

Fairview Baptist Church

Dobson, North Carolina



FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH

SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

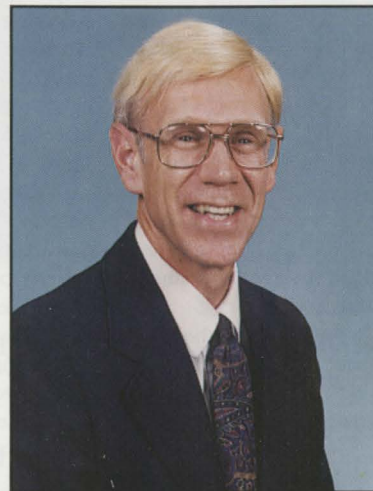
- Sunday School 9:45 am
- Morning Worship 11:00 am
- Children's Church 11:00 am

Wednesday:

- Bible Study 7:00 pm
- Royal Ambassadors 7:00 pm
- Mission Friends 7:00 pm
- Girls In Action 7:00 pm
- Adult Choir Rehearsal 8:00 pm

CHURCH MISSION GROUPS

- Baptist Young Women
- Women's Missionary Union
- Brotherhood



Rev. Dan Merritt
Pastor



Rev. Sam O'Neal
Senior Pastor

FAIRVIEW FROM THE BEGINNING

On January 19, 1912, the citizens of a rural community, called Fairview, realizing the need for spiritual guidance and the influence of a church in their lives, closer to their homes than the churches that were in adjoining communities, met at the Fairview Schoolhouse for worship, fellowship in the Lord, and to form a church. Reverends A. J. Williams and C. H. Stone, both ordained ministers from other communities, who had preached at previous Fairview meetings, and B. R. Chaney and T. M. Hardy, Deacons of Mount Hermon Baptist Church, were present to assist the Fairview Christians in forming their small church.

That night, after preaching by the Revs. Williams and Stone, a presbytery was formed and, upon invitation, several of those present, who were members of other churches, presented their letters and/or agreed to transfer their letters to Fairview for membership in their new church. Our church had a total membership of 12 Christians who were determined to spread the Good News of the Lord.

The first Sunday of the month and the Saturday night before the first Sunday at early candle light (approximately 7 P.M.) were the regular meeting times for worship service and conference. Services were held six months out of the year, when the weather was such that folks could get to church. The time for the Saturday night service was later changed to 3 P.M. Services were held at these times until 1957, when the membership voted to have full time year round worship services except on the third Sunday night and fifth Sunday.

A building committee, to plan and facilitate construction of a house of worship, was appointed in March, 1912. According to some of our older members, the first church building was started, the foundation dug and the framing was up, but the church was not completed for several months. Some say it was because of a dispute over the size of the church, some members feeling that it was too large. Others say it was because funds ran out. In any case, after donations of lumber and labor by members of the church, the building was finally completed at a cost of

\$1,400.00. The original church building stood in the middle of the present cemetery, land which was donated to the church by one of our first Deacons, J. F. May. We also bought a 1/4 acre lot adjoining the land the church stood on. Worship services held in the original church building was by kerosene lamp light, with a wood burning pot-bellied stove and spittoons and a water bucket standing by.

Our first Communion service was held on May 5, 1912, the first Sunday in May. Communion on the first Sunday in May has not been changed to date.

After the first year of this fledgling church, when all the necessary business of organizing and construction was either completed or well under way, the people of Fairview settled back to their normal routine of life, with one exception. Now that they had a special place to gather for worship and a spiritual guide to lead them, the congregation felt a stronger sense of oneness and the need to fulfill the great evangelistical commission. The people of Fairview had become missionaries.

The Fairview community was growing and there were new souls searching and needing guidance. As new folks moved into the area, the members of Fairview Church lent helping hands, to build homes, plant crops and lead lost souls to Christ. Seeds were planted in the hearts of many, regular Sunday worship services and revivals were held to help those seeds grow and blossom into new lives lived for the Lord. At one time, Fairview Church boasted of having as many as 30 souls find their way to the Lord as a result of members witnessing, backed up by Sunday services and revivals.

Fairview continued to grow and prosper. Soon Sunday worship services just wasn't enough to ease the people's hunger for a better understanding of the Bible. In 1932, Fairview's Sunday School was organized with Marvin Wilmoth as Director and T. C. Alberty as Secretary and Treasurer. The first class had a total enrollment of 57, including teachers and officers, offering was 46 cents, and met in the sanctuary since that was the only room the church had at that time. Later as the

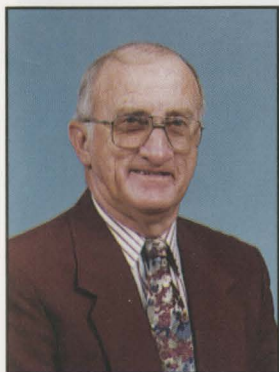
enrollment grew and the need for more room for the students to study and learn, became evident, two rooms were added on the back of the building. Like worship services, Sunday School was held six months out of the year when the weather was good, on one or two Sundays a month, until it was voted to have full time services in 1957, Sunday School, of course was changed also. Our delegate to the Association that year was pleased to announce that Fairview now had an "evergreen Sunday School." Today we have an enrollment of 150, average attendance of 125 Sunday mornings, and our offerings have increased to somewhere around \$2,000.00.

In 1949, the need for a larger building because of the growing congregation, was realized. A building committee was appointed to look into plans, cost of construction, and availability of funds for a new church and a building fund was established for donations from the membership. Plans for the new building were presented to the membership in 1951, and the building committee was instructed to start construction as soon as possible. 3.19 acres were donated to Fairview Church by various members and construction was begun on our present church building in 1954, with Fred Nixon overseeing the work. According to Roy Phillips, Fred Nixon and he did most of the block and brick work on the building. The building was soon finished and the first service was held in our new church on Easter Sunday, April 17, 1955. The old building was sold for \$500.00 and was taken apart and moved off the grounds. We now have a cemetery on the land where the old church once stood.

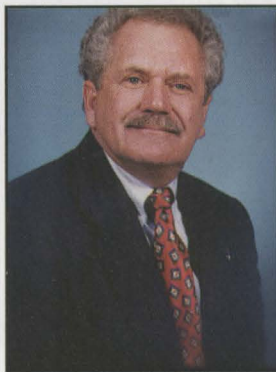
In the near future, we are looking into expanding the church educational facilities, enlarging the choir loft and sanctuary, and building a new fellowship hall.

The Lord has truly blessed this church with loving, concerned caring people who are missionaries involved in the community, showing God's love to the elderly and young alike, and are very active in the growth and development of the church in one accord pursuant to His glorious Word.

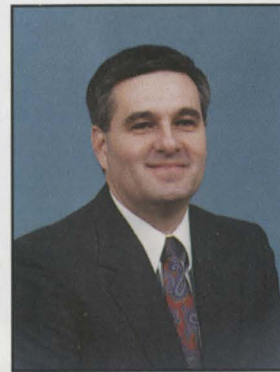
STAFF



Don Adams
Treasurer



Terry Hardy
Missions Director



Ronnie Cockerham
Sunday School
Director



Irene Dobbins
Clerk

*And he shall be like a tree
planted by the rivers of
water, that bringeth forth
his fruit in his season; his
leaf also shall not wither;
and whatsoever he doeth
shall prosper.*

Psalm 1:3



Betty Newman
Secretary



Brenda Davis
Music Director



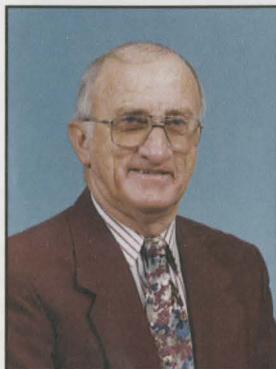
Greg Stanley
Pianist



Terri Cockerham
Organist

PRESENT DEACONS

*For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus
unto good works, which God hath before ordained
that we should walk in them.
Ephesians 2:10*



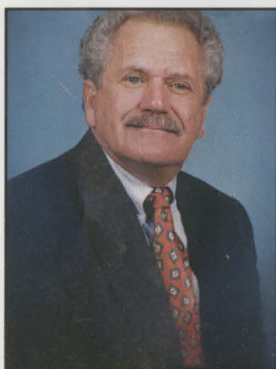
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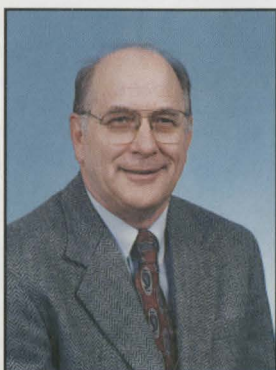
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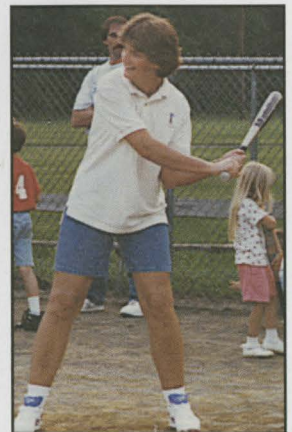
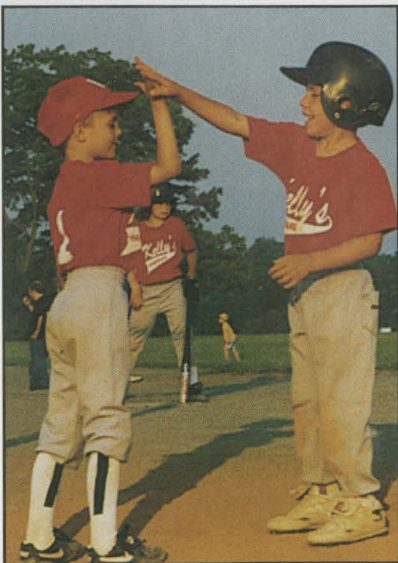


Bobby Stanley

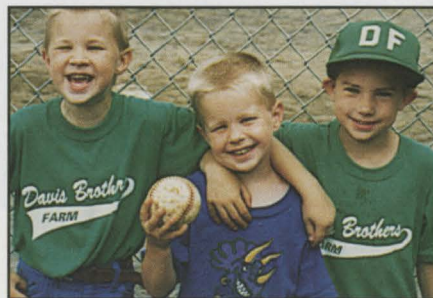


Jack Wall

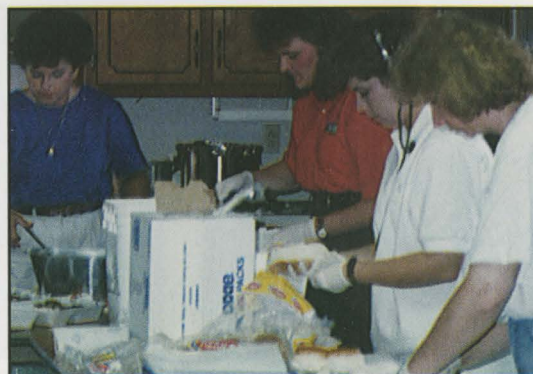
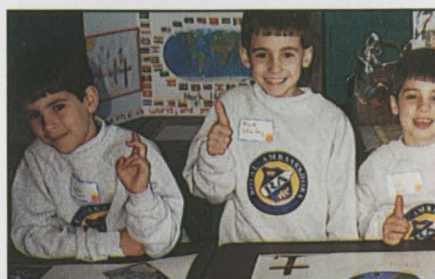
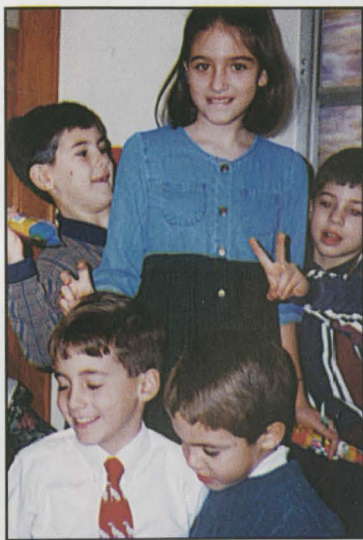
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Our Church Family



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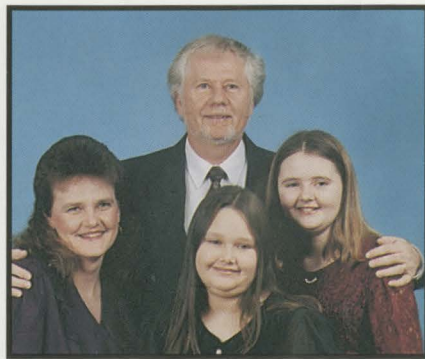
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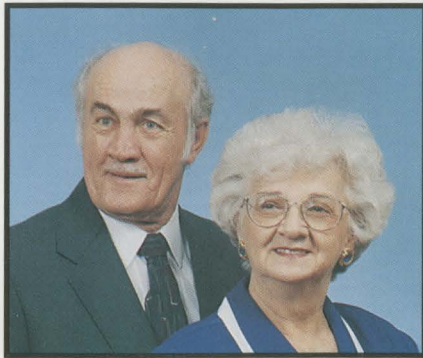
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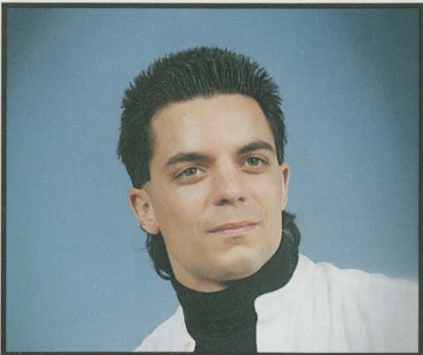
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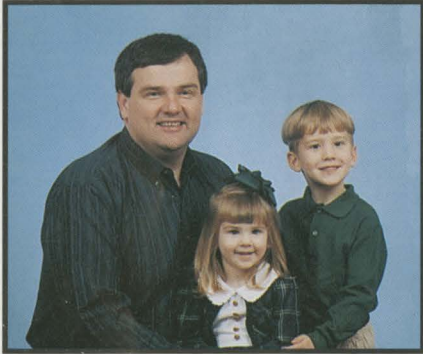
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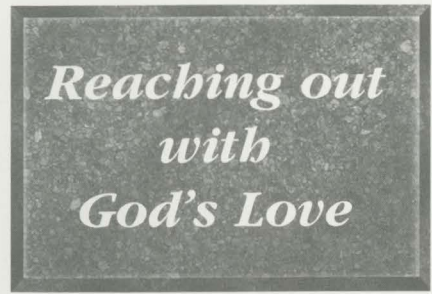
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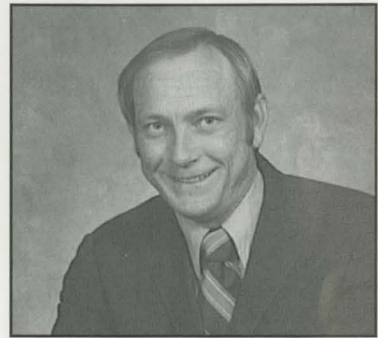
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