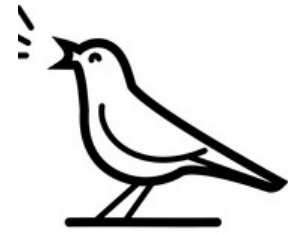




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Pastor Bob's Blog

“Allow me to introduce a professional thief.” *By Charles Swindoll*

Chances are you'll never pick this slick little guy out of a crowd, but many over the years have come to regard him as a formidable giant. Quick as the laser and silent as a moonbeam, he can pick any lock in your office. Once inside, his winsome ways will captivate your attentions. You'll treat him like your closest friend. Ah... But watch out. He'll strip you without a blink of remorse.

Master of clever logic that he is, the bandit will rearrange the facts just enough to gain your sympathies. When others call his character into question, you'll find yourself not only believing in him, but actually quoting and defending him. Too late, you'll see through his ruse and give him grudging credit as the shrewdest of all thieves. Some never come to such a realization at all. They stroll to their graves arm-in-arm with the very robber who has stolen away their lives.

His name? Procrastination. His specialty? Stealing time and incentive. Like the proverbial packrat, he makes off with priceless valuables leaving cheap substitutes in their place: excuses, rationalizations, empty promises, embarrassment, and guilt. Like most crooks, this probe hits you when you're weak - the moment you relax your defenses. You wake up on Sunday morning - it's been a beast of a week. Insistent voices of neglected tasks echo in your head and plead for your attention. Suddenly your con artist appears and begins to bargain with you. By sundown he's gone... And so is your day... And so is your hope.

You step on the bathroom scales and blink in disbelief. The dial tells you the truth - but the thief offers another interpretation. Stealing your surge of motivation, he whispers the magic word - tomorrow - and you reach for a donut to celebrate your philosophy: Never do today what you can put off till tomorrow.

You face a crucial decision this afternoon. It's been building up for two weeks. You ignored it, dodged it, postponed it - but you must not do so any longer. Today is D-Day. You've talked yourself into it. 30 minutes before the deadline, the thief offers the perfect alibi and back on the shelf goes your decision, growing another day larger.

No piper was better paid. No liar was better respected. No bandit better rewarded.

You name it - he comes out a winner every time even though he's a hardcore outlaw. He can outtalk any student when it comes to homework. He can outthink any executive when it comes to correspondence. He can outwork any homemaker when it comes to vacuuming or doing dishes. It can outlast any parent to discipline. He can outsmart any salesman when it comes to selling. He has one basic product and he enters centers all his energy toward that single goal: defeat. By the sheer genius of suggestion he becomes the epitome of what he destroys: success.

There once lived a politician named Felix. He was a governor during the 1st century. Before him stood a prisoner named Paul. On two separate occasions, Felix listened to Paul's tell his story, presenting in simple terms and matter of faith in Jesus Christ. Felix heard every word but passed off the message with similar comments:

When Lysias the commander comes down, I will decide your case. (Acts 24:22)

Go away for the present, and when I find time, I will summon you. (Acts 24:25)

The governor heard Paul, but he listened to the thief. He intentionally put off the most significant moment of his life - a decision he will never forget. Never. Why? Because he listened to the wrong counsel. It was only a subtle suggestion. It wasn't a boldfaced lie, like "There's no heaven" or "There's no hell." It was simply, "There is no hurry." Thereby the grim thief won another victory of defeat.

"How can I win?" You ask. What's the secret - the formula - for escaping this thief's intimidating web? How can I stop the giant from breaking and entering?

It's really very simple - so simple you won't believe it. All it takes is one word, perhaps the easiest word to utter in our language. Properly used, that single syllable carries more weight than a ton of good intentions. The thief cannot endure the sound of it. It sends him fleeing in frustration. If you use it often enough, he might get tired of hearing it - and start leaving you alone.

Curious? I'll make you a deal. I'll tell you the word if you'll promise to use it next time you're tempted to listen to the fast talking embezzler. I have a warning, however. It may be easy to say - but will require all the disciplines you can muster to mean. To implement it will demand, in fact, the power of God Himself.

Ask me for the word. Pastor Grant

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My God Shall Supply All Your Needs

Deb Grant

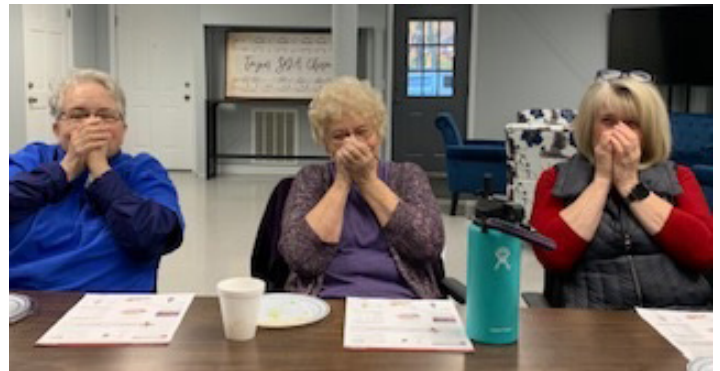
"My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19

Last month school representatives presented to the church the need for additional financial support for the remaining three months of the 22-23 school year. God has blessed His people with a generous spirit! Our need was met, and surpassed within 14 days of that presentation through your giving and pledges. Thank you for supporting the Tryon Seventh-day Adventist Church School in such a big way!

"Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you." Luke 6:38 NKJV



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Easter Thought

Wanangwa Hartwell

"And sitting down, they watched him there." Matthew 27:36

They watched Him there.

Oh, the power in those words. Ellen White says we should spend a thoughtful hour each day on this topic, and how little do we?

They watched Him there.

Of course there were distractions—there always are—the noise, the bustle, people shouting their opinions. There are always distractions, but they watched Him. They couldn't take their eyes off Him. There was something so different about this Man.

They watched Him there.

Can we not do the same?



Ted and Jeanne Coles

Ted and Jeanne have been married for 32 years, since June 4, 1992. They met through a newspaper ad that Ted initiated and Jeanne answered. They did not speak to each other for three to four weeks. Ted had already met a couple of people but they weren't working. Jeanne was very cautious about people she met and would not go straight home in case anything did not go right. Ted & Jeanne talked on the phone a lot; Ted was going to AA meetings five times a week and Jeanne held two jobs. Ted did not drive at this time. Jeanne suggested they should get together so she picked Ted up at his home where his father was living with him. Looking back they now can see God leading them to come together because so many things were going on that without God, they would never have met. Jeanne believed in Ted's honesty and Ted was intrigued with her. The dating began and lasted about one year even though they did not see each other a lot because of their working schedules. They got married and had a beautiful Palm Beach wedding & reception. (They also renewed their vows on their tenth wedding anniversary in Twin Falls – Pickens County SC). Ted & Jeanne took a honeymoon that started out in Chicago and then to New Hampshire via Southern Illinois, Washington DC and New York. They met each other's families. They were in Chicago in 1992 for the Blues Fest.

Once married, Jeanne moved in with Ted into a 700 square foot duplex in Juno FL. They were there until they moved in December of 1996 to SC. They wanted to get out of FL due to the manufacturing industry and too much population. Thus, they found their way to Duncan SC to the Lake Cunningham area in Greer where they bought a double wide and lived there 1-1/2 years. Then in 2005 they bought their current house which they love.

The Coles have been attending our church since 2002 which was another God thing. Ted was running another shop and he worked nights and Sundays and eventually he lost that job. Now Ted found himself with many customers but no job. He rented a space from some friends, paid his share of the

utilities and that was the beginning of Integrity Tool. They had no plan, no money, etc. Through prayer, however, God got them off and running. When they started the shop, Jeanne worked in an eyeglass lab but had to quit her job in order to assist Ted. Their company grew, actually doubled in size. The Lord gave them talents and they put them to work. God decided He wanted them to be employers without any formal schooling or education.

Jeanne has always been a Seventh-day Adventist Christian (baptized when she was 9 years old). Ted was not a Christian when they got married. He had a faith but not in organized religion. He knew God had a purpose for his life. It all happened at a Revelation Seminar in Jupiter, FL. William Sampson ministered to Ted and over the course of time Ted was baptized on April 1, 1995 on a Sabbath. Jeanne was re-baptized as a re-commitment to God and a gift to Ted.

When they moved to SC, they started attending the Greenville SDA Church. Once they moved to their current house, they found themselves half-way between the Greenville and the Tryon Churches. It was such a nice drive into Tryon. Gene Young was the Pastor at Greenville and they became acquainted there. The Coles started attending our church in late 1998 and Gene Young became the Pastor here about 1999. The Coles have now attended our church about 23-24 years.

Ted has held many positions at our church like deacon, elder, Sabbath School teacher, head elder, event planner, greeter and has coordinated fellowship lunches and worked with the Revelation Seminars. Jeanne has been a deaconess, secretary, a counter for the treasurer, assistant Sabbath School treasurer and fellowship lunch and events coordinator.

Jeanne loves to read, do laundry, cook, clean house, paint, and loves working at the Thrift Store. Ted likes motorcycle riding, coordinating events with outdoor cooking, very active in AA (started three different meetings) and has set up a lot of events like anniversaries and picnics. He likes helping others.

Ted's favorite Bible verses are James 1:27 and James 4:7 and Jeanne's is Hebrews 11:6. The Bible and promises have been such a blessing to them and they are thankful for everything. God has been their anchor through every storm. Our church is also blessed to have such strong pillars as the Coles as part of our ever growing family!



Nature Nugget -- April Showers

Wanangwa Hartwell

You know the saying: April showers bring May flowers. It is believed the saying originated in the Middle Ages or even earlier. It's true -- as winter comes to an end, the days grow warmer and longer. The precipitation that had fallen as snow or ice (in some parts of the world) becomes rain that brings life and nutrients to the soil.

But is rain what creates the life? Of course not! God creates the life and before the Flood, He even created it without rain at all. In Genesis 2:5-6, we're told that God had not yet sent rain, but He sent water up from below the ground. Even now, in deserts that may get less than an inch of rain in a whole year, plants manage to grow where God puts them.

In a sense, rain first came on the earth as a punishment, to destroy all the wickedness in the world, but God turned it into something beautiful. He even gave us the rainbow as a reminder that rain is not something to fear. Let's praise God for the rain as well as the sun and remember that He will provide for us, no matter where He puts us



American Cheese

Bev Cook

- 2 1/2 C boiling water*
- 3 Tbsp agar*
- 1 C raw almonds or cashews
- 4 oz jar pimientos (or 1/2 red bell pepper)
- 3 Tbsp food yeast flakes
- 2 Tbsp fresh lemon juice
- 2 tsp onion powder
- 2 tsp Celtic sea salt
- 1 tsp paprika
- 1/4 tsp garlic powder
- 1 Tbsp seasoning (i.e. Mexican, Italian, etc.)

Dissolve agar in 1 1/2 cup of boiling water if slicing cheese is being made and add this as the last ingredient into the blender. Process almonds or cashews with 1 cup water until dissolved and add remaining ingredients. Add agar and water at this time and continue blending until very smooth. Pour into a container and refrigerate. Sets up in about 6 hours. (If you want a cheese sauce instead of a slicing cheese, substitute 1/3 cup arrowroot starch for the agar.)

COME VISIT THE
CHURCH LIBRARY



Wanangwa Hartwell

Hi everyone! We've had some crazy weather the last few weeks, haven't we? Sometimes it's so beautiful, you just want to spend time outside, and other times it's been so cold and nasty, you just need to stay in and read. Fortunately, we have some great books for that in the church library. We've just added several more of the Guide's Greatest... stories and we added some new kids books too. There are also some good additions to both kids and adult DVDs.

One of the books just added this month is *Bathsheba* by Tracy Morgan. This book imagines what life would have been like for the wife of Uriah the Hittite and how her relationship with David (and with God) may have progressed. In the church library, the "Religious Fiction" heading covers everything from Bible-based stories like this one and others on Samuel, Ruth, Zacchaeus and many more. Religious fiction is kind of like other historical fiction, except that it is explicitly Bible-based and focused on bringing people closer to God. I hope you gain a blessing from these books as well as others in your church library. God bless and happy reading!



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As I write this, it's March, which is National Nutrition Month. When you read it, it will be April, which is National Food Month. We think about food every day -- what to eat, when to eat, how much to eat. Fortunately, most of us don't have to decide whether to eat.

Since 2014, our church has operated the Share Thy Bread Food Pantry in partnership with MANNA FoodBank in Asheville. This year, MANNA is celebrating its 40th anniversary. In those 40 years, MANNA has distributed 300 million pounds of food. They have grown from 16 partner agencies to 267 and moved from a 4,000 square foot basement into a 50,000 square foot warehouse. In their first year, 1983, they distributed 42,000 pounds of food. Now they distribute more than that every single day.

People everywhere are begging for more fresh produce and healthy food options. Today, more than 27% of the food MANNA distributes is fresh produce alone, not counting other healthy canned or shelf stable options. Thanks to MANNA, we have been able to find funding for partnership with other organizations too, such as our local farm produce from Charlene's Garden. As Adventists with a health message, this is vitally important to our mission.

God has blessed so much over the years. We have been able to make a difference with His help and I truly believe He linked us with MANNA so we could help each other. They are very excited about the work Share Thy Bread is doing here in Polk County and we, in turn, couldn't do it without them. Thank you for your continued prayers and support of this ministry.

Sabbath School Lesson Supplies

Deb Grant, Sabbath School Secretary

WOW! It is already the second quarter of 2023!

We have adult lesson quarterlies in the copier/mail room and on the foyer tables.

If you are interested in a Large Print lesson, Easy Reading Adult lesson or an EGW Study Notes for future quarters be sure to let me know and we will get you on the standing order. Purchases for a subscription or a one-time-order can also be made through the Adventist Christian Book Center website.

*Enjoy your class!

Healthy Highlights

Bev Cook

Good chewing is vital for a strong immune system, digestive system & colon health. Any disease can be improved and healing expedited when chewing is practiced in earnest. How many chews? Let's say until thoroughly liquefied.

Health depends on nutrition, and nutrition comes from the food we eat. Chewing well facilitates the maximum assimilation of nutrients & resolves many unnecessary health problems. Through proper chewing alone, one can experience clearer thinking, more energy & less toxic accumulation in the body. Chewing stimulates the stomach, intestines, & all the digestive organs. The liver sends more bile to the duodenum in response to adequate chewing. Concentrating on chewing will also relax your nervous system.

Thus next time we eat, let's think about the impact thoroughly chewed food has upon all of the digestive activities. Starting with the mouth to the esophagus to the stomach, to the small intestine, and onto the large intestine, the amount of chewing has a positive (or negative) influence on the entire system!

The Devil's Greatest Trick

Wanangwa Hartwell

I've never cared for April Fool's Day. I'm not good at playing tricks and I don't like having them played on me. I believe Jesus calls us to be truthful in all things. He calls the devil "a liar, and the father of lies."

I think one of the devil's greatest tricks is the false concept of the immortal soul and what it leads people to believe about the state of the dead. Philip Richards, brother-in-law to our own Rosanne Richards, has written a book titled *Invasion: Planet Earth*. It is written especially for non-Christians and secular young adults to teach them about this lie. We have several copies available for sharing; I encourage you to take some to pass out to people you know. Here is an excerpt from the book's description:

"From the dark depths of space, beyond our galaxy, an evil invading army approaches earth. Landing undetected, the aliens set out to conquer our world. Their weapons are not ray guns or other Star Wars-type instruments of warfare, but deadly lies and deceptions. These ruthless and devious enemies are prepared to use any and all means at their disposal. They boldly pursue a cunning strategy to cause earth's inhabitants to rebel against their Ruler. Through lies and supernatural manifestations, they work to convince mankind that the words of their Ruler are untrue."

Another book that is excellent for dispelling the lies and deceptions of the devil is *The Great Controversy* by Ellen White. We have several sharing copies available of it also. Please give these books to anyone who is willing to read them. If a storm were going to hit our town, wouldn't you tell people to get ready? A storm *is* coming. Let's tell them.

School News

Sonja Meadows

On Tuesday, February 28, the upper grades classes at Tryon SDA School were blessed to have Mrs. Sara Staré as a guest speaker for worship. She served as a volunteer missionary to the jungles of Guayana prior to meeting her husband (Pastor Silvertone Staré) and eventually moving to the United States. The following are thoughts from the students in the 3rd-5th grade class regarding her lecture.

She had to sleep under a net. The boys had a machete when they learned to walk. They had tons of coconut water. Main point: To trust God and to follow God and to love God. -Ivan Owens, 3rd grade

I remember the worms. If it bit somebody she said it would burn and itch and if it bit a baby it (the baby) will die. Cockroach: they are big and long! I remember the picture of the bug on his head. It looked creepy to me. I also remember the white tail snake. She said they are very poisonous! If it bites you, you would die in seconds. The main thing Ms. Sara wanted us to know is to believe in God and know He is real and a loving God. -Logan Hodge, 4th grade

In Ms. Sara's story there was a stinging worm thing, whistling frogs, and mango trees. My favorite is the whistling frogs because they are soooo cute! The mango tree was so big it started to break. The worm bit Ms. Sara and it hurt. The main thing that Ms. Sara wanted us to know is, we shouldn't push God away by being too busy for him. -Dorothy Daniels, 4th grade

I remember her camping in the jungle with her friends. They were hiking, exploring, and looking at different, weird insects. I remember every morning chapel they sang "Sweeter also than the honey and the honeycomb" and they had been taught well from Ms. Sara. I remember she was showing us this picture of an avocado. It was about the shape of an oval and it was green.

Main point: Have room for God and let Him come into your life. -Maya Roine, 3rd grade

Avocado: They called the avocados pears. The reason they called it a pear was that was that it looks like a pear but it was bigger than a pear, Ms. Sara told us. Machete: Some people used it when they were like five, she told us. Cockroach: She said when she was sleeping one cockroach went on her, it was bigger than most cockroaches. Main point: She wanted us to know that you should have room for God no matter what.

-Gabrielle Milks, 4th grade

The thing she told us was about the mango tree. The branches broke because it was overloaded with mangos. The other thing I remember was a river. The river was brown because of the brown leaves. I also remember when the airplane could land a certain way. It could only land one way. The main thing I remember was to make a place for God. -Bella Quinn, 3rd grade

I remembered...the avocado but it was called a pear because the avocado was so big. I also remembered that Ms. Sara couldn't drink the water so she had to filter the water. And I also remembered that there was a big cockroach and that it

is very poisonous. Main point: The last thing I remembered is that we should never forget God or push him away.

-Cecilia Laverly, 4th grade

Bananas: The bananas in (North) America are long, yellow, and smooth. And then the bananas in Guyana, South America are short, fat, and taste good. Even though I have never tried it, I've heard somebody say it's good, and they went to Guyana, South America.

Oversized Cockroaches: So when the missionary went there to Guyana, she saw a cockroach. It was so big. It was like two fifths of a pencil. And the only way to kill it was to hit it at the side (with spray) because its shell was so hard.

Busses: The missionary took pictures of the busses and they look like a mini van from (North) America and she said that they somehow squished 20 people in there.

-Lemuel Milks, 5th grade

I heard about a cockroach, worm thing, and mango trees. The cockroach had a plastic-like shell so it was hard to kill. It was very big.

The stinging worm was like a snake. Sometimes if it stung a baby, the baby would die from that thing.

The mango trees sometimes had a lot of fruit when it rained on time. If the mango trees did not get rain in time, they would not have as much fruit or none.

Ms. Sara wanted us to understand that God is real.

-Grayson Rowe, 5th grade



Wanangwa Hartwell

Happy April, everyone! The school year is nearing its close. We've been so blessed by the outpouring of support from this church. Be sure to join us for graduation in May. And this month, on April 15, please be at church to enjoy a Sabbath of music as the handbells present "The Greatest Message" with songs they learned at the Carolina Conference music festival and narrations from the closing chapters of The Desire of Ages. We hope and pray it will bring you a blessing.



Mrs. Baraba came by to visit our class. She brought goodies she made. We love her.



Polk County EMS Visits the School



Mount Pisgah Academy Band Visits the School



We Have Nothing to Fear for the Future

Nell Carruth, Lila Morgan, John Oliver

Compiled by Deb Grant

In the late 1800's or early 1900's a family, by the name of Acker, moved from Versailles, Kentucky to the Tryon area. They lived in a two-story house on the south side of Tryon near the South Carolina border. They farmed the land down near the entrance to Lake Lanier. They soon were known all over the area because they went to church on Saturday and worked on Sunday. The nearest Seventh-day Adventist Church was located about one and one-half miles west of Campobello. Each Sabbath the family would ride the train down to Campobello and walk to the church, making the return trip in the afternoon. At one time, Mr. Acker was arrested, found guilty and sentenced to work on the chain gang for working on Sunday. He served several months before a lawyer took the case to the Supreme Court. This is quite a famous case in North Carolina history. At the time this Columbus group was formed, the only surviving Seventh-day Adventist member still in the area was a retired schoolteacher named Ida Acker.

Our present church history began in 1952 when Arthur and Janice Kennedy bought property east of Columbus on Fox Mountain Road and made their home there.

In 1955, Dr. Roy L. Morgan and his wife, Lila, moved to Columbus where he began his medical practice.

In neighboring Spartanburg County, SC lived several members of the Spartanburg Seventh-day Adventist Church: Nell Carruth, Mrs. Ollie Henderson, her daughters Muriel and Bernice and Muriel's husband, John Underwood. Then George and Violet Robinson, also members of the Spartanburg Church, moved to the Columbus area.

At this time, US 176 was the main highway to Spartanburg, which made the trip to church about 35 miles each way. So we were very much in favor of a local church.

In 1957 the talk began that we should start a group that would be the nucleus of a church. Joining us at the time in this discussion were: Matt and Etta Brownlee, Matt's sister, Margaret, from Flat Rock, Nathan Fox of Tryon, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Cartledge from Lake Lure, Mrs. Artie Robinson-Derting (Lila's Mom) and her daughter, Tommie Sue Robinson (Lila's sister) and Ida Acker.

The first problem was finding a place to meet. The dear Christian friends in the Columbus Presbyterian Church allowed us to use their Fellowship Hall, which we appreciated very much and are still warmed by the thoughts of their Christian courtesy.

After several preliminary discussions, we held the first official meeting of the "Columbus" company of 18 adults on January 4, 1958. Dr. Morgan was elected as Head Elder.

Elder R. E. Logan, who was pastor of the Spartanburg Church, took us under his wing. We had church, then Sabbath School, after which he returned to Spartanburg for their church service. We had blessed times together and began planning our own place of worship.

Art and Jan Kennedy donated a site on their property for a chapel/school building. The foundation of this building

was poured on November 19, 1958. Building continued as long as the money came in and when the chapel/school was completed, it was paid for. Some volunteers "gave" more than others, like Matt Brownlee lost his glasses in the bottom of the well and Jane Kennedy lost a shoe in the cement block wall.

When Dr. Morgan came to help with the building (there was no phone on the job site) he arranged with a not too distant neighbor with a phone to hang a sheet on her clothesline as a signal if he was needed at the office. This system proved effective at least twice.

As soon as there were floors, walls, doors and windows, Mrs. Artie Robinson-Derting began to teach, almost before the concrete floor was dry. The plumbing was not in place so the students went across to the Kennedy home to use the bathroom! That first year there were five students: Allan and Jimmy Kennedy, Johnnie and Susan Underwood and Linda Robinson.

We had friends in the Spartanburg and Fletcher area that came to help with funds and labor. Matt Brownlee, draftsman and chief engineer, his wife, Etta and Art Kennedy did the major part of the work. Etta could be seen setting blocks and laying shingles and working on anything else that was going on. At the time the building was ready for wiring, we discovered that our new pastor, Elder Harold Colburn, was a very proficient electrician!

On February 27, 1960 this dedicated group was promoted from a "company" and organized as the Columbus "church" with 23 members into full fellowship in the Carolina Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Sixteen of the charter members were present at the 10th Anniversary of the Columbus Church.

The church has two photos that were taken at the 10th anniversary celebration - one of the charter members and one of all the attendees that day.

Charter members of the Columbus Seventh-day Adventist Church

Miss Ida Acker, Miss Margaret Brownlee, Mr. Matthew Brownlee, Mrs. Matthew Brownlee, Mrs. Nell Carruth, Mr. Nathan Fox, Mr. Ralph Cartledge, Mrs. Ralph Cartledge, Mrs. Ollie B. Henderson, Mr. Arthur Kennedy, Mrs. Arthur (Janice) Kennedy, Mrs. Dora Kennedy, Dr. Roy L. Morgan, Mrs. Lila Morgan, Mr. George Robinson, Mrs. Violet Robinson, Mrs. Artie Robinson-Derting, Mrs. Tommie Sue Burchard, Miss Edna Swanson, Mr. John W. Underwood, Mrs. Muriel Underwood, Mr. Johnny Underwood, Mrs. Bernice Price

In June of 1960 the chapel was used for church services for the first time. The building wasn't totally finished because the next winter we carried blankets and robes to put over our feet and legs. We had an oil stove in the back of the room around which everyone gathered until the very last minute for Sabbath School to start.

The Lord blessed in many ways. We were so involved in everything and so proud of every advance.

Dr. & Mrs. Oliver joined the group in July of 1961.

We Have Nothing to Fear for the Future

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1964 was a good year for the Columbus church. Una Newman, Dr. Morgan's office nurse was the first baptized member from the community. Also Dr. and Mrs. Blomeley moved to the area to join in practice with Dr. Morgan. A tent effort was held in Columbus that year by Elder Wyckoff. From these meetings Elder Colburn baptized Mr. & Mrs. James Edney, Sr., Carl and Barbara Edney, George and Mary Lee Lindsey, and Frank Carruth on December 26, 1964. Nada Watkins was church clerk.

In 1967 Drs. Morgan, Blomeley and Oliver began construction for the Columbus Medical-Dental building. Upon completion in April 1968 the 4000 square foot basement with kitchen were used by the Community Services and as a fellowship hall for the social events of the church because we had outgrown the facilities at our little church. This was utilized from April 1968 thorough the summer of 1987.

As more people joined or moved in, it became obvious that the entire chapel/school building was needed for school and that a larger church was essential.

Frank and Nell Carruth purchased an eight-acre site and offered it to the group for a church building. The church members accepted the gift and plans were started. The lot dropped six to eight feet from road level down to the North Pacolet River. We knew it would take a great deal of fill dirt to make it usable.

The Lord knew our plans and our needs, and He intervened to provide.

At this time Interstate-26 was being built and the cut was made up the mountain. There was an area of unstable soil that the engineers failed to take into account. When the spring rains came, they were heavy and frequent, so the whole area began to slide down the side of the mountain. People living below had their pastures, swimming pools, yards and every imaginable space filled deep in soil. Of course, they demanded that it be removed.

The state was required to dig out all of the dirt and dump it somewhere else. Frank talked with the man in charge of this operation, Henry Huntsinger, and "offered" the church site for a dumping ground. Mr. Huntsinger was more than pleased. It proved to be a blessing to the state to have such a large site so close to the source of dirt and also a great blessing to meet our need. Frank asked Mr. Huntsinger if he thought there would be enough dirt to bring our site up to road level. He responded, "Don't worry about that! There is plenty of dirt!" And there was! The trucks rolled for nearly a year. They brought every bit of our church property up to road level, as we all rejoiced! Before we could start building, the state inspectors had to OK the site. They found two springs (as you might know) directly under where the church was to be built. They required that dirt be removed and repacked layer by layer. We laughed about that many times, but paying for the removal and repacking wasn't so funny!

The church construction began in 1974. We had our first "official" church service in our new building on June 21, 1975 as the "Tryon" Seventh-day Adventist Church. The official

'Open House' was held on June 28, 1975 with Emilio Knechtle as guest speaker. On December 31, 1977, it was debt-free and dedicated with General Conference President R. H. Pierson as guest speaker.

Tryon member Elder Ralph E. Cash wrote this poem for the 1977 church dedication.

A CHURCH DEDICATION

To dedicate a church to God
Is a simple thing to do;
Some songs are sung and prayer is made,
And a sermon's given, too

The folks are there from near and far,
They came both great and small;
The building is the Lord's, they say,
And ready at His call.
But it means more than that, my friend,
The church is more than just boards;
It means that all the members too,
Agree to be the Lord's,

Unless the members give themselves
In service for their King,
The dedication of the house
May not mean anything.

The church includes the members,
Who must dedicate their all;
Their time and talents to be used
When e'er the Lord shall call.
It means surrender of ourselves,
A daily death to sin;
To give our lives and pledge our hearts
To fellowship with Him.

R. E. Cash

There were many activities happening in the church and our membership was growing. The church foyer was used as a multipurpose room where we held vespers, baby and bridal showers, fellowship dinners and filled bags with canned goods collected by the Pathfinder club. The church family would turn out in full force for all these events. Fellowship dinners eventually moved up into the church balcony for the added space. The church kitchen was located in the room next to the Mother's Room (currently it is used for SS supplies; Communion supplies and has a photocopier.) We needed more classrooms as the Sabbath School classes were getting very large and there was no place for another class to meet.

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