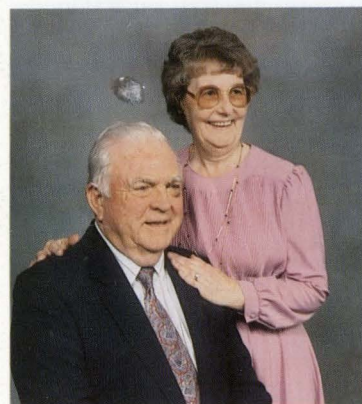
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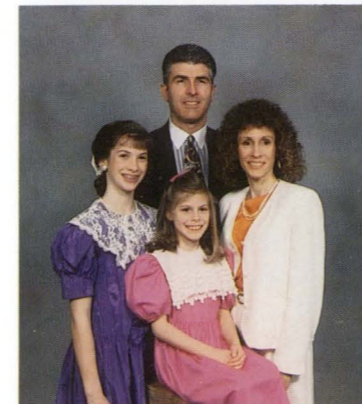
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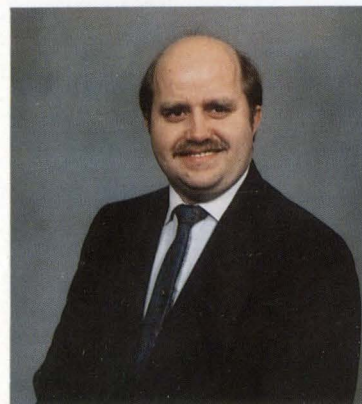
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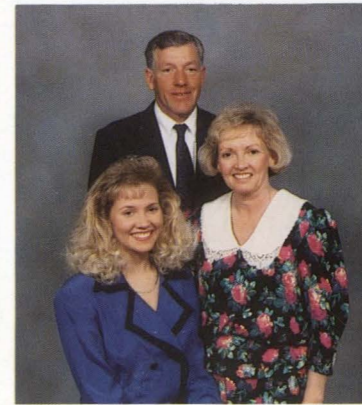
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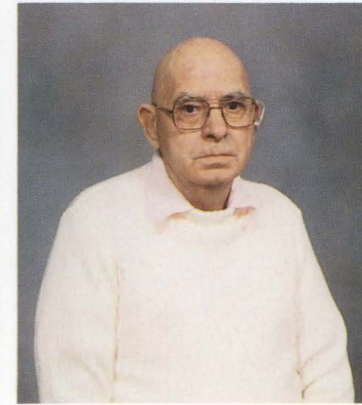
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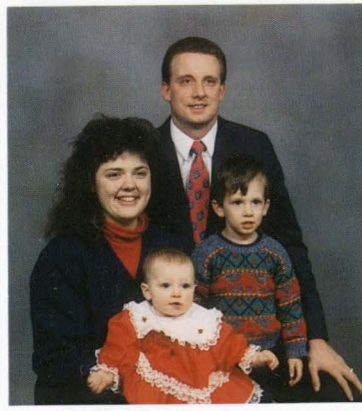
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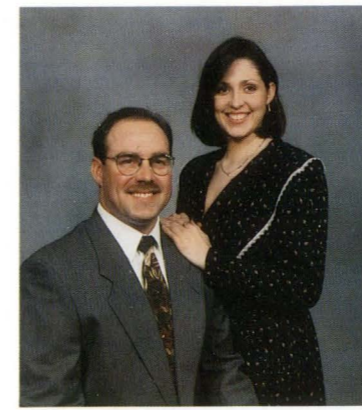
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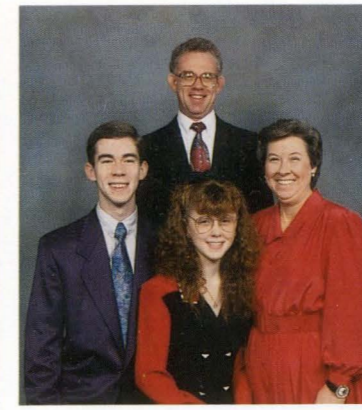
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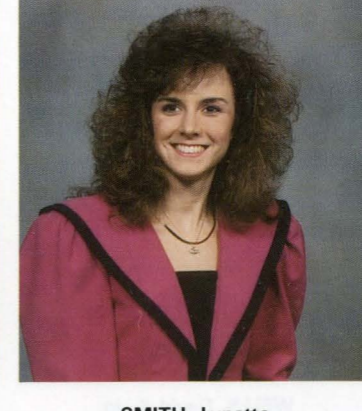
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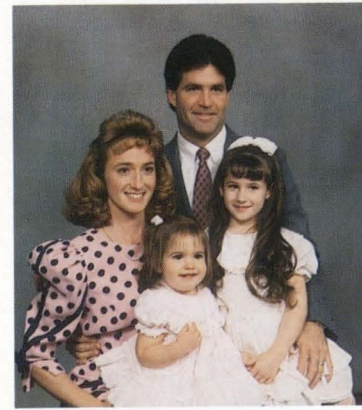
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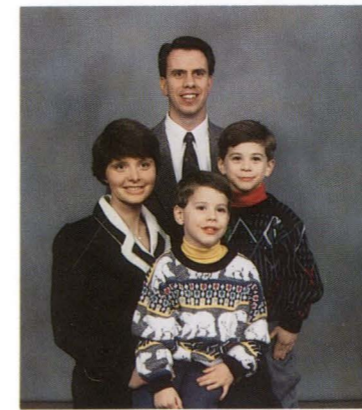
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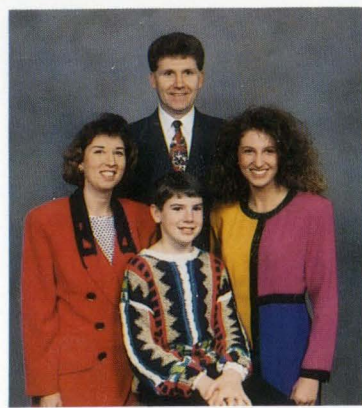
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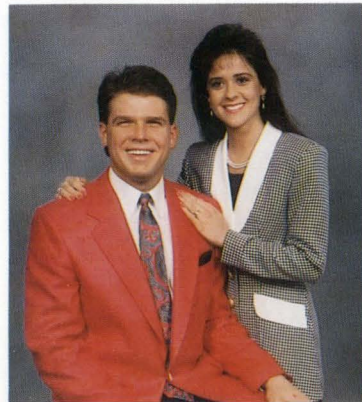
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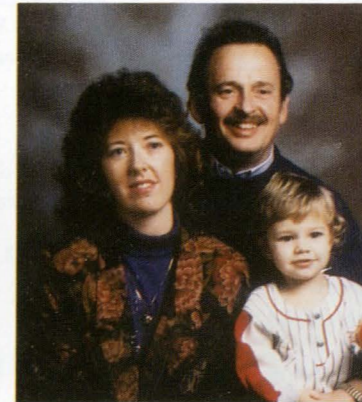
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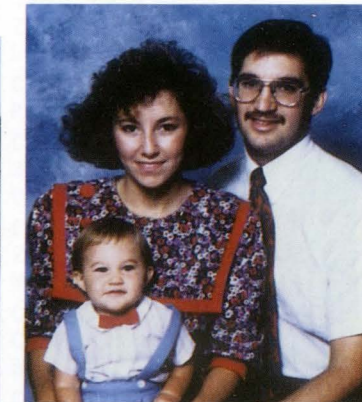
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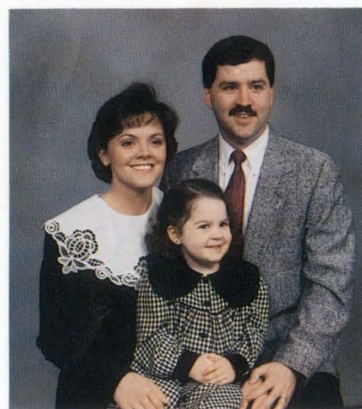
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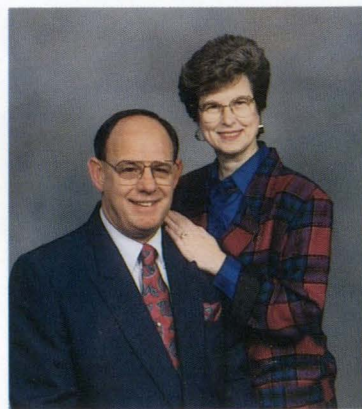
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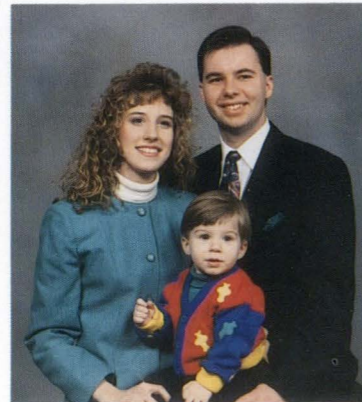
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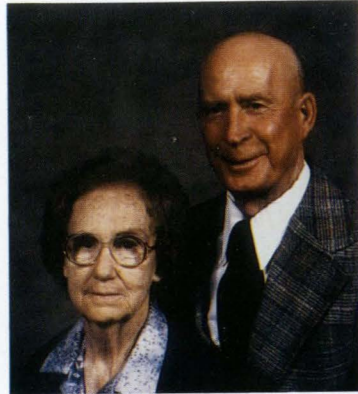
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PRESS COMMENTS.

RELIGION AT MOREHEAD.

Good Work Being Done by Evangelist J. A. Howard.

MOREHEAD, KY., July 23.—(Special Correspondence.)—Elder J. A. Howard, the noted evangelist of Eastern Kentucky, came to Morehead on the 4th of July to begin a protracted meeting. After the public speaking was over Howard asked permission to address the crowd, and while speaking Prof. Julian, who is principal of the Morehead normal school, and pastor of the Christian church at this place, contradicted one of Howard's statements, and a heated discussion ensued between the two men. The sheriff intervened and Howard went on with his address. On concluding he made an appointment for the courthouse at night. Crowds began to go before it was near dark, and long before time to begin services the courthouse was packed. Julian interrupted him and received some very sharp rebukes from Howard. Julian kept on interrupting from time to time till he was informed that it would be tolerated no longer, and he quit attending.

A German preacher named L. S. Denton made his appearance in our town on the fourth, and claiming to be sent here by the board of the Christian church for the purpose of debating with Howard on the doctrines of the church, but about the time they had agreed upon the points for discussion, it was reported that the German was an imposter, that but a short time previous he (Denton) had been representing the Baptist church on one occasion and the Methodist Episcopal church on another. So Denton left to fill another appoint-

is conducting the meeting and his success is something remarkable. There were over one hundred professions during last week, and the awakening still goes on. Howard was formerly a resident of this county.—Kentucky Democrat.

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THE HOWARD REVIVAL.

Great Excitement in Religious Circles at Morehead.

MOREHEAD, KY., July 29.—The greatest religious excitement prevails, and J. A. Howard, the noted evangelist of Eastern Kentucky, has been preaching since July 4. Up to date 110 have professed religion. Several noted preachers of the Christian church have been to hear him. The last one was Rev. J. S. Kendrick, of Danville, Ky., who challenged Howard for a discussion. Howard accepted the challenge. The discussion began today, Howard affirming that a man can live a sinless life, while Kendrick affirms that the Church of Christ is the proper name of the church. Howard affirms that the Church of God is apostolic in name and practice. Howard will continue his protracted services at night.—Cincinnati Post.

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How is Howard getting? Well, he is raking in every one that the devil hasn't a mortgage on. Of course there are some as invulnerable to the teachings of Howard as the walls of hell are to the cries of the damned. Quite a number of old and nearly case-hardened sinners have found comfort, but the greater portion of his flock (now about 90) are those whose spiritual zeal had become worn out or broken down and have placed themselves in the hands of this great Gospel-blacksmith from Magonia for repairs.

speets, Howard is a wonderful man; he can stand flat-footed and speak three hours at a rate of speed that would make a buzz-saw weary; he is one of these lay-your-head-back-shut-your-eyes-and-let-her-go varieties. To show his contempt for rhetoric, he discounts Judge Cooper in the use of the falling inflection. In an argument he is as strategic as the proverbial Irishman's flea; he is abrupt in manner and rough in speech, but justifies himself on the grounds that he has a rough class of men to battle with, viz.: sectarian preachers.—Correspondent in Owingsville Outlook.

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Morehead's Son of Literary Fame.

OLIVE HILL, KY., July 26, 1895.

Morehead has a son whose superexcellent light of intellectual magnificence has illuminated the columns of the Owingsville Outlook in the grand and most palpable descriptions of Evangelist Howard's meetings at Morehead. His eloquent way of expressing his comprehensive and superlative ideas completely magnetizes both the ordinary and extraordinary minds as they roam over the golden horizon of his superb and gilt-edged articles. The little satellites of superstition and would-be domineering bigots had better content themselves in the realms of their own hoot-owl habitations than to have both eyes plucked out by the superiority of this sarcastic self-supporting intellectual machine of Morehead. From his description of Evangelist Howard's ability to capture everything the devil has no mortgage on, only discloses the often expressed truth that in the pure atmosphere of Eastern Kentucky, the giant intellect and mother wit of the whole state is born. If what this correspondent of the Outlook said

price of the city, we see and here
and there a child; but when we
take the back streets of the cities
among the poor classes, the yards
are full of ragged, dirty urchins."

"The old proverb, 'A fool for
luck and a poor man for children,'
seems to be in full force. If the
next generation of our children is
to come from the lower and more
ignorant classes, we will find our
reformation a slow process. We
are reforming at the top and de-
forming at the bottom, and as fast
as our reformed die off, their
places are being taken by the de-
formed, and we have an endless
process ahead of us.

"It is like trying to clear a
spring branch with a hog wallow-
ing in a spring. If we will drive
the hog out of the spring, the
branch will clear itself. If we
drive the devil out of our homes,
society and politics will soon clear
up. The godless society element
of this country is putting a pre-
mium on childless homes and
sneering at the faithful wife and
mother, until the homes of society
are becoming centers of crime,
and the little agnostical, jackass-
ical doctors are lending the noble
profession of the physician to the
infamous prostitution of our race.

"Marriage has become a mer-
chandise, clubs are substituted for
homes, wives are becoming society
ladies, children are unavoidable
nuisances, and destruction of life
a habit. The few children who
enter the homes are turned over
to milk bottles and nurses in
babyhood, to public schools in
childhood, fashionable colleges in
youth, and are given over to soci-
ety, dress and amusement in
young manhood and young wo-
manhood. Instead of reading their
Bible and saying their prayers at
night, the girls plait their hair in
shucks for bangs, and the boys
plait their toes for the toothpick
does, and both go to sleep with a

backbone: a man of this
family was heard to say rece-
that there were two papers
he would not have in his ho-
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other one was the Blue G
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they could quote the New Te
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selling whisky. I frequently n
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children follow;" and if par
were what they should be, th
would not be so much trou
about the children.

T. F. CAR

A Card of Thanks.

EZEL, Ky., Sept.

I received from the sisters
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from each place, for which pl
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high appreciation of such presen
and the other sisters that sent
presents on my husband's retu
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one and all. It is but a li
thing for me to say I thank
all, but it is a great consolation
know that the Lord will rew
you for your labors of love;
dear sisters, you can only imag
how highly I value your kind
and how grateful I feel
you; but I rejoice to know that
much as you minister to one
God's trusting childrer. He
minister unto you and clothe yo
righteousness, which is the w
robe worn in heaven.

Your Sister in Christ,
Mrs. J. A. HOWAR

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"Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy ghost." (Matthew 28:10)



THE FORMATIVE YEARS

In 1893, J.N. (Jack) Howard of Nappanee, Indiana, inspired by these words of Jesus, came to preach the gospel.

He was thought to be the first Church of God preacher to conduct revival services in Morehead. He was a great orator and a nationally recognized fiery evangelist, whose winsome messages attracted responsive listeners wherever he went. Morehead was no different as he began holding revival services in the old courthouse. God was indeed in these services, as many local citizens were won to Christ and soon the courthouse would not hold the overflow crowds. (The flame of faith was glowing brightly in the town.)

Brother Howard began looking for another place to hold services. The only other churches in town were the Union and the Baptists. The Union Church was being renovated, so he asked the leadership of the Baptist Church if they would allow the revival to continue in their Church. But after some debate the leaders of the Baptist Church refused to allow Mr. Howard to continue the revival in their Church. This was a deterrent to Brother Howard, but he was determined to continue to preach in the

courthouse.

COL. ALDERSON INTERVENES

It was at this time that prominent local businessman Warren M. Alderson (this writer's great-great grandfather), heard of the situation. Since he had heard of Brother Howard's dilemma, he wanted to help. He sent word to the preacher the next day to come by his store at 6:00 p.m. Warren also asked the local Baptist Church leaders to come to his store at 6:00 p.m. So when they all arrived that evening, he closed his store and told those assembled he wanted to say something. He arose and said: "Friends, this man of God has been persecuted since he came to our community, and he needs a place to preach. Now I'm asking that you allow him to preach in your Church and if you don't let him preach in your Church, 'by gum' I'll ^{foreclose} foreclose on your mortgage. He preached in their church.

SEEDS ARE SOWN BY PRAYER AND FAITH

But many of the people were unhappy and they noticed Brother Howard going up on the hill back of town at daylight each morning. They thought he was meeting a woman so two of them followed him up the hill one morning and found him under a giant oak tree praying fervently for the people of Morehead.

Brother Howard is credited with planting the seeds of the great Church of God Reformation Movement in Morehead. But he was followed by Brother W.A. Sutherland, Edward Ellis and many others who kept fanning the flame of faith that would eventually glow brightly into the Church of God.

ROWAN COUNTY WAS BOOMING

In 1898 Morehead was widely known as "The City of the Hills". It was a busy

trading center, strategically located half way between Lexington and Ashland on the C&O Railroad. The chief industry was lumber and stone products. It was considered a beautiful mountain town with a population of 1,200, with great potential for growth. It had an active commercial club with dynamic leadership, and Morehead and Rowan County were booming.

Farmers was shipping more freight tonnage (lumber, stone) than any place on the C&O between Louisville and Ashland. Bronson, located 3 miles west of Morehead had a lumber yard with a payroll of \$6,000 per month. Rodburn had one of the largest lumber mills in the country, employing between 300-500 men.

Morehead was a raw frontier town with five saloons. But it also had nine lawyers, (needed probably because of the five saloons), five doctors, two drug stores, and ~~five~~ hotels. There were three churches in town, and they were about to become four.

While the citizens of Morehead were making plans to celebrate the July 4th holiday with bands, speech making, eating and drinking, God was preparing them for a great revival.

THE SAVVIES ARE COMING

Reverend I.T. Mark, a pioneer Church of God minister from Morehead tells us that it was on a beautiful summer morning (July 3, ¹⁸⁹⁸~~1989~~) that the Morehead Church of God was established in Morehead, ~~It~~ has continued to lift up Christ in the community to this day. It was even as a giant gospel tent was unloaded from a freight car on the siding near Bishop Avenue that the revival began. Several strange men who had arrived earlier, met

the freight train and began unloading the tent, and began to sing the old gospel songs as they worked. These men sang beautiful harmony as they proceeded to set the large tent up at the east corner of Main at Bishop Avenue. The great old hymns of the church reverberated throughout this valley as the tent was raised. Their voices could be heard all over the village. These men also would stop work on the tents to occasionally witness to what God had done in their lives. The townspeople were curious, and they gathered around to watch the tent go up and listen to the beautiful singing and personal testimonies of faith. Someone remarked that indeed the "Saints had arrived in Morehead". This was a name that stuck, because for many years the Church of God would be called the "Saints Church", and where it was eventually located became known as the "Saints Church Hill".

(North Hargis Avenue)

THE EARLY CHURCH SERVICES SEPARATED MEN + WOMEN
Services began on Saturday evening with an ordinance service. There was a

partition in the middle of the tent separating the men and women. This was done because it was to be a service of laying on of hands, and ordaining those who would lead and preach. Many gathered for this service, but it was not what they expected. The service was conducted quietly and reverently with beautiful singing and testimonies. Several troublemakers tried to break up the service, but the town Marshall sent them on their way. Next came witnessing, exhortation and an altar call. Among those who accepted Christ that night were two sisters attending the Morehead Normal School. This great revival was lead by Miss Lena Cecil (who would become the first Pastor, or Leader as they were

called. Also Reverend W.A. Sutherland from South Carolina and Rev. Edward Ellis of Decatur Michigan were among the preachers who lead the services.

MANY PROMINENT CITIZENS LED TO CHRIST.

Among Morehead's prominent citizens that found Christ in this first tent meeting was a young teenager named Cora Wilson (Stewart). She would later become internationally recognized for founding the Moonlight Schools adult literacy program. Others receiving salvation during this first great revival were: Captain Tom Rose (lawyer), J.H. Ruley, Milton and Boone Mark, Mrs. Jack Saxton and daughter Eva, Eva (Sexton) Allen (mother of Bob & Hubert Allen). Hiram Bradley (school superintendent) and his wife, and Mrs. Betty Littleton, Mrs. Coffee, Mrs. Powers and Mrs. Conn. These were the first converts, and members of the church. It was this small group of people that formed the nucleus of the Church of God in Morehead, which continues to this day.

FIRST CHURCH OF GOD PASTOR WAS A WOMAN.

This revival left a deep impact upon this community. But with no church building ^{so} this small band of believers began to conduct services in the courthouse. They were determined the flame of faith would continue to burn brightly. Miss Lena Cecil served as the first Pastor, and began to plan a church building. It was certainly highly unusual for a woman to serve as a pastor in those days. But she surely must have been called by God as their spiritual leader because it was under her leadership the Church began. Also she must have been a role model to the young teenager Cora Wilson to encourage her to become a leader in education.

THE FIRST CHURCH BUILDING BUILT IN 1900

After fervent prayer, planning, and hard work, plans for a new church building

began to materialize. Judge Allie W. Young (father of Jane Young Holbrook) gave the land for a new church and his brother W.T. Young gave a generous cash donation to start the building. Miss Lena Cecil, Mrs. Dee Sims, and Mrs. Alice Mark headed a building fund drive and began receiving donations from many local citizens. As the building fund grew, and with the gift of land, a new church building was planned on Sun Street at North Hargis Avenue. Two years later a small boxed, unpainted building was completed, and in 1900 the congregation began meeting in their own building. It was the same year their first pastor Miss Lena Cecil moved to California and married a Mr. Carpenter. She remained active in the Church of God movement throughout her life time.

Brother Henry Dunnigan was the second pastor and he remained until 1903 and was followed by Samuel Ford, a pioneer Church of God preacher. Brother Ford moved and in 1905, the small congregation of about a dozen faithful followers called Reverend T.F. Lyons to become their Pastor. Brother Lyons would be used by God to make profound changes in the First Church of God in Morehead and throughout Kentucky.

On December 25, 1890, Turner Franklin Lyons married Sara Elizabeth Wells in Menifee County Kentucky. This union would prove to have a profound effect upon the First Church of God in Morehead and the Church of God Movement throughout Kentucky. Reverend I.T. Mark records in his early history of the Morehead Church of God that he believed Turner Lyons was led to Christ by one of these early evangelists.

REVEREND TURNER F. LYONS CALLED TO MOREHEAD
In 1900 at Morgan County, Kentucky, Turner Franklin Lyons was ordained as **an**

Elder in the Church of God, and was authorized "To perform such duties as devolve upon a minister of the gospel." In 1905 he accepted a call from the Morehead Church and moved his family to Morehead where he purchased a small farm from the Mark family. The farm was located at Bronson about 3 miles west of Morehead at Bronson which was a busy community on the C&O Railroad. It had an extensive lumber mill with a payroll of \$6,000 per month. Brother Lyons would later purchase the land behind the church and build his home on Lyons Avenue.

When Brother Lyons came to Morehead the church building^{was} located at the corner of what is now Hargis Avenue and Sun Street. The building was a small boxed, unpainted building. It was lighted by kerosene, and heated with a wood stove. There were about 12 faithful members of the Church.

But God would use this beloved Pastor to build a great congregation at the Morehead First Church of God. He would also use Brother Lyons as his instrument in building dozens of churches in Rowan County and Eastern Kentucky. He was a great evangelist and people responded to his messages of love and forgiveness. His home was a haven for the hungry and homeless. Many of the citizens of Morehead who did not want to be "bothered" by the hungry and homeless would send them to Brother Lyons' home. He never turned anyone away. He was poor in the eyes of the world but rich in God's eyes. His rich legacy continues today.

From the first revival in 1893, and the great tent meeting of 1898, when the first

Church of God in Morehead was founded the church continues to grow. It was been blessed by God with great spiritual leaders and laity. The *Book of Acts* tells us that it was ~~at~~ Antioch that the people of God were first called Christians, it was in Morehead that the First Church of God member were first called Saints.

100 YEARS OF BUILDING SINCE THE FIRST CHURCH OF GOD
As they prepare for their centennial celebration July 2-5, 1998, the Morehead First

Church of God has gone through several building programs:

1900 White weather boarded church on Sun Street and Hargis Avenue.

(When this building was torn down 48 years later, the women's missionary Society sold souvenir nails to help pay for the new building.

1947 Built a parsonage beside the old white church.

1948 Brick church on the corner of Second Street and Hargis Avenue

(called Lyons Chapel). (Now owned by St. Claire Hospital)

1948

Razed old Building Built in 1900

1960 Brick Cathedral back on the corner of Sun Street and Hargis Avenue

(now owned by St. Claire Hospital).

1981 Beautiful rounded Cathedral of Worship on Sunset Drive (behind WalMart).

1998 Began construction on the Rowan County Christian Academy on Sunset Drive.

Also located on Sunset Drive is the First Church of God's Rowan County

Christian Academy which began major construction of a Christian School this year. This project has tremendous community support, and will prove to be an asset to the total community.

God has blessed this church in the past 100 years. In addition to great preachers, there have been scores of dedicated Sunday School teachers and dozens of great Christian laymen that have influenced each generation. It has grown from the small church with 12 members in 1898 to a lovely cathedral with a seating capacity of 800 and average Sunday morning attendance of 350.

The people of the First Church of God realize they have been blessed by God with a rich heritage, and they are determined to keep the flame of faith burning brightly. With God's help they are determined to grow not only in bricks and mortar, but in grace, love, and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

**THE MOREHEAD FIRST CHURCH OF GOD INVITES
~~ALL OF GOD'S PEOPLE WISH YOU A HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY~~
YOU TO ATTEND THEIR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!
REMEMBER... REJOICE... RENEW
~~JULY 2, 3, 4, 5, 1998.~~ July 2, 3, 4, + 5, 1998
TENT MEETING 7:00 PM**

100 YEARS OF PASTORS AT THE
MOREHEAD FIRST CHURCH OF GOD PASTORS

1898-1998

<u>Year</u>	<u>Pastor</u>
1898	Miss Lena Cecil
1900	Henry Dunnigan

Norman Church history
Please give to Jack Ellis for me
Picture I promised you Bill

HISTORY OF THE CONGREGATION
of the
FIRST CHURCH OF GOD, MOREHEAD, KENTUCKY

The freight train pulled into Morehead on a beautiful summer morning on July 3, 1898.

As usual, the whistle announced its coming and the echo vibrated again and again in the valley.

This day it carried an unusual cargo—a gospel tent. Some strangers, who had arrived earlier on a passenger train, claimed the cargo. They proceeded to set it up on the corner of Main Street and Bishop Avenue, which was then a dirt road.

As the tent went up, the men's voices could be heard over the town as they sang stirring gospel hymns. People gathered out of curiosity and many questions were asked and answered regarding the purpose of the tent. The news spread in all directions—the "Saints" had arrived in Morehead. Their arrival was the chief topic of conversation in town. W.A. Sutherland, W.P. Long, and Miss Lena Cecil were some of the ministers in this first meeting. The ministers and wives stayed in the home of Mrs. Alice Mark. Her son, Milton, was the first convert and she was converted soon afterward. The meeting had a profound effect on Morehead and Rowan County. Many influential people were saved, teachers and students from the Normal School, business and professional men, as well as common folk. Many remained true to God, though some did not.

The congregation owes its beginning to three women who remained committed to God's work: Mrs. Dee Sims, whose husband was a railroad

conductor; Mrs. Alice Mark, whose husband was a leading merchant in town, and Mrs. Betty Littleton, who ran a boarding house. Services were held in the Mark home for a time after the tent meeting. Later, two Judges, Allie Young and Bill Young, who were deeply affected by the tent meeting, secured the Courthouse for services.

Not long afterward, Judge Allie Young gave a lot on the corner of ^{Second} Sure Street and Hargis Avenue for a church building. Judge Bill Young gave a cash donation for the construction of a building on the lot. The women solicited donations for the building which was erected in 1900.

Miss Lena Cecil was the first pastor, followed by Henry Dunnigan, succeeded by Samuel Ford.

Under the influence of some of the ministers that held the tent meetings in Morehead, Rev. T.F. Lyons was converted in Menifee County. In 1905, he bought a farm five miles below Morehead and he and his family attended church at Morehead. They walked the railroad tracks to get to town.

In 1908, Rev. Lyons bought property in Morehead behind the church which extended from what is now Second Street, up the middle of Lyons Avenue, bounded by Oxley Branch. It was at that time a pasture. His home was on the corner where the Brad Collins family now lives. His home was the house which was torn down before they built their home.

Rev. Lyons became the pastor in 1908. Many campmeetings were held during his pastorate. A tent would be placed on the church lot behind the church where Lyons Chapel now stands. Some of the early ministers that held the meetings were: W.A. Sutherland, W.P. Long, Willis Brown (father of C.E. Brown), J.N. Howard, Emma Myers, Alex

Kirkpatrick, E.A. Fleenor, F.G. Smith, H.M. Riggle, and W.D. McCraw, to name a few.

In 1910, it was decided by the church to put a second story of rooms and screened porches on Rev. Lyons' home for lodging and boarding for campmeeting visitors. They came from surrounding congregations by walking, horseback, buggy, and wagon. Possibly a few came by train.

Rev. Lyons furnished pasture for the horses. People brought cloth bags to fill with straw for bedding place on the floor. The men slept in the church and the women and children slept on the upper floor of Rev. Lyons' home. Visiting ministers were kept by some of the church folk; others may have had relatives in town.

Much of the food used in the meetings was brought in from farms and gardens. Visitors helped in preparing it. Mrs. Lyons did most of the cooking, and the Lyons daughters did most of the dishwashing. (Hester and Nora can tell you about it!)

When campmeeting time was over, everyone was anxious to return home to see how things had fared.

Of course there was plenty of work such as cleaning up straw, putting things in place around the Lyons home and the church. Sometimes, some clothes would be missing. Some people came only for a week's free board and lodging. Little wonder the Lyons children were never very fond of campmeeting!

If some souls were saved, that was plenty of pay for the pastor and many of the church members. Rev. Lyons never complained. In those days, tithing wasn't taught; only free will offerings were taken. Many times these would not be sufficient to pay bills and Rev. Lyons

would have to go to the bank and borrow money to pay them. He had friends at the bank.

Many of the congregations around Morehead and in surrounding counties owe their beginnings to converts of those first tent meetings.

Many of them were women who started prayer meetings in their homes and school houses. Rev. Lyons was counselor, evangelist, and burden bearer for the young churches. He went from congregation to congregation for revivals.

Many people of eastern Kentucky are indebted for his preaching of the gospel, that enabled them to find Jesus as Lord and Savior of their lives.

The weather was never too difficult, or the night too dark, or the way too hard for Rev. Lyons to seek out the ones in need. Many were the calls that came. Many marvelous cases of healing followed his ministry. Remuneration was never expected. Rev. Lyons many times returned home after a ten-day revival without a cent to care for his own expenses at home. But God seemed always to help him find a way.

The campmeeting rooms were rented to students at the Morehead Normal School. Some were not able to pay much, but he helped them all.

D.M. Holbrook, an excellent teacher at the Normal School, and a Bible teacher, came to the congregation about this time. Also, along came Harry Mullins from Clearfield. He was the manager of the Lee Clay Products Company. They were assets spiritually and financially. They knew the hardships Rev. Lyons bore; never complaining and always rejoicing when God's work was being done and souls were finding God. This writer was one of those souls. Rev. Lyons had held a ten-day

revival in the schoolhouse at Cogswell, Kentucky. There were only four Christians in the congregation that kept Sunday School and Prayer Meeting going. They had such a burden to see souls saved. The last sermon had been preached and the last song had been sung to the last verse. One young girl led the way, then a group went to the altar. Of course, joy followed and he stayed for a night service. More souls were saved. On Monday morning, men went to the creek to cut the ice and he stood in ice water and baptized 17 people--the youngest nine years and the oldest 75. We walked almost 1/4 mile to change clothes. Not one took a cold. There was joy in that community. Mrs. Lyons was a faithful companion that stood by him and kept home fires burning.

Reverend Lyons pastored in Mt. Sterling from 1924-26. Rev. R.C. Caudill came to Morehead during this time as pastor. He was instrumental in putting a basement under the church and an extension on the back. Several people were converted.

A young minister, Rev. Charles Richardson started his ministry here and stayed in 1927. Rev. Lyons was called back in 1928 and was pastor until 1941 when he died. His very soul was in the work of God. His picture hangs in Lyons Chapel as a challenge to those who follow.

The Morehead congregation of the Church of God was the first in Kentucky to continue without interruption.

Other congregations started but difficulties arose so they were discontinued and new beginnings were necessary. Many of the Church of God people of Morehead moved away from 1904-1914. New Castle and Anderson, Indiana; Cincinnati, Portsmouth and Middletown, Ohio; Ashland, Kentucky; and Huntington, West Virginia claimed most of them.

Some of the families who had faithfully attended the campmeeting and sent support back to the Morehead congregation were: Razor Ralston,

Hackney Flannery Crosthwaite, Oakley Richardson and Combs to name a few.

After the death of Rev. Lyons, Rev. Ramah John, Rev. James Wade and Rev. Bill Moore had pastorates until 1947. They started a building fund and kept the church working together.

By this time the town and college had grown and a new church was badly needed. Rev. M.L. Tate came from Missouri in 1948. It was he who led the congregation in building the two buildings that cover a big portion of the lot given to the church by Judge Allie Young. A lot of sweat and tears went into the building of these structures. Rev. Tate worked along with other laborers in the most difficult of manual labor. Many different kinds of projects were used to raise money. It wasn't plentiful then. He tried to include all ages for he wanted them all to have a part in building the house of God. An example was an half acre of strawberries planted, cared for, picked and sorted and sold by all the church helping. One dear old lady wanted to help who had little income. She sacrificed her daily paper. The strawberries lasted two years. After tremendous sacrifice, Lyons Chapel was completed and was dedicated in 1950 by Rev. Lyons' son-in-law, Rev. W.H. Hunt.

Then after more sacrifice and the hardest of labor, the present Sanctuary was dedicated by J.A. Morrison, first President of Anderson College, in 1958. The cornerstone holds memorabilia.

God has used people with talent and money and the lowliest at all ages to build His house.

Rev. John Conley, President of Gulf Coast Bible College served as pastor from 1960-1967.

Rev. Dale Whalen served from 1967-1969.

Rev. Jerry Eggleston served from 1969-1973. It was during his

pastorate that the last debt on the Sanctuary was paid and the mortgage burned.

Rev. Richard Dillon served from 1973-1976. A new parsonage was purchased during his ministry that replaced the one built during Rev. Tate's ministry.

Rev. Frank Fultz served as pastor from 1976-1982.

From Rev. Conley to Rev. Fultz, each pastor has given his influence and concern for the community and built additions to the buildings. Under their ministries, many souls have been saved.

The congregation that started with three women has reached to 150 members. Of course, many more have gone to their reward. Rev. Mitchell Burch came in 1983 and with much concern, many have claimed salvation.

John 4:37-38 says, "...One soweth, and another reapeth....other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours."

We pass on to you the future making and history of the congregation.

I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold
I'd rather have Him than riches untold
I'd rather have Jesus than houses or lands
I'd rather be led by His nail pierced hands.

Than to be the king of a vast domain
And be held in sin's dread sway
I'd rather have Jesus than anything
This world affords today.

I'd rather have Jesus than men's applause
I'd rather be faithful to His dear cause
I'd rather have Jesus than worldwide fame
I'd rather be true to His Holy name.

The first of the history up to Rev. T.F. Lyons was compiled by I.T. Mark, a minister and son of Alice Mark. The last by Mrs. Holley Crosthwaite who was converted under Rev. Lyons in 1917, and still worships with the congregation in 1984. She also gave the comments on the spiritual side of the Church.

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HISTORY OF MOREHEAD FIRST CHURCH OF GOD
1898-1998

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The history of the First Church of God has been handed down by word of mouth as well as the written word. The portion of the history from 1898 to 1914 was compiled by I. T. Mark whose father owned and operated a general store in Morehead, Ky. His parents became active members of the congregation after its inception in 1898. Brother Mark was a minister.

The history of the congregation from 1914 until 1983 was compiled by Mrs. Holly (Vada) Crosthwaite. Sister Crosthwaite was a convert under Rev. T.F. Lyons ministry in 1917. Brother and Sister Crosthwaite and their family was active members of the congregation until the death of both Brother and Sister Crosthwaite.

*edited by
B. Lewis*

The history of the congregation from 1983 has been compiled by Betty Lewis who along with her husband, C. Roger and family has worshipped with the congregation since 1949. C. Roger's father and mother, John A. & Sarah Lewis worshipped in the congregation from the time Bro. Lyons was pastor until their deaths in 1972. She has used notes, materials and personal experiences from many persons who worshipped in the congregation since 1983. Mabel Alfrey who passed away January 1998 contributed largely to this portion of the history, along with J. Earl McBrayer and Edith Cline.

THE BEGINNING:

The freight train pulled into Morehead on a beautiful summer morning, July 3, 1898. As usual the whistle announced the arrival of the train; this announcement was repeated

by the echo of the whistle sounding again and again in the narrow valley. The cars were spotted as usual for the unloading of freight; the unusual was part of the cargo---a gospel tent. Some strangers who had arrived on an earlier passenger train claimed the tent and proceeded to set it up on the east corner of Main and Bishop Streets. The men who had arrived earlier sang stirring religious songs as the tent was raised. Their voices could be heard all over the village.

People gathered out of curiosity; many questions were asked and many questions answered regarding the use of the tent. The news spread in all directions: "The Saints have arrived in Morehead. (Ed. note. The church was known as the "Saints Church").

My father (Mr. Mark) owned and operated a general store where the Morehead Mercantile Building now stands. The chief topic of conversation in the store was the tent meeting. My mother (Alice Mark) and family attended the first service and my oldest brother Milton was the first convert. Returning home after the service Mother brought three or four of the preachers and their wives with her to abide. Mrs. Dee Sims and my mother were saved the same night.

An ordinance service was announced for Saturday evening. Many gathered for this service; the tent walls were well staked down, and a partition was put up inside the tent, the women occupied one side of the tent and the men the other side. This was different from what the public expected. The service was conducted with decorum; after a season of prayer the restless crowd on the outside of the tent quieted down. The Town Marshall sent the few rowdy ones on their way. Following the ordinance service, opportunity was given for the testimony and exhortation; then the altar call. Many sought the Lord. On this Saturday evening two sisters attending school in Morehead were saved. They are still living in Lewis County, Kentucky. They are aunts of Henry C. Dunnaway and it was through their efforts that the church was started in Petersville, Ky. (Ed. note. The church of God congregation is still active in Petersville.)

Following are names of many other people saved in this first tent meeting. Cora Wilson Stewart (founder of the Moonlight schools) Captain Tom Rose a lawyer, J. H. Ruley, business man, Boone Mark (my father) merchant, Mrs. Jack Sexton and daughter Eva (Ed. note. Eva is the mother of Hubert and Bobby Allen), Aunt Vine Ellington, nurse, Mrs. Betty Littleton, Mrs. Coffee, Mrs. Powers, Elijah Durham, teacher, Mrs. Hiram Bradley, Mrs. Conn and many students from the Morehead Normal School. Some of these remained faithful to the church.

From Bronson (Ed. note. this is now the area behind Sealmaster Mfg. Co. and Baldrige Loop) were Zack Wright, Wilson Ramey, Ida Westcott, Mrs. Skaggs, Sam Mark and family, Frank Prater, wife and mother. People attended the meeting from Rodburn to Bluestone, from Brushy Fork to Clack Mountain.

After the close of this tent meeting, services were held in our home. Miss Lena Cecil who now lives in Franklin, California, was the first Pastor. Judge Allie Young (Ed. note.

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father of Jane Young Holbrook) and Judge Bill Young were deeply affected by the meeting and befriended the new church. They secured the use of the Rowan County Court House for the congregation to conduct their services. Allie Young gave the congregation a lot and Bill Young gave a cash donation for the erection of the first building which was built in 1900. Mrs. Dee Sims and Mrs. Alice Mark solicited donations for the building fund. The Church of God never worshipped in the old Union Church as some believed. The Union Church was before 1898. At this time the Methodist, Baptist and Christian Churches owned their own buildings in about the same location as now.

A Revival meeting was held with main speakers being W. P. Long and W.A. Southerland from Greenville, Tn., Miss Lena Cecil, Henry Dunnigan, French Jones and Clyde Dennis. The second Pastor was Henry Dunnigan. He came to Morehead from Lee City, Ky. He lived at Bronson on my fathers farm at the old Markwell place. The third Pastor was Samuel Ford who in 1903 lived at Bronson directly across the cut on the old Evans place. The railroad crossing at Bronson was known as Bronson's Crossing. I remember the above events clearly, however I verified the information by talking and writing to Rev., Jesse Coldiron who lived at Bronson at that time, also Rev. N. S. Duncan who was brother-in-law to Samuel Ford and Mrs. Samuel Ford.

Reverend T.F. Lyons came to Bronson in 1905 and purchased a farm from my mother, however, he moved to Morehead 1907. He bought property from my mother which was located in back of the first white church building.

Only about fifteen people are still living who attended regularly or claimed membership in the Morehead congregation prior to 1904. Their names are as follows: Mrs. Lena Carpenter now in Franklin, CA. Mrs. Alice Miracle; Mrs. Cora Lykens, Petersville, Ky, Mrs. Ida Asbury, Kendalville, Indiana and five members of my mother's family, N.S. Duncan, evangelist in Ca., Reverend Edward Ellis, Decatur, Michigan, W. A. Sutherland in S. Carolina. There a few others who might have some knowledge of the work prior to 1904. There were a number of well-known ministers who conducted revivals and camp meetings between 1898 and 1914. Some camp meetings were conducted in a tent in back of the church, some were conducted in the Court House. The tent was lighted with gasoline lights. Revivals or assembly meetings as they were generally called were held in the church building, but sometimes moved to the Court House for more room. Some of the ministers conducting these meetings were: In 1898 Sutherland and Long from Greenville, Tn., in 1899 Otto Bolds (Uncle to Luke Bennett) W.T. Clayton of "Floating Bethel" fame, Willis S. Brown (father of C.E. Brown, well known Church of God minister) in 1904 N.S. Duncan, J.N. Howard, nationally known evangelist, Alex Kilpatrick, teacher and pioneer preacher, in 1906 Edgar Fleenor, Edward Ellis, W.T. Carter, Amanda Brown, Emma Myers and girl preacher Joyce Meyers, A.Q. Bridwell and W. C. McCraw. In the year 1913 J Nichols Roy, a Hindu minister educated in England deep in the scriptures drew large crowds.

The following names are other ministers preaching in Morehead on different occasions.:

French Jones, (Ed. note. Grandfather of Aubrey Kautz, Jr.) Lillian Tosh, a Sister Roberts, Amanda Carter, H.H. McClure, John Watts who was one of the first men in the movement to preach from charts on Revelations, John Vance, now living in Ca., also Reverend Mrs. Stevenson, later L. H. Morgan a health officer from Ill. and about 1911 W. F. Chappell and J. W. Lykens came to Morehead to preach for the first time. Later they both pastored and preached in Kentucky. Thomas Nelson, author of Home, Health and Success spoke in the 1911 campmeeting. He was probably the first family counselor in the Church of God. Before I leave the subject of preachers in Morehead, I would like to pay my respect to Brother Dan Holbrook. (Ed. note. his descendants are Harold and Robert Holdbrook of Morehead). Truly, Brother Holbrook was a great man, one who walked with God. Also there were Uncle Buddy and Uncle Henry Hall. I first heard them preach about 1907. I remember Worley Hall as teaching school at the time he entered the ministry.

① Jack Howard, who will be remembered by the old timers of Rowan County conducted a meeting in Morehead prior to 1898 using the Baptist Church. He was a great orator and debater and preached practically the same message as the Church of God Reformation Movement. It would not be too much of a venture for me to state that in his active days in the ministry he did not associate himself with the movement. His son Arthur was associated with us. Jack Howard preached so clearly against church joining, division, et cetera. One church in Morehead invited him to return and debate the subject with one of their able preachers. This challenge he accepted. His knowledge of truth and power persuasion was like a land slide, and could not be stopped or even slowed. After the 1898 revival service, Brother W. A. Sutherland returned to Morehead to hold meetings on different occasions. As a result of his ministry, the following people started preaching: Sam Mark, Zack Wright, Sister Staggs of Bronson, Wilson Ramey of Bluestone, Zack Tussey of Christy Creek, Richmond Tussey, and a Doctor Porter, Virgil P'Simer, and Tom Rose. Brother Sutherland could not give me the exact date of his grove meeting at Bronson or of the Brushey Fork meeting, but I would put the date 1901 or 1902.

There were ^{two} railroad men who brought messages in our services on different occasions. One from Ashland was named Johnson, the other by the name of Allen who was an engineer. Fields, a traveling man, also stopped off in Morehead and spoke in our services several times. Afterwards this man was elected to the State Legislature from Boyd County. In my evangelistic travels and attendance at camp meetings, I have met the following ministers from Rowan County: Wick Donahue, for many years pastor of the First Church in Portland, Oregon and missionary to Europe and Africa, Virgil Harom, O.L. Johnson from Haldemath, Allen Combs, Morehead, Harold Messer from Christy Creek, Luther Vanhoose, Grover Asbury, Ora Conn of Rodburn, Jessee Coldiron from Bronson and Chester Mark. Of these the last nine have all pastored in Indiana. I have already named some of these men as being saved in the first campmeeting. I now list them as being part time preachers around Morehead in the early days, some of whom continued in the ministry until their death. At this writing Samuel Mark, Peter Cassity, Zach Tussey, Zach Wright, Virgil P'Simer, Richmond Tussey, Doctor Porter, Captain Tom Rose, Wilson Ramey, Mrs. Staggs Hohhnie Donahue, Alex Patton are deceased.

Dr. J. W. Conley
Morehead

Other people who preached in the church and area were: Buddy and Henry Hall, Judge Albert Williams, Dan Holbreook, Worley Hall, Leslie Brown, W. H. Hunt, John P. Jones, Virgil Lyons, Harlan Cooper, Holly Crosthwaite. There are no doubt many others since 1914 which the writer has no definite knowledge off. From the indirect influence of the Morehead Church came such men a Charlie Dunnaway, H. Clay Dunnaway, Wick Donahue, Professor Gene Newberry and others. Under the preaching of Sutherland, Samuel Ford, French Jones and others meetings were held at Bronson, Brushey Fork and Bluestone. Then, with Brother T.F. Lyons and co-workers works were established after 1905 in Siloam, Salt Lick, Midland, Slatey Point, Hilda and Petersville in Lewis County. Attempts were made to start a work in Farmers, but were unsuccessful. I would like to include in the Morehead church circle of influence some local preachers and pastors from Morgan, Bath and Menifee County. There is some information to the effect that our message came to Mt. Sterling, Frenchburg, Scranton and Lee City through the old Camargo or Jeffersonville camp meeting. G.M. Byrd, W. T. Carter, John Watts, Clyde

Dennin and H.H. McClure preached in the territory mentioned probably about the same year as the tent meeting in Morehead. Edward Ellis, who is still living informed me that he conducted meetings in all these places somewhere near the year 1900. I believe it would be safe to state that Brother T.F. Lyons was converted in Mennifee County under the preaching of one of the above men.

② Campmeetings were held in Morehead in the early days on an average of every other year. The first being conducted in the Court House with J. N. Howard of Nappanee, Indiana as the evangelist. Littleton's Inn on the east side of the Court House as used for the boarding house. Other camp meetings were conducted in a large tent on the lot in back of the church. Gas was used for lighting the tent. One year for a boarding house we leased the People's Hotel on Railroad street; this hotel was temporarily closed as a hotel, so we had the use of all the equipment including the beds. This was probably the most comofrtable camp meeting dormitory the "Saints" in Kentucky every enjoyed. One camp meeting after Brother Lyons was pastor we secured the Cottage Hotel, directly across the Railroad tracks from the freight depot. This also made a comfortable camp meeting boarding house. In 1918 Joyce Meyers and her mother were evangelists for the meeting. At the age of fourteen, Joyce preached at an Anderson Campmeeting general service. Joyce and her sister Willa, her mother were the best singing Trio of the early days. Mr. Myers was postmaster at Louisville, Ky. In the year 1910 the campmeeting was conducted by W.A. Fleenor and Alex Kilpatrick. It was in this meeting that the decision was made to build an upper story on the home of Brother Lyons to be used as rooms for campmeetings. The 1914 Campmeeting was conducted by W.D. McCraw and W.A. Sutherland. Leslie Brown was converted in this meeting. Not long before this, W. D. McCraw had conducted a great revival in the church. Two girls name Fraley who had recently moved to Morehead were saved. They started visitation and personal work. Jesse Johnson, the local barber was gloriously saved and many people from Clearfield attended. Mr. Bardollar and a Mr. Mullins were also converted. People who had never attended church were saved in their homes, then came to church and gave witness to their

conversions. So great was the conviction on the community that Brother McCraw and Brother Lyons decided to forego the Anderson Campmeeting and continue with the meeting for a fourth week. This revival would compare favourably with the first tent meeting. Elijah Vanhooose, a soft spoken and kindly man conducted a very fruitful meeting one fall which was called an assembly meeting. There were many other outstanding meetings resulting in the salvation of souls. Many were saved under Brother Lyons preaching and visitation. Many Church of God people moved from Morehead during the period from 1905 to 1914. New Castle, Anderson, Indiana, Cincinnati, Portsmouth and Middletown, Ohio, Huntington, W. Va. and Ashland, Ky seemed to have claimed most of them. Some still attend church in the above named places. To complete this paper, I feel I should mention a few families who lived away from Morehead but faithfully attended and supported the Assemblies in the early days; Razor, Ralston, and Hackney families from Salt Lick, Marshall Wright from Brushey, Mrs. A. Crosthwaite, Licking River, Mrs. Lonnie Flannery, Siloam, Mrs. Oakley and daughter of Morgan County, Uncle Billie P'Simer, Hitchens, Ky., the Vanhooose family from Olive Hill, Mrs. Johnson, L & N Junction, Richardson brothers from Mt. Sterling and Willie Combs from Slatey Point.

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This statement may amaze the readers: Morehead had an established congregation before Ashland, Mt. Sterling, Lexington or Winchester. Sometimes a group was started only to give up. Some works were started three or four times before a congregation was established. The church at Morehead was never closed after its beginning with the first tent meeting in 1898. Sutherland and Long's evangelistic party conducted a tent meeting in Ashland before coming to Morehead. I also remember hearing the ministers talk of services conducted in the Mt. Sterling Court House before the Morehead tent meeting. These services were conducted by W. T. Carter and Associates. Actually, the first preaching of the Church of God in Kentucky was at a small place called Dodge, somewhere between Jeffersonville and L and N Junction. The evangelistic party was Carter, Kilpatrick and Howard. There were a few saints at L & N Junction and in Louisville predating the Morehead church. In all probability, the congregation in Morehead built the first Church of God church building in the state of Kentucky.

(Ed. Note. The above history by I.T. Mark is just as he recorded it and we do not know when it was written. At the end of the history we have attempted to list some of the descendants of the persons mentioned in Brother Mark's history. We hope you will trace some of them to your own relatives who may now worship in the Morehead First Church of God).

THE WORK CONTINUES.....

Under the influence of some of the ministers that held the tent meetings in Morehead, a young man from Menifee County was converted. Its possible some of these ministers traveled to adjoining counties for meetings in schools and homes. Rev. T.F. Lyons married Sarah Elizabeth Wells and with their children, Virgil (Ed. note

son Ronnie and wife worship in the congregation now) Jessie, Amanda, Hester, Nora and Deeda moved to Morehead from Bronson in 1908. They purchased property behind the white frame church, on Lyons Ave. (now where the Brad Collins family lives). Brother Lyons property extended from Lyons Ave. over to Oxley Branch (now Wilson Avenue) and was a pasture field. They built their house on the corner of Second and Lyons Ave. Much later Mrs. Sexton lived in the house and it was eventually torn down and replaced with the Collins home.

In 1908 Brother Lyons became pastor of the congregation. During this time many campmeetings and tent meetings were held. A tent would be placed on the church lot (now a parking lot). Some of the early ministers that held meetings were: W.A. Sutherland, W.P. Long, Willis Brown (father of C.E. Brown), J.N. Howard, Emma Myers, Alex Kirkpatrick, E. A. Fleenor, F.G. Smith, H.M. Riggle and W. D. McCraw to name a few. Many of these ministers were active in the Church of God movement with sons and daughters following them in the ministry.

The campmeetings and tent meetings were so well attended that in 1910 it was decided to add a second story to Brother Lyons home as well as screened porches to provide lodging and boarding for people attending the meetings. People came from surrounding congregations and communities by horseback, buggy, wagon and even walked. Some came by train from other towns. Brother Lyons provided pasture for the horses. Sometimes these meetings lasted several days. The men slept in the church building and the women and children slept in the upper story of the Lyons home. They brought their cloth bags to fill with straw for bedding on the floor. Visiting ministers were kept by some of the church folk and some had relatives in town that they stayed with.

Much of the food used in the meetings was brought in from farms and gardens. Many of the women helped in preparing it for the crowd. Mrs. Lyons did most of the cooking and of course the Lyons girls did most of the dishwashing (Hester and Nora have told us many stories about that). Some of the ladies pitched in and helped also.

When campmeeting time was over, everyone was anxious to return to their homes and to see how things had fared. One can image Mrs. Lyons and the girls were just as anxious for them to go. This was quite an endeavor, housing and feeding all these people. None the less, it was a great time of worship, preaching and singing. Many souls were saved during these meetings and the congregation today is reaping those efforts.

Brother Lyons was of the mindset that if souls were saved, that was pay enough for the efforts by not only his family but the entire congregation. Brother Lyons was not a complainer. In those days, tithing was not taught. His sustenance depended upon the free will offerings. As you can imagine many times these were not sufficient to pay the bills. Many times Brother Lyons would go to his friends at the Bank and borrow money to keep them going. These were not easy times for the Pastor and his family but God was faithful to those he entrusted to preach the gospel and somehow they

managed.

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3) Many of the congregations around Morehead and in surrounding counties owe their beginnings to converts of those first campmeeting and tent meetings. Many of the converts, mostly women, started having prayer meetings in the homes and school houses. Brother Lyons was a counselor, evangelist and burden bearer for the young churches. He went from congregation to congregation for revivals on horseback and most of the time not receiving much remuneration for this, except for the joy of seeing souls saved. Many people of eastern Kentucky are indebted for his preaching of the gospel which enabled them to find Jesus as Lord and Savior of their lives.

The weather was never too difficult or the night too dark for Brother Lyons to seek out the ones in need. Many were the calls that came. Many marvelous cases of healing followed his ministry. After many revivals and nights away from home there was not a cent to help with his own expenses. God always seemed to help him find a way. The rooms in the upper story of his home was used for students at the Morehead Normal School. Some were not able to pay much, but none was turned away.

Dan M. Holbrook was an excellent teacher at Morehead Normal School. He was a bible teacher and came to the congregation about this time. Also came Harry Mullins from Clearfield. He was the manager of the Lee Clay Products Company. Both of these men and their families were assets both spiritually and financially. They knew of the hardships Brother Lyons bore even though there was no complaining and always rejoicing when God's work was being done and souls were finding God. This writer (Vada Roberts Crosthwaite) was one of those souls.

Brother Lyons had held a ten day revival in the schoolhouse at Cogswell, Ky. (in the Scott's Marina area at Cave Run Lake). The congregation at Cogswell only had four christians but they kept Sunday School and prayer meeting going. They had such a burden to see souls saved. The last sermon had been preached and the last song had been sung to the last verse. One young girl led the way, then a group went to the altar. Of course, joy followed and he stayed for a night service. More souls were saved. On Monday morning, men went to the creek to cut the ice and Brother Lyons stood in ice water and baptized 17 people--the youngest being nine years and the oldest 75 years old. We walked almost 1/4 mile to change clothes. (evidently Sister Crosthwaite was the nine year old). Not one of these 17 took a cold. There was joy in that community. Sister Lyons was a faithful companion that stood by him, taking care of the family's needs and many of the needs of the congregation.

In 1924 Brother Lyons left the congregation and moved to Mt. Sterling where he pastored until 1926. He had the same type ministry in Mt. Sterling as he did Morehead, preaching, visiting and seeing souls saved.

Rev. R. C. Caudill came to Morehead as pastor. Brother Caudill was a forceful

preacher. His leadership was felt in the community. He later was pastor of one of the largest congregations in Middletown, Oh. His son was also pastor in Ohio and Ky. While Brother Caudill was pastor he saw the need to expand the church building so a basement was put under the white frame building and an extension on the back of the church. The Sunday school and congregation was growing, several people were converted and they needed more room.

During this time a young minister, Rev. Charles Richardson came to Morehead as a student and helper at the church. He stayed until 1927. He later pastored in Ky and Indiana.

In 1928 Brother Lyons was called back to the church as Pastor and stayed until 1941 when he died. His very soul was in the work of the church and his influence is very evident today. His picture hangs in the present church library. Many of the people in the congregation today began going to Sunday School while Brother Lyons was pastor.

As far as we know the Morehead congregation was the first in Kentucky to continue without interruption. Other congregations were started but difficulties arose making it hard for them to continue. Many of the people in the Morehead congregation moved away from Morehead looking for work. Most of them migrated to New Castle, Muncie and Anderson Indiana, Cincinnati, Portsmouth and Middletown, Oh., Ashland, Ky. and Huntington, W. Va. Most of them remained active in church works in those places.

The Morehead congregation received support from persons who had moved away but who had faithfully attended the campmeetings. Some were: Razor Ralson, Hackney Flannery Crosthwaite, Oakley Richardson and Combs just to name a few.

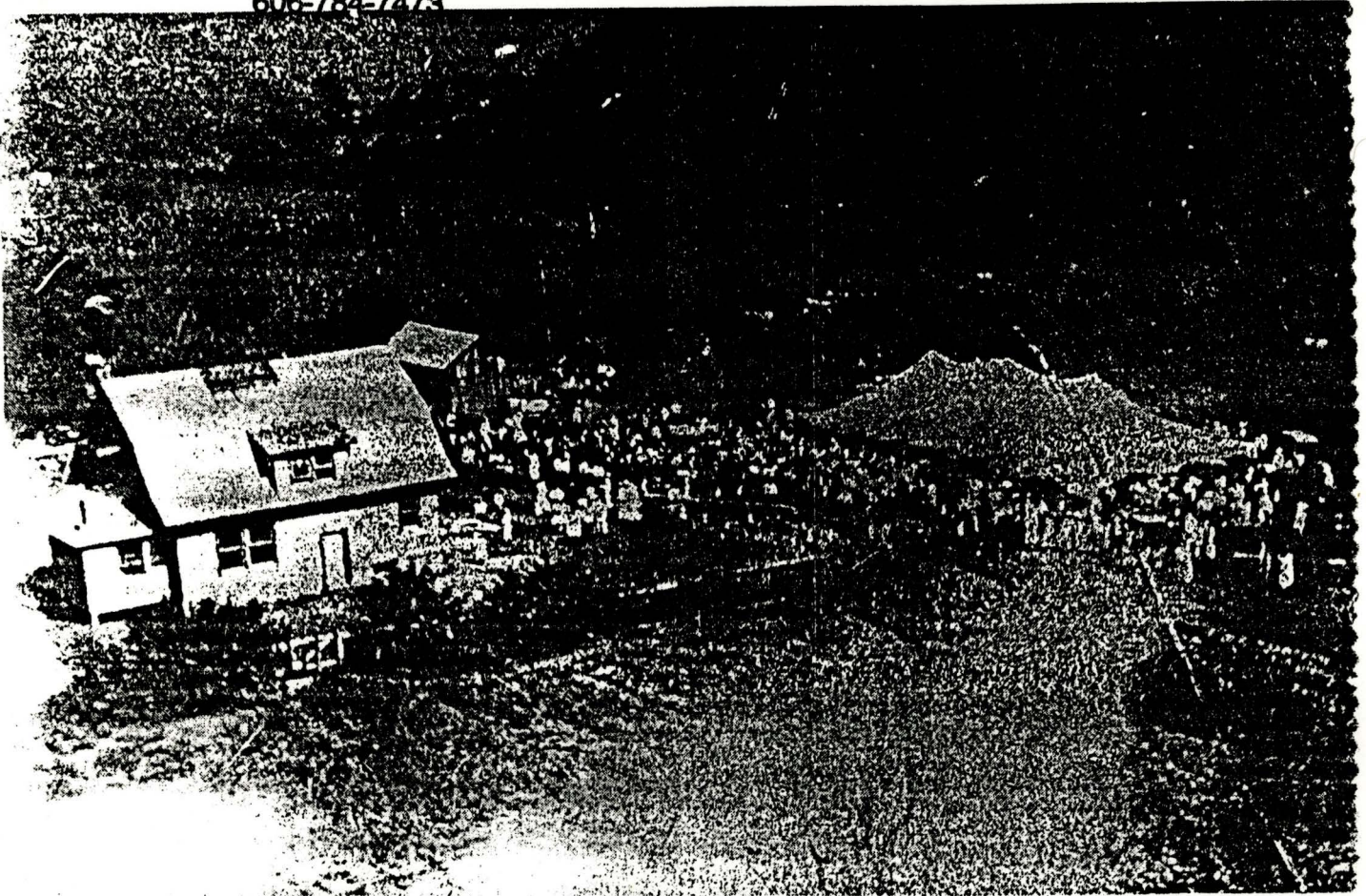
After the death of Brother Lyons the congregation turned to Rev. Ramah Johnson (Helen McBrayer's former husband), Rev. James Wade and Rev. Bill Moore for pastoral leadership. They kept the congregation going along with good leadership within the congregation. They began to see the need for larger and better facilities and began a building fund. They were successful in developing a working congregation and all went on to other pastorates. Bro. Bill Moore pastored the Clearfield congregation for several years until his death. Rev. Ramah Johnson pastored in Middletown, Ohio and in Kentucky until his death. Rev. James Wade pastored on the West Coast for several years.

By this time the town and college (now Morehead State Teachers College) was growing and the congregation knew they needed a young aggressive pastor to lead them and to help build new facilities. Such a person was Rev. Marvin L. Tate. He came from Rolla, Missouri in 1948. He was energetic and resourceful, active in the community in civic affairs and was a natural promoter of the church and its ministry. He led the church in an aggressive building fund campaign with help from church extension in Anderson,

Pastors that have served
THE MOREHEAD CHURCH OF GOD

- Marvin Tate
- John W. Corley
- Dale R. Whalen
- Gerald Eggleston
- Richard Wilson
- Mitchell Dunch
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The last tent meeting held at Scranton in Menifee County. 1917. (Author's Photos)

Early 1900's Were A Time Of Great Church Meetings

How The Church Of God Came To Menifee County

By Charles B. Gillespie - 1990

My earliest memories of going to church started in the year 1907. My great grandfather, Johnie (Pancake) Sorrell, spread the word he was going to preach at a little school house near the head of Leatherwood Creek (Menifee Co.) the following Sunday. This location was about four miles up the stream from where it emptied into Beaver Creek. So Dad and Mother, the four children, put on our Sunday clothes, hooked old (Mandy) to the

buggy to ride up the creek in style. About fifty yards up the road, old Mandy decided she didn't want to go to church, as Sunday was her day of rest.

She stopped, and all the slapping of limbs and using the whip didn't change her mind. There were some dead tree limbs along the side of the road, so Dad proceeded to break a few of them across her rump. All she did was rear up and fall backward between the shafts of the buggy. Finally got her out of the tangled harness, took her

back to the barn, harnessed the other horse, then proceeded on up the creek. We were a little late, but in time to hear the sermon by preacher Sorrell. He was nearing eighty years old, almost blind and someone had to read the scriptures for him, but didn't need any help in his preaching.

At this time there was no church house in this section of the county, so meetings were held in school houses or under the trees. The meetings were conducted by different preachers, Baptist, Methodist, Christian or others.

Whoever preached usually drew a large crowd, as people in the community liked to assemble together on any occasion.

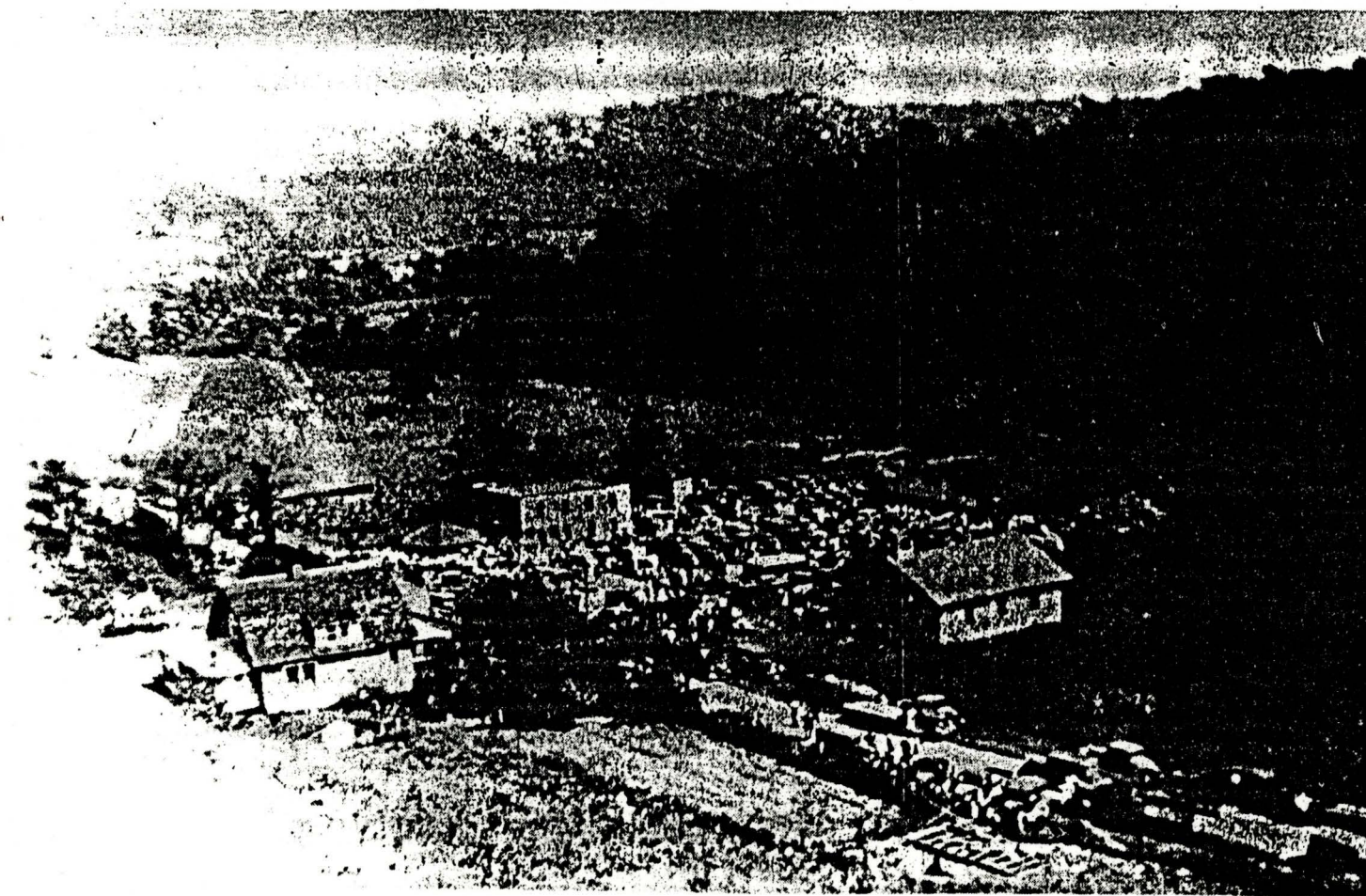
At this time, Yale was a very prosperous town. There were many people in the valley also, as the timber was being cut and hauled out by the railroad which extended up Beaver Creek past the mouth of Leatherwood to Scranton and Havanna. The next meeting I remember attending was at the Leatherwood School House, located at the mouth of

the creek near the railroad. The meeting took place about 1910, and was conducted by two preachers, one was called a singing Baptist. I was fascinated by the singing message, specifically the eleventh chapter of Matthew, verses 28-30:

Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest "My Brother." Take my yoke upon you and learn of me. For I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls, for my yoke is easy and my burden is light "My Brother." Sounded real good, but not very convincing, but he did have a very pleasant smile all through the service.

My grandparents belonged to the Methodist Church, which they had joined many years before when circuit riding preachers came through the community, preaching in school houses or whatever facility that was available, as there were very few church houses in the county.

About 1908 a neighbor G.A. (Albert) Williams, who was also supervisor on the Beaver



Menifee County camp meeting held in 1932 at the first Tabernacle which was built in 1918.

The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church. --Tertullian.

section of the Licking Valley Railroad, came in contact with a new movement called the Church of God, which was located at Morehead, Ky., the Rev. T.F. (Turner) Lyons being the pastor. He attended a revival there, where they were preaching that you must be born again, also saved and sanctified and live a holy life for our Lord Jesus Christ. He got saved in the revival which changed his way of life.

The movement also believed in divine healing, and abstaining from all appearance of evil, also with a different outlook on the Book of Revelations, and preaching that the Kingdom of God is within you. They also preached putting away the habits that had bound the people through the years, such as smoking, chewing tobacco, drinking coffee, whiskey and any other bad habit they might have. Even stopped wearing neck ties for awhile.

It was easy to see why this new religion, (sometimes called the comeouters) caused such a commotion. One fellow said he knew it was wrong to wear ties because the Bible said to bring all of your ties into the storehouse.

Brother Albert Williams, now pretty well established in this new movement, decided in the fall of 1912, to promote a revival to further the knowledge of this new religion and give the people in the community a chance to change their way of living. He contacted Rev. T. F. (Turner) Lyons of the Morehead Church of God, also Professor Holbrook, of the Morehead College, who was a very devout Christian. They agreed to come to the county, and conduct a two weeks' meeting in the schoolhouse at the mouth of Leatherwood Creek, located about two miles up Beaver Creek from the town of Yale, Ky.

This meeting was a great success, with much excitement about this new religion coming into the community. There were many people "saved" in this meeting, including my parents and W. H. Hunt, teacher of the Buckcreek School, near Yale. He later became a great preacher in the movement. He pastored churches at Lexington, Ky. and Hamilton, Ohio, before going to Anderson, Indiana, Headquarters of the Church, where he became President of Church Extension and Home Missions, a position he held in the Church of God for many years.

Uncle Charlie Carpenter was also converted in this meeting. He was a firm believer in divine healing. He was called many times to pray for the sick. One night, possibly after he had gone to bed,

he had a premonition that a neighbor was sick, so he arose, got his lantern and walked to his home where he found him in very bad condition. So he proceeded to pray for the man, who recovered very quickly.

John C. Williams, brother of Rev. Albert Williams was converted in this meeting also.

After the fall revival of 1912, cottage prayer meetings were held in different homes through the winter with great success.

After another revival in the spring of 1913 Sunday School was organized to be held in the schoolhouse each Sunday, also prayer meetings each Friday night. Many people quit their bad habits. It was almost amusing to see the old coffee drinkers, trying other means of washing their faces down. Bro. W. H. Hunt never stopped wearing his tie, which caused some criticism, but it was not very long until others began to wear them again.

During the summer of 1913, John C. Williams felt the call to preach, so he, with other converts to the new religion, started making plans for a campmeeting to be held in the summer of 1914. As there was no building in the valley large enough to take care of the crowds that were expected, a large tent was purchased.

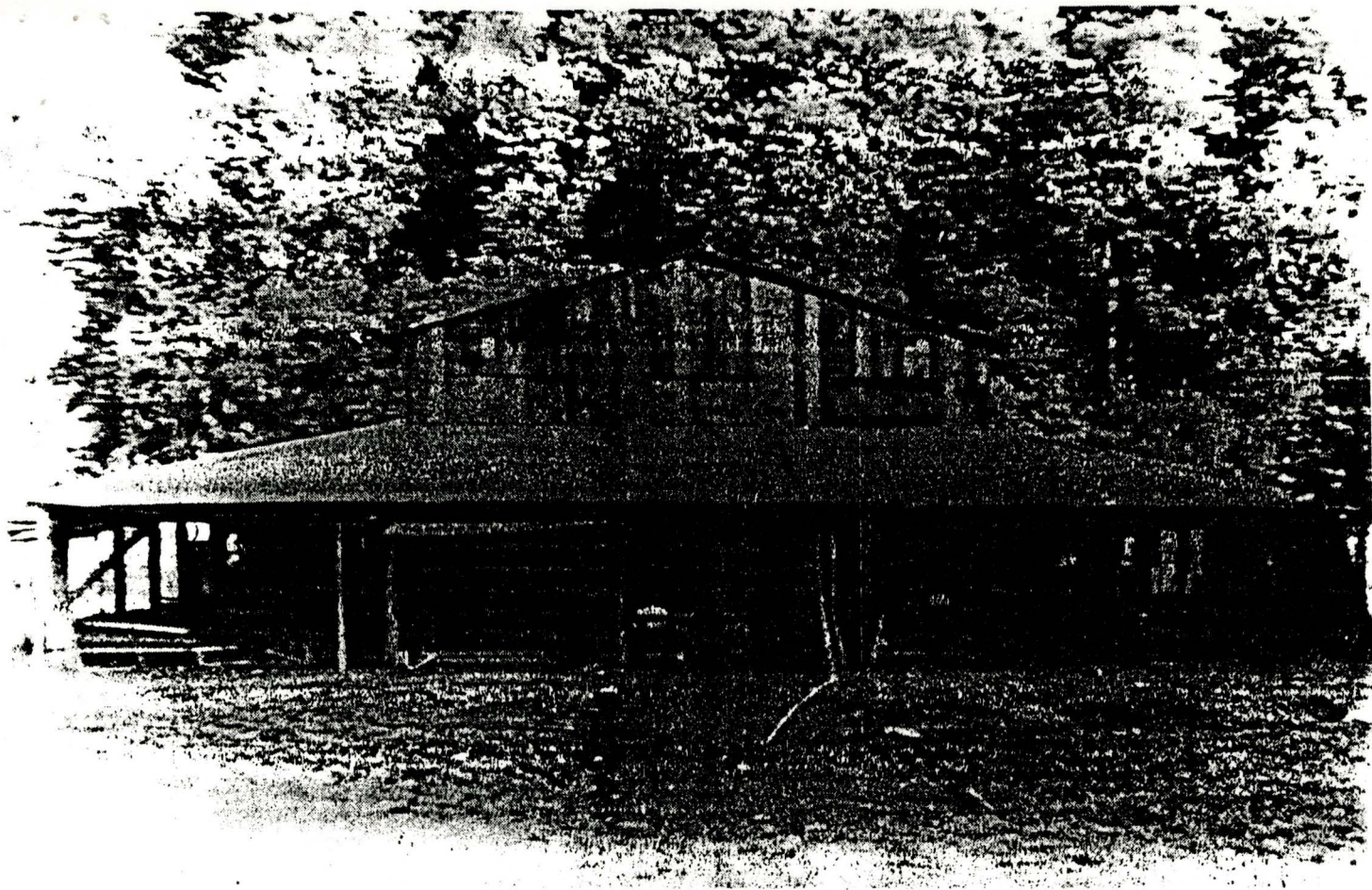
In July of 1914 the first campmeeting in this part of Kentucky took place on the old Greenwade farm, now owned by William Whitt. This was also the farm where the Beaver Valley Iron Works was located, long out of operation. The Licking Valley Railroad had pulled out the year before leaving the little town of Scranton almost deserted. The tent was raised across the road from the old log house, where some apple trees were, providing some shade near the tent.

Some people, up and down the valley, came to the campmeeting to stay all week, getting rooms at Scranton, or camping nearby, so they could be at all services, which were held at 10:00 a.m. 2:00 and 6:00 p.m.

Uncle Billy Wells, with his son Raymond put up a shelter or road side stand, a short distance down the road from the big tent where could be bought candy, sandwiches and lemonade, along with other things. I can still remember very clearly Raymond calling out, "Ice cold lemonade, sheep meat and mutton."

Our farm was located seven miles down

In 1879 Kentucky's coal industry recorded its first million-ton year; in 1920, 39 million tons.



The last tabernacle as it appeared in 1950.

Beaver, at Buckcreek. So Mother obtained a room from her brother, Farmer Sorrell, living at Scranton, took the two girls and my baby brother to the campmeeting for the week, so they could attend all of the services, leaving my Dad, older brother and myself, to take care of the farm. We planned to join them later in the week.

One afternoon while the service was in progress, one of those July thunderstorms came up. High winds and wet ground caused the stakes holding the tent to pull up and the tent fell to the ground. One of the center poles came down by the side of Mother, holding my two-year-old brother. The Lord protected all that were under the tent, as no one was injured.

The meeting of 1914 was a success. When it was over, plans were made for the second campmeeting, which was held during the summer of 1915. The location that year, was about two hundred yards up Slab Camp Branch from Scranton. People

came from every direction to attend the meeting, up from Beaver Creek, Betty Gap Ridge, Myers Fork and other places. Many more people came than the year before.

The meeting that year started on Friday night and extended through two weekends, attracting very large crowds, especially on Saturday and Sunday. The campmeeting was also a good place for the young lads to go "sparking the girls". There were many courtships started at these meetings. Also many people were converted to Christianity, as this movement was spreading very rapidly.

Whiskey always made its appearance at any kind of a gathering here in the hills, and the campmeeting was not exception. A young fellow got too much of the mountain dew, and passed out cold. A crowd of people gathered around, a couple of fellows picked him up, carried him to a nearby house to sober him up.

Virtue, though in rags, will keep me warm. --Dryden.

After that meeting was over, W. H. Hunt, teacher at the Buckcreek School, started having prayer meetings at the school house each Wednesday night, our family started attending there as it was much closer to our home. One night when the service was getting in high gear, my three-year-old brother, before we could stop him, jumped upon a seat, flopped his arms against his sides and crowded like a rooster, which almost broke up the service.

Dot Hill's Dad George Archer
 The campmeeting for 1916 was at the farm of Rev. G. A. Williams located about five miles down Beaver from Scranton, near the mouth of Leatherwood. One of the speakers at this meeting was a fellow from India who had been converted and established in the Church of God.

Silas Sorrell of Scranton, better known as (Uncle Si), well liked by everyone in the community, attended most of these services. Along toward the end of the year, after the long horseback ride home, he sat down and started to tell his wife about the little speaker from India. During the conversation, he suffered a heart attack and died, a good man and a great loss to the community.

After this meeting was over, the people of the church, seeing the need for a permanent place to worship, got together and planned to build a church house across the road from the home of Rev. John C. Williams, who had been holding services in the school house for the last year or two.

Brother Williams set aside about three acres of land for the church, the first Church of God to be built, and also a permanent place for the campmeeting each year, beginning the next year of 1917.

The church house was built by the summer of 1917, but the campmeeting was still held under the tent that year. Before the next year, a Tabernacle was built, which housed the campmeetings for the next fifty years. This also was homecoming for a lot of people, who each year planned to come back home for the campmeeting.

A church was later built on the farm of Bro. All Craig near Frenchburg, Ky. This church was called the Hilltop Church of God. One was also built at Buckcreek, near the town of Yale which existed until the Cave Run Dam forced it to close in 1968.

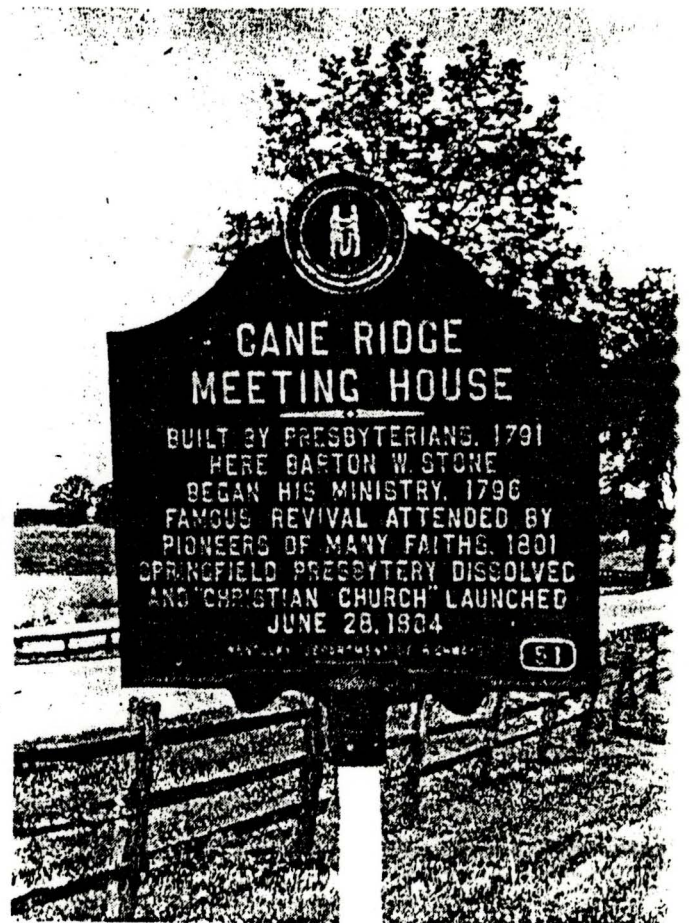
Along about the time the church was built at Buckcreek, three of the Brethren got together

and bought a sawmill, so they could saw the logs on their farms, and for their neighbors also. All three Rev. John Williams, J.M. Ingram and Joe All Donothan, had very little hair on top of their heads so the outfit was good-naturedly called, "The Bald Head Lumber Co."

After the Scranton campmeeting had been in existence a few years, the Camargo Church of God, seeing the success of the campmeeting at Scranton, decided to start one there. Rev. W. F. Chappell, Pastor of the Church, and the members, proceeded to build a tabernacle, so thus was born the Camargo Campmeeting, which is still held each year starting the last Friday in July.

Rev. Albert Williams passed away many years ago. Rev. John C. Williams pastored the church at Scranton for about forty years before passing on to the great reward, awaiting all of us if we do the will of God:

Bro. Williams, also preached in the Hilltop



The great camp meetings at Cane Ridge in Bourbon County nearly 200 years ago brought a great revival to the land.

and Buckcreek Church part of the time. Those three churches were the only places for worship in the valley for many years. Through the years, from 1914 until 1969, some of the most prominent preachers in the movement were called upon to preach at the Scranton Campmeeting each summer. Some of them were: M.K. Rimmer, M.A. Monday, Boyce Blackwelder, Charles Richardson, Herschal Rice, W.D. Woosley, Z. A. Horton, Roy Dennis and W. H. Hunt. There were also many others.

Since the Cave Run Lake has covered the old camp ground, there is still a one day Homecoming each year, on the Saturday before Labor Day. This takes place about where the second campmeeting was located in 1915 on Slab Camp Branch. The old Scranton store and post office building have been moved to this spot.

The Church of God movement has now spread all over Kentucky with 136 churches, about eleven thousand members, and church property valued at more than \$25,000,000.00 dollars.

The building of the dam, creating the Cave Run Lake, forced everything, from Scranton down the valley to move, including the church at Buckcreek and at Cogswell on the Licking River. Everything is now just a sad memory for the people that were born and raised in the valley. The church at Morehead, where Rev. T. F. Lyons was pastor, is now one of the largest congregations in the state.

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A Kentucky Landmark



Restored to its former greatness is the Morgan House in Lexington. Home to the wealthy Morgan family, most noted John Hunt Morgan, the Rebel raider, this great house offers a nice look back to the days of wealth in old Kentucky.

INFORMATION SHEET

First Church #1648

IN SURVEY THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PERTINENT:

78 Families completed questionnaires

Age Bracket as follows:

- 22% are 0-12 years old
- 12% are 13-18 years old
- 5% are 19-22 years old
- 22% are 23-35 years old
- 12% are 36-45 years old
- 13% are 45-65 years old
- 7% are 65 and over

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We have 110 persons who support the church budget on a regular basis.

The Income to basic budget for the first 6 months of 1984 is \$96,311.14.

Per captia giving on a regular basis is \$875.55

43% of our people live less than 2 miles from our present facility

57% of our people live over 2 miles from our present facility

PROJECTED COST OF BUILDING

PLAN A.....including remodeling of present Sanctuary & Lyons Chapel for Sunday School rooms.....	\$ 350,000.00
PLAN B.....Land, approximately 8 acres.....	-0-
Building, Stage 1.....	\$ 550,000.00
LESS SALE OF PRESENT FACILITIES, APPROXIMATE RE-SALE.....	- 300,000.00
NET COST TO RELOCATE,.Building.Stage.I.....	250,000.00

(Architectural Fees are not included in either plan)

Examples of Financing:

\$300,000 at 13% Interest for 5 years.....monthly payment,.....	\$ 6,825.00
\$300,000 at 13% interest for 10 years.....monthly payment.....	\$ 4,479.00
\$200,000 at 13% Interest for 5 years.....monthly payment.....	\$ 4,550.00
\$200,000 at 13% Interest for 10 years.....monthly payment.....	\$ 2,986.00
\$200,000 at 13% interest for 15 years.....monthly payment.....	\$ 2,530.00
\$200,000 at 13% interest for 20 years.....monthly payment.....	\$ 2,343.00

On August 1, 1984, we have approximately \$40,000 on Certificate of Deposit

PLAN A

The following is a recommendation of Church Building contractors using presently owned properties; which will have to meet requirements of State Fire and Health Codes.

1. Use present parking facilities which are upper and lower lots, approximately 140 spaces.
2. Construct a new sanctuary with a basement. Basement to be used for fellowship/ limited recreation (such as Lyon's Chapel is now used for) and Sunday School rooms, if needed.
3. This building is to contain approximately 12,000 sq. ft. Sanctuary to seat a maximum of 500; fellowship area for 300-350 with kitchen facilities.
4. Use present entrance plus one on the Sun Street basement level with off-street covered entry.
5. Install elevator for elderly and handicapped.
6. Convert present sanctuary into offices, library, nurseries, enlarge present Narthex and new restroom facilities.
7. Convert Lyon's Chapel and present office space into Sunday School rooms and restroom facilities.

PLAN B

Relocate on approximately 8 acres of donated, usable flat land, located adjacent to I-64 behind Peoples Branch Bank and Shell Service Station.

Construction to be in two stages:

Stage I : Construct a sanctuary of 500 seating capacity; an educational facility to accommodate 300; and a fellowship area that is capable of being used as Sunday School rooms. Fellowship area to be constructed in a manner that will allow for future expansion.

Approximately 14,000 sq. ft. on a one-level plan. No stairways, no elevators, no basement.

Stage II : (Approximately 2-5 years in the future.)

Expand the fellowship area to include a recreation facility according to need.

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE MOREHEAD, KENTUCKY CHURCH OF GOD

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The freight train pulled into Morehead on a beautiful summer morning, July 3, 1898. As usual the whistle announced the arrival of the train; this announcement was repeated by the echo of the whistle sounding again and again in the narrow valley. The cars were spotted as usual for the unloading of freight: the unusual was part of the cargo--a gospel tent. Some strangers who had arrived on an earlier passenger train claimed the tent and proceeded to set it up on the east corner of Main and Bishop Streets. The men sang stirring religious songs as the tent was raised; their voices could be heard all over the village. People gathered out of curiosity; many questions were asked and many questions answered regarding the use of the tent. The news spread in all directions: "The Saints have arrived in Morehead."

My father owned and operated a general store where the Morehead Mercantile Building now stands. The chief topic of conversation in the store was the tent meeting. My mother and family attended the first service and my oldest brother, Milton, was the first convert. Returning home after the service, mother brought three or four of the preachers and their wives with her to abide. Mrs. Dee Sims and my mother were saved the same night.

An ordinance service was announced for Saturday evening. Many gathered for this service; the tent walls were well staked down, and a partition was put up inside the tent, the women occupying one side of the tent and the men the other side. (This was different from what the public expected.) The service was conducted with decorum; after a season of prayer the restless crowd on the outside of the tent quieted down. The town marshall sent the few rowdy ones on their way. Following the ordinance, the opportunity was given for the testimony and exhortation, then the altar call; many sought the Lord. On this Saturday evening, two sisters attending school in Morehead were saved. It was through their efforts that the church was started in Petersville, Kentucky. The following names are of the many other people saved in this first meeting: Cora Wilson Stewart; Captain Tom Rose, lawyer; Mr. J.H. Ruley, businessman; Boone Mark, merchant; Mrs. Jack Sexton and daughter Eva (Mrs. John Allen); Aunt Vina Ellington, nurse; Mrs. Betty Littleton; Mrs. Coffee; Mrs. Powers; Elijah Durham, teacher; Mrs. Hiram Bradley; Mrs. Conn; many from the Morehead Normal School. From Bronson were Zack Wright; Wilson Ramey; Ida Westcott; Mrs. Skaggs; Sam Mark and family; Frank Prather, wife, and mother. People attended from Rodburn to Bluestone, from Brushy Fork to Clack Mountain.

After the close of this tent meeting, services were held in our home. Miss Lena Cecil was the first pastor. Judge Allie Young and Judge Bill Young, who were deeply affected by the meeting and befriended the new church, secured the courthouse in which to conduct our services. Allie Young gave the lot and Bill Young a cash donation for the erection of the

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Early Church History by I.T. Mark
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old church which was built in 1900. Mrs. Dee Sims and Mrs. Alice Mark solicited donations for the building fund. The Church of God never worshipped in the old Union Church as some believed. The Union Church was before 1898; by 1898 the Methodist, Baptist, and Christian Church owned their own buildings in about the same location as now. Some ministers active in the first revival were as follows: the main speakers, W.P. Long and W.A. Southerland from Greenville, Tennessee; Miss Cecil, Henry Dunnigan, French Jones, and Clyde Dennis. The first pastor (or leader as they were then called) was Miss Cecil; the second was Henry Dunnigan. Coming to Morehead from Lee City, Kentucky, he lived at Bronson on my father's farm at the old Markwell place. The third pastor was Samuel Ford who in 1903 lived at Bronson, directly across the cut on the old Evans place.

Reverend Lyons came to Bronson in the year 1905 and purchased a farm from my mother, then moved to Morehead about 1907. He again bought property from my mother located just back of the church.

There were a number of well-known ministers who conducted revivals and campmeetings between 1898 and 1914. Some campmeetings were conducted in a tent in back of the church, some were conducted in the courthouse. The tent was lighted with gasoline lights. Revivals or assembly meetings as they were generally called were held in the church building, but sometimes moved to the courthouse for more room.

In the year 1910, the campmeeting was conducted by W.A. Fleenor and Alex Kilpatrick. It was in this meeting that the decision was made to build an upper story on the home of Brother Lyons to be used as rooms for campmeetings. The 1914 campmeeting was conducted by W.D. McCraw and W.A. Sutherland. Not long before this, W.D. McCraw had conducted a great revival in the church. Two girls named Fraley who had recently moved to Morehead were saved. They started visitation and personal work. Jesse Johnson, the local barber, was gloriously saved and many people from Clearfield attended. People who had never attended church were saved in their homes, then came to church and gave witness to their conversion. So great was the conviction on the community that Brother McCraw and Brother Lyons decided to forego the Anderson Campmeeting and continue the meeting for a fourth week. This revival would compare favourably with the first tent meeting.

This statement may amaze the readers: Morehead had an established congregation before Ashland, Mt. Sterling, Lexington, or Winchester. The church at Morehead was never closed after its beginning with the first tent meeting. In all probability, the congregation in Morehead built the first Church of God church building in the state.

Morehead First Church of God 1898-1998

100 years in Morehead — Part I

(Editor's Note: This is the final article in a series written about the origin of churches in Morehead. Part II will appear next week.)

By Jack D. Ellis

"Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy ghost." (Matthew 28:10)

The Formative Years

In 1893, J.N. (Jack) Howard of Nappanee, Ind. inspired by these words of Jesus, came to preach the gospel. He was thought to be the first Church of God preacher to conduct revival services in Morehead. He was a great orator and a nationally recognized fiery evangelist, whose winsome messages attracted responsive listeners wherever he went.

Morehead was no different as he began holding revival services in the old courthouse. God was indeed in these services, as many local citizens were won to Christ and soon the courthouse would not hold the overflow crowds. (The flame of faith was glowing brightly in the town.)

Brother Howard began looking for another place to hold services. The only other churches in town were the Union and the Baptists. The Union Church was being renovated, so he asked the leadership of the Baptist Church if they would allow the revival to continue in their church.

But after some debate the leaders of the Baptist Church refused to allow Mr. Howard to continue the revival in their church. This was a deterrent to Brother Howard, but he was determined to continue to preach in the courthouse.

Colonel Alderson Intervenes

It was at this time that prominent local businessman Warren M. Alderson (this writer's great-great grandfather), heard of the situation. Since he had heard of Brother Howard's dilemma, he wanted to help. He sent word to the preacher the next day to come by his store at 6 p.m.

Warren also asked the local Baptist Church leaders to come to his store at 6 p.m. So when they all arrived that evening, he closed his store and told those assembled he wanted to say something. He arose and said: "Friends, this man of God has been persecuted since he came to our community, and he needs a place to preach. Now I'm asking that you allow him to preach in your church and if you don't let him preach in your church, 'by gum' I'll foreclose on your mortgage. He preached in their church.

Sowing Seeds by Prayer and Faith

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one morning and found him under a giant oak tree praying fervently for the people of Morehead.

Brother Howard is credited with planting the seeds of the great Church of God Reformation Movement in Morehead. But he was followed by Brother W.A. Sutherland, Edward Ellis and many others who kept fanning the flame of faith that would eventually glow brightly into the Church of God.

Rowan County was Booming

In 1898 Morehead was widely known as "the City of the Hills." It was a busy trading center, strategically located half way between Lexington and Ashland on the C&O Railroad.

The chief industry was lumber and stone products. It was considered a beautiful mountain town with a population of 1,200, with great potential for growth. It had an active commercial club with dynamic leadership, and Morehead and Rowan County

were booming.

Farmers was shipping more freight tonnage (lumber, stone) than any place on the C&O between Louisville and Ashland. Bronson, located three miles west of Morehead had a lumber yard with a payroll of \$6,000 per month. Rodburn had one of the largest lumber mills in the country, employing between 300-500 men.

Morehead was a raw frontier town with five saloons. But it also had nine lawyers, (needed probably because of the five saloons), five doctors, two drug stores, and five hotels. There were three churches in town, and they were about to become four.

While the citizens of Morehead were making plans to celebrate the 4th of July holiday with bands, speech making, eating and drinking, God was preparing them for a great revival.

Saints Arrive with a Tent

The Rev. I.T. Mark, a pioneer Church of God minister from Morehead, tells us that it was

on a beautiful summer morning (July 3, 1898) that the Morehead Church of God was established in Morehead.

It has continued to lift up Christ in the community to this day. It was even as a giant gospel tent was unloaded from a freight car on the siding near Bishop Avenue that the revival began. Several strange men who had arrived earlier, met the freight train and began unloading the tent, and began to sing the old gospel songs as they worked. These men sang beautiful harmony as they proceeded to set the large tent up at the east corner of Main at Bishop Avenue. The great old hymns of the church reverberated throughout this valley as the tent was raised. Their voices could be heard all over the village.

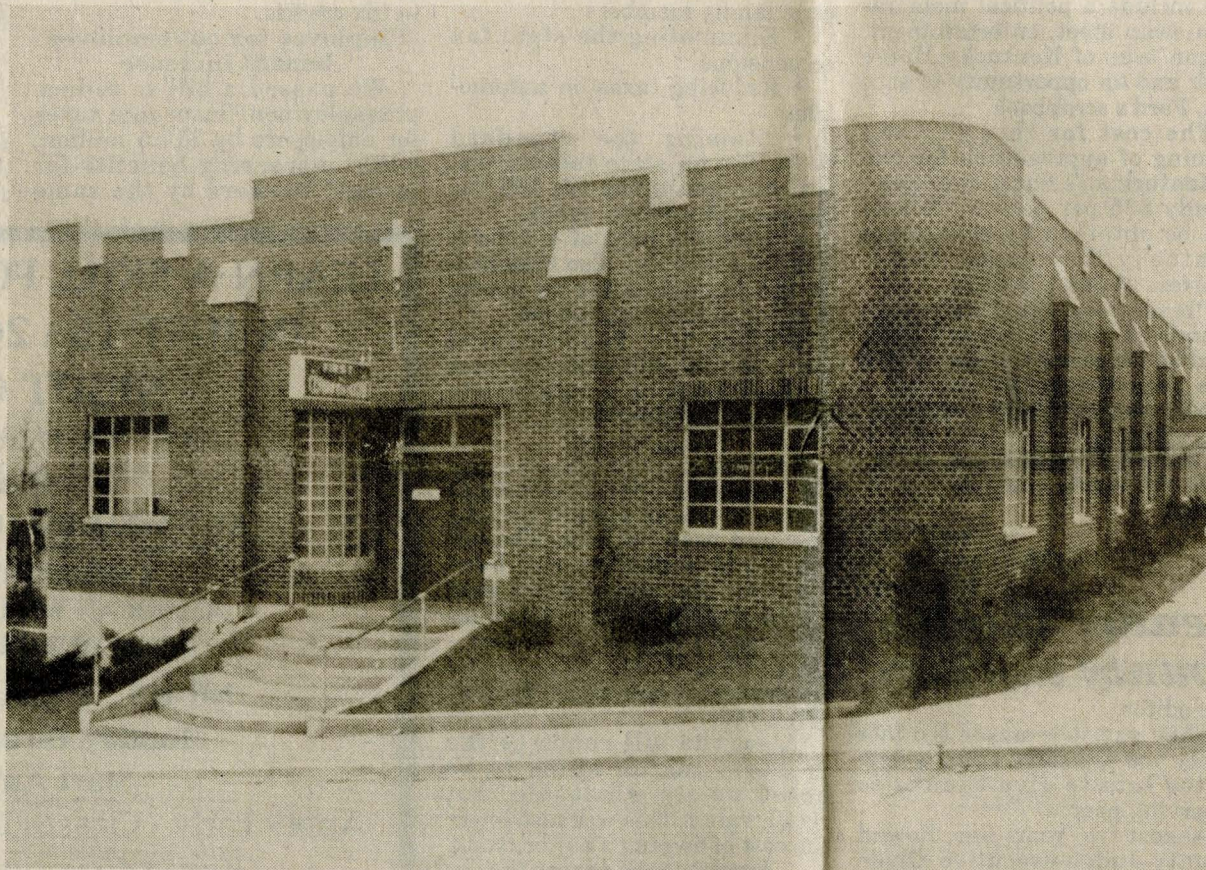
These men also would stop work on the tents to occasionally witness to what God had done in their lives. The townspeople were curious, and they gathered around to watch the tent go up

and listen to the beautiful singing and personal testimonies of faith. Someone remarked that indeed the "Saints had arrived in Morehead." This was a name that stuck, because for many years

the Church of God would called the "Saints Church," and where it was eventually located became known as the "Saints Church Hill." (North Hargis Avenue).

(Special thanks to Betty Lewis and Virginia Reynolds for their help in preparing this article.)

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The Morehead First Church of God congregation celebrated Rowan County's Centennial in 1956. Today's congregation will mark its Centennial July 2-5. How many faces do you recognize?



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Coming next week: Part II

Morehead First Church of God 1898-1998

100 years in Morehead Part II

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Early Church Separated Men and Women

Services began on Saturday evening with an ordinance service. There was a partition in the middle of the tent separating the men and women. This was done because it was to be a service of laying on of hands, and ordaining those who would lead and preach. Many gathered for this service, but it was not what they expected. The service was conducted quietly and reverently with beautiful singing and testimonies.

Several troublemakers tried to break up the service, but the town Marshall sent them on their way. Next came witnessing, exhortation and an altar call. Among those who accepted Christ that night were two sisters attending the Morehead Normal School. This great revival was led by Miss Lena Cecil (who would become the first Pastor, or Leader as they were called.) Also the Rev. W.A. Sutherland from South Carolina and the Rev. Edward Ellis of Decatur, Mich. were among the preachers who led the services.

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As the building fund grew, and with the gift of land, a new church building was planned on Sun Street at North Hargis Avenue. Two years later a small boxed, unpainted building was completed, and in 1900 the congregation began meeting in their own building.

It was the same year their first pastor Miss Lena Cecil moved to California and married a Mr. Carpenter. She remained active in the Church of God movement throughout her lifetime.

Brother Henry Dunnigan was the second pastor and he remained until 1903 and was followed by Samuel Ford, a pioneer Church of God preacher. Brother Ford moved and in 1905, the small congregation of about a dozen faithful followers called Reverend T.F. Lyons to become their Pastor. Brother Lyons would be used by God to make profound changes in the First Church of God in Morehead and throughout Kentucky.

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But God would use this beloved Pastor to build a great congregation at the Morehead First Church of God. He would also use Brother Lyons as his instrument in building dozens of churches in Rowan County and Eastern Kentucky. He was a great evangelist and people responded to his messages of love and forgiveness. His home was a haven for the hungry and homeless.

Many of the citizens of Morehead who did not want to be "bothered" by the hungry and homeless would send them to Brother Lyons' home. He never turned anyone away. He was poor in the eyes of the world but rich in God's eyes. His rich legacy continues today.

From the first revival in 1893, and the great tent meeting of 1898, when the first Church of God in Morehead was founded the church continues to grow. It has been blessed by God with great spiritual leaders and laity. The Book of Acts tells us that it was at Antioch that the people of God were first called Christians, it was in Morehead

that the First Church of God members were first called Saints.

As they prepare for their centennial celebration July 2-5 the Morehead First Church of God has gone through several building programs:

100 Years of Building

1900 — White weather boarded church on Sun Street and Hargis Avenue. (When this building was torn down 48 years later, the women's missionary Society sold souvenir nails to help pay for the new building.

1947 — Built a parsonage beside the old white church.

1948 — Brick church on the corner of Second Street and Hargis Avenue. (Called Lyons Chapel). Now owned by St. Claire Medical Center.

1948 — Razed old building built in 1900.

1960 — Brick Cathedral back on the corner of Sun Street and Hargis Avenue. Now owned by St. Claire Medical Center.

1981 — Beautiful rounded Cathedral of Worship on Sunset Drive (behind Wal-Mart).

1998 — Began construction on the Rowan County Christian Academy on Sunset Drive.

Also located on Sunset Drive is the First Church of God's Rowan County Christian Academy which began major construction of a Christian School this year. This project has tremendous community support, and will prove to be an asset to the total community.

God has blessed this church in the past 100 years. In addition to great preachers, there have been scores of dedicated Sunday School teachers and dozens of great Christian lay-

men that have influenced each generation. It has grown from the small church with 12 members in 1898 to a lovely cathedral with a seating capacity of 800 and average Sunday morning attendance of 350.

The people of the first Church of God realize they have been blessed by God with a rich heritage, and they are determined to keep the flame of faith burning brightly. With God's help they are determined to grow not only in bricks and mortar, but in grace, love, and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

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First Building Was 1900

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