



The History of West Hills Baptist Church



1961 - 2011

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DEDICATION

This book is dedicated in honor of and to the memory of the members of First Baptist Church who had the vision for a "new work" of faith in the West Hills community, and in honor of and to the memory of the 177 charter members of West Hills Baptist Church who worked tirelessly to bring that vision to reality.

"The history of the world is but the biography of great men."

Thomas Carlyle



His dream is our church .

J.O. Archer

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PREFACE

In 1993, on the occasion of the retirement of our first pastor Jack Prince, Ida Miller asked me if I would write a brief history of West Hills Baptist Church. Happily, I did. But history marches on even as it is recorded. Much has happened at West Hills in the 18 years since Jack's retirement (and sadly, his death).

As we near the celebration marking the 50th anniversary of our founding, this publication is an effort to record the most significant events in our history.

The work is not intended to be scholarly or comprehensive; rather, it is intended to show God's work with a group of dedicated Christians.

I have used as sources many interviews with current and former members, minutes of business meetings, copies of The Open Door, Sunday Bulletins, Knox County Association of Baptists, the Knoxville News-Sentinel, the McClung Collection of Knox County Library, and the East Tennessee History Center. In some instances, records were either contradictory or incomplete. I have tried to limit statistical information to that which is interesting or pertinent.

So many people have contributed so much to the writing of this history that I must attempt acknowledgments. First, thanks to Kathy Hamilton, Administrative Assistant, for the many times she opened the door and gave me access to the records (not to mention bailing me out at the copy machine). The most interesting sections of our history came from stories that people shared: Bill Pence, Betty Haas, Jack and Dottie West, Jim Fox, Bob and Carole Overholt, Frances Corlew, Steve and Jean Napolitan, Carl Perry, Max Hardin, and Rob Coombs. My thanks to Helen Tews and Morris Branch for taming my computer. Thanks to Judie Landry for editorial advice and LeAnn Mynatt for multiple proofreadings and corrections (I've raised a grammar Nazi!). A special thanks to Frances Corlew for providing the historical photographs for this book and thanks to Donna Silvey for preparing the manuscript for printing. A HUGE thank you to Jerry Kelley for printing our story.

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THE HISTORY OF WEST HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH: CELEBRATING OUR PAST... BUILDING THE FUTURE 1961-2011



our first pastor
Rev. Jack Prince
1960-92



our first organist
Frances Prince

In the 1950s several cultural, social, and religious factors contributed to the need for another Baptist church in West Knoxville.

First, was the culture. The 1950s were years of unparalleled growth and prosperity. The middle class, in particular, was enjoying unprecedented affluence. Twelve million veterans of World War II were returning home with access to \$14.5 billion in GI loans that could be used for low cost housing loans or college educations. Cultural horizons had been expanded by television, new superhighways and a work force that now, frequently, for the first time, included women. (Rosie the Riveter liked having a salary!) Thus began the postwar move to the suburbs.

A second factor for West Hills Baptist Church was the development of West Hills Subdivision. According to Carol Owen Bell, columnist for the *Knoxville News-Sentinel*, Morgan Schubert began the development of West Hills after he bought three farms: the Will Walker farm, the Arthur Kirby farm, and the Van Osdale farm. Mr. and Mrs. Schubert donated the land for the West Hills Elementary School.

By 1959, construction of single family residences was well under way. Bob Cunningham of the *Knoxville News-Sentinel* reported in October that 28 lots facing Corteland Drive had been sold to real estate developer Vic McLean, Jr., and builder Gene Cathey for \$81,200. Mr. McLean and Mr. Cathey had already sold two houses under construction to an Englishman and Don Gibson, a recording artist.

The 1950s were also years of religious fervor. Half the adult population attended church regularly. In 1954 "under God" was added to the Pledge of Allegiance, and in 1956 "In God We Trust" was engraved on U.S. currency. The Supreme Court even ruled that students could leave school early one day each week for religious instruction. A passion for religion was reflected in books, radio shows, television, and movies. Television had Bishop Fulton J. Sheen and Norman Vincent Peale. There were movies like *The Robe* and *The Ten Commandments*. Billy Graham used all the media except movies and reached millions of people through his Crusades for Christ.

In late 1956 or early 1957, the pastors of several Baptist churches in the Bearden community approached Dr. Charles Trentham, the pastor of First Baptist Church, about the possibility of establishing a "new work" in the West Hills community. It was felt that such an undertaking would need the support of First Baptist. The request was placed before the Missions Committee, at that time composed of Ross Reeder, Ralph P. Cox, Mrs. J. Lee Steward and Mrs. Karl M. Zaeh.

On Wednesday evening, July 8, 1959, at the regular business meeting of First Baptist, the following recommendation was approved:

The Mission Committee requests approval to proceed with the establishment of a branch Sunday school in West Hills starting in September, 1959, as follows:

Ultimate Goal – The establishment of a self-supporting, self-governing Baptist church to serve the spiritual needs of the West Hills area.

Program – Sunday school program for all ages, followed by preaching service.

Meeting Place – The committee desires to request formal permission from the Knox County School Board to use West Hills School on Sundays until the new church can provide its own facilities.

Personnel – Personnel to be selected from First Baptist members residing in the area, forming a nucleus; together with Baptist prospects identified by the recent census.

Finances – First Baptist Church to furnish initial Sunday school literature, and other miscellaneous expenses (janitorial, lights, etc.) to be paid from collections at the Sunday school with the accounting through our church.

The Mission Committee desires approval to proceed, as required, with such a program as outlined above and urges full church support and encouragement in this endeavor.

The Missions Committee selected Mr. J. O. Archer to serve as Sunday school superintendent and to work with the committee to secure twelve or more workers to compose the new organization.

Mr. Archer began the organizational work. On August 17, 1959, 20 people met in the Archers' home and laid the plans for the West Hills Branch of First Baptist Church. The group meeting in the Archers' home included the following:

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| Mr. & Mrs. J. O. Archer | Mr. & Mrs. Mont Egerton, Jr. |
| Mr. & Mrs. William Clark | Mr. & Mrs. H. B. Myers |
| Mr. & Mrs. James Scruggs | Dr. Edgar Eaves |
| Mr. & Mrs. Frank McSpadden | Mrs. Warren Slagle |
| Mr. & Mrs. Rufus Johnson | Mrs. Fred Human, Sr. |
| Mr. & Mrs. Karl Zaeh | Mr. W. P. Lewis |

On Sunday, October 4, 1959, the first service was held in the West Hills Elementary School with 57 people attending. The Reverend James A. Ivey, Associate Pastor of First Baptist Church, delivered the first sermon. Several weeks later, Dr. Douglas Harris, Professor of Bible at Carson-Newman College, was named interim pastor.

Dr. Harris, a native of Kentucky, was a graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Louisville, Kentucky, from which he received the Master of Theology and Doctor of Theology degrees. He taught at Carson-Newman from 1948 to 1966 and later at William Jewell College.

West Hills Branch of First Baptist Church began to grow right away. By January 1960, attendance was 63. Three months later, April 1960, the Sunday school enrollment had reached 86, with 93 present for the worship service. Fourteen people, at that time, had joined the church. By May a Women's Missionary Society circle had been organized and nine enrolled.

By July 7, 1960, Dr. James R. Lockett, Chairman of the Pulpit Committee, was able to report to the church that they had successfully completed their search for a pastor.

To the Members of the West Hills Branch of the First Baptist Church:

Since January [1960] of this year the Pulpit Committee has been under the conviction that God calls a man to preach and that also a preacher is called to a church where he can best serve his God and his Master. Consequently with this thought in mind our one Prayer has been that we may be able to recognize this man when he comes along.

Many times this committee has visited churches without a positive result but visits such as these broadened our views and we did not count the time consumed as a total loss. We gained confidence and experience from each visit. Not until May 29th did we feel suddenly and unanimously that God had revealed a man to us.

Since May 29 the Pulpit Committee has been untiringly and continually at work and in prayer. We have had conferences with Dr. Trentham on numerous occasions and have respected his advice.

Last Saturday and Sunday, most of you had the opportunity to meet and talk with Reverend Andrew Jackson Prince and his wife Frances. Reverend Prince is a graduate of Carson-Newman B.S (Magna Cum Laude). He holds his B.D. from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville and has done graduate work since his graduation. He has been at First Baptist Church of Oak Ridge as Associate Pastor; West Broadway Baptist Church of Louisville, Ky. as Associate Pastor and Educational Director; and is now Pastor of the Crestwood Baptist Church, Crestwood, Kentucky. He has been at Crestwood for four years.

After much prayer and deliberation the Pulpit Committee recommends that we extend a call to Reverend Prince to be our Pastor. We are also recommending that he receive a salary of \$4800.00, car expense of \$800.00, relief and annuity of 200.00 and social security and miscellaneous of \$200.00 for a total of \$6,000.00. He should be furnished a house with utilities not to exceed \$2,000.00 annually. He will also receive two weeks of vacation, two Sundays out of the pulpit for revivals. We will also bear the expense of moving his family to Knoxville. Bear in mind that this will be a reduction in salary and allowance for Reverend Prince.

Prayerfully submitted,

James R. Lockett

Chairman, Pulpit Committee

After prayerful consideration for two months, Reverend Prince accepted the call, effective August 1, 1960. Jack (as he has been called ever since) was young—31—and Frances was 29. They had three children: Karen, 4, Frannie, 2, and Ty, 1. (Drew was born on Halloween 1966). Frances is the former Frances Willson of Niota, Tennessee. She received a degree in piano and organ from Carson-Newman, where she was a major-ette and a yearbook beauty, and quickly was enlisted as pianist for the new church.

God was using others besides the pulpit committee to provide us with the right minister. In 2011 Frances recalls how the decision of the pulpit committee was confirmed:

First Baptist was a large church, even larger than it is now. Dr. Trentham knew Jack informally from Carson-Newman. Jack worked eight-hour shifts in the zinc mines, was an interim minister at First Baptist Church Oak Ridge as well as being a student at Carson-Newman. Dr. Trentham also knew some of his professors. Dr. Trentham passed this information to the pulpit committee.

At this time, there was much political polarization within the church as well as society as a whole. Dr. Trentham was very concerned about calling someone who was moderate rather than fundamentalist.

Another connection was Mr. Bernard Zellner, who was on the pulpit committee. Mr. Zellner had business and social connections with people from First Baptist Church of Athens, my home town. He recommended Jack to the pulpit committee.

And so began the ministry of a church and its pastor. In an interview with the *Knoxville News-Sentinel*, Jack said, “Some of my friends have remarked that the development of this small church must be a real opportunity. However, my wife and I do not think of it in those terms. We are here because of a call which we as well as members of this congregation have felt.” His first three sermons reflected this call:

August 7, 1960 Our Task

August 14, 1960 Our Task: Requirements for God’s People

August 21, 1960 Our Task: The Pastor’s Duty

Because the new congregation was meeting temporarily in a school, the West Hills members were invited to attend mid-week activities at First Baptist Church: family supper, prayer meeting, training union, and Sunday evening worship. Jack was given space at First Baptist for a study where he began work for his people:



Sept. 1982 ground breaking ceremony for the new sanctuary, John Samples, Dr. Prince, Mrs and Mr. Archer



Bette Rawlston - long time church secretary



As the Prince family grew, so did the West Hills Baptist Church family

PASTOR'S STUDY

August 12, 1960

Dear Members:

When a minister begins in a new field of service his family feels the same fears and apprehension which are experienced by most persons when they leave their friends to move to another community. Your welcome to us has more than removed these fears. The apprehension is gone, too, and in its place is a warmth that is usually felt only after having been on the field for some months. The reception Sunday and the welcome that all of you have given the Princes deepen the call that we experienced as God led us to you. It is our prayer that our service with you will fulfill every expectation that you had for the first pastor of your church.

Your pastor,

ANDREW J. PRINCE

By late September 1960 the West Hills Church had set a budget goal of \$40,000.00 for the next 15 months to be underwritten in cash and pledges by 35 families. By October 30, budget pledges totaled \$28,550.85, in addition to \$6,950.00 in the building fund. Later, with 45 families contributing, the budget was over-subscribed!

All of the organizations of the church progressed at a healthy pace: The Sunday School added three new classes and departments for 158 members; the Training Union had an enrollment of 100; and there was an active Women's Missionary Society. Sunday evening worship services were also begun. It was time to become West Hills Baptist Church rather than West Hills Branch of First Baptist Church.

Contributing strongly to that identity was the music ministry which has always been an important and integral part of worship. It has sought to help children, youths, and adults to develop their talents in the service of the Lord as well as nurturing their spiritual growth.

That first year—1960—when we were still meeting in West Hills School, Frances Prince Corlew played the piano, began to organize the choirs, arranged special music, kept track of borrowed music literature, assisted Jack in planning the worship services, and most importantly, set the standard for a music ministry that would span the years seamlessly.

"Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them." Exodus 25:8

And God has dwelled among us from the first meeting in the home of J.O. and Leola Archer to West Hills Elementary School to our very own sanctuary.

Two years after the church was organized as a mission of First Baptist Church and five months after Jack Prince accepted the call as pastor, 44 families adopted the first of four major building programs.

Of the four programs, none was more critical than the first. First Baptist was most supportive financially and included the West Hills families in their fellowship activities, and West Hills School was accommodating and generous with its facilities. But it was time to become West Hills Baptist Church with its own spiritual identity.

By January 8, 1961, final building plans and specifications were presented to the church. The chapel and educational building, representing an investment of approximately \$150,000, was the first step in the building program.

Approximately eight acres of land were donated by Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Schubert, Mrs. And Mrs. Morgan Schubert, and Mr. and Mrs. Breck Ellison.

First Baptist Church gave \$25,000 to the building fund and guaranteed another \$25,000 loan. The West Hills congregation raised \$25,000 and guaranteed two loans totaling \$100,000. Because we were not incorporated, seven men formed a corporation to underwrite this loan. (In 2011, \$100,000 would be the equivalent of \$747,000.) (See Appendix A).

Groundbreaking was set for February 26 with construction to begin the next day, but heavy rains delayed both events until March.

Access to the site was difficult. Winston Road was not paved, the interstate was not complete, and there was no bridge connection to Kingston Pike. Construction progressed rather quickly once it was begun, however, and was completed by October.

We had a chapel with seating for almost 300, plus a choir loft and baptistry. The educational wing formed a T with the chapel and extended west past the first preschool room. There were 21 classrooms, plus three nurseries and two large rooms that were used for assemblies and fellowship meals. A small kitchen doubled as a classroom. The pastor had an 8x10 foot office, and there was an 8x10 foot reception area (now occupied by the pre-school). (See Appendix D).

While the building was being constructed, the church continued to grow and went about its business of nurturing souls. In April 1961, Jack, along with other ministers, took a strong stand against the legalization of liquor, a referendum that was passed on May 5.

In May the Men's Bible Class presented a pulpit Bible to the church in memory of Dr. Fred Brown, Sr., for 25 years pastor of First Baptist Church, and father of Dr. Fred Brown, Jr., of the West Hills congregation.

In an open letter to members of First Baptist on September 28, 1961, Jack noted that there were 237 members enrolled in Sunday School and over 100 enrolled in Training Union. There was a full W.M.S. program, including Sunbeams, GAs and RAs.

The long-awaited day finally arrived—October 1, 1961—when the building was completed and the first services were scheduled. Actually, there were three services:

Oct. 1, 1961 Inauguration Day with Jack delivering the sermon at 10:45

Oct. 2, 1961 Service of Organization with Reverend Lawrence Trivette, Superintendent of Knox County Missions presiding

Oct. 3, 1961 Service of Dedication with Dr. Charles A. Trentham of First Baptist bringing the dedication sermon

Unfortunately, the joyful occasion was marked by tragedy when Rufus Johnson, one of the original organizers, collapsed and died after leading the opening prayer in Sunday school that Sunday morning.

It was decided that all persons who joined the church during October 1961 would be charter members. The names of the 177 who joined are listed in Appendix B.

In early October a committee began drafting the constitution and bylaws that would become the governing document of the church. It is a testament to their spiritual wisdom that so few changes have been made.

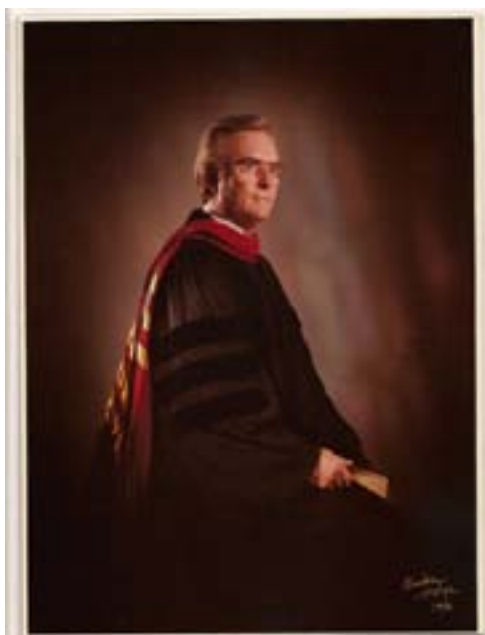
By the time we moved into the new sanctuary, members of the Sanctuary Choir were wearing new robes, and we had a new Conn organ at a cost of about \$2000. The children's choirs exceeded all expectations. We borrowed children's robes from First Baptist Church for the Christmas program, and we had more children than robes!

In January 1962 the congregation began the process of electing a board of deacons. Eleven men were elected, five of whom had been previously ordained. The other six were ordained March 4.

Two staff members were added in 1962. Martha Wallis served as church secretary from 9:00 to 5:00 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. On November 7, 1962, the board of deacons recommended that the church call Dr. W. H. McCammon, Jr., as part-time Minister of Music.



Snow covered scene of the church taken not long after the new building was complete. Circa 1984. This photograph was probably taken by Dr. Brown.



Jack Prince upon earning his doctorate degree



Max Hardin and Ida Miller

The church was still growing rapidly. A census was conducted in Kingston Woods, Suburban Hills and Cedar Bluff subdivisions to enlist those not affiliated with a church. In 1962, 93 members were added to the roll—18 by baptism and 75 by letter.

Once again it was time to enter into a building program. In November, the congregation authorized the building committee to employ Lindsay and Maples to draw preliminary plans for additional educational space. By April 1963 the congregation had agreed to add 3,380 square feet of educational space and to air-condition the entire church at a cost of \$60,000.00. This extended our space to, but not including, the corridor outside the present library. This addition was completed in 1964.

The first revival at West Hills was held in April 1963. The evangelist was Reverend Ralph Murray, then pastor of Smithwood Baptist Church. The first wedding in the new sanctuary was on June 1, 1963, when Marion Jean Williams married David William Goodpasture.

The budget for 1963 was \$55,400.00. This provided for hiring a janitor, Sam Billingsley, 40 hours per week at \$1.25 per hour! Included in this budget were social security payments and workman's compensation for church employees.

One of the best ways to get members at West Hills to attend church functions, then and now, is to feed them. And one of the most revered traditions was begun in 1963—Wednesday evening meals. The first church hostess was Mrs. Karl Zaeh, who, along with the help of Aunt Lou, served fine fare for 65 cents for adults and 40 cents for children. Mrs. Zaeh was followed by Betty Mirts in 1965-66 and Bobbie Mayo in the fall of 1968.

The person with the longest tenure as hostess was Betty Haas. She first held the position in 1967-68. She remembers this exactly because her four-year-old son Alan accompanied her. Her mother Billie Turner (Granny) began helping about 1980 until her health failed.

Betty didn't volunteer for the job. Max Hardin (then our associate pastor) asked her to accompany the youth to Ridgecrest. They soon found out what an outstanding cook she was.

However, these meals were neither prepared nor served the way we know them today. First, the kitchen was not located where it is now. Then, it was located in the first room on the left as you enter the building from the back parking lot – what is now the kindergarten room. There was only a sink, a refrigerator, and a stove.

Come on down that hall, toward the back of the baptistry in the chapel, turn left past the bathroom, and you have the "dining room." This area, also used as a department assembly room, was so small the children ate first and then the adults. The room was also used for intermediate Sunday School classes. Since the dining room was not adjacent to the kitchen, adult Sunday School classes volunteered to serve the plates.

Another longstanding tradition came to West Hills in 1964. Bette Ross became church secretary. (She married Seth Rawlston in September 1972).

By January 1964 the new educational addition, begun in April 1963, was complete.

In March 1964 The Good Samaritan Fund was established. This is a non-budgeted fund to be used for persons with non-recurring and critical financial needs.

By the end of 1964 church membership had grown to 327.

Frances Prince had served first as pianist and later as organist for the church since its beginning. In April of 1965, she requested an indefinite leave of absence, and in June, Miss Louise Turner was hired as organist. (However, Frances would fill in many times throughout the years.)

In July 1965 Dr. W. H. McCammon, Jr., Minister of Music resigned to accept a position with North Georgia College. Wesley McCoy was named interim music director. The budget for 1965 was \$70,882.00, and membership had grown to 400.

The years 1966 through 1970 were years of phenomenal growth for West Hills, with membership almost doubling. The church celebrated its fifth anniversary on September 25. Two weeks prior to that marked the beginning of two morning worship services in order to accommodate the overflow worshipers.

Much of that growth was due to the ministry of Max Hardin. On October 16, 1966, Max was called to West Hills. Max is a graduate of Carson-Newman College and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Prior to coming to West Hills, Max served churches in Knoxville, Sevierville, and Bogalusa, Louisiana. In addition to his duties as Minister of Music, Max was also director of all educational programs.

Much of 1967 was devoted to planning for a new addition. In addition to adopting a regular budget of \$106,444.00, the congregation voted to build a third time, this time a \$175,000 project.

The new building included a kitchen (and no one was more delighted than Betty Haas) plus storage rooms, a multipurpose room (dining/recreation hall), 18 classrooms, a choir room (which doubled as classrooms), and four assembly rooms. This addition extended south toward the interstate. The doors to the restrooms opposite the present library were changed from the east wall to the west wall, opening into the new corridor. Work was completed on this phase September 1968. Jack was joined by guest speakers, including Mayor Leonard Rogers and Dr. Charles Trentham, pastor of First Baptist.

The new addition was envisioned as being used by the community as well as the church. And it was. In September of 1969, the church granted approval for the YMCA to use selected areas of the building for its programs, while their construction was underway.

Perhaps the most significant event of 1969 was the establishment of the pre-school program. In February the board of deacons recommended that the church begin a kindergarten program in the fall of 1969. The director was Mrs. Wade Meadows and the teacher Mrs. W. Ingram James. There were seventeen children enrolled in the first class. The program was so successful that the next year a five day nursery for four-year-olds and day care was added. Again the available places were filled and waiting lists were established.

By 1970 there were 45 children in the pre-school program and a waiting list of applicants for 1971-72. The staff included two additional teachers: Mrs. Carlyle Lowe and Mrs. Robert Phillips.

Because of the Billy Graham Crusade, 1970 was a big year for all Knoxville churches. The crusade began on May 28, 1970. There were about 75,000 people in Neyland Stadium that night, including President Richard Nixon and about 400 students and faculty who came to protest the Vietnam War. When the President was introduced, the boos, catcalls, and obscenities began. About 40 were arrested on charges of disorderly conduct and disrupting a religious service.

Outside of that incident, however, the crusade was very much a success, and West Hills members were involved with all aspects of it: prayer meetings, ushers, choir, counseling, finances and post-crusade follow-ups. There were 80 decisions made from West Hills worshipers, plus another 30 who gave West Hills as their church preference. There were 98 people added to the roll in 1970, making the membership 745.

One of West Hills' most cherished traditions, a Christmas party for children outside our church began in 1970. Jack and Max had been working with some of the boys in Western Heights and came up with the idea for a Christmas party. For the first four years it was for boys only. John Keller and Steve Robinson, U.T. football players, spoke to the boys and signed autographs. The boys and their sponsors enjoyed dinner and the opening of gifts.

Because we included girls in 1974, we had two parties: 70 girls on December 5 and 100 boys on December 6. Louise Harrison was church hostess at that time. That's a lot of chicken!

Carole Overholt, the chairman of the party since 2000, explained how so many children are delighted every year.

The Director of the Western Heights Center, Shannon Washam, chooses 50 boys and girls

between the ages of two and 14. They must be active in Bible Study and other activities and must exhibit good behavior.

Preparation at West Hills begins with a committee: food, decorations, transportation, entertainment, and gifts. The committee is hard at work by September.

Local businesses give discounts on items that go into a "goody" bag, such as crayons, candy, coloring books. Each child receives a Bible, stuffed animal, and a backpack. The Enoch Sunday School class provides other gifts.

Each child is sponsored by an adult and is met by that adult when he or she arrives on the bus. The two sit together for the meal and entertainment, which may consist of a magician (one of the favorites), a media personality, University of Tennessee cheerleaders, or football players.

The emphasis for the evening is spiritual. Someone (frequently, Dr. Bob) tells the Christmas story, which is the focus of the evening.

In January 1971 Mrs. Phil Shu, the organist since February 1968, resigned. Mrs. Jack Thompson served as interim organist until August when Mrs. Lanny Smith joined the staff.

The budget was \$119,500 for 1971, and for the first year (and only one of two at that time) membership declined to 732.

The end of 1971 and the beginning of 1972 marked one of the most exciting (and sometimes frustrating) periods in the history of West Hills Baptist Church: the bus ministry. The bus ministry began when several church members attended a conference outlining effective programs in other churches in Knoxville as well as other cities. On February 9, 1972, the congregation voted unanimously to begin the ministry the first Sunday in March.

Once that decision was made, we began the process of finding buses. Max Hardin and Lee Huffine went to Pennsylvania and bought two school buses. "Lazarus," another bus, was resurrected from a junk yard in exchange for "two old cars, two desks, a fan belt, a bucket, a broom and a hundred dollars," according to Jim Fox. There was some evidence that chickens had been living in it. Many hours of work and many dollars were spent getting Lazarus ready: a new transmission, new tires, new brakes, an overhauled motor, and a new interior. The second bus, a salvaged navy bus, bought and donated by George Harrison, was painted and became the "Purple People Getter." We also had a small city bus painted orange and white and driven by Dewey Bunting, a UT professor.

They were ready to roll. Bob Overholt, the bus ministry coordinator, and over 80 volunteers canvassed surrounding neighborhoods, signed up children who wanted to ride, and made arrangements to pick them up on Sunday morning. By April, a third bus route was begun, by September two more, including Crestwood Hills, a new subdivision development and Middlebrook Acres, in its new development stage.

Such an undertaking required much planning and commitment. Each bus had a driver and an assistant. Jim Fox was dubbed the Minister of Maintenance. Bob Showalter kept us in spare parts. John Booth helped as a mechanic. Everybody participating in the ministry got to church very early each Sunday and began with prayer led by Dr. Bob, specifically praying that the buses would start. One morning Hazel Showalter felt led to recite a "Hail Mary, full of grace."

During the ministry, worship service attendance was averaging 25 visitors per Sunday. But problems were inherent and the first bloom of enthusiasm began to wane. One of the problems was a happy one. Many of the families whose children rode the buses began attending church and bringing their children themselves. Also, other area churches began bus routes. The ministry was discontinued in the spring of 1975.

One factor that may have contributed to increased attendance at this time was the hiring of Reverend Glenn Gregg as Minister of Visitation. Reverend Gregg had been associated with First Baptist in several of their downtown mission endeavors.

This same year, the adults decided to get in on the Halloween fun. For several years the adult departments had parties complete with costumes, skits (such as "The Grasshopper Opera" and "Six Hags Over West Hills"), and music, in addition to the traditional pumpkins, corn and apple bobbing. It was a wonderful time of fellowship when many latent talents were exposed—or discovered.

In late 1972, Jack requested permission of the church to pursue his doctorate degree:

Dear Members,

For several years I have considered continuing my formal education by studying for a doctorate degree. I have not done this because the available degrees in my field of work would necessitate my returning to the Seminary on a full time basis for a prolonged period of study. In addition to this, the degrees were not specifically designed for the pastorate. However, last year Southern Seminary instituted a new degree entitled the Doctor of Ministry. This degree is designed specifically for the work of the pastor. In contrast to the degrees of the past a seminary graduate may return to the seminary for short periods of intense resident study in the months of Jan., June and July. In each of these months the student can receive 3 to 4 hours credit by attending classes from Tuesday through Friday morning. This program makes it possible to return to the pastorate for the weekend.

As I had completed 24 post graduate hours prior to coming to Knoxville, I could receive my Doctor of Ministry degree by attending the Seminary during the above mentioned months for 2 years.

This will call for sacrifice on the part of the church as well as the student. I, therefore, presented my desire to the deacons for their consideration. This recommendation will be presented to the church August 9th.

If the church concurs, I will begin the work in July 1973. Would you think about this and be present for the August Business Meeting for the discussion and decision?

Sincerely,

Andrew J. Prince

The congregation voted its approval.

The next year, 1973, was an eventful year for West Hills in many ways. First Rob Coombs joined the staff in March as associate pastor. Still a junior at Carson-Newman, Rob helped on Saturdays and Sundays, especially with the bus ministry.

Also in March, Mrs. Wade Meadows resigned as director of the kindergarten to return to school. Sue Byerly took her place and additional teachers were hired: Iris Henson, JoAnne Lockett, Sue Pence, and Shirley Bunting.

Then in May Max Hardin underwent surgery for severe neck pain. Dr. Stephen Young supplied as director of music. In July Sandra Smith, the organist, moved to Johnson City, and Sonja Mixon Lewis and Linda Richardson (Williams) served as organists.

In spite of staff fluctuations, attendance was good. Vacation Bible School that year had probably the highest attendance ever: 401 enrolled with an average attendance of 304 transported in six buses.

On May 12, 1974, Rob Coombs was ordained to the ministry by the West Hills Church. He continued to serve the church until he left for Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in mid-August.

In July the Youth Choir left on a four-day tour through Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Memphis. Although this was by no means the first trip for the choir (or other youth groups), it proved so successful that it laid the foundation for later youth spiritual emphasis retreats.

September 1974 marked the tenth anniversary of Bette Rawlston's tenure as church secretary. It was celebrated with a dinner, an inimitable skit, and a special gift of an engraved silver tray.

This was the year West Hills began to participate in Dimensions of Faith Through Art (DOFTA), an exposi

tion for gifted artists to express themselves through a variety of media: painting, water color, drawing and graphics, sculpture, photography, crafts, banners, and youth categories.

On December 20, 1974, Jack became the Reverend Doctor Andrew Jackson Prince.

In 1975 West Hills established another tradition: publication of a church cookbook. Although Jack Prince asked us never to print another one, we did—three more.

The bulletin of June 29, 1975, proclaimed a sad day for West Hills Baptist Church:

OUR DAY FOR MAX AND MARY HARDIN

Beginning at six o'clock this evening we will have a very special program at our church. For nine years Max Hardin has led our church as Minister of Music and Education. On July 1, he will assume new job responsibilities with the Church Mutual Insurance Company. This evening the entire church will meet together for a meal and a period of fellowship to honor the Hardin family, to express our love for them, and to pray God's blessings upon them in their new work.

Happily, Max and Mary returned to Knoxville and resumed active membership at West Hills in December 1983.

Don Caldwell served as interim music director until Ron Teague was called by the church as Minister of Music and Education on November 30, 1975. Ron, a native of Detroit, Michigan, was a graduate of Belmont College and had done graduate work at Peabody College and the University of Missouri. He came to West Hills from Columbia, Missouri, where he was Minister of Youth and Music.

During the 60s and 70s the choirs presented major works, especially at Easter and Christmas, including Handel's *Messiah* (three different years), *A Christmas Oratorio* (Saint-Saens), *The Seven Last Words of Christ* (Dubois), *Golgotha*, and *God's Trombones* (Johnson/Ringwald), as well as a live nativity scene and community carol sing in the Suburban Center parking lot.

In July the youth went to Garden City, South Carolina, for what became an annual spiritual emphasis retreat.

In December Sonja Lewis resigned as organist and youth choir director. Sylvia Thompson became interim organist until Hannah McDaniel joined the staff the next year.

Although the bus ministry was phased out the previous spring, the church still had many transportation needs: Kindergarten field trips, transporting the elderly to services, transporting the youth to retreats. In January 1976 the congregation voted to participate in a state senior citizens' transportation program. The state would provide the van in exchange for the church providing transportation services for senior citizens. In March the transportation committee recommended that the church buy a passenger bus at a cost of \$9,500.00 plus two presently owned buses. Then in June a second van was purchased.

In June 1976 a silver communion service was presented to the church in honor of Mary Lou McBride and Don McBride by their Sunday School classes and other friends. (More about the McBrides later.)

This was the first year of many that the youth went to Panama City, Florida, for their spiritual emphasis retreat.

This was also the year that Jack and Frances took a ten-day tour of Israel and Rome.

What a year 1977 was for Knoxville! The coldest winter in fifty years; Knoxville approved as the site of Knoxville International Energy Exposition '82; the widening of Malfunction Junction approved; the Roddy farm rezoned; and TVA and environmentalists wage war over snail darters!

In January of 1977, the need to conserve energy was so critical that West Hills was forced to curtail services. On January 23 Sunday School, Church Training, and evening worship services were canceled. The temperature in the building was reduced to 50 degrees in an effort to conserve natural gas.

In February that year the church voted to re-decorate the chapel. It was painted and carpeted completely. New pew cushions were added and the pulpit chairs were re-upholstered.

This year, the youth went to Disney World and Clearwater Beach rather than Panama City.

In July Louise Harrison resigned as church hostess after three years, and in August Betty Haas assumed the job once again. Our appetites never diminished. By 1977 Betty was serving about 200 people each week for \$2.00 per adult. She did have a big stove, oven and dishwasher. There was no air conditioning and no one to clean except Betty and the janitor (Sam Billingsley). Sometimes she paid two or three teenagers \$5.00 to \$7.00 to help.

Like today, reservations were made in advance so that the hostess would know how many to prepare for. Unlike today, there was no Sam's or Wal-Mart with semi-prepared food, but there was an A&P where Toys R Us is now located. Betty did not post the menu in advance. She studied the ads from the Sunday newspaper to see what was on sale, planned the menu on Monday, purchased the groceries on Tuesday, cooked from 9:00 till 9:00 on Wednesday, reconciled the account on Thursday and went to the bank. At this time, the meals were not underwritten by the church budget, but Betty always made a profit.

Our favorite foods were homemade rolls, cornbread, and French bread.

By 1977 the budget had grown to \$150,000.00.

One of the most significant events in the history of West Hills Baptist Church came about in February of 1978: the establishment of the Mary Lou McBride Memorial Fund. Established in memory of his wife, Don McBride's generosity empowered West Hills to expand its mission and enter into another building program in 1980. The amount of the memorial fund was \$100,000.00. The money was placed in an insured savings account for four years, at the end of which time, the principal and accrued assets were turned over to the church for use in a sanctuary building program. Mr. McBride died in June without seeing the result of his benevolence. However, he did know that in April the Building/Planning Committee was requested to study programs and space to determine future needs.

A new building was coming about none too soon, for classroom space was at such a premium that Frances Prince was teaching a singles class in the den of her home.

The budget for 1978 was \$165,000.00. For the first time this enabled the church to establish a more realistic retirement annuity for the staff: 10% of gross salary for professional staff and 5% for other staff.

The summer of 1978 was a busy time for our youth. In addition to the spiritual emphasis retreat at Panama City in June, they were actively involved in the Bill Glass Evangelistic Crusade August 6-13. Then August 19-22 the youth choir went to Detroit, Michigan, to perform.

In September Rob Coombs returned to West Hills and Knoxville to pursue a graduate degree at the University of Tennessee (and probably to pursue Janet Haas, for they were married the next year). This was fortuitous for West Hills because Ron Teague had resigned as Minister of Music and Education to go into private business.

Another stroke of good fortune for West Hills was Carl Perry's availability as interim Minister of Music. A graduate of the University of North Carolina, Carl had been Minister of Music at First Baptist Church, Knoxville for 11 years. Additionally he had taught at several colleges, taught at both Glorietta and Ridgecrest, published articles and music, and held numerous civic and professional leadership positions. Carl joined the staff on an interim basis in late November and was named Minister of Music the next year.

It was June 24, 1979, in fact, when Rob and Carl were both named to staff positions.

The children's sermons were among the many contributions that Rob made to West Hills. These were begun in 1979 and then, as now, spoke to adults as well as the children in the simple language of the child. In fact, Rob and Iris Perry collaborated on a book of children's sermons that was published in 1989.

This same year the church sold the last of its buses. The proceeds from the sale were placed in an account to help defray the cost of leasing buses for future needs.

From the very beginning, Jack Prince had a vision of West Hills as a church that served its community. He returned home one night to find Frances crying. When he asked what was wrong, she told him about seeing a program on television about the boat people from Vietnam. Within days, Jack had made ar

rangements for our church to adopt a family from Vietnam. The Phan Gia Tran family of five came to West Hills from Saigon in April 1980 and lived with the Princes for three months. Our fellowship helped supply their most basic needs: food, shelter, employment, clothing, home furnishings, and an understanding of English.

In May of 1980 Dr. Steve Young joined the staff as organist.

Also in May, the Long Range Planning Committee completed its report. First they developed the future program objectives that they felt the church should strive to meet.

West Hills Baptist Church will strive to accomplish the following program objectives:

1. To expand a ministry to the elderly.
2. To expand a ministry to the single adults.
3. To expand the outreach programs.
4. To develop a ministry to apartment and condominium dwellers.
5. To develop a program for exceptional children.
6. To expand the youth program.
7. To expand the recreational and activities program.
8. To expand the ministry to college students.
9. To expand the day care program.
10. To expand programs for leadership training.
11. To strengthen the Children's Worship Service.
12. To encourage more volunteers to be involved in local community activities.
13. To develop programs for new members.
14. To develop a greater involvement of inactive members present on the membership rolls.

Then the committee developed recommendations for space utilization based on these program needs.

Recommendations

1. Pre-school
 - a. To utilize existing facilities in the same general location
 - b. To build a nursery in close proximity to the new sanctuary (approximately 500 square feet).
2. Children
 - a. To utilize existing facilities in the same general location.
 - b. To convert the present office space into educational space.
3. Youth
 - a. To relocate and utilize the existing space in the activities building for educational purposes.
 - b. To convert approximately two rooms of existing space in the activities building into a game and recreational room.
4. Adults
 - a. To build approximately 17 classrooms for educational space (approximately 3000 square feet).
 - b. If assembly space is needed, the new sanctuary could be utilized.

5. Office space

a. To build an office area to include reception space in close proximity to the new sanctuary (approximately 1000 square feet).

6. Special areas

a. To build a choir room in close proximity to the new sanctuary.

b. To relocate the media center to the existing choir room.

c. To build a sanctuary to accommodate approximately 600 people (approximately 4500 square feet).

July 16, 1980, a Building/Planning Committee was appointed to consider construction, financing, and implementing the recommendations of the Long Range Planning Committee. On December 10 this committee recommended that the church enter into a building program to construct a sanctuary and additional educational and office space. The congregation voted 228 to 23 to adopt the recommendation and 174 to 59 to employ Membership Services, Inc., to assist with the fundraising.

Much of 1981-82 was devoted to preparation for building: plans, choosing an architect, construction firm, and fundraising.

With the \$100,000 McBride Memorial Fund, we had a good start toward the \$880,000 that the project would cost.

Chronology of Planning and Building Program

January 3, 1981: Building/Planning Committee presented detailed plans to church

January 13, 1981: Church voted on plans

May 13, 1981: Building/Planning Committee recommended hiring the architectural firm of Weeks & Ambrose

September 13, 1981: Building/Planning Committee presented drawings, slides, plans for viewing

December 9, 1981: Building/Planning Committee reported proposed costs of the new building

January 27, 1982: Building/Planning Committee recommended that:

1. the architect draw specifications for the building and that bids be secured, and
2. the Building/Planning Committee be authorized to pay the architect.

September 15, 1982: Building/Planning Committee recommended that Phase I be implemented: excavation and proper refill for the foundation of the sanctuary

September 19, 1982: Twenty-one years after moving into the first building, West Hills held a ground-breaking ceremony

November 3, 1982: Building/Planning Committee recommended that:

1. the church accept the bid of Construction Engineers, Inc., of \$880,100.00, and
2. borrow \$750,000.00 for 20 years for construction, furnishings, and retirement of existing loan on activities building.

In addition to the sanctuary, we added six ministerial and administrative offices and a choir room (with robing rooms) adjacent to the sanctuary. The former choir room was converted to a library, and nine classrooms and a general assembly room were added west of the fellowship hall.

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In the midst of all the building, the programs of the church continued and grew. Membership exceeded 1,000 for the first time and the budget had grown to \$220,462.00.

In June the youth went to Southport, North Carolina, for their spiritual emphasis retreat and in July to Weaverville, North Carolina, for their mission trip.

In September 1982, Peggy Faerber joined the staff as part-time secretary.

Another dimension of worship was added in 1982: the Lighting of the Advent Candles and the Hanging of the Greens. This begins on the first day of Advent, the Sunday after Thanksgiving, and continues through Christmas Eve. On the four Sundays preceding Christmas and on Christmas Eve, a family from the congregation reads a passage of scripture, lights a candle and leads in prayer.

When the pre-school program was established in 1969, one of the concerns of the congregation was that it be self-supporting. The program has far exceeded all expectations. On December 8, 1982, the kindergarten gave \$5,000.00 to the church, only one of several such gifts. Another came in September of 1983 when the pre-school spent \$5,500.00 for improvements to pre-school classrooms.

The pre-school contributions were most helpful, for by this time the budget had grown to \$243,474.00.

The by-laws of the church constitution have been changed only a few times in the history of the church. One change was attempted in 1983 but failed: the motion to amend the by-laws, making both men and women eligible to be deacons. It passed three years later.

In January 1983 John and Vicki Purifoy came to West Hills and immediately began contributing to the music program. They both worked with the Youth Choir, and, following in Carl Perry's footsteps, directed the music portion of the youth spiritual emphasis retreats. John, a composer, arranger, editor and publisher, later served as Interim Minister of Music and has directed us in worship many times. About 1987 Vicki became the pianist full time. We have been very blessed by their piano artistry and by John's spirit-filled compositions. Under Carl's direction—and later Eric Thorson's—the Sanctuary Choir has led in worship with many of John's cantatas and anthems.

John was not the only composer at West Hills. Iris Perry composed the lyrics to six anthems, plus a call to worship and a benediction. These were set to music by John Purifoy, Steve Young, and John Emert.

One of the most ambitious mission projects our youth ever undertook spanned two summers, 1983-1984. Twenty-five teenagers and five adults traveled by bus, Amtrak, vans, and truck (2,230 miles) to Leupp, Arizona, a small Indian community on a Navajo reservation. They conducted a Vacation Bible School for children and—through an interpreter—for adults. They framed in a three bedroom parsonage for the minister in 1983, which they completed in 1984. Chrissy Calloway Johnston, LeAnn Mynatt, and Brent Cundall all remember the Navajo minister's children having to take turns sleeping in the cab of a pickup truck because there was not enough room in their mobile home which had been condemned. It was the first time that many of our youth had been introduced to a culture very different from their own. Brent Cundall is now the founder of the World Music Mission, an organization focused on putting musicians, writers and worship leaders together worldwide in Christian service, and he says that his passion for this expression of his faith was "seeded at West Hills."

In February 1984 the church lost one of its most ardent supporters: J. O. Archer died three months before the dedication of the new additions. It was in the Archer's home that the first organizational meeting of the church was held.

There was much work to be done in 1984. Although the building program was exciting, reality dictated that it be financed. In January the Finance Committee and the deacons recommended that the church engage the services of a consultant to lead the building fund drive. April 29 "Partners in Progress... The Second Mile" was initiated with an inspirational banquet. Four days later 93 families had pledged \$240,000 over a three-year period, not including regular budget commitments.

The long-awaited day finally arrived. On May 13, 1984, West Hills dedicated its new sanctuary with Dr. Duke McCall, President of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, delivering the message. The same week Linda Stutzenberger presented a dedicatory recital of the new Yamaha sanctuary grand piano. Later, in July, John Emert, who had been called as organist in May, presented a dedicatory recital on the new organ. A Rodgers 900 three manual, considered to be the finest electronic organ available at that time.

In September the church celebrated Bette Rawlston Day with a banquet, "Sitting in the Office" (a drama in one act after another), and a money tree. (Seth took her to Hawaii.)

When Frances Prince Corlew was asked, what was Jack's early vision for the church, she replied:

Jack preached several sermons early on the Koinonia, the importance of fellowship, love and caring for one another, leading people to Christ. That vision never really changed. He also believed a church should serve the community. We had basketball teams, AA meetings, Boy Scouts, and English as a Second Language classes. When the YMCA was being built, they used our building for many activities.

The church has always striven to serve the community. The activities that were scheduled in 1984 are an example of this commitment:

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| English-speaking Classes | 10:00-12:00 | Daily |
| Remedial English/Math | 5:15-8:15 | Tues/Thurs. |
| Sign Language | 7:00-8:00 | Thurs. |
| Japanese Language | 3:00-6:00 | Tues. |

By 1985 the budget had grown to \$300,000.00, and one of the most pressing needs was a new van, which was purchased in March.

In May the new media center was opened. The pre-school had donated enough money to refurbish the old choir room with an acoustical ceiling and new carpet. All that was needed was the addition of shelving, furniture, and new books, which were donated after a book fair in May.

Also in May, Jack went to Pucallpa Peru, for a ten-day ministry to the Shipibo Indians.

The youth, as became their custom, went to Panama City for a spiritual emphasis retreat and then to Portland, Maine, for their youth mission.

September 1, 1985, was proclaimed the Itha Carpenter Day. Mrs. Carpenter was the first person to join West Hills Baptist Church on October 4, 1959.

October 2, 1985, marked the twenty-fifth anniversary of Jack's ministry at West Hills. It was celebrated with a banquet and a skit "The Preach." Jack responded:

Dear Members,

How do I say "Thank You" for your expression of love given to my family and me last Wednesday evening? I'm in the "word business"—I have been for over thirty-five years. Yet, it is difficult for me to translate deep feelings into words that adequately communicate my innermost emotions

For the celebration last Wednesday evening, the unbelievable musical, the Book of Memories, the most generous love offering, and twenty-five great years—thank you and I love you. These words are used at times so lightly, but they are used also to translate the deepest emotions that family and friends have for each other.

Your Pastor,
Andrew J. Prince

In December the church voted to allow Rob Coombs to enroll in Southern Baptist Theological Seminary to work toward a Doctor of Ministry degree.

By 1986 the consciousness of the congregation had been raised somewhat (How could it be otherwise with Jack's sermons!) and the motion to change the by-laws to include women as candidates for deacons was passed. Ida Miller was elected in 1986 and in 1987 Mitsy Watts, Martha Wright, Betty Haas, and Mary Frances Rule were elected to the Deacon Board.

In March the preschool program extended daycare to infants and one-year-olds. In June a 15-passenger van was purchased through the preschool budget.

One of the saddest days in the life of the church was September 18, 1986, the funeral of Bette Rawlston. She was so much more than a secretary—a wonderful Christian friend.

In October it was necessary to put a new roof on the chapel and older portions of the building. This required \$30,000.00 in excess of the \$306,000.00 budget.

In 1986, the eighteenth year, the Christmas party was held for the children of Western Heights. For the first time, there was one party for both boys and girls.

In 1987 West Hills Baptist Church, led by the finance committee, adopted a budget of \$448,000.00. There were four major goals that they hoped to accomplish:

1. Raise the mission giving to approximately 10% of the budget
2. Include debt service on new buildings (building fund pledges would soon end), and increase the amount to the principal
3. Increase the pastor's salary by 12% and annuity to 15% of gross salary
4. Conduct a budget campaign to meet those needs.

In March 1987 the building committee reported that the repairs to the roof of the NEW sanctuary should be completed soon. It had leaked for three years in spite of the efforts of the committee to secure the cooperation of the contractor. The committee also reported in October that new lights would be installed at the entrance to the building and that the heating system in the old building would have to be replaced.

Also in October, the kindergarten installed a computer system.

In June the youth left for Des Moines, Iowa, for their mission trip.

In 1988, for the first time, the budget exceeded half a million dollars, \$505,550.00.

In January 1988, primarily through the efforts of Bill Pence and Betty Haas, West Hills began its affiliation with the FISH Hospitality Pantries. This is a non-profit, all-volunteer organization begun in 1972 that provides food to more than 12,000 families every month in a compassionate and non-judgmental way. Because 25% of the recipients are children, Kids BOOST items, such as fresh fruit, granola, pasta, and dairy products are included. One Saturday each month, Margaret Arnold and the FISH Team meet at the church. They take phone requests from twenty-five families and find out how many family members need groceries and toiletries. Each family gives directions to their home. Finally the team prepares all the bags and travel directions for the drivers who then pick up the bags, get their travel directions and deliver to every section of Knoxville. Every January our church is responsible for stocking the FISH Warehouse.

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Betty Haas retired in the spring of 1988 after serving as our church hostess off and on from 1967. She was not only our hostess for Wednesday night meals, but also accompanied the youth on many of their retreats, the fewest number being 65 and the most being 95. Youth mission trips were limited to 25 young people. Betty went on only one of these trips—to Pippa Passes, Kentucky.

On the youth retreats, Betty took staples from Knoxville, but went to the grocery after arriving at their destination (many times Panama City, Florida) and purchased \$1000 to \$1200 worth of food. She provided breakfast, lunch, dinner, morning, afternoon, and evening snacks! The youths did the serving and cleanup.

At one winter retreat at Fall Creek Falls, one of the youths said, "Mrs. Haas, we have bacon, eggs, and biscuits, but no gravy!" Betty confessed she didn't know how to make gravy. The youth taught her and they had gravy for breakfast thereafter.

When Betty retired in the spring of 1988, the congregation had a surprise presentation on Sunday night: she was presented a diamond necklace. To make sure that Betty would be there, she and daughter Janet were scheduled to sing a duet.

We've been fortunate enough to have other great hostesses as well. Betty had visited with Sharon Bedwell, who was living in Texas at the time, and recruited her for the position upon the Bedwells' return to Knoxville. Louise Harrison became church hostess in 1974 and served until 1977. Our more recent hostesses, who have kept our cups overflowing, include Debbie Goudreau and Susan Whitaker, who has been with us since 2004.

In June 1988, the educational space expansion committee reported to the church on the feasibility of converting the chapel into a young adult center, one of the fastest growing departments of the church. The motion, which was passed, was as follows:

1. that we immediately try to find a buyer for the pews in the chapel, after which we acquire suitable chairs, and
2. that, as soon as possible, the church obtain architectural drawings (and cost estimates) proposing options for the use of the chapel as a young adult center. These proposals may include building a second story for at least a portion of the chapel with classrooms upstairs and down.

In July the youth went to Juneau, Alaska, on a thirteen-day mission trip.

In September of 1988, there were two firsts. One was voting to suspend regular Sunday night services during the summer months. Services would be held for special occasions, such as sharing with the youth their spiritual emphasis retreat and mission experiences. The other first was the first annual Medic blood drive. With 30% of our membership donating, all members would be covered.

In December the lobby of the sanctuary was furnished with the portrait of the Archers being the focal point.

On December 16, 1988, Rob Coombs received his Doctorate of Ministry.

April 16, 1989, was a particularly special Sunday. For Youth Sunday, the youth presented a drama, "Of Dreams and Hopes," in memory of Sally Townsend and Jimmy Matthews, two youths who died much too soon.

In June, the youth completed a twenty-six day mission trip to Thompson Falls, Montana.

The music department lost two key members in 1989. First, John Emert, the organist, left in June to teach at Ball State in Muncie, Indiana. John contributed to the music program in so many ways in addition to being organist. Brenda Helvey became interim organist, followed by Stephanie Wade. Second, Carl Perry announced his retirement as of October 1.

A celebration of Carl's thirty-seven-year ministry was scheduled for March 1990 at which time Carl was named Minister of Music Emeritus. Special guests for the worship celebration included Dr. William J. Reynolds, Professor of Church Music at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary of Fort Worth, Texas, and for many years Director of the Church Music Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board; and Dr. Julian S. Suggs, Director of the Church Music Department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

A Litany of Dedication

Minister: Today we pay homage to one of God's servants, Carl David Perry, a musician blessed by God, whose pioneering work helped to define the ministry of music in the Southern Baptist Convention—a ministry that encourages participation and leadership in worship by all groups and all ages, and provides an eloquent means of expressing our heartfelt experiences in worship. For his dedication and service to our Lord, for the way he has enriched our lives, for his cheerful, unselfish ministry to our family of faith, we lift our praise and thanksgiving to God.

In December, the University of Tennessee Music Department honored Carl by establishing a music scholarship in his name.

West Hills was very fortunate to have John Purifoy, a preeminent musician and a member of West Hills, to serve on an interim basis. John had composed a special arrangement of "Come, Thou Almighty King," "written for Carl D. Perry in appreciation of his friendship, musicianship and dedication to the ministry of church music." Even the sanctuary flowers were given by the senior adults in honor of Carl's ministry to them. Happily, Carl and Iris are still very active at West Hills and Carl directs the music occasionally.

In April Bill Pence joined the staff as church maintenance technician. His duties included supervision of the building, grounds, equipment, and custodial staff.

In August the church celebrated the tenth anniversary of Rob Coombs' ministry with a banquet and an "appropriate" skit.

In October a Long Range Personnel and Planning Committee was appointed to study future directions of church programs.

Camille Watts was named to serve as summer intern for ten weeks with her area of responsibilities being children and youth programs. Camille was much help with the youth mission trip to Norfolk, Virginia, in June of 1990.

In July the the college and career class went to McClellanville, South Carolina, to help clean up the destruction caused by Hurricane Hugo.

Also in July, a new committee was appointed—a denominational relations committee—for the purpose of keeping the congregation informed about the work of our church at the national level.

John Purifoy needed to devote more time to composing and his publishing interests; therefore, Dr. Eric Thorson assumed the position of Interim Music Director on August 5, 1990. Dr. Thorson is Associate Professor of Music at Carson-Newman and directs the a cappella choir.

One of West Hills choirs' most memorable performances was the presentation of the Christmas oratorio by the combined choirs of West Hills and First Baptist Church Maryville, Tennessee.

August 1990 marked Jack's thirtieth anniversary at West Hills Baptist Church. As a tangible expression of the church's appreciation for his ministry, the church made several gifts to the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in his honor and granted him a sabbatical for the month of January 1991.

In November 1990, Peter Ambrose was called as Minister of Music. Peter grew up in Knoxville's First Baptist Church, was graduated from the University of Tennessee and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and most recently had served at Smithwood Baptist Church.

In November Rob Coombs resigned, ending eleven wonderful years as our Youth Minister. Rob was always able to keep our youth active and involved in activities that were both fun and spiritually relevant. There was always a winter retreat at Fall Creek Falls every January, a trip to King's Island amusement park every April, a spiritual enrichment retreat every June, a mission trip every July, and a Cade's Cove hayride every October.

To be eligible for the mission trips in July, the youth had to earn mission credits through church attendance and service projects. This enabled them to give up a couple of weeks of their summer to work from dawn to dusk, many times enduring sleeping on the floor and the absence of a shower. They traveled through 43 three states, including destinations in Charlotte, North Carolina; Pippa Passes, Kentucky; Weaverville, North Carolina; Leupp, Arizona (twice); Portland, Maine; Cadillac, Michigan; Des Moines, Iowa; Juneau, Alaska; and Thomas Falls, Montana. Certainly, our youth learned that one of life's greatest joys is being of service to others.

By 1991 the budget had grown to \$568,357.00. Again the kindergarten helped with \$10,000.00 which was designated for repairs to the ladies' restrooms.

On May 8, 1991, Jeff Jackson was called as Associate Minister. A graduate of the University of Louisville and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Jeff came to West Hills from Stuart, Florida, where he was Associate Pastor in Education and Youth.

In August of 1991 Amy Duncan joined the staff as church organist.

The year 1992 will always be a benchmark year for West Hills, for this year marked the retirement of Jack Prince, the only pastor the church had ever had. Jack informed the congregation in The Open Door:

Dear Members,

During the February Deacons' Meeting I shared with the leadership of our church my decision to retire this summer, the effective date being no later than July 31. On this date I will have served 40 years in the pastoral ministry, 32 years as Pastor of West Hills Baptist Church. (Coincidentally, this week I have served exactly one-half of my life as pastor here at West Hills).

For the past eight to ten years my goal has been to retire in 1995, at the completion of 35 years as pastor of West Hills. My "early" retirement has been brought about by several factors: my age (63 as of Feb. 3); the invitation from the Baptist Joint Committee of Washington, D.C., for Frances and me to serve as Scholars in Residence (see letter inside); and as I prayed about it, it just seemed the right thing to do. Coupled with this was the encouragement of Frances, my doctor (Ty) and the rest of the family.

For the next two weeks I will be away on vacation. Upon my return I will share more details of plans for the days ahead—and attempt to adequately express my love and appreciation for you, my family in Christ.

Sincerely,

Andrew J. Prince

The Scholars in Residence Program at the Baptist Joint Committee for Baptist ministers, missionaries and academics, was an opportunity for Jack and Frances to do research, write, speak, consult, and represent the agency with government and educational institutions, religious denominations, and the media.

This same year Peggy Faerber resigned. Peggy had served as part-time and full-time secretary for nine years. She was replaced by Jodi Gibbs and Violet Mayhle.

In April, for the second year, Camille Watts was named a summer intern to work with children and youth programs.

In May the church voted to purchase a twenty-four passenger bus from Park West, which was used for the kindergarten program, youth, and Keenager trips.

In June the youth went once again to Panama City, and in July, 28 youngsters were commissioned to go to Stuart, Florida, on mission retreat.

In June Jack went to Ruschlikon, Switzerland, to the charter meetings of the International Development Council to seek ways to provide financial support for Ruschlikon Baptist Theological Seminary.

Also in June Vaughn Blalock, the Chairman of the Deacons, appointed a twelve-member Pastoral Search Committee.

On July 1, 1992, the Interim Pastoral Search Committee recommended Dr. Jack McEwen, Pastor Emeritus of First Baptist Church Chattanooga, Tennessee, as interim pastor. In addition to pastoring churches in Texas and Tennessee, Dr. McEwen served as Dean of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and taught at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Dr. McEwen had held a revival at West Hills in April and was enormously popular with the congregation.

With the retirement of Dr. Prince in July and the resignation of our associate minister Jeff Jackson in August, the Personnel Committee felt the need to establish the position of Interim Church Program Coordinator. This would include the duties normally under the direction of an associate minister and the position would be eliminated upon the hiring of an associate minister. Lina Ambrose was hired in November to fill this position.

In December 1992 the kindergarten received accreditation from the state of Tennessee.

Although Jack's final sermon was on July 19, the church celebrated his ministry on July 26. Dr. Duke McCall, President Emeritus of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, delivered the message. The morning worship service was followed by a luncheon, a program of recognition, and a multi-media presentation. Everyone enjoyed reminiscing through the displays of photographs and memorabilia. Although the church gave a love offering to Jack and Frances, nothing could ever adequately express the individual and collective love and gratitude a people could feel for someone who has been their spiritual keystone for thirty-two years.

On January 29, 1993, our beloved Pastor Emeritus, Jack Prince died, following a brief illness. As Frances tells it:

We were in Washington, D. C., with the Washington Scholars in Residence Program. This was December 31, 1991. Jack liked to run in the morning and had been out for his run. When he came home, I hugged him and he flinched. We were going home the next day anyway. He had been asked to be the keynote speaker at the Tennessee Baptist Convention in Gatlinburg. So we called (Dr.) Marty Prince and asked him to make arrangements for an x-ray. We left for Chattanooga for a visit with Ty and Tammy (son and daughter-in-law). Marty called Ty, who told Jack the news, but not me. We went to bed and left for Knoxville the next morning. When he came home, I hugged him and he flinched. We were going home the next day anyway. He had been asked to be the keynote speaker at the Tennessee Baptist Convention in Gatlinburg. So we called (Dr.) Marty Prince and asked him to make arrangements for an x-ray. We left for Chattanooga for a visit with Ty and Tammy (son and daughter-in-law). Marty called Ty, who told Jack the news, but not me. We went to bed and left for Knoxville the next morning. When we reached Athens, Jack told me that he had three months to live. I was absolutely stunned. I couldn't even comprehend what he was saying. Ty arranged for chemotherapy and radiation in Chattanooga, but the cancer had already metastasized. Sixty-two days later, he died.

I knew something was wrong at Jack's retirement party. He was uncharacteristically emotional. But neither of us had any idea at that time that he was so sick.

At our March business meeting Vaughn Blalock announced the establishment of the Andrew Jackson Prince Memorial Fund and appointed five members to administer this fund.

Happy news for the business meeting on April 14! The Pastoral Search Committee announced that they had unanimously agreed on a candidate who would deliver the sermon on May 16. There will be a series of informal meetings prior to that to introduce the candidate and his family.

Sunday, May 9, 1993, was the last day for our organist Amy Duncan.

Russ Schmidt, Chairman of the Building Committee, presented a report on a proposed land swap with Oliver Smith Development Company. This would involve an even swap of 2.7 acres contiguous to and west of the church property for 2.7 acres north of the church, but divided from it by a drainage ditch. This was proposed as a motion and passed at the June business meeting.

On Sunday, May 16, 1993, West Hills Baptist Church called Dr. Marvin Cameron to be its Senior Minister. Marvin, as he quickly became known to us, received his Bachelor's Degree from Union University in Jackson, Tennessee, his Master's Degree and Doctorate of Divinity from Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. Prior to coming to us, Marvin was with First Baptist Church in Gatlinburg, ordained by that church in 1980. He was named their Associate Minister in 1980 and their Senior Minister in 1984. Marvin and his wife Penny have two sons, Chris eight and Tyler two. Marvin began his ministry with us on July 1, 1993.

On June 20, 1993, we held a special worship service and reception for Dr. Jack McEwen, who had served us as interim minister for a year.

Ellen Eleazer was hired as organist to begin October 3. On that same Sunday in October the church celebrated its thirty-second birthday and Pastor Installation Day.

In November, Fred Trainer, Chairman of the Deacons, appointed a search committee for an associate minister.

In the December business meeting the church voted to establish Operation Urgent Repairs (OUR) to raise \$100,000.00 over a four month period to enable the church to make almost 20 needed repairs to the building and grounds.

On July 20, 1994, the Associate Pastor Search Committee recommended that the church call Mari Wiles to become the Associate Pastor for Youth and Family Ministry. Mari came to us from First Baptist Church of Fayetteville, North Carolina. She is a graduate of Mars Hill College with a Master of Divinity from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina. She was ordained in 1989. She began her ministry at West Hills August 31.

Nadine Bush became our interim organist in September until Karen Jones Harwood was hired October 26.

In early February Peter Ambrose resigned as Minister of Music and Dr. Eric Thorson of Carson-Newman joined the staff as interim minister of music.

In March the by-laws were changed to make the fiscal year January 1 through December 31.

In August 1996 the choirs of West Hills Baptist, First Baptist Kingston, Tennessee, and selected members of the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra combined under the direction of Dr. Eric Thorson to present concerts featuring the music of Beethoven, Brahms, Handel and other composers.

In October the church purchased a new van.

Many times adults learn from the younger generation and such was the case with our adults and Appalachian Outreach. For many years our youth groups had adopted a week-long mission project, sometimes local but more often not. The adults admired what the youth were doing and wanted to adopt similar projects. In July 1997, under the direction of Bobby Turner, West Hills began its affiliation with Appalachian Outreach Ministries of Carson-Newman College. Rather than looking out of town for projects, Ed Cunningham suggested we find people in need nearby. This led to West Hills' affiliation with AO.

This program was begun in 1984 in Jefferson City as a home repair ministry for people who are physically and financially disabled. Each June, about 20 volunteers from West Hills work four days to assist one individual or family, focusing on one home to make it more livable. Tasks may include repairing roofs, flooring, plumbing, painting, constructing a handicap ramp, or general cleaning. Each participant pays \$50.00 per day to defray the cost of materials. In addition to Bobbi Turner and Ed Cunningham, others who have been leaders of the projects include Gene Larson, Jim Johnson, Maggie and Bob Bruer and in 2011 Russ Schmidt. Invariably the laborers are blessed.

In August 1997 the church began discussion of a three-year fundraising campaign for several building improvements as well as reducing church debt.

In October Lynn Montgomery was hired as Organist/Music Associate.

The church voted to grant to the city of Knoxville a small easement for the construction of a sidewalk.

On March 1, 1998, the Vision 2000 Campaign was launched with a luncheon and a special program. The congregation voted to adopt a goal of \$250,000 for replacement of the roof, retiring the debt for the sanctuary, and construction of a handicap ramp and atrium.

In May Cody Froelich, a student at Carson-Newman from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was hired as a summer intern for 1998. In September he added Youth Choir Director to his duties. Also in May, Sue Byerly retired after 25 years as Director of the Pre-School and Kindergarten. Jane Cowen became the director in August.

The summer of 1998 was an exciting time of mission activity for West Hills. There were three mission trips: 13 adults to Jefferson City for Appalachian Outreach; 13 youths and leaders to Kingsport, Tennessee, for World Changers; and 15 youths and leaders to Charleston, South Carolina, for Junior High World Changers.

World Changers, sponsored by the Southern Baptist Convention, provides week long experiences in mission work for Christian youths and adults by meeting real world needs, including physical, material and spiritual.

The year 1999 was an incredibly difficult year for West Hills Baptist Church. We lost a senior minister, an associate minister, a secretary, and a financial secretary in addition to a significant number of our members.

In February, Dr. Marvin Cameron submitted his resignation to become Senior Minister at Central Baptist of Fountain City, Knoxville. In March, the church had a farewell dinner for the Camerons, followed by one of Ida Miller's incomparable skits.

In April, Associate Minister Mari Wiles resigned to return to North Carolina. Sharon Bedwell and Jodi Gibbs resigned their staff positions.

In late April, Deacon Chair Bob Bruer appointed a twelve member *ad hoc* Reconciliation Team to address the concerns of the membership and make recommendations about future personnel processes.

May was a very busy month. The Pulpit Supply Committee recommended that the church call Dr. Bruce Coyle as Interim Senior Pastor. Dr. Coyle is a graduate of Union University in Jackson, Tennessee, and Southern Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. After serving pastorates in Tennessee for 25 years, he retired in 1997. Also in May the Chairman of the Deacons appointed 15 members to a Pastor Search Committee. And last for May, Cody Froelich was named Interim Youth Director.

In June Jewell Ellis was hired as church secretary and in July Betsy Crump as financial secretary.

In September the Chairman of the Deacons Bob Bruer appointed a temporary committee to study the by-laws and implement any needed revisions.

The major event that happened in 2000 was calling a new pastor. On May 31 the Pastor Search Committee recommended extending a call to the Reverend John E. "Jack" Pennington, Jr., to become Senior Minister.

Reverend Pennington received his BS Degree from the University of Tennessee in Natural Sciences and his Master of Divinity from Southeastern Seminary in 1973. His ordination took place at First Baptist Church of Madisonville, Tennessee. He has served churches as Senior Pastor in Jacksboro, Tennessee; Middlesboro, Kentucky; Charlotte, North Carolina; and for the past 15 years has been pastor at First Baptist Church of Etowah, Tennessee.

Reverend Pennington is married to the former Sandra Donahue from Powell, Tennessee. Sandra was a third grade teacher before she became a full-time mother. She is interested in many handcrafts and hobbies, including needlework and flowers, and used these talents in so many ways to serve our congregation. She has also been involved in teaching and missions work at church. They have one son, John III, an Emmy-Award-winning television producer.

Jack has taught at both the high school and college levels, including nine years teaching courses in New Testament and History of Religions at Hiwassee College. He served two terms on the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. He has also been a hospital chaplain and board member, a college board member, and Rotarian. He loves reading, music, plays, movies, and concerts. He says, "I see all forms of ministry as 'gift giving,' and seek to use my God-given talents to bless all those I serve."

Two other staff positions changed. Marty Troutman accepted the position as Director of the Pre-School and Kindergarten.

Cody Froelich, having served an interim position, was named Minister of Youth and Church Activities.

Several minor changes to the by-laws were made throughout the year, primarily to make them consistent with current practices.

By the end of 2000 it was painfully evident that we needed a new organ. Lynn Montgomery, the organist, couldn't predict what sounds would be coming from which registration stops (if any at all) and the organ would occasionally make unpredictable groaning sounds. It was time! As is the Baptist way, a committee was appointed in March 2001. After considering many factors, including cost, lifetime, complexity of installation, delivery time, and, most important, musical quality, the committee recommended the purchase of a pipe organ. By November, the church voted that we enter into a contract with Randall Dyer and Associates for a 22-rank, three manual, plus pedal, organ. The recommendation also included the establishment of a fundraising campaign with a goal of \$280,000.

Much of 2002-03 was devoted to activities to help meet this goal. There were frequent Centennial Pipe parties: dinner parties, concerts, pool parties, teas, cookbook sales, auctions of beach and mountain vacations, as well as memorial gifts. By September 2003 we had met our goal and we began to see signs of preparation for installation.

Cody Froelich resigned as Youth Minister in October 2002.

In January 2003 Drew Prince, the son of Dr. Jack Prince and his wife Frances, was called to the ministry and enrolled in MacAfee Theological Seminary in Atlanta, Georgia. He was ordained at West Hills on September 12, 2003.

In April 2003, the Associate Minister Search Committee recommended extending a call to Courtney Mills Jones. Courtney grew up near Wake Forest, North Carolina, and attended Elon College, the Baptist Seminary at Richmond, Virginia, and Princeton Theological Seminary. After her ordination on June 1 at Wake Forest Baptist Church, she began her ministry at West Hills.

After being dismantled in May 2003, the Winston Road Bridge was re-opened Thanksgiving 2004, six months ahead of schedule.

In March 2005 we discontinued Sunday evening services.

Also in March, Chrissy Johnston and Brenda Logan, after extensive research, implemented a Sunday School program that would allow children to experience learning in different ways that accommodate their best learning style. The concept was to teach one lesson multiple times in different mediums. The children would still focus on Bible stories, but use art, music, games, computers, cooking, science, or

drama to teach the lesson. The program, called Sunday School in Motion, began in the fall 2005.

In January 2006, Courtney Jones Willis resigned to take a position in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

In May the Associate Pastor Search Committee recommended calling Heather Long as Minister to Children and Youth. Heather received her undergraduate degree in Religion from Salem College at Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and her graduate degree in Christian Education from the Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond, Virginia. Heather served three churches during her seminary training and interned in Wilmington, North Carolina.

Heather focused her experience in the area of children's ministries in three different churches during her training at seminary. She is outgoing, loves people, and looks forward to knowing and serving all the people of our congregation, and hopes to develop and nurture the kind of relationships that make for a meaningful ministry.

In the year 2008 Dr. Robert Overholt and the Grounds Committee turned a negative into a positive. The loss of two large oak trees at the entrance to the church created the opportunity to establish a courtyard garden with plants for year round beauty and low maintenance. This garden, plus the meadow garden at the edge of the lower parking lot and the landscaping upgrade of our entrance earned us the "Distinguished Garden Award" from the West Hills Beautification Council.

In August 2008, a butterfly garden was established in the children's play area in memory of Madeline Harrill. The colorful and sweet-smelling flowers and the delightful statuary will always remind us of a beloved and courageous five-year-old who lost her battle with cancer.

In August 2009 the building committee recommended the replacement of an air-conditioning unit for the sanctuary. The motion was passed.

In October 2009 Chamina James was hired as Church Financial Secretary.

In January 2010 Heather Long resigned as Associate Minister for Children and Youth. Heather and her husband Todd would return to Richmond, Virginia.

The year 2010 began our year of "Celebrating Our Past...Building Our Future." We began our official 50th anniversary celebration on Oct. 2, with a Memory Walk from West Hills Elementary School via the greenway to the church. Significant events from our history were posted on markers along the way. This was followed by lunch in the Fellowship Hall with pictorial displays from bygone days and much reminiscing. Throughout the year, we celebrated with various collectibles, such as tee shirts, Christmas ornaments, and coffee mugs.

On October 19, 2010, Jack Pennington, who had been our pastor since August 2000 announced his retirement effective December.

Early in 2011, Lee Cross, the Chairman of the Deacon Board, appointed a pastoral search committee who worked diligently for five months before making a recommendation in May. The committee recommended Andrew (Drew) Prince, the son of our first pastor. Drew graduated from the University of Tennessee with a B.S. in Political Science and an M.S. in Curriculum and Instruction. He taught school for eight years. After teaching, Drew entered pharmaceutical sales where he worked for an additional three years. In 2003, Drew entered seminary at the McAfee School of Theology. There, he studied under Dr. John Claypool and Dr. Truett Gannon. Drew was ordained at West Hills Baptist Church in 2004. He then pastored Shadnor First Baptist Church while he continued in seminary. In 2006, Drew was called by the First Baptist Church of Shepherdsville, Kentucky. He married his wife Kim in 1997 and they have two children, Greer, who is six, and Elle, who is five.

Many things about our church have changed since that small group from First Baptist met in the Archers' home in 1959: our size, our staff, our facilities, our membership. But the ministry for which we were founded—leading people to Christ—is unchanged.

Oliver Wendell Holmes said, "What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us."

A church is not a building, nor a pulpit, nor pews, nor instruments, nor stained glass windows. It is a place where a community of faith carries out its mission of service that leads people to Jesus Christ. It is only in that service that it becomes holy ground.

APPENDIX A

1961 Proposed Building Program Budget

COST:

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| Base Bid | \$125,634.00 | |
| Grass seed, fertilizer, etc. | \$500.00 | |
| Equipment | \$9,500.00 | |
| Title Insurance – Closing Costs | \$700.00 | |
| Architect Fee | \$7,538.00 | |
| Termite Control | \$310.00 | |
| Water to premises | \$1,050.00 | |
| Builders’ Risk Insurance | \$172.35 | |
| Interest construction money | \$1,500.00 | |
| Loan Brokerage Fee | \$850.00 | |
| Reserve for contingencies | <u>\$2,500.00</u> | |
| | \$150,254.35 | |
| | | \$150,254.35 |

TO BE RAISED:

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| Cash | | |
| First Baptist Church | \$ 25,000.00 | |
| On hand 2/1/61 | \$12,005.47 | |
| Additions 2/1-7/1/61 | <u>\$10,093.00</u> | |
| TOTAL | \$ 47,098.47 | |
| | | \$47,098.47 |
| Estimated Savings Direct Purchase | | \$2,500.00 |
| TOTAL | | <u>\$49,598.47</u> |
| To Borrow: | | \$100,655.88 |
| Home Federal Commitment | \$85,000.00 | |
| Park National Bank-First Baptist | | |
| Church Guarantee | <u>\$15,655.88</u> | |
| | \$100,655.88 | \$100,655.88 |
| BALANCE | | \$000,000.00 |

APPENDIX B

Charter Members

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| Mrs. John Anderson | James Doyle |
| Julia Anderson DeBord | Diane Doyle |
| Kenny Anderson | Joyce Doyle |
| Nancy Anderson | Edgar D. Eaves |
| William Anderson | Terrill Eckert |
| J.O. Archer | M.W. Egerton, Jr. |
| Mrs. J.O. Archer | David Egerton |
| Otis E. Bean | Billy Ferguson |
| Stanley Beck | Judy Taylor Hendrich |
| Anita Beck | Marvis Taylor |
| Diana Beck | Mrs. Marvis Taylor |
| W.W. Bell | Fred Furr |
| John T. Benton | Mrs. Fred Furr |
| Mrs. John T. Benton | T.O. Gilliland |
| Bobby Benton | Mrs. T.O. Gilliland |
| Mrs. Wayne Bernard | Robert Gilliland |
| Margaret Bernard | Jack Glandon |
| Fred F. Brown, Jr. | Mrs. Jack Glandon |
| Mrs. Fred F. Brown, Jr. | Boyd Guttery |
| Deloros Brown Hardin | Mrs. Boyd Guttery |
| John E. Burnette | Ray Harlan |
| Mrs. John E. Burnette | Ben Harrison |
| Mrs. Itha Carpenter | Mrs. Ben Harrison |
| Clarence Charles | Ben Harrison, Jr. |
| William Clark | Charles Hearn |
| Mrs. William M. Clark | Mrs. Charles Hearn |
| Scott Corum | H.A. Henderson |
| Mrs. Scott Corum | Elizabeth Henderson |
| Shouse Cowherd | James Henderson |
| Mrs. Shouse Cowherd | Mrs. Morris Holder |
| E.A. Davis | Fred Human |
| Sue Carol Davis | Mrs. Fred Human |
| Ralph Davis | Gilford Hunt |
| Mrs. Ralph Davis | Mrs. Gilford Hunt |

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| Patricia Keane | Mrs. D.S. Napolitan |
| Rufus A. Johnson | Gary Napolitan |
| Mrs. Rufus Johnson | John Petree |
| Harold Keane | Mrs. John Petree |
| Mrs. Harold Keane | Reverend Andrew J. Prince |
| Patricia Keane | Frances Prince Corlew |
| Thomas D. Kerr | Seth Rawlston |
| Mrs. Thomas D. Kerr | Mrs. Seth Rawlston |
| Thomas D. Kerr, Jr. | F. Barrett Sanders |
| Hazen Kreis, Jr. | Mrs. F. Barrett Sanders |
| Mrs. Hazen Kreis, Jr. | Luke Schneider |
| Marie Kreis | Mrs. Luke Schneider |
| Marty Kreis | Keith Schneider |
| Edward Lewis | Linda Schneider |
| Mrs. Edward Lewis | James K. Scruggs |
| W.P. Lewis | Mrs. James K. Scruggs |
| James Lockett | Sydney Scruggs |
| Mrs. Marie Lowry | Corum Scott |
| W.C. McCammon, Jr. | Mrs. Corum Scott |
| Carolyn McCammon | William Seale |
| W. McCammon, Jr. | Robert Sentell |
| Hazen McCarrell | Mrs. Robert Sentell |
| Victor McLean, Jr. | David Shereda |
| Mrs. Victor McLean, Jr. | Robert Simmons |
| Victor McLean, III | Mrs. Robert Simmons |
| Frank McSpadden, Jr. | Robert Neal Simmons |
| Mrs. Frank McSpadden, Jr. | J. Thomas Smith |
| James Merwin | Mrs. J. Thomas Smith |
| Mrs. James Merwin | Ernest Steele |
| Donald Mirts | Gerald Steele |
| Mrs. Donald Mirts | W.W. Stockton |
| Coleman Murdock | Mrs. W.W. Stockton |
| Mrs. Coleman Murdock | Albert Swearngen |
| Kathleen Murdock | Mrs. Albert Swearngen |
| Rebecca Murdock | Sue Swearngen |
| D.S. Napolitan | Hugh F. Webb |

Mrs. Hugh F. Webb

Charles Vaughn

Mrs. Charles Vaughn

E.E. Wallis

Mrs. E.E. Wallis

Jean Wallis

Mrs. E.E. Wallis

Jean Wallis

Hugh F. Webb

Mrs. Hugh F. Webb

Jack West

Mrs. Jack West

Betty West

Joe B. Whitlow

Ralph A. Williams

Mrs. Ralph A. Williams

Jean Williams

Charles Wolbach

Mrs. Charles Wolbach

George Woodruff

Mrs. George Woodruff

Karl M. Zaeh

Mrs. Karl M. Zaeh

Bernard Zellner

Mrs. Bernard Zellner

APPENDIX C

Past and Present Deacons

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| Charles Abner | Gail Canada | Keith Gaines |
| Corbin Allen | Dan Carroll | Ed Gleason |
| Scott Ammons | Charles Chance | John Glenning |
| Milton Anderson | Larry Chandler | Doug Griffith |
| J.O. Archer | Tom S. Charlton | Joe Gross |
| Tony Arnold | Mike Chesney | Betty Haas |
| John Bailey | David Chisholm | Charles Hadden |
| Calvin Balch | Bill Clark | Rosalie Hadley |
| Mary Alice Balch | W.M. Clark | Stan Hadley |
| Mike Bedwell | Jeff Cornett | Kerry Hake |
| Sharon Bedwell | Bill Countiss | Linda Hall |
| Kevin Benner | Larry Cox | Dan Hamilton |
| Vaughn Blalock | C.T. Cozart | Kathy Hamilton |
| Bill Blankenship | Richard Cramer | Max Hardin |
| Tammy Blom | Walter Cromer | James Harrill |
| Joe Bobbit | Lee Cross | George Harrison |
| Gary Bond | Sam Daniel | David Hart |
| Hugh Boyd | Bob Dilworth | Bill Hayes |
| Susan Field Brinn | Johanna Dilworth | Charles Hearn |
| Bill Bristow | Howard Dorris | Ed Heim |
| Clay Brown | Terry Douglas | H.A. Henderson |
| Kevin Brown | Danny Earl | Elvin Henry |
| Bob Bruer | Becky Earle | Bob Hines |
| Jerry Bryant | Ed Earle | Steve Hixson |
| David Buchanan | Edgar Eaves | Bob Horton |
| Tony Buhl | M.W. Egerton, Jr. | Cynthia House |
| Ron Bunch | Mike Elmore | John House |
| Dewey Bunting | Bill Evans | Matt Howell |
| Shirley Bunting | Jerry Faerber | Doug Hulme |
| Sam Burchfield | Bruce Fairris | Fred Human |
| Mary Ellen Calloway Burr | Scott Folsom | Bud Irvine |
| Bob Calloway | Mary Franks | Dana Jack |
| Dean Campbell | Rodney Franks | Lynda JackMark Jensen |
| Bernie Canada | Monroe Free | Greg Johns |

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| Jim Johnson | Gary Owens | Connie Silvey |
| Phyllis Johnson | Hazel Park | Alan Sims |
| Chrissy Johnston | Beth Parker | Warren Slagle |
| Steve Jones | Jeremy Parker | Chip Smallwood |
| Horace Justus | John Parker | Andrew Smith |
| Bart Kaserman | Tommy Paterson | D. Smith |
| Michael Knight | Sam Patterson | Donald Smith |
| Hazen Kries | Burt Peake | E.C. Steele |
| W.P. Lewis | Pete Pearson | Doug Stethen |
| James Lockett | Bill Pence | Chris Stoddart |
| Roger Logue | Carl Perry | Louise Stoddart |
| John Loney | John Petre | William Sykes |
| Barry Lucas | Drew Prince | Rod Tabor |
| Steve Luper | John Purifoy | Kathy Tallent |
| Richard Macon | Vickie Purifoy | Connie Tatgenhorst |
| Jack Martin | Joel Ragland | John Tatgenhorst |
| Don McBride | Tom Reesor | Ernest Taylor |
| W.M. McCammon, Jr. | Joe Reeves | Norman Terrell |
| Brian McClellan | John Rehder | Helen McAllister Tewes |
| W.M. McKamey, Jr. | Henry Roberts | Bill Touchstone |
| Martha McMurry | Ted Robinson | Dick Townsend |
| F.A. McSpadden, Jr. | LeRoy Rogers | Irene Townsend |
| Wade Meadows | Ryan Rowe | Fred Trainer |
| Ida Miller | Jack Rule | Marty Troutman |
| John Miller | Mary Frances Rule | Bobby Turner |
| D.O. Mirtz | St. Clair Rule | Gene Turner |
| Bob Morgan | John Rutledge | Angela Vance |
| John Morris | John Sample | Bob Vance |
| Renni Morris | Gene Sapp | Loy Waldrop |
| Clay Mulford | Russ Schmidt | Harold Walker |
| Bill Mynatt | Corum Scott | Carl Warren |
| Steve Napolitan | James Scruggs | John Watts |
| Don Nighbert | Toxey Sewell | Mitsy Watts |
| Roger Nooe | David Shereda | Alice Ridgeway West |
| Bob Overholt | Steve Sherlin | Marvin West |
| Carol Overholt | Phil Shu | Jim Whaley |

Bradley White

Mel White

Aricia Whitton

Jeff Whitton

John Williams

Eb Willson

Cindy Winkler

Glenn Wisdom

Johnny Wolfe

Hubert Wright

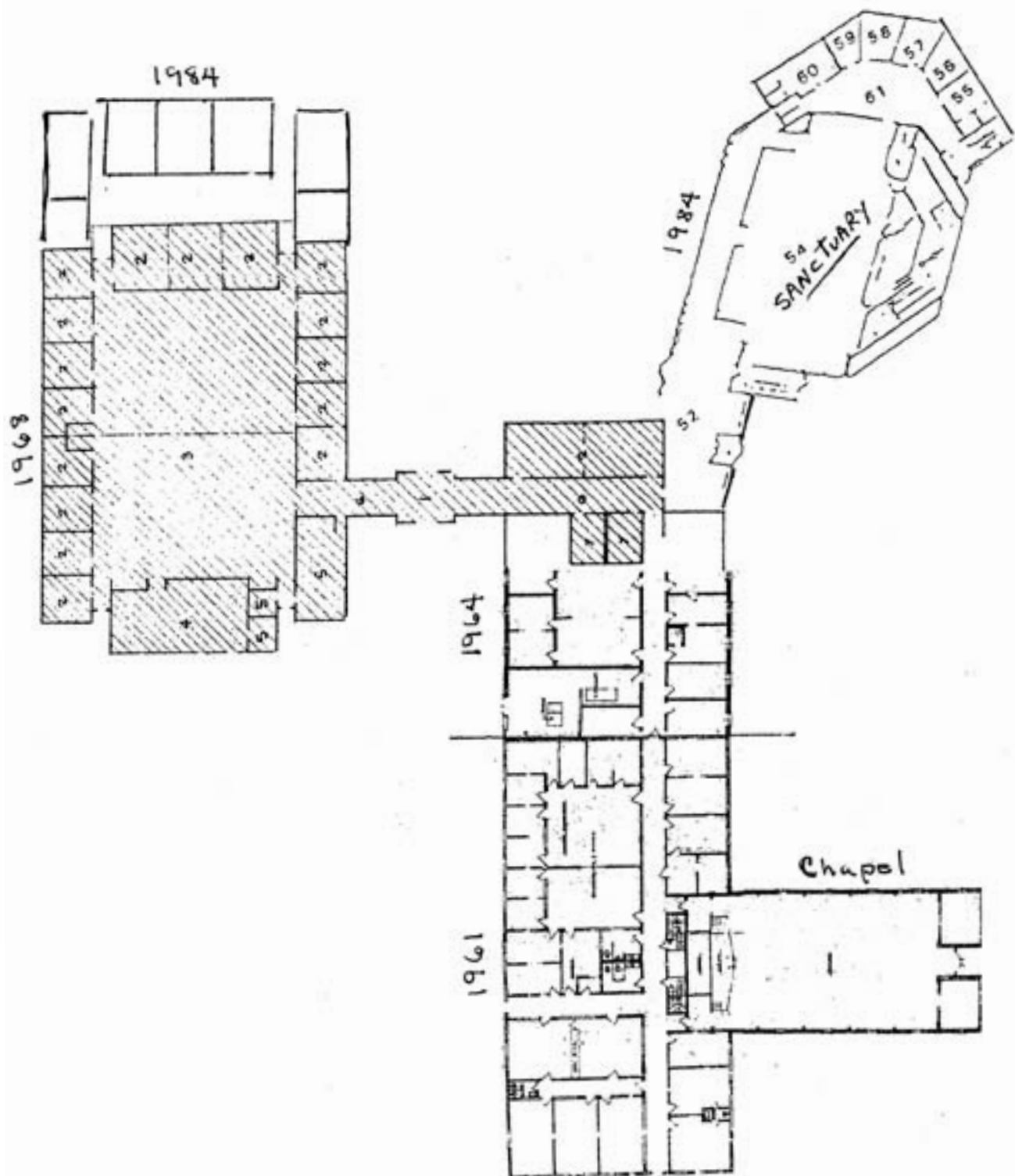
Martha Wright

Carl Zaeh

Bernard Zellner

APPENDIX D

Architectural Drawings



West Hills Baptist Church

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