

Centennial Celebration of the Sanctuary



October 5, 2003

**CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE SANCTUARY
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
PRAIRIE GROVE, ARKANSAS
OCTOBER 5, 2003**

The First United Methodist Church in Prairie Grove was originally known as the Prairie Grove Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The History of Benton, Washington, Carroll, Madison, Crawford, Franklin, and Sebastian Counties, Arkansas published by the Goodspeed Publishing Company in 1889, records that prior to its organization in 1869 our church was for several years an appointment of the Cane Hill Circuit and services were held in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The newly-created Prairie Grove Circuit included the Sulphur Springs Methodist Episcopal Church (circa 1850) "about five miles south of Prairie Grove" which lists John Mock and wife among its original members. This same John Mock is also listed as a founding member of the Prairie Grove church. Others in the Prairie Grove Circuit were the Illinois Chapel Class, three miles east of Prairie Grove (probably organized as early as 1842); Viney Grove Methodist Episcopal Church, South (1853), which had among the 8 founding members Thomas West, Armind West, James West and Jetta West; and the Stonewall Class (1887) which held its services "in a school-house three miles west of Prairie Grove."

The site for our church was deeded to the trustees by James and Lucy Neal and his mother, Signail Buchanan, on September 4, 1879. A wooden building was erected in 1880 at a cost of \$1,500 and dedicated in 1881. Eight years later, John Mock, S.E. Rogers and Julia A. Rogers deeded to the trustees land just south of the first property. A building on the second property was used as a parsonage until the present parsonage was willed to the church trustees in 1908 by B. H. Harrison in memory of his wife.

The History of the First United Methodist Church by George E. Wiswell in 1986, which includes information gathered by Fred Carlisle and J. Ed Rogers in 1966, notes that a new church building was constructed in 1903 after the old church was razed. The name on the cornerstone reads Wesleyan Methodist Church; this was changed to the Methodist Church at the Prairie Grove conference on May 28, 1950. The building was constructed mostly by church members and local labor. The bricks were manufactured by the Terpening Tile Factory, located near the Illinois River east of Prairie Grove, and were hauled by teams and wagons. Church members M.A. Dorman, C.E. Woolverton and J. Ed Rogers furnished two teams, which hauled 600 bricks per load, "and 'it took a pretty good team' to ford the river and come up the Pittman hill. Some loads required a double team."

Subsequent additions to the 1903 building include the Fellowship Hall and Educational Building in 1932. The upper floor houses Sunday School classrooms, and in early years the Fellowship Hall was equipped with a stage and velvet curtains which were removed in the late 1960's in order to enlarge the kitchen. The Mock Annex on the north side was added in 1953. In 1965 an addition was constructed south of the Fellowship Hall as a chapel; the space is now used as a teen room, nursery and classroom.

The original steeple and bell tower in 1903 held a 500-pound brass bell with an interesting history. It was given to the church by E. H. Dorman, Joyce Dorman Cunningham's grandfather, who emigrated to the United States from England. The bell is embossed "Rumsey Mfg. Co., St. Louis, Mo., 1883." After years of weathering and deterioration, the original steeple was removed and church was without a steeple until 1960 when, as a gift of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Thompson, another steeple of different design was built in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Zellner. In 1986, funds were provided by Herman Franklin Thompson and his wife to construct a new steeple patterned after the 1903 original. It was given in memory of his parents, Mack and Julia Thompson, and his grandparents, J.H. and Betty Zellner. The bell presented by E. H. Dorman remains in use to this time.

Stained glass windows in the sanctuary are memorials to Mrs. Margaret Mock, J.J. Baggett, B.A. Carl, D.N. McCormick, John T. Carl, the Young Ladies Class, the Young Mens Class, and Rev. J. H. Forrest and his wife. The rose window on the west side of the sanctuary, given in 1978 by Ruetta Carman in memory of her husband, L.A. Carman, was created by artist Dane Greer with antique glass imported from Italy.

Many men served as circuit pastors in the 1800's. Goodspeed notes in 1889 that the Prairie Grove Methodist Episcopal Church, South had 107 members and had been served by 16 pastors since 1869. According to the Carlisle and Wiswell histories, Prairie Grove became a "station" in 1904, and records in the archives of Hendrix College reveal that our church has since been served by the following pastors:

1904-05	J. W. House	1941-44	Ewing T. Wayland
1905-06	J. M. McAnally	1944-47	Alf A. Eason
1906-07	Elton Wilson	1947-50	Harold D. Womack
1907-09	J. E. McConnell	1950-54	S. O. Patty
1909-13	Fred A. Lark	1954-55	W. Glenn Bruner
1913-14	W. B. Wolf	1955-56	J. J. Decker
1914-17	Fred B. Hamilton	1956-58	Verlia F. Harris
1917-18	Thomas A. Back	1958-61	Dewey Dark
1918-20	James A. Reynolds	1961-70	Harvey Hazelwood
1920-23	Ernest G. Downs	1970-74	Vernon Paysinger
1923-26	Charles Sherman	1974-76	Ray Edwards
1926-29	Edward Forrest	1976-81	James Harrison
1929-34	E. E. Stevenson	1981-88	Robert Crossman
1934-37	W. A. Lindsey	1988-2003	Joseph Sherman
1937-41	J. M. Harrison	2003-	Audie Long

LIVING HISTORY

Some of our present-day church members are descended from families who worshipped in this sanctuary in its earliest years. In some instances, attendance has been continuous through several generations. Church records include lists of members beginning in the mid-1800's. However, much other information is found in booklets containing Sunday School rosters beginning with the year 1910.

To begin, Vena Baugh (age 100), Madge McCuiston (age 99) and Delford Rieff (age 94) are our oldest living members.

Andrew Bain and his daughters, Isabella and Gabriella, are descended from two of our church families - Bain and Carl. The records include the names of numerous Carl and Bain family members in the early years. In the direct line, Andrew's great-grandfather, J. C. Bain (born 1836) and his great-grandmother, Mary Harriet Bain, are in 1910 Sunday School records. His grandfather, Oscar Bain, was included as a member of the church in 1888, and his grandmother, Effie Carl Bain, is in the 1910 records. Together with Andrew's parents' membership, continuity is established since at least 1888.

Joyce Dorman Cunningham is the longest-serving present member of our church. She and her son Tony Cunningham and daughter Charlotte Fisher, and their children and grandchildren, are descendants of E. H. Dorman (shown as a member in 1896), the donor of the church bell in 1903. Joyce's father, Maynard A. Dorman, is one of the church members who furnished a team and wagon to haul bricks for construction of the church. The Dorman family is shown in continuous recorded membership since at least 1896.

Mrs. W. R. Dodson, grandmother of Jim Delap and great-grandmother of his children, Joann and Joe, is listed as a member in 1896. Jim's mother and father, Irene Dodson Delap and Clyde Delap, were also long-time active members in our church; the Dodson family has been in continuous membership since 1896.

Dr. Jeff Baggett (born 1906), husband of Frances Baggett and father of Karol Whitlock Zoeller and Judy Lytton, grandfather of Jeff and Robert Whitlock, and his father, Loyd L. Baggett, are both shown to be members of 1910 classes. Dr. Baggett's grandfather, J. J. Baggett, was the donor of a window for our sanctuary in 1903.

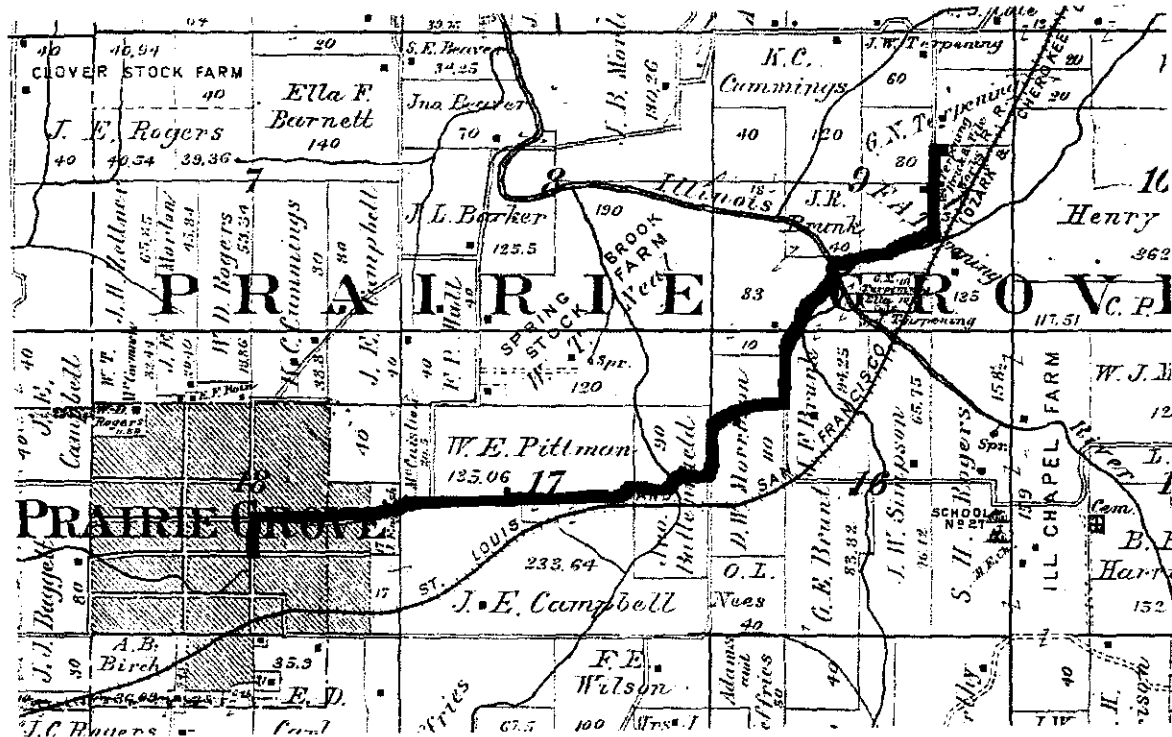
The maternal grandmother of Mary Elizabeth Jones and Wanda Shofner Allen, Louella Shofner, is registered as a member of the church in 1888. Mary Elizabeth's paternal grandparents, John and Mary Fidler, and her father, Roy Fidler (born 1900), are listed in 1910 Sunday School classes.

John Fidler is also the grandfather of current member Michael Fidler.

Church records of 1916 list Eula Bell and her son, Vincil Bell (born 1914); they are the grandmother and father respectively of Larry Bell; great-grandmother and grandfather of Tyler Bell and Laura Patrick, and great-great-grandmother and great-grandfather of Madison Patrick and Connor Bell.

Mamie Edmiston Rieff (born 1906) was the mother of Jim Rieff and grandmother of his daughters, Barbara Edmiston and Leslie Fitzgerald. She is shown as a member of a Sunday School class taught by Mrs. Rogers in 1916. See reference above to Jim's father, Delford Rieff.

Although the above individuals are set forth as descendants of families in our earliest records, other current members of our congregation have family ties going back more than 80 years. We are truly blessed in the long heritage of faithfulness and service to our church and our community.



- 1) The site of Terpening Brick & Tile Works – Green Mark
- 2) The old road, traced from an 1894 plat, showing the route between Terpening Tile & Brick Works and the church (approx. 4 miles) – Blue
- 3) Location of church – Red Mark

SANCTUARY CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION WORSHIP
11:00 a.m.

Welcome		Rev. Audie Long
Prelude	Bless This House	Joyce Cunningham
Lighting of the Candles		Acolytes

*Hymn Medley
600

Wonderful Words of Life (verse 1)

Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life;
Let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life;
Words of life and beauty teach me faith and duty,
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

526

What A Friend We Have in Jesus (verse 1)

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

338

Where He Leads Me (verse 1)

I can hear my Savior calling, I can hear my Savior calling
I can hear my Savior calling, "Take thy cross and follow, follow me."
Where he leads me I will follow, where he leads me I will follow.
Where he leads me I will follow; I'll go with him, with him all the way.

733

Marching to Zion (verse 1)

Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
Join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with sweet accord
And thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.
We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;
We're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.

*Sharing of the Peace of Christ

*Hymn of Joy 277 **Tell Me the Stories of Jesus (verses 1 and 2)**

(Children are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary and prepare for the children's sermon as we sing.)

Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear;
Things I would ask him to tell me if he were here;
Scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea, stories of Jesus, tell them to me.
First let me hear how the children stood round his knee,
And I shall fancy his blessing resting on me;
Words full of kindness, deeds full of grace,
All of the love light of Jesus' face.

Children's Sermon

Cathy Stumbaugh

Words from a Former Pastor

Rev. Dewey Dark

Responsive Reading 862

Psalm 150 (*responses are not sung*)

Blessing and Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him,
all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Hymn Medley

701

When We All Get to Heaven (verses 1 and 3)

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus; sing his mercy and his grace,
In the mansions bright and blessed he'll prepare for us a place.
When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus, we'll sing and shout the victory!
Let us then be true and faithful, trusting, serving every day;
Just one glimpse of him in glory will the toils of life repay.
When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus, we'll sing and shout the victory!

723

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 1 and 4)

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.
Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease.
Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

Words from a Former Pastor

Rev. James Harrison

Scripture Reading

Choral Anthem

One Hundred Years

Written by Scott Davis

One hundred years, it sounds like a long time
That's how long it's been since we built this great church.
But a church is so much more than just a building,
It's God's love helping people near and far.

One hundred years is nothing compared to God's love
From the beginning until forever more.
It's not the number of years that really matters,
It's following Jesus and showing others the way.

The last hundred years seem really important,
But God wants us to plan for the next hundred years today.
Plans for our church are not about buildings;
Jesus wants us to spread his word near and far.

One hundred years is nothing compared to God's love
From the beginning until forever more.
It's not the number of years that really matters,
It's following Jesus and showing others the way.
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Sermon

Dr. John Walker

Holy Communion

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*Hymn for the Next Century 575

Onward Christian Soldiers

*Benediction and Blessing of the Meal

Following the Light

Acolytes

Postlude

TODAY'S EVENTS FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Lunch - 12:00 Noon in the Fellowship Hall

Parsonage Open House - 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Youth (grades 7-12) - 5:30 in the Teen Room





Rev + Mrs. Schultz

ENROLLMENT	175
ATTENDANCE	108
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Rev. Harvey Hazelwood

Rev S. O. & Mrs. Patty. & Mr. &



Rev Ewing T. & Frances Wayk
& Datum 1942

At the Annual Conference in June, 1958, I was appointed to the Prairie Grove Methodist Church. We moved from Bald Knob, my first appointment out of seminary. We were not expecting to move at all, but appointments were often made during Conference then. My district superintendent told me where Prairie Grove was, and introduced me to the lay delegate, Dr. Will Mock.

On moving day Bonnie, who was six months pregnant with our second child, our three year old son Stan, and I made the adventurous trip with all of our belongings neatly fitted into a 4' x 6' two-wheel trailer. We had never seen the town of Prairie Grove, much less the church or the parsonage.

We had been accustomed to people being in and out of the parsonage, but we discovered that was not part of the tradition here, or at least not at first. Since I am a teaser, I decided to break the ice with the Jones family next door by pulling a joke on Connie. She was hanging out clothes in the back yard, so I called out to her, "Connie, I'm allergic to cow's milk and I have a couple of goats coming. Paul said I could fence off part of your yard, too, so they will have plenty of room to graze." The joke didn't go over too well. She must have called Paul when she got in the house, because when I got to town a little bit later, I heard Robert Earl Cunningham bleat like a goat. The joke went all over town. A few days later we returned home with Jack and Helen Cook after eating out at the AQ in Springdale and found a goat staked out in our back yard. Now the joke was on us! It was all done in a spirit of love and fun, and through the years we have thoroughly enjoyed telling the story.

Our second son Paul was born in September after the move, and our daughter Lee Ann was born two years later. As you can imagine, much of our remembrances of Prairie Grove are built around the births, the baptisms, and the growth of our children. We realize that we were the first family with young children to live in the parsonage for many, many years, and we will always treasure and appreciate the way the congregation embraced and loved our growing family.

The sanctuary building was 55 years old in 1958 and in need of renovation. The Official Board was not too excited about this young preacher wanting to spend money renovating the church. Finally they compromised and said that if I could get the money, it would be all right. I didn't know they expected me to get the money, but they knew something that I didn't. The next morning, commitments for the money started coming in. Many contributors would say, "Preacher, I'll pay for that part of the job, but you can't tell anyone." When the job was finished, the Board met and were very proud of everything that had been done. In that meeting, Ernest Baugh said, "The preacher fixed the church. Now let's fix the parsonage." And they did, indeed, renovate the parsonage, too!

The three years we spent in Prairie Grove were very, very special years for us. The friends we made - young and old - were lasting friends. We shall always remember our experiences with you as some of the most precious times of our life.



Row + Mrs Dewey Dark

REV. VERNON AND EVA LEE PAYSINGER
1970-74

MEMORIES:

We moved to Prairie Grove Church from Lepanto, Ark. Church in June 1970.

We found a warm welcome from the Church members, as well as the citizens of this beautiful little city.

The lovely old two-storey parsonage was a joy to live in. People would say, "I'll bet you don't use much of the space." and I would answer, "We use every inch of it, and love it."

The week we moved was the Wednesday before Vernon was due to go to Shoal Creek to direct a youth camp for a week. That left me to un-pack, get settled into a new home, and meet the people.

Ernest Baugh was Chairman of the Board. He and Vena came to meet us and see if we wanted to make a garden. Vernon said, "No.", And I said, "Yes." So the garden spot was cleared of big weeds, disced and harrowed, ready for planting. The only tool I had was a little worn-out hoe that my neighbor at Lepanto had given me to work my flower bed. The weather was hot and dry. In the 'cool' of the morning, and late in the evening, I would take my hoe and my water hose and plant my seeds. Our members drove slowly by watching my every move. They said, "Doesn't that crazy woman know that she can't grow anything as hot and dry as it is?" What they did not know is that I was the daughter of a widow who knew how to survive during the Depression, and that she and I had made two gardens every year as I grew up. Needless to say, after I harvested 5 bushels of green beans, and all kinds of other veg. in abundance, everyone, including Vernon had to admit that I knew something about making a garden. With my reputation made, I gladly turned over the gardening to Vernon who lost no time in getting a Tiller. I only had that little worn-out hoe to make the first one.

In years that followed, Vernon made gardens everywhere we lived except Hendrix Hills in Fort Smith. In our retirement years in Batesville, he grew enough vegetables on our half-acre garden to feed the multitude.

The years in Prairie Grove were during the time that the Lay-witness movement was in full swing. It was a great renewal time for sluggish congregations. The week-end Lay-witness Mission in Prairie Grove produced a lot of leaders who went to other Missions reviving Churches. I went to Clarkesville church along with others from our church to participate in their Mission. While there Zella Burkett and I stayed in the home of a couple who had been members of the Church in West Memphis, Arkansas, that Vernon had started and built when he finished Seminary in 1956. It was an added blessing to get to be with thwm again.

Prairie Grove church had many 'share-groups' born out of the Lay-Witness movement. Four or five couples would form a group and meet each week in the homes for Bible study, Fellowship, Shareing and refreshments. These strengthened the bonds of the Church.

Vernon's office in the church was enlarged and re-decorated in 1973. Coleen Knowles was Florist and gave Vernom a lovely Ficus Benjimini (Rubber Plant) for his office. I still have it after thirty years. I have rooted dozens of limbs from it for friends and relatives, and it has moved from Prairie Grove to Paris, to Batesville Central Avenue, to Fort Smith, to McCrory, and back to Batesville to 415 Fayrene St. Where it still thrives on our Sun-Porch. It is ready to be pruned and the limbs rooted for someone else.

The entire town of Prairie Grove opened its doors and its hearts to us. We were included in civic as well as church activities. I have kept in touch, and on Labor-Day week-end I long to head for the Clothesline Fair, and to see everyone again.

So many of those that we loved and worked with, have gone home to be with God, including my beloved Vernon. After 53 years of marriage, I have wonderful memories to sustain me. I am now 86 years old and home-bound but I will always thank God for letting us come your way in June 1970.

May God richly bless each one of you in the days and years to come.

Prayerfully,

Eva Lee Paysinger

Eva Lee Paysinger



Dear Darin,

How I wish I could share that "Special" Day with all of you - you, the Church and all the people have a Special place in my heart. Harold and I talked many times and re-lived the short time we had with you but marvelled again and again at the love and caring we experienced from all of you.

I do plan to surprise you and drop in some Sunday soon - You'll be in my thoughts and prayers.
Sunday, Oct. 5 - See you soon - Katherine

Note from Mrs. Harold Eggensparger



The Rev. Vernon Paysinger

Retired minister remains active in local church congregation

The Rev. Vernon H. Paysinger, a retired United Methodist minister of the North Arkansas Conference, is still very active in the local church in Batesville.

After serving as a pastor for 35 years, the minister and his wife, Eva Lee, moved to Batesville and are active in the Central Avenue United Methodist Church, where he was a former pastor from 1977 to 1979.

In addition to singing in the choir, he is also the keeper of the flower bed by the church parking lot.

To enhance the beauty of the church surroundings, he has provided a grey stone wall for the 90-foot flower bed.

He is known in the North Arkansas Conference for his work with the Commission on Archives and History.

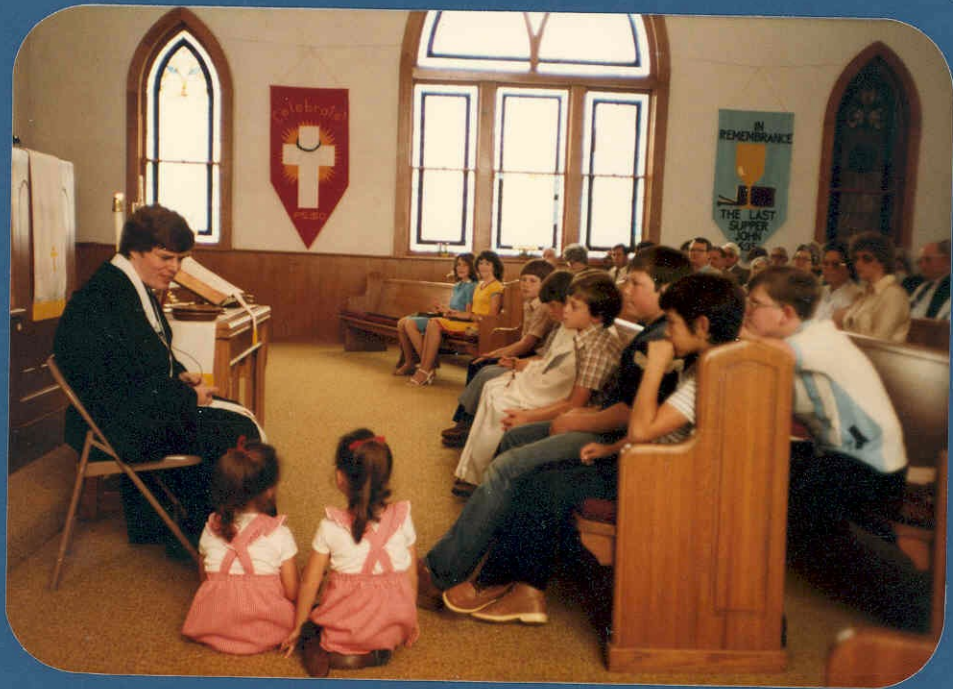
Other churches that the Paysingers served are: Rosewood in West Memphis, Hoxie, Beebe, Lepanto, Prairie Grove, Paris, Hendricks Hills in Fort Smith, and McCrory.



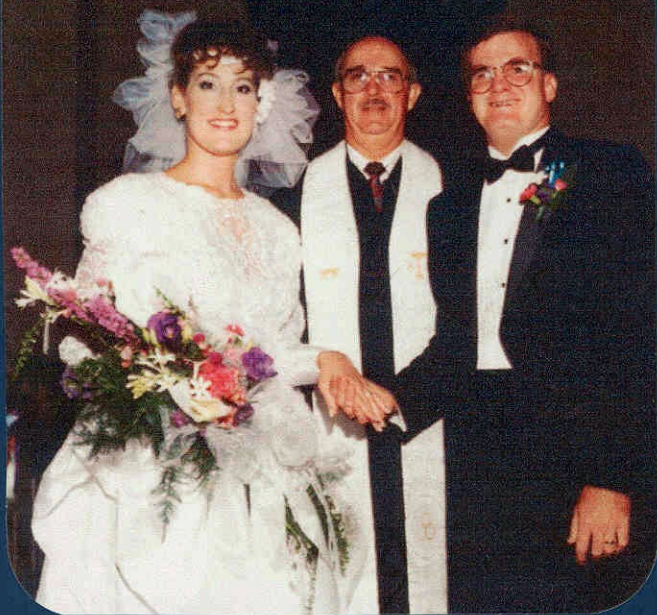
Rev Bob Crossman



Rev. Bob, Joyce Cunningham & Jean
Speegle



Rev Bob during a Children's Sermon



Rev Jim Harrison
Leslie & Pat Fitzgerald



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September 10, 2003

Ms. Doris Sharp
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Members and Friends of Prairie Grove United Methodist Church,

I was appointed to the First United Methodist Church of Prairie Grove in June of 1988. Many of the dear souls who worked so hard in the church are no longer with us, but their influence is still at work in the church. The church was wonderfully blessed by a large and generous bequest by Delia Mattison and also by Ella Beaty. This enabled the church to completely remodel the sanctuary and parsonage. During these years the Prairie Grove Church was instrumental in organizing "Life Ministries" which is still active and growing. This program provides food, clothing and financial assistance to those who face financial difficulty.

The after school program was organized to provide spiritual and practical training for our children. PAL (Prairie Grove After School Learning Experience) continues to serve due to the sacrificial efforts of a number of dedicated members and youth who have served through the years.

I have always been proud of all the programs of the church - the Choir, U.M.M., U.M.W., TV Ministry, U.M.Y., Sunday School and others. These programs have experienced periods of success and difficulties but their leaders continue to work hard and persevere in the true Christian spirit.

After spending more than one third of my ministry in Prairie Grove I feel a great deal of love and affection for the people there. To have been your minister was an honor and privilege for me. I want to wish the church God's blessings and pray for your continued success.

I would like to mention the names of so many of you who helped the church so wonderfully and selflessly. Alas, the list would be too long and I would be haunted by the fear of leaving someone out. Needless to say, you have my gratitude and respect.

Although I cannot be with you physically, I will be celebrating with you in spirit. May God continually bless you all as you serve Christ in the Prairie Grove community.

Love and best wishes,



Rev Joe Sherman & Penny



Doris, Gae, & Joyce

OUR CHOIR



1957



The above picture of the United Methodist Choir was made December 22, 1957. Front row--left to right; Pearl McKee, Jeannette Weaver, Marjorie Jones, Mrs. George Welms, Joyce Cunningham, Myrtilla Dorman, Velma Calvert, Lucille Jones, Eileen Manning and Ollie Barnes. Back row--left to right: Arthur Maguire, Donald Weaver, R. E. Cunningham, Dr. R. D. Manning, M. A. Dorman, Oren McKee, George Welms, Rachel Maxey, Doris Sharp, and Virginia West.



Joze Cunningham



Myrtilla Dorman







MAKES













Reba Junnell, Myrlene Whitney &
Zella Burkett



Deleia Mattison, Mr & Mrs Beatty



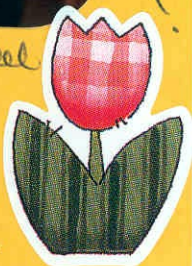
Doris Sharp



Cathy Stumbaugh, Joy Bartholomew,
Pauline Beal & Evelyn McKee



Bernice Hyland, Pauline Beel
& Evelyn McKee









Pauline Bell, Betty Bell, Emma Bell Bartholomew,
Mary Jane Seleva, Lillian Thurman, Essie Wiswell & Pat Parker





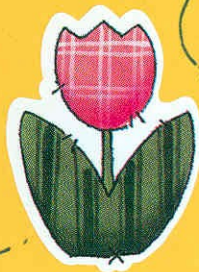
Billie Yates & Phyllis Orr

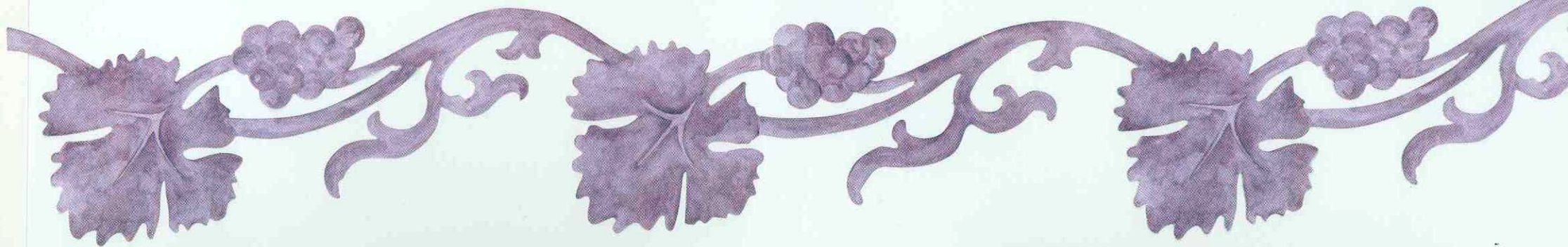


Velma Calvert



Cathy Ashley, Nancy & Naomi





Our Sanctuary





The Organ fund was established when M.A. Dorman passed away. It was finished when Robert Earl Cunningham passed away. The Organ was installed in May 1980.

Memorial Committee

Wayne Cann
Joyce Cunningham
Doris Sharp
Erin Cates









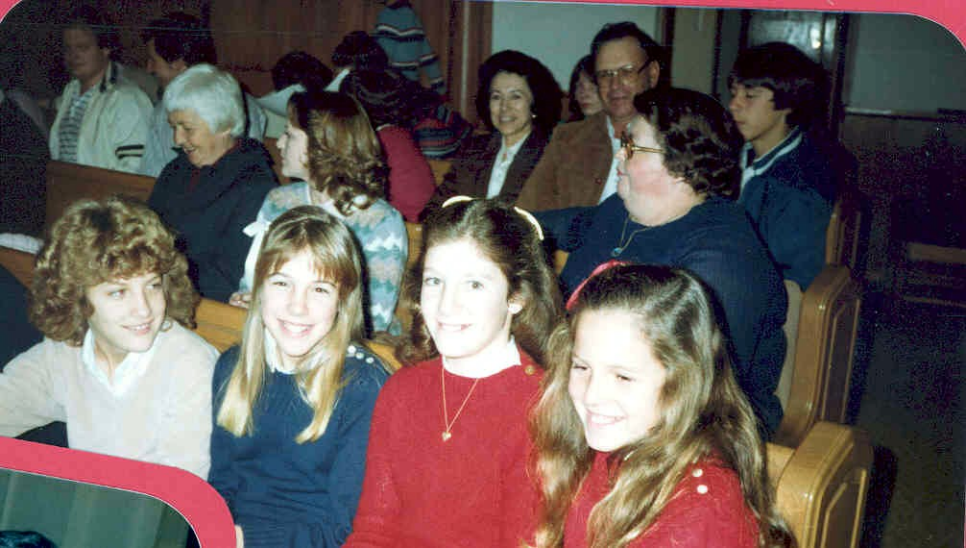




















One of the Many Christmas Bazaars



















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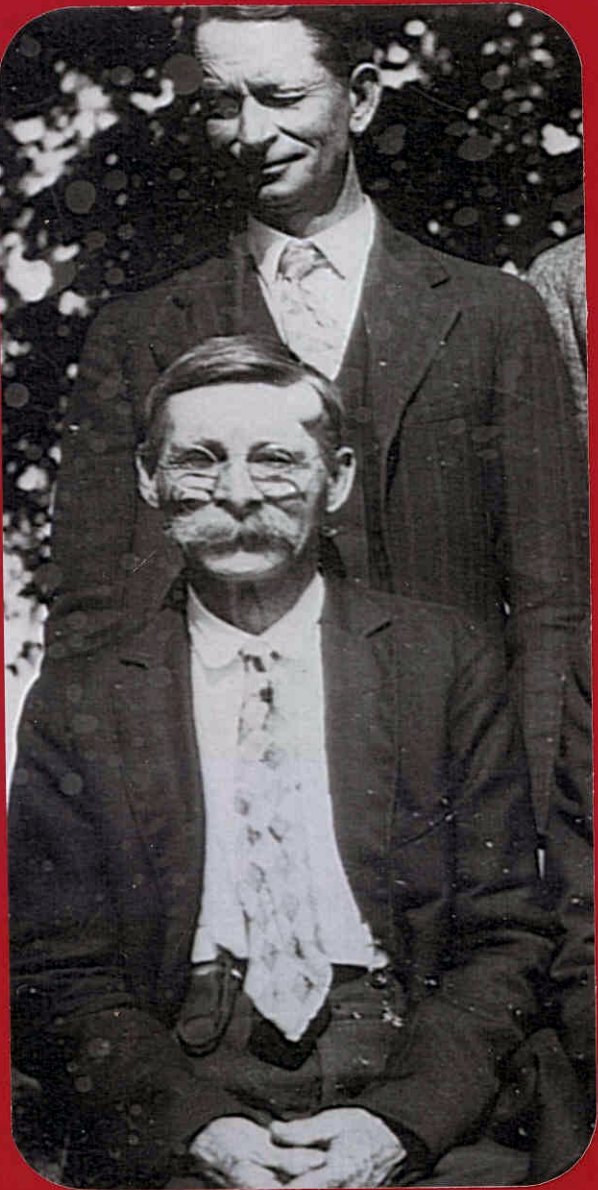












E.H. Dorman - who gave
the bell in the tower &
M.A. Dorman who helped
haul the brick for the
Church.



Chimes given in memory of
Mrs M. A. Dorman.
M. A. Dorman & Myrtle Dorman



Myrtilla Dorman & Joyce Dorman Cunningham
in front of our Church.



Wedding Shower for Glenna
Mann fiancee to Robert (Tony)
Cunningham.

Ceenningham - Fasher Wedding





Wedding Shower for
 Charlotte Cunningham fiancée
 of Jim Fisher.

Joybearers Class Observes 50th Anniversary Of Founding Of Class

The 50th anniversary of the Joybearers Class of the Methodist Church was celebrated last Thursday afternoon, February 2, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Carlisle.

Mrs. Robert Hightower, president, presided and presented Mrs. W. R. Dodson, the only charter member present, with a corsage. Mrs. Dodson was assisted by Mrs. W. J. Butcher in reviewing the history and the activities of the class which was organized at the church February 4, 1917, by Mrs. Fred R. Hamilton, wife of the pastor.

A table holding a picture of the class, a newspaper clipping of the organization, and the original copy of the class song, "You May Have the Joybells," was centered with a doll modeling a long, full black skirt, white shirtwaist, and a red sailor hat, designed by Mrs. N. L. Brooks to represent the first class president, Mrs. Rosalee Euge Dorman.

Other officers and committees fifty years ago were: Mrs. Mack Parks, vice-president; Mrs. J. P. Edmiston, secretary; Mrs. E. M. Roame, treasurer; and Fred Dorman, teacher.

Membership Committee: Mrs. C. A. Brown, Mrs. Tine McCormick, Mrs. V. B. Bell, Mrs. Macey Harrison, Mrs. Minnie Woodruff, and Mrs. J. Tom Edmiston.

Devotional Committee: Mrs. John Campbell, Mrs. G. B. Earnest, Mrs. Roame, Mrs. Hamilton, and Mrs. Walter Carl.

Social Committee: Mrs. J. A. Skelton, Mrs. Fred McNeal, Mrs. Frank Carl, Mrs. R. L. McCoy, Mrs. Dodson, Mrs. D. N. McCormick, Mrs. J. H. Zellner, Mrs. Oscar

Dearing, and Mrs. J. Ed Rogers.

The Class Yell was: "Ho, Ho, Clouds must go! Gloom we'll sack, Joy come back, We'll share it, we'll share it, In Jesus' name."

The class has been most active, even during the war years of the early 40s. They gave a silver tea for the benefit of John Brown University, made layettes and gave them to local hospitals, and in place of serving refreshments at the meetings, each hostess placed a fifty-cent stamp in the War Savings Stamp Book.

Other class presidents included Mrs. J. A. Geiger, Mrs. W. W. Lillard, Mrs. Dodson, Mrs. W. E. Knowles and Mrs. L. E. Maupin, who served 14 years.

Mrs. C. A. Brown, wife of a former school superintendent and charter members, lives in Fayetteville.

The present officers are: Mrs. Robert Hightower, president; Mrs. N. L. Brooks, vice-president; Mrs. W. J. Butcher, secretary; Mrs. Fred Carlisle, treasurer; and Mrs. Hezzie Clark, teacher.

Other members include, Mrs. Ab Arrington, Mrs. J. O. Bronaugh, Mrs. Altha Brooks, Mrs. Omer Cates, Mrs. Hattie Cunningham, Mrs. W. R. Dodson, Mrs. J. G. English, Mrs. J. J. Fidler, Mrs. J. A. Geiger, Mrs. W. E. Knowles, Mrs. W. E. Lark, Mrs. L. E. Maupin, Mrs. W. E. Morrison, Mrs. Chas. Ratliff, Mrs. C. E. Shafer, Miss Hettie Smith, Mrs. Ella Stevens, Mrs. Ivy Tate, Mrs. W. O. West, and Mrs. G. C. Wentworth.

Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month.

The "golden" motif was used in the dessert served by Mrs. Carlisle, assisted by Mrs. N. L. Brooks and Mrs. Clark.



The above picture of the Joybearers Class was made about 1920. Seated, left to right, are Rev. J.A. Reynolds, pastor, Mrs. Reynolds, Fied Dorman, teacher, Mrs. Dorman, Mrs. Fred McNeal, Mrs. E. M. Roame, Mrs. John Campbell; Standing: Mrs. M. L. Hildebrand, Mrs. J. Mace Harrison, Mrs. M. A. Dorman, Mrs. J. A. Skelton, Mrs. J. H. Zellner, Mrs. J. W. Stanberry, Mrs. D. N. McCormick, Mrs. Otie Sharp, Mrs. W. N. Mattison, Mrs. J. Ed Rogers and Mrs. Eula Bell. Mrs. R. L. McCoy and Mrs. W. E. Dodsons, also charter members of the class, were not present.



Doris Sharp with mother Ella Stevens in the fellowship hall at the Joy Bearer's Luncheon. They were being honored by the UMW unit. Each member was presented a rose.





When the little one
died in the year 1871
and was buried in the
cemetery near the
church, I took a number
of the glass and set
it in the window.



































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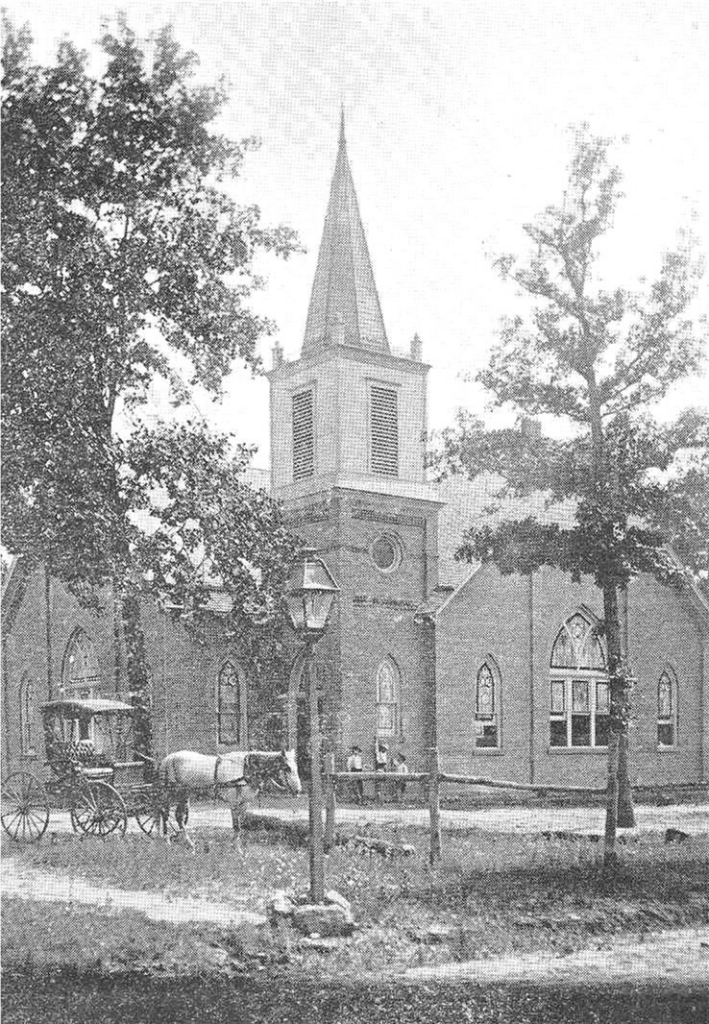


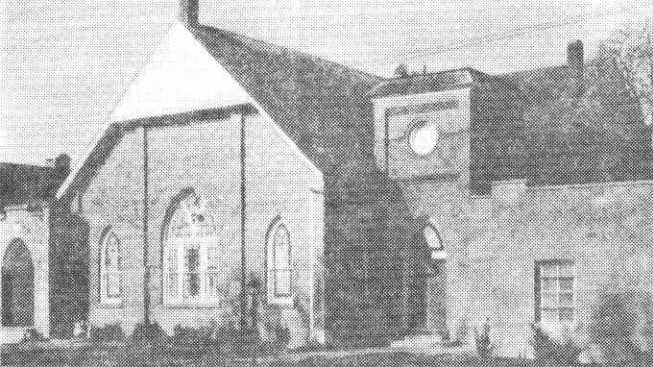
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YOUTH FELLOWSHIP 5:00 PM
CHANCEL CHOR 7:00 PM
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