

North Brevard Church of Christ

40th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
July 31, 2005



**A History of the First 40 Years
1965 - 2005**

PREFACE

We hope that this booklet provides you with some precious memories and as much joy as it did us when we were putting it together.

We want to express our thanks to all who took the time to write down their memories of the church in Titusville.

Last, we want to thank all who worked to make this a memorable day.

To God be the glory!

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**NORTH BREVARD CHURCH OF CHRIST
TITUSVILLE, FLORIDA
OUR FIRST 40 YEARS**

The bustle of activity at the Space Center in the early sixties brought brethren into this area from all parts of the country. They found a church home with the brethren in Cocoa. After traveling that distance for some time, the following Titusville brethren, with the blessings of the Cocoa elders, met to discuss establishing a congregation here to accommodate the needs of the Christians in Titusville:

James P. Arthur	John McNeal
Robert Arthur	Bill Parsons
Oneal Avant	Ronald Philman
Bill Barnett	Larry Pipkins
Daniel Collins	Wilburn Rainey
Charles Fagg	C. M. Rhodes
Nolan Finch	Dick Rhodes
David Kirk	Byron Rowan
James E. Martin	W. H. Rowan
Ray Smith	

They decided that the new congregation, called the North Brevard Church of Christ, would begin meeting on May 9, 1965. Wilburn H. Rainey delivered the sermon that day. He served as our evangelist while continuing his secular job as coordinator of the evening division at Brevard Junior College in Cocoa. Soon after this new congregation formed, they selected Buck Rhodes and Ray Smith to be their elders.

The new congregation first met in the Titusville Women's Club at the N.E. corner of Broad Street and Hopkins Avenue in downtown Titusville. This property was later remodeled and served as a fire station for several years. The building is still standing, although not in active use. Because other religious groups were using the same facility, it meant some rather unorthodox worship and Bible study hours. Morning worship on the Lord's Day was at 8:15 a.m., Bible Study at 6:00 p.m., followed by evening worship at 7:00 p.m. Ninety-five were in attendance at the first worship service, and sixty-three the following Sunday. Since the facility was used for other purposes we used folding room dividers for our classes, and the communion emblems were carried to and from the building in a wooden case built by one of the members.

Steady growth was to follow that fine beginning. The influx of people to work on the program to put a man on the moon brought many new Christians to the area, many of which settled in Titusville and became involved with the church. Knowing that we needed a more permanent meeting place, we were constantly on the lookout for one. In March of 1967 we were able to rent the old Presbyterian church building at the corner of Pine Street and Hopkins Avenue just three blocks south of where we were then meeting. We held our first service in that large building on March 12. We had problems heating the building, and had to pump water from the lower level whenever we had a downpour. But despite these inconveniences, the building served us well for the next three years. The building has since been torn down.

During this time four and one-half acres of land was purchased at the present location and an architect was employed to design a building for us. After a period of time selling bonds to finance the new facility, construction began in 1969 on the first phase of our facility. This included the classrooms pretty much as they are today, and a large vestibule that served as an auditorium until our financial condition permitted us to build the present auditorium. Our first service was held in the vestibule of the new building on March 15, 1970.

Our dream of a permanent location was realized with the construction of the new building. Brother Rainey continued to serve as our evangelist until it became necessary for him to resign at the end of 1971. Brothers Sam Ayers and Orval Boyd from the Christian Home and Bible School in Mt. Dora came and preached for us each Sunday until we were able to find a full time evangelist. With attendance and contributions steadily increasing, we were soon able to hire Brother Charlie Garner. In July 1973 he and his family moved from Hood River, Oregon to work with us. Knowing that renting was very expensive, we purchased a four bedroom home at 2880 Malibu Court in the Shangri-La subdivision of Titusville to house the new preacher and his family. We had several workdays cleaning and painting the home getting it ready for the Garners' arrival. This has been the home of each of our full-time evangelists and their families, including the Shumate's today.

Following the Apollo Program there were many layoffs at the Kennedy Space Center. We said goodbye to many of our friends and brethren during 1973 and 74, but the Lord always provided what we needed to remain vital and active in His work.

In September 1976 Brother Garner resigned from his position as evangelist, and in November 1976 Brother Charles Wharton, II and his family from Snyder, Texas came to work with us. We continued to grow, and shortly after Brother Wharton's arrival we were able to pay off our outstanding bonds and enter into the second phase of our building program. In the spring of 1978 the new auditorium drawings were complete, the loan secured and a contractor selected to construct the new auditorium. Construction was started in June 1978, and on February 11, 1979 our dedication service was held in the new auditorium. At last, this much needed addition to our facility was completed.

In December 1979 Brother Wharton resigned and our search began for a new man to come and preach for us full time. In July 1980 Brother Jim Mitchell and his wife, Melanie, from Miami, Florida came to work with us. They served with us until midyear 1986.

With our auditorium completed we were able to turn our focus more fully on reaching the lost with the Gospel. It was during Brother Mitchell's tenure that we celebrated the 20th anniversary of the chartering of our congregation. During that celebration on May 5, 1985, we recorded that we were involved in the following avenues of outreach and evangelism.

- Gospel Call, in which we telephoned the people of the community and offer them a free Bible correspondence course. Although this form of contact probably wouldn't be well received today, the program resulted in many lives being touched, and souls being taught and saved.
- World Bible School, in which we sent Bible correspondence courses to people in Nigeria.
- A weekly article in the local newspaper.
- People involved in teaching others through Bible studies conducted in their homes.
- A Zone Program designed to keep informed of the needs of the total congregation, encouraged those who visited our worship services and Bible studies, and promoted Christian fellowship among our members.
- Once each year we hosted the Christian Youth Fellowship in which several hundred young people from Central Florida come together for a period of singing and preaching followed by a meal and a time of fellowship.
- Constantly providing food, clothing and financial aid to needy people in the community and those traveling through our community.
- Providing financial support for orphans' care at the Christian Home and Bible School in Mt. Dora.
- Providing support for the preaching of Jesus to prisoners and their families in the Lake Butler area through the Florida Prison Evangelism ministry, supporting the minister, Gary Wyder.
- Providing support for the Larry Henderson family for the preaching of the Gospel in Thailand.
- Providing financial aid on an emergency basis by special collections, and from the treasury to aid our brethren throughout the world who are hungry.

In August 1986, Terry and Nancy Singleton and their sons Joel and Lee arrived from Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and Terry served as evangelist until January 2000. Many who are present today are here as a direct result of their over thirteen years of diligent work in the Lord's Kingdom.

After an extensive search during which several of the men of the congregation shared preaching responsibilities, Garry and Jo Martin joined us in June of 2000. Garry served as our evangelist until January 2003.

We have fond memories and deep gratitude for each of these men, their wives and families who served us faithfully, "speaking the truth in love," and leading various works of ministry in the community. Many of our number maintain contact with, pray for and stay involved in the lives of those who have worked with us over the forty years.

Today we are served by Mike and Sue Shumate, who were adopted into our family in June of 2003. They came to Titusville from Pittsburg, and we are so happy that they chose to come here. We searched long and diligently for them and we feel extremely blessed by them. Immediately, they fit right in among our family here at North Brevard. They are both quite talented and tireless in their work for the Master. Both are warm and caring with big hugs for all and big tender hearts. They are excellent and super-prepared teachers. Mike has valuable experience and talent as a counselor, and Sue has valuable experience and talent working with children. They give 110% effort and we are impressed by them and grateful for them.

MISSIONS

Since 1985, we have continued to develop many of these areas of ministry. In the area of overseas missions, for example, we have supported the Lord's work in many parts of the world including Haiti, Guyana, Thailand and Zimbabwe. We currently support missionaries working in Zimbabwe and Madagascar. Most recently the Lord has blessed us with the opportunity and ability to provide sponsorship of Nathan and Cheryl Wheeler in Phnom Penh Cambodia since the autumn of 2004. Who would have dared to dream when the war was raging in southeast Asia forty years ago that the Lord would open such doors of opportunity in "the killing fields" of Cambodia. Likewise, we have been able to participate in missions in Russia, the Ukraine and other parts of the former Soviet Union so greatly feared forty years ago.

In education and literature missions we have supported various efforts including sending Bible teachers to Russia, World Bible Translation Center and World Bible School. And within the borders of the United States we have supported several individual congregations including, most recently, the East Orange Church of Christ in Christmas, Florida. We have provided continuous support to Gary Wyder and others in the Florida Prison Missions in Lake Butler, Florida. Support for our mission efforts has not only been financial. Many dedicated members have worked diligently over the years behind the scenes to write letters, grade Bible Correspondence Courses and organize collection drives to meet special needs of our missionaries.

ASSOCIATE MINISTER AND OUR YOUTH MINISTRY

Over the years, dedicated, enthusiastic volunteers have sustained a vibrant youth program. But they, and the eldership and other members of our congregation looked forward to a time when we would be able to add a second full-time worker to our staff. In August of 1997 we were able to fulfill that vision when Joey and Tammy Treat arrived to assist in our evangelism and outreach, with a special emphasis on developing our youth ministry. Following the Treats' departure, Jay and Jenny Collins joined us in May of 2000, staying for about a year. Nathan and Cheryl Wheeler followed, serving from May 2002 until shortly before their departure for their mission to Cambodia in the fall of 2004. In August of 2004, we were blessed with the addition of Matt and Amy Robinson. All these young men and their wives served with tremendous energy and talent. They have provided the leadership necessary to maintain a thriving Sunday School program and Vacation Bible Schools every summer, and participation in Central Florida Bible Camp, Christian Youth Fellowship (CYF) activities, SonQuest and other youth related activities throughout the year. In the year that Matt and Amy have been with us, they have also taken the teens to visit Christian colleges, and on a mission outreach in Parkersburg, West Virginia, as well as numerous local outings.

BENEVOLENCE

We have continued financial support to the Christian Home and Bible School in Mt. Dora. In addition we collect gifts for the children each Christmas and our own Santa and Mrs. Claus deliver them, along with many members of the congregation. Many of our younger couples have developed close, personal relationships with some of the children from Mt. Dora, and we are often blessed to have them study and worship with us, and visit in the homes of our members. We are also involved in providing financial support to the Christian Home in Madagascar through the help of the Barry Rosie Family.

We continue to provide for needy members of our community as needs arise. In the last several years we have stocked a food pantry and provided staples to families every Monday afternoon. At the beginning of each school year we collect and distribute school supplies for children in the community who would not otherwise be equipped to start school. And we provide disaster relief to communities throughout the country and the world when floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, famine, draught or economic crises bring about disaster. A few dedicated members lovingly keep the necessary contacts in the community and throughout the country to see that funds arrive in the right hands at the right time, and the congregation has generously responded many times on a moments' notice with a single appeal.

North Brevard Church of Christ

Our Elders

"It is a trustworthy statement: if any man aspires to the office of overseer, it is a fine work he desires to do."

1 Timothy 3:1

The following men have served us and the Lord as elders during our forty years.

Ray Smith
Buck Rhodes
Wilburn Rainey
Robert Woods
Bill Angerer
Ray Wilkinson
Bethel Watts
Frank Wolf
Henry Harris
Cal Greiner

Our Present Eldership

Marion Sees
Lloyd Thornton
Charlie Griffin
Chuck White

North Brevard Church of Christ Ministers and Associate Ministers

"I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction."

2 Timothy 4:1-2

Ministers

Wilburn Rainey	5/65-1971
Charlie Garner	7/73-9/76
Charlie Wharton	10/76-12/79
Jim Mitchell	7/80-8/86
Terry Singleton	8/86-1/00
Garry Martin	6/00-1/03
Mike Shumate	6/03-to present

Associate Ministers

Joey Treat	8/97-10/99
Jay Collins	5/00-6/01
Nathan Wheeler	6/02-8/04*
Matt Robinson	8/04-to present

*Now serving as Missionary in Cambodia.

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List of original members

Assembling on May 9, 1965

ARTHUR	-	James and Helen, Robin, Charles, Steve and Frances
AVANT	-	Oneal and Irene, and children
BARNETT	-	Bill
COLLINS	-	Dan and Fay, Barbie, Danny, Allen and Bryan
FAGG	-	Marguerite, Charles, Frank, James, Tim and Sarah
FINCH	-	Nolan and Jeanette, Randy
FISHER	-	Ham and Nelle
KIRK	-	David and Linda
MARTIN	-	Jim and Dean, Sandy, Mickey, Paulette and Janice
MCNEAL	-	John and Nell, and children
PARSONS	-	Bill and wife
PHILMAN	-	Ronnie and Judy, and children
PIPKINS	-	Larry and Sandy, Debbie
RHODES	-	Buck and Wilma, Dickie, Kathy
ROWAN	-	Buddy and Shirley
ROWAN	-	W.H. and wife
SMITH	-	Ray and JoAnn, Glenn, Gayle and Donna

List of Charter Members

Still Attending North Brevard Church of Christ

Gayle (Smith) Griffin
JoAnn Smith

MEMORIES

Reflections of Former
And Present Members

Charlie Griffin.....

North Brevard Church of Christ Memories

After more than thirty-five years of calling North Brevard my church home, memories of special times, sad times, joyful times and formative times abound. There are memories of people and the way God has changed their lives. There are memories of good times and bad times in the lives of those people, and there are memories of the accomplishments of those people as they attempted to serve God in this place. There are memories of buildings such as the Women's Club Library where we first worshiped together, memories of the beautiful old Presbyterian church building we rented for a time, where Gayle and I were married, as well as memories of the planning, construction and evolution of our current building. Time and space really don't allow me to address all of those memories in the way I might like to; therefore I'm going to discuss just a few of them.

When Gayle and I first became friends, long before we were married, she invited me to church with her, and this included Bible study . The Bible class we attended was for high school as well as early college age students in a small room of the Women's Club Library, which the Church of Christ called home at the time. From the vantage point of a visitor, I observed an interesting set of dynamics in that class. I was extremely impressed with the Bible knowledge of several girls in the class. They loved sharing their knowledge, as well as, apparently feeling a need to be certain that others in the class came to the same level of understanding which they already possessed. Some of the boys, on the other hand, at least seemed to be disinterested, and even reflected a bit of the rebelliousness that was so much a part of the culture of the late 60's and the early 70's in our country. This group was a challenge, but the teacher was equal to the challenge. The teacher of that class was Bob Woods. I will never forget the patience, enthusiasm and love that he portrayed every Sunday to all of those different

personalities in that class. Through that class he became one of the first real examples of Christian manhood in my life. He asked me to lead the first public prayer that I ever led in the context of that class. Bob has continued to serve as an inspiring Godly role model for me, as well as many others.

Another occasion that comes to mind, as I reflect back, happened during a Gospel Meeting conducted by Alan Bryan. Remembering dates is not my gift, but I believe this happened between the late 70's and the early 80's. I had witnessed several baptisms and I had seen a number of people go forward seeking prayers and support or to rededicate their lives at various times. However, the tremendous response to a message delivered by Bro. Bryan still amazes me and stands out in my memory for a couple of reasons. First of all, more than 30 of our approximately 160 attendees answered the invitation that day. Secondly, one of them was my mother, whom I had the honor of baptizing.

The third memory I want to relate actually occurred over an extended period of time. Our son, Chris is in the Marine Corps. and has been deployed to the battlefields in Iraq, not once, but twice. We are deeply humbled by the amount of support we (and he) received during the difficult times that he was very much in harm's way. There was almost never a public prayer offered that did not mention him by name, not to mention countless daily personal petitions on his behalf. In addition to those invaluable prayers, the family of God here sent him many cards, letters and "care packages." It was an unforgettable outpouring of love and support.

These are just a few of my North Brevard Church of Christ memories. There are so many more that I would like to share, but time and space simply do not allow for all of them.

Charlie

MEMORIES BY GAYLE SMITH GRIFFIN

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My own family began here with my marriage to Charles Frank Griffin New Year's Eve 1969. Although I was certain that I wanted to marry Charlie, I was scared to death about assuming all of the responsibilities which we were about to be faced with. The wedding was a big one and involved lots of people, as well as lots of planning. I planned to have "Tootsie," my beloved Fox Terrier, brought in to the church building on a satin pillow, fashioned from the same fabric as the bridesmaids gowns. I had arranged for her to be brought in by my cousin and he was to care for her as she observed the ceremony with the rest of the family. Unbeknown to me, Wilburn Rainey had convinced Charlie & Daddy that a dog in the church building must be a plan which was hatched from the crazed mind of a bride in the throes of extreme premarital stress; therefore, someone should save me from such a scheme of madness. I freely admit that I am still quite mad! You see, I remain convinced that, although it was an unconventional plan, it was a rational and indubitably fitting plan.

Many of you joined us at the ceremony for our son Chris, as he proudly accepted his commission as an officer in the United States Marine Corps. It is one of those memories which are inextricably linked to the church family at North Brevard. The captain who presided over that ceremony pointed out what a rare young man Chris was and how inspiring it was to be associated with someone who had gone through so much to get to that moment of honor. Statistically 1.5 men out of the 2000 who met the difficult requirements to attempt the process, had made it to that point. Captain Merchant was highly impressed by the touching show of love and support from the church family at that ceremony. He said that it was obvious such encouragement had played a big part in the making of such an outstanding young leader. HOW TRULY HE SPOKE! From the actual moment of his birth (Pam Cartwright was there to share the joy) through childhood, adolescence, marriage, two tours of duty in Iraq until the present time he has been wonderfully shaped by the influence, love and prayers of this congregation. June Celsor and Sue Guinn cared for and nurtured him as a little one. Many of you were involved with his activities all through high school. Articles and pictures of Chris from the paper were cut out and proudly displayed by the family here. Some of you helped him get scholarships for college with your letters of recommendation. Jim Bullock and Bob Woods wrote testimonies regarding his character which led to his acceptance in the program to be tested for qualification in the leadership trials for the Marine Corps. When becoming an officer in the USMC, he became convinced that he wanted a picture to inspire him as a military leader. The picture that

he chose was a rare one and difficult to find. Mike Wall joined us in the search and found the print of George Washington kneeling in prayer. Not only the picture itself, but the love that went into getting it for him, will always inspire him.

Both times that Chris was sent into extreme danger in Iraq, the heart of the Church family here at North Brevard went with him. Everyone watched with us for a glimpse of Chris on TV. You sent him countless cards and letters of encouragement and love, plus packages of supplies and goodies for him and his troops. You all prayed, and prayed, and prayed without ceasing. He was touched deeply by that love and support. He often tells people that the outpouring of love from this church family sustained him in his worst times and is so awesome that it defies description.

So.....thank you North Brevard for all the ways that you love and serve and continue to touch my life and make it blessed.
YOU ARE THE BEST!

Gayle Smith Griffin

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Name: Byron A. (Buddy) & Shirley Rowan

We left Florida in 1966 moving to a new job at Ohio Valley College in Vienna, WV. I served as Bursar for a little over a year and we then moved to Searcy, AR where I worked for Harding University for 35 years, retiring in 2002. The last position I held at Harding was that of Vice President for Finance and CFO. I have served as a Deacon several years and as an Elder for about 25 years at the Downtown Church of Christ.

Shirley has been a "stay at home" mom for most of our marriage (41 years). She has been and is very active at church, now serving as a mentoring mom for Mothers of Pre-Schoolers (MOPS) and co-teaching a young women's class. She is my good right arm as a shepherd's wife.

Our first child, Andy, was born in Florida shortly before North Brevard Church of Christ was begun. He now is married and has three boys, ages, 5, 11, and 14. Our daughter, Kim, was born in Searcy and is also married and has two boys, ages 6 & 10 and a girl age 8. Andy lives in Little Rock where he serves as a Deacon at Pleasant Valley Church of Christ and works as Controller at Wendy's of Arkansas. Kim Lives in Lewisville, TX (a suburb of Dallas) and is active, along with her husband Bret, at the Garden Ridge Church of Christ.

We helped begin the North Brevard church along with the Wilburn Rainey family, the Ray Smith family, the Buck Rhodes family, the Larry Pippin family, the David Kirk family and several more who are not coming up in my memory. We met in the Women's Clubhouse downtown. We used portable petitions to provide classrooms. We met fairly early in the morning and then a bunch would go out to a restaurant.

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Name: Byron A. (Buddy) & Shirley Rowan (cont'd)

for breakfast. Ray and Buck and another man (?) were named as elders and there were some deacons, including me. Wilburn was the preacher.

We were in Titusville in May of this year and came by the building on a Saturday hoping to catch somebody there and visit. Of course nobody was there. We were in town only for a short period of time so did not really have time to try to look up anybody we knew.

We will not be in Florida July 31st, as much as we would like to be! We have fond memories of the struggling little group of God's people who began the North Brevard Church of Christ.

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Name: Dr. Wilburn Rainey

Tell us about what is going on in your lives

We attend church at Kensett, AR., where Doug Robesor preaches. He has been there 27 years and is an excellent Bible teacher. I am not preaching regularly right now. We have been in Arkansas for 28 years at 3 locations. I have preached for one congregation 3 years and another for 12 years. I have conducted dozens of funerals in this area. I have held Gospel meetings in about half the congregations in White County when I lived there before. One feature of North Brevard that I remember in my six and a half years there is there was not one funeral in the congregation. I know that has changed through the years. We are not physically able to be with you on the 31st, but our prayers are with you.

Special Memories

A group of Christians from the Titusville area were meeting with Cocoa. I had preached one year for Cocoa Beach, but was also attending at Cocoa. David Kirk and Buddy Rowan came to my house and asked me to preach at Titusville. We met in the Women's Club building at 8am and for Bible study and worship in the afternoon. Later we rented the old Presbyterian Church building. We bought some property for the church that was too small so we bought the 4 acres where the church now stands. We sold bonds to build the building, minus the auditorium, which was built later.

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Name: Fred B. and Mary Anne Hall

Tell us about what is going on in your lives

We live in Franklin, Tennessee, having moved here in 1996 from Manassas, VA, where we moved when we left Titusville in 1973. Both of us retired in 1993 and moved to Franklin because our children, Jana and Bryan were there. Jana married Todd McCullough in 2000. Their children are Julianne (3) and Andrew (almost 2). We are blessed to be about five minutes from them, the joy of our lives. We are part of the Southern Hills Congregation of about four hundred.

Special Memories

- Meeting in the Women's club building, 1965.
- Meeting in the Episcopal Church building.
- Jana was born in Titusville in 1966.
- Love for our church friends there and staying in contact with several over the years.
- Loving memories of the many in the church: Fishers, Marguerite Fagg, Bob Wright, Robert Smith, Bob Woods, Wilma and Buck Rhodes, etc.

Thank you for the invitation.

MEMORIES BY MARION AND DELORES SEES

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Forty wonderful years, and we have been blessed to be a part of this congregation for thirty-nine of those years. We came when worship was held in the Women's Club. We found the warmest Christian family who quickly became our family since all of our blood relatives were in Ohio.

We had four- year- old David, who attended Bible class in the open buildings behind the main building. Nancy Page was the teacher of that 4 and 5 year old class and she continues teaching that age group until this day. We also had one- year- old Jodi, who became accustomed to using our car as the nursery of choice.

We remember taking turns carrying the communion utensils home each Sunday to wash and prepare for the following week. We began a Ladies Bible Class and we met in each other's homes. Love Woods was selected as our teacher and she continued this work until her death. Marion became church treasurer during our first year here. The first family to invite us into their home was Fred and Mary Ann Hall

The space industry was building up and new families came from all over the country to increase attendance so we were delighted to find the old Presbyterian building to rent in 1968. We finally had regular Bible classrooms and a nursery with air conditioning. The men had been searching diligently for land to build our own building and our beautiful property on Park Avenue was purchased in 1968. One memory, Hurricane Camille devastated Mobile and we collected clothing and supplies and we all worked diligently to sort, box and ship to churches there.

It was decided to build on our lot in phases since we were small and lacked funds to build a complete building. In 1970, the first phase was completed which consisted of the current foyer and the classroom section. We sat on folding chairs in that foyer and there was a tank behind the pulpit, where the back door is now, for baptisms.

David was baptized in that tank by his father. He and Bryan Hall were learning to lead singing and they both loved to lead "Master the Tempest is Raging" so the congregation quickly learned where to turn in the song book when either of those little boys got up to lead. Mark was born the first fall we worshipped in the foyer.

While worshipping in the foyer, we hired our first full time minister and this is when the Charlie Garner family came to bless us with their energetic, outgoing personalities and also Jenet's parents, the Springer's, came to bless our lives.

After a few years, it was decided to build the auditorium section with a lot of the work being done by the membership to cut costs. We started worshipping in here in 1979. One of the funniest memories now, but the most embarrassing then was, that while their fathers were working on the auditorium, Mark and Chris Griffin took Elmer's glue and squirted it all over the tables and chairs in their 4 and 5 year classroom. This incident only proves that mischievous little boys can grow up to be wonderfully responsible, Christian men.

It was in this auditorium, with its lovely baptistery; Marion baptized both Jodi and Mark. Also, David and Garnet were married in 1998 in this auditorium.

We fondly remember the many Bible classes we have taught and many teachers in the congregation who have taught us.. There have always been outstanding VBS programs. We especially remember one where Mark and Nancy Singleton were clowns and Bryan Thornton was a mime. Our most recent Serengeti Trek was also outstanding and the participation by the congregation plus the thoroughly decorated building was a joy to behold.

There were Bible stories brought to life by children's classes acting them out, some in our home for their parents and others for the church. Our small group Bible study that was hosted by Bob and Sue Guinn for many months is a great memory. We have enjoyed hosting many special events in our home... many bridal and baby showers through the years, Purvis and Claudia Wheeler's Fiftieth Anniversary, zone meetings and teen devotionals. We always enjoyed going to CYF's with our teens and our congregation hosted some of them here.

Many Christians have come and gone through all these years. Many have moved on to work and worship in other congregations. Many have left their first love and we continue to pray for them to return to their blessed Lord. Many have gone on to a better home where we look forward to joining them when our work here is done. Our faith is increased and our lives are richer, by far, for having known each of you and we wish there was room to name you one by one.

We are most happy this congregation has never experienced a split, but we have always worked through our differences to maintain the unity Christ desires of His church.

Sponsoring a missionary has always been a dream of ours, so we are very happy our congregation is finally able to be the oversight congregation for Nathan and Cheryl Wheeler in Cambodia.

We are happy Mike and Sue Shumate and Matt and Amy Robinson are presently working as ministers here. We are happy to have so many young families bringing up their children in the Lord. We are happy to see our younger men preparing to serve this congregation as elders and deacons.

Our prayer for this congregation is that we may continue to grow in number and in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ and one day be presented as a glorious church to our Lord.

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Name: David, Garnet & Stephanie Sees

Tell us about what is going on in your lives

David works at Performance Toyota as a service writer. Garnet owns a quilting business at home and sub-teaches at Central North Church in the Mother's Day Out Program. Stephanie attends the Mother's Day Out Program at Central North Church and will attend the preschool program this fall. Stephanie will be 4 years old in August. David teaches, signs or does scripture reading when needed at Sycamore View Church of Christ where we all attend.

Special Memories

David and Garnet were married at North Brevard Church of Christ, February 7, 1998. Mr. Earl Edwards performed the ceremony. He was one of David's college professors from Freed-Hardeman.

David and I call North Brevard our home even though we live in Memphis, TN. David taught, sang and preached there and his family are members. I taught 2 and 3 year olds and Vacation Bible School.

Thank you and God bless you all!

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Name: Heather Harris Shadrix

Tell us about what is going on in your lives

Craig and I have two children, Hunter (6) and Preston (3). I am working at Arnold Palmer Hospital in the labor room with the babies. Craig is working downtown at an environmental planning firm.

Special Memories

I have many special memories of my church family at North Brevard. I grew up there and it means a lot to me.

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Name: Mitchell and Rebecca Fulks

Tell us about what is going on in your lives

- Frances – deceased – 1984
 - 3 children – 10 grandchildren – 2 great grandchildren
 - Michelle Bryan, Bank Executive, Washington, DC
 - 3 children – 2 grandchildren
 - Dwayne Fulks, Doctor
 - 4 children
 - Crystal Martinez
 - 3 children

I am retired, but still do some construction.

Special Memories

The church was a very close family. I have attended several churches during my life and have not seen one as close as North Brevard.

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Name: Bob DeTorres

Tell us about what is going on in your lives

I've been a sales representative for CINTAS Uniform Company for over 11 years in Memphis, TN. My family and me are members at Germantown Church of Christ. Anita and I have taught 5th grade Sunday school for 5 years. I have 3 sons, Dusty (Sr. at University of TN, Knoxville), Eric (Sr. high school) and Alex (freshman at Harding Academy). Anita and I have also been foster parents for 8 small children (not all at once, of course).

Special Memories

In 1974, I became Christian and starting teaching Bible classes for children at the North Brevard Church of Christ. I developed a love for it and still do it today.

The Charlie Garner family influenced me to attend Freed-Hardeman College in 1975. The North Brevard "family" encouraged and supported me through times that my earthly family did not.

I remember the dinners on the grounds behind the building and youth rallies with other churches in the area.

We will be visiting Titusville during our Christmas Break.

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Name: Larry & Danneal Morris

Tell us about what is going on in your lives

We have lived in Rockledge for 8 years. Larry is an Elder for the Rockledge congregation. Our daughter Sherry lives in WV and is attending OVC pursuing a degree in elementary education. We have 2 great granddaughters. Emily is 2 and Rachel is 1. They live in Connecticut with their parents Jeremy & Virginia. Danneal retired from Wuesthoff after 23 years in July 2003. She now works part-time in Occupational Health. We spend most of the summer up north traveling in our motor home. Our grandson Paul still lives and works in Rockledge.

Special Memories

My mother, Zula Seccuro siting in Bill Barnett's back pew. They loved to tease each other. She looked forward to her winter visits in Florida. Our campaign to Cherry Point, NC. We learned a new hymn "The Family of God. That became Larry's favorite song to lead. The special events we participated in during the 17 years at North Brevard: VBS, mini-workshops and Christmas parties (David Smith as Santa).

We are sorry we won't be in Florida for the special celebration. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.

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Name: Billie & Don Weaver

Tell us about what is going on in your lives

We have 6 grown children, 16 grandchildren and 2 great granddaughters. We moved from Titusville in July of 2004 to Tracy City, IN – on Monteagle. Very drastic change after living in Florida almost all my life. My husband, Don is a native Floridian. I came from Nashville, TN to Orlando at 9 months of age. So really Florida is all I've known. We have not placed membership with a congregation here as yet – still visiting many good congregations. I still carry on mission work for India. I do not go, but send those willing to go!

Special Memories

All the wonderful people at North Brevard. Will not name anyone special because everyone was special. However, want to say Betty Lerner was the one who invited us to attend North Brevard. May God bless you all as you continue to serve him and our Lord Jesus Christ.

We attended North Brevard from 1981 to 1984.

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Name: Lee Singleton

Tell us about what is going on in your lives

My wife, Mindy and I are currently living in Crawfordville, Florida and I am currently working on the completion of my Doctorate in Biomedical Mathematics. We became the proud parents of a beautiful baby girl back in August, 2004 named Paige Noelle Singleton. Mindy is teaching second grade this year at Shaderville elementary and we are still attending the Timberlane Church of Christ in Tallahassee. We have been blessed over the past few summers to be able to travel over a large portion of our beautiful country, the U.S., and Canada. Yes, the Lord has truly blessed us in our lives!

Special Memories

I have many wonderful memories of the ten years I was able to be with the North Brevard Church family in Titusville. I remember the great camping trips to Silver Springs and the fun games, like flashlight tag we would all play. I especially remember the many Titusville grandmothers who were always there to give a hug like Mary Mitchell and Mrs. Wheeler. My wife and I will always treasure the beautiful wedding shower that you gave to us. Your love and care overwhelmed us. I appreciate the opportunities I was given as a young boy to serve such as reading scripture and leading singing. I want to say a special thanks to each and every one of my Titusville family who helped me stretch my mind and grow even further in my faith and love of the Lord.

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Name: Virginia Carlson

Tell us about what is going on in your lives

I have had to move to Melbourne. They have a very active moving church. Including their songs; the last song you can clap your hands and rejoice, same song book as North Brevard.

I'm preparing Cheyenne to skate regionals next season to "This little light of mine". Perhaps she can entertain your group at Christmas. We are willing to help increase your youth attendance by offering skating sessions on Saturday.

Special Memories

I remember when Terry and Wanda and Lloyd were there for my Baptism. I remember how the change started to reach out to others then just clamed up. Marsh and hubby for always being there for children. When she needed and asked for extra prayers – God answers – some members were out of sorts – not good. The congregation bought glasses for a girl in need – even though they never were thanked.

What a good teacher Paul is - How blessed we are to have 2 new active elders. The many people who attend are never mentioned for their good deeds-Honor Roll.

Marion Sees

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Subject: Memory:

I hope that I have your address right, and that you will be able to pass on to the church there our regrets that we cannot be with you on Sunday. It has been 28 years this Nov. when I came to Titusville, seems like a lot of things have passed since then. Many of the ones we came to know and love have gone on to their reward, but I am sure there still a few whom we know. I had intended to write something prior to this but got busy and forgot it, sorry. Since I left Titusville I have worked with two congregations in Fort Pierce, the Midway Road Church for 15 years and then four years with the Central congregation. In December of 90 I made a career change and became full time police chaplain for the Fort Pierce Police Department. This has allowed Elaine and I an opportunity to retire, which she did in 2000 and I in 2001. Charlie, our son, is working with the church in Pierre South Dakota, he also serves as an elder and works for the South Dakota Law Enforcement as director of recruit training. He and Jeane have two children A.J. and Amanda. Amanda just completed her first year at York Christian College. Kim, our daughter and our son-in-law Russell Williams has two children, both girls, Chelsey and Brook. Russell took a job with Dominion Virginia Power and moved our grandchildren away from us, so we fooled them, we just moved across the street from them. I am now serving as an elder for the Fredericksburg Church of Christ, do some teaching and whatever else I feel I can do.

Now that I have said all of that boring stuff, you asked about memorable events during my tour with North Brevard. I guess one of the funniest memorable events was when Wesley Smith road his skate board off of the Christian Church roof across the street. We were have a youth meeting and I think Wes did that on a dare. Of course in a more serious side, my most memorable event was the completion of the auditorium. I still have the piece of cedar that Marion cut and put on an esle for me. There are many other things I remember and many people, but maybe this will give you a little insight in my thoughts. My stay in Titusville was wonderful, I will never forget that November 1976 and continued until January 1, 1980. You will be in our thoughts and prayers on this special day.
Love,
Charlie & Elaine Wharton

Subject: 40th Anniversary - What's Happening Now

There has been a lot going on in the lives of the Singleton Family.

Terry and Nancy are in Miami, Florida at the Sunset church of Christ, where Terry is the pulpit minister. As ever he is involved in the lives of the members and teaching studies and classes. Terry is still involved in Vacation Bible School amazing children with the exciting stories from God's word. He has traveled to Honduras three years now and has helped build houses there for families.

Nancy is working as a principal's secretary in the Miami-Dade County Public School system. She is also involved in the lives of the people at Sunset and is teaching Bible classes for ladies. Nancy is enjoying her roll as a grandmother. After so many years of being the "mean mom," she is relishing the role as the "Fun Nana."

Lee and Mindy have celebrated their 7th wedding anniversary. August 25, 2004, they had their first child, and our first granddaughter, Paige Noelle Singleton. Paige is a good natured baby, God bless Lee and Mindy. Mindy is teaching second grade at Shadeville Elementary School. Lee is still working on his doctorate at Florida State University. He is hoping to finish by the end of the summer 2006. They are now living in Crawfordville, FL, just south of Tallahassee. They are both active at the Timberlane church of Christ.

Joel graduated from Harding University with a BA in Bible and Religion on May 14, 2005. The week after graduation, he married Alison Wheeler, also a Harding graduate. Joel is working with the Northwest church of Christ as their Youth Minister.

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7/30/2005

Subject: Special Memories

There are too many special memories to be able to set them all down on paper. Each person at North Brevard church of Christ has contributed to the spiritual growth of each member of the Singleton family. We were richly blessed by being able to be with the family of God there for 13 years.

One memory that will never fade is of the day we drove into Titusville with the U-Haul truck. The house had been cleaned and sparkled. The pantry had been filled with food. Bill Barnett, Grant Jones and June Celsor were there to help us. Even though Bill and Grant were older men, they were strong and worked so hard. That certainly impressed Lee and Joel who were 9 and 3 at the time. Several days after we had moved in and were getting settled, Joel said, "You know that was really nice of June to save our place for us."

I have been asked many times since we moved to Miami, "How did you raise such wonderful men, who make God a priority in their lives?" I have given that question considerable thought, and the conclusion I have come to is that the mercy and grace of God has granted that gift to me. I also believe that a big part of who they have become lies in being part of the wonderful, intergenerational church of Christ at North Brevard. They were surrounded by people of all ages who supported and encouraged all of their endeavors. They led singing, helped teach and were applauded for their involvement and efforts.

I can remember Jim Celsor talking with Lee about math and how he encouraged him in that field. If we ever call Lee, "Professor Singleton," I think Jim will be a great part of that. Joel still remembers the speech Mike Wall gave at the farewell party for us. What Mike said about Joel's ability to relate to people of all ages 8 to 80, still defines who Joel is and has encouraged him to develop and use his people skills.

There is a quote, and I don't remember who said it, but it is along the lines of "people may forget the things you do, but they'll never forget how you made them feel."

I am not sure if it takes a village to raise a child, but I do believe that it takes a church to help parents develop godly men.

Looking at the lives of Lee and Joel are my special memories of being with the wonderful folks at North Brevard.

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