

*Westfield Baptist Church*  
*1993*



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*Westfield, North Carolina*  
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*I was glad when they said unto me,*  
*“Let us go into the house of the Lord.”*  
*Psalms 122:1*

# Westfield Baptist Church Welcomes You ...



Robert and Kimberly Brown

Nineteen members came together in September, 1879, to form the Westfield Baptist Church. During the organizational meeting, R.D. Haymore was elected as moderator and J.M. Jessup as clerk. The first men chosen to serve as deacons were J.E. Simmons and T.L. Sarles. The first pastor was Pinkney Oliver. The first meetings were held under a brush arbor near the location of the present sanctuary. The group then moved their meetings to the Simmons School House, and later in 1880 to Shelton's School House. The first house of worship built by the congregation was a small frame structure that stood approximately on the site of the present sanctuary. The church was heated by a potbellied stove and in later years lighted by electricity from the R.T. Joyce Mill near Asbury. As the church grew, the first Sunday School was organized in March, 1896. J.M. Jessup was elected superintendent and E.J. Payne, assistant superintendent. The first Missionary Society was formed by the ladies of the church in June, 1925. The first officers were Mrs. Emma Smith, president; Mrs. Malie Tilley, vice-president; Mrs. Roxie Pell, treasurer; Mrs. John Hunter, secretary.

In December, 1926, the members of the church voted to build a new church, to be started in the spring of 1927. D.C. Cooke, architect and contractor from Mount Airy, built the church at a cost of \$12,121.10. The first service in the new worship facility was held on the second Sunday in August, 1927, with the Rev. William Simmons from Missouri, a charter member of the church, delivering the message.

The next ten years were difficult times because of the severe economic depression. It was not until July 18, 1937, that the church was free of debt. An all-day service was held, and Dr. J.T. Smith dedicated the church.

Following are more historical highlights of the church:

In 1953, a parsonage was built in order to have a full-time pastor living in the community. The Rev. Reece Kyzar was called as pastor.

In 1955 a new Hammond organ was purchased for the church.

In 1957-58 an educational building was built. This provided additional classroom space, a kitchen, and a fellowship hall for the church. A baptistry was added to the back of the sanctuary, also.

In July, 1959, the first baptismal service was held in the new baptistry. A mural was painted on the walls of the baptistry, given by Mr. and Mrs. Thurmond Midkiff in memory of Joel Jessup.

In May, 1962, lightning struck the parsonage, with fire completely destroying it. Plans were immediately drawn to rebuild the house.

In 1975 recreational facilities were built. These facilities consist of tennis courts, play ground equipment, and a picnic shelter.

On Sunday, October 15, 1978, Westfield Baptist church, celebrated its one hundredth anniversary. Dr. Charles Howell was the guest speaker.

In 1987 a handicapped ramp and paved parking was built onto the west side of the sanctuary entrance in memory of Mickey Collins.

In 1992 renovations were made to the sanctuary and educational building.

The following people were charter members: J.E. Simmons, M.O. Hill, T.L. Sarles, W.A. Simmons, J.M. Jessup, J.W. Caudle, Malinda Sarles, M.J. Simmons, L.J. Moir, Ellen Lowe, Laura J. Teder, Delila A. Welch, M.J. Jessup, Mary E. Jackson, Delia A. Jessup, Samira Christian, Jennie King, Francis Caudle, and Mandy L. Welch.

The pastors who have served the church are as follows: Elder Pinkney Oliver, Rev. Hence Bowman, Rev. J.L. Jenkins, Rev. J.T. Lewellyn, Rev. R.D. Haymore, Dr. J.T. Smith (three times), Rev. C.C. Haymore, Rev. J.W. Beamer, Rev. Charles Utley, Rev. O.E. Ward, Rev. S.F. Morton, Rev. O.H. Hauser, Rev. R.W. Hovis, Rev. Dennis Larkins, Rev. Charlie Simmons, Rev. E.W. Powers, Rev. Lonnie Fleming, Rev. E.L. White, Rev. Reece Kyzar, Rev. Waldo Early, Rev. Talmadge Hall, Rev. Marion Ringer, Rev. Charles Howell, Rev. Roy Franklin (int.), Rev. Millard Bounds, Rev. E.G. Jordan, Rev. Timothy Lawson, Dr. Bill Cain (int.), Rev. Billy Washburn, Dr. Gerald Smith (int.), Rev. Robert Brown.

Building on the great days of the past, the church pushes toward the future. We continue to operate out of the vision of reaching this community for Christ. This shapes our ministry today, from the telephone ministry to shut-ins, to the youth ministry, to the Bible studies. As we strive to faithfully fulfill this vision, each of us must continue to do our part in seeing the vision become reality.





## *To Worship*



## *To Serve*

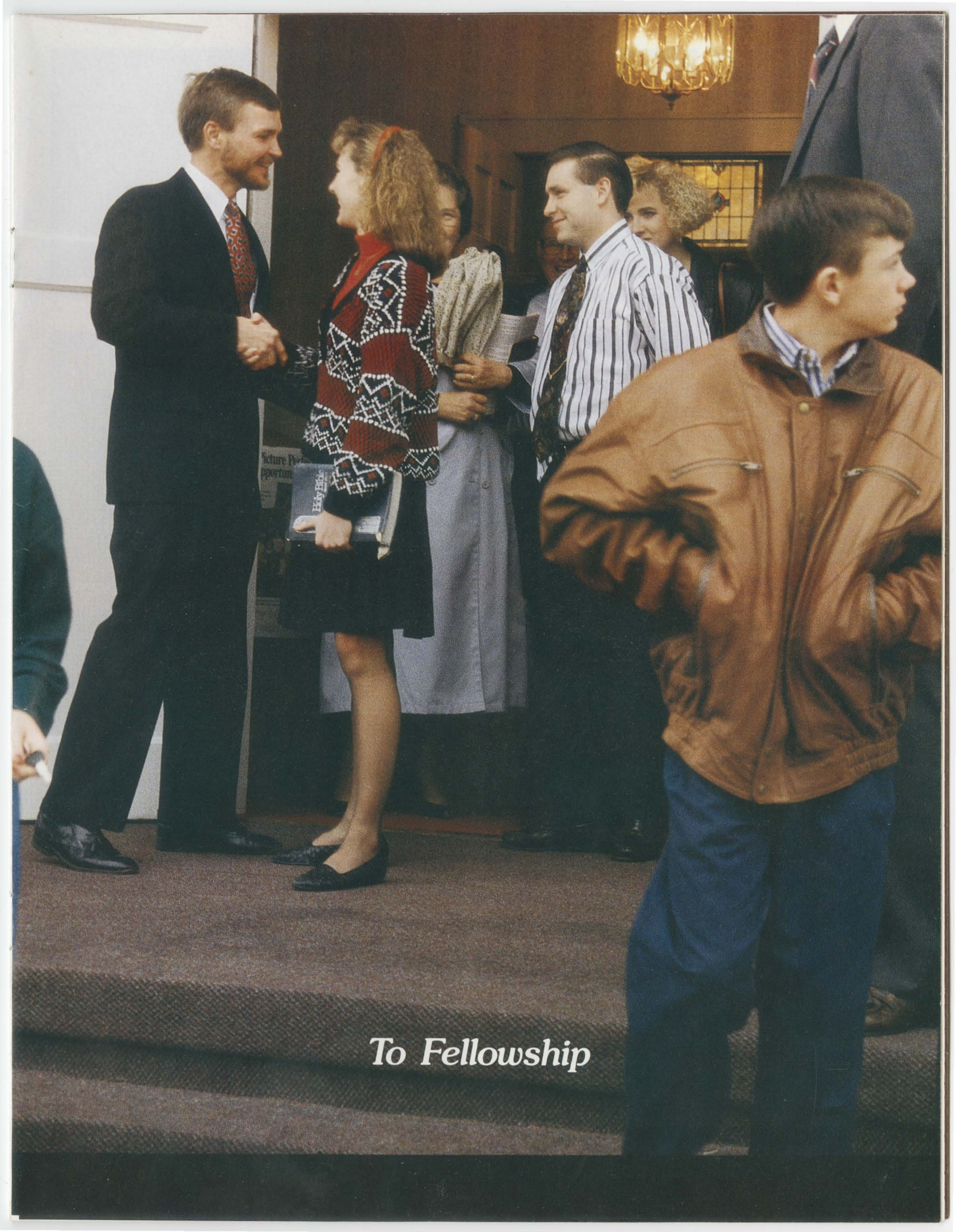


## To Grow



## To Reach Out

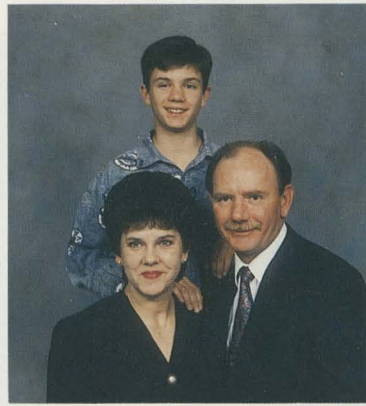




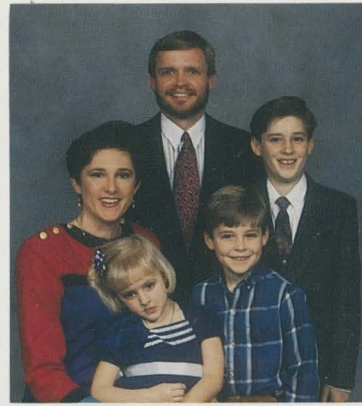
*To Fellowship*



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Rickey



BROWN, Robert & Kim  
Chad, Jeffrey, Lauren



BROWN, Tom & Betty



CHRISTIAN, Faye



CHRISTIAN, Grant & Lois



CHRISTIAN, Sam & Mary



CHRISTIAN, Will & Roxie



COLLINS, Aldine & Trevella



COLLINS, Dwight & Martha  
Valerie, Neil



COOK, Tom & Lena



COOKE, Joseph Jr. & Walli



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GEORGE, Jack & Elizabeth  
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GEORGE, Mack & Betty



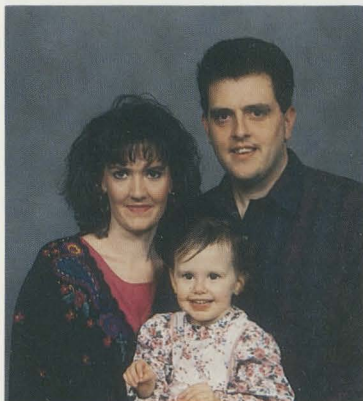
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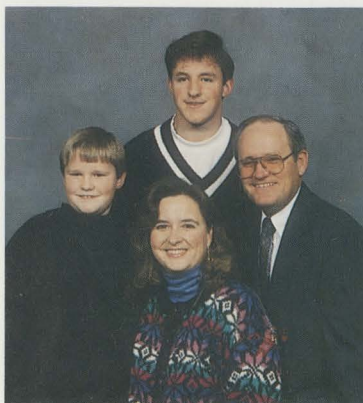
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Eddie



JESSUP, Frank & Gladys



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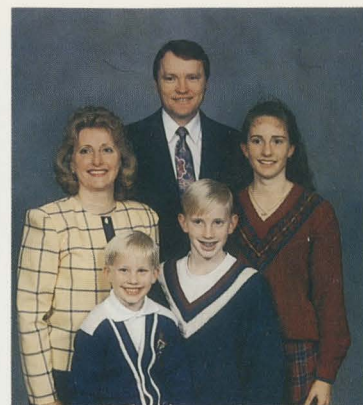
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JOURNEY, Wanda



KUHL, John & Iris



LAWSON, Ada



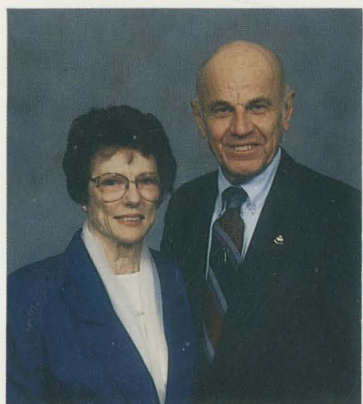
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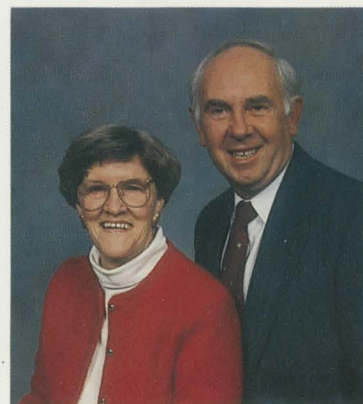
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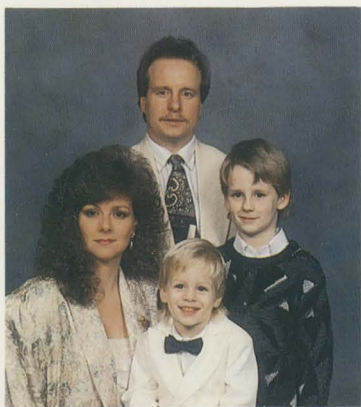
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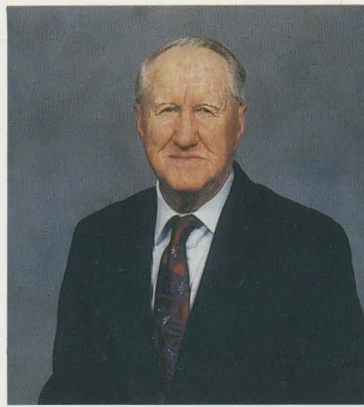
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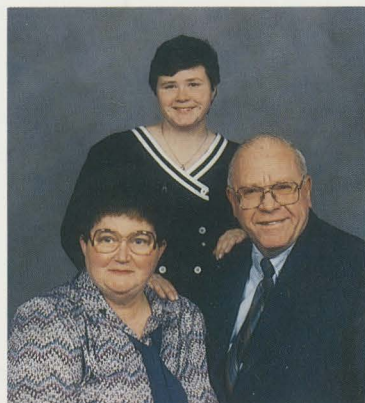
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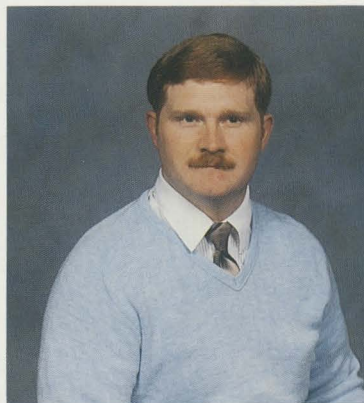
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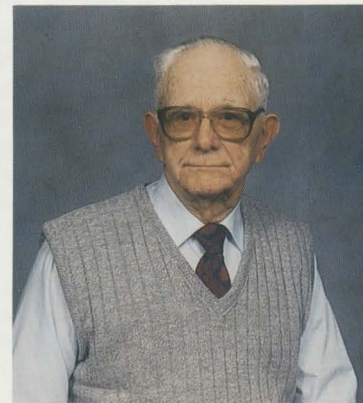
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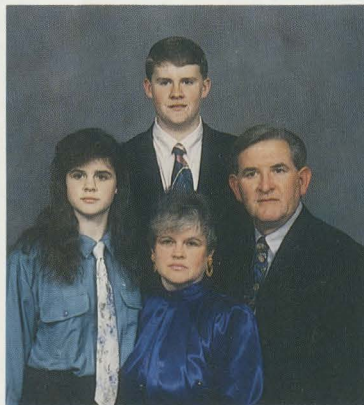
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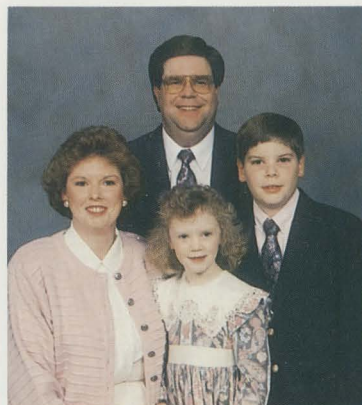
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TILLEY, Frank & June



TILLEY, Janet



TILLEY, Susie



TUCKER, Madge



WRIGHT, Rachel



WRIGHT, Ruth