

In September, 1988, Central Church of the Nazarene celebrated its 50th Anniversary. A booklet was given to each family detailing the history of Central starting with the visions and compassion the people had to begin and organize Central and the love, time and determination they so richly gave to make that vision become a reality, all the way down through the ages when Pastor and Janet McCabe came to pastor at Central in November, 1983. Hopefully, all still have their booklet and will be able to attach this SPECIAL 65TH YEAR SUPPLEMENT.

What has Central accomplished in the last fifteen years? Let's take a look down memory lane and get a glimpse of what has happened. (Of course, you may think of things that aren't included. If so, please write down your memories to share. We can include them later as a supplement).

Information is limited for the years 1989 through 1991. The only thing known for sure is that Timothy Melvin was seven years old in 1989. Ruth Melvin was children's director for that year.

Thanks to Tom Christian who kept a journal of events from 1991 to present, the following events were documented. Some dates may be a little off, but, hopefully, the events all happened around the year listed. They are:

September 8, 1991 - Roof will be put on parsonage next week (Sept. 9th through 14th) at the cost of \$1,020.00. The job was completed November, 1991.

The house purchased next door to the church was to be rented. A letter was drafted confirming the rent, which was \$295.00 a month. The renters at that time had agreed to paint the inside of the house and do some of the manual labor such as replace the flooring and clean the carpet. The church furnished the supplies which cost about \$200.00.

The bathrooms were finished in Haven's Hall and new faucets installed in the church bathrooms.

On December 7, 1992, Central was involved in the Nativity Walk with other area churches. The walk began at Central and stopped at one of the churches on Madison Avenue. Sue Wills was in charge of putting part of the program together and finding characters to participate.

January, 1992 - The plumbing in restrooms was repaired, locks were installed on the kitchen door and the door leading to the upstairs apartment in Haven's Hall.

February, 1992 , the ceiling was finished in the kitchen area, and lights installed.

In April, 1992, the wall was put up in Haven's Hall at a cost of \$500.00 which was provided by the Sunday School. Title was to be installed on the floor which would cost around \$2,500.00. The door to the upstairs was finished. The awning was installed at a cost of \$3,600.00.

Several repair jobs were completed not only in Haven's Hall, but around the church as well. Those jobs included plumbing in the kitchen area, repairing leaky faucets, repairing air conditioner in the Sunday School part of the building, and various other small jobs. These jobs were completed by Richard White, Tom Christian, Glenn Cox, Bob Thomas and Pastor, just to name a few.

Glenn Cox repaired the air conditioner at the cost of \$700.00. Sue Will's sister, Linda Crouse, donated \$500 to be applied toward the cost.

In October or November, 1993, the awning was installed over the back entrance, and five broken windows were repaired.

In February, 1994, carpet was installed on the stairways.

May, 1994, a new riding mower was purchased.

Sometime between 1993 and 1994, the following was completed:

- 1) NYI painted the NYI secretary's office and the counting room.
- 2) The apartment was completed in Haven's Hall by Pastor McCabe, Richard White, Bob Thomas, and Glenn Cox.
- 3) The water fountain was repaired by Pastor McCabe and Glenn Cox.
- 4) A bell was installed in the sanctuary by Pastor and Richard.

The following was accomplished between 1994 and 1995:

- 1) Repairs in both men's and ladies' restrooms.
- 2) Title was installed in Haven's Hall.
- 3) Sound barriers were installed in Haven's Hall.

- 4) A new PA system was installed in the sanctuary.
- 5) A new building was built for the lawn mower and storage of other items.
- 6) Some of the Sunday School rooms were painted.
- 7) Lights and ceiling fans were installed in some of the Sunday School rooms.

1994 also saw the installation of the cover over the back exit. Pledges were raised to pay for the materials.

1995 - The rental property next door was in need of a hot-water tank. Pastor McCabe and Bob Thomas took care of this matter.

The Wednesday evening prayer meeting was broken down into individual groups meeting with different Bible study plans.

1996 - Siding was placed on both ends of Haven's Hall at a cost of approximately \$3,033. This included all the labor and extra materials needed.

Several of the men got together for a work day, Bob Thomas, Richard White, Minor Campbell, Paul Winkler, Al Burns, Sam Melvin, Ron Ray, Pastor McCabe, Kevin Ours, Colin Wills, Glenn Cox and Ernie McKinney. Repairs were made around the church and some of the ladies met to do some cleaning and painting.

Ceiling fans were installed in some of the Sunday School rooms, new lights were installed in the sanctuary, some repairs were made to Haven's Hall.

Georgia Foist, a prominent member of Central, passed away, and left her property to Central. New siding was installed on the house Georgia left to increase the sale price. This property was eventually sold and the proceeds used to pay off the church mortgage.

Cookbooks were also sold this year. Funds went toward the purchase of new tile in Haven's Hall which was installed later in 1998.

1997 - New lights were installed in the kitchen in the parsonage, along with a new fan. Also, a bolt lock was installed on the back door.

On August 2, 1997, the electric lines to the church caught fire, and, therefore, we could not have church on August 3, 1997. There was no structure damage to the church or any of the electric motors.

Several worked around the church installing faucets in the bathroom sinks, repairing the commodes, installing carpet in the up-stairs classrooms.

These all may seem to be small insignificant accomplishments, but if the work isn't maintained and repairs done, the church would cease to function.

1998 - Pastor McCabe and Bob Thomas installed a wall gas heater in the nursery. Nancy Ferris cleaned and shampooed the nursery carpet. Some painting was also done.

September, 1998, tile was installed in Haven's Hall.

October 4, 1998, Central celebrated its 60th Anniversary by having a mortgage burning ceremony and weekend services, with a dinner following after the Sunday morning service.

October, 1999, brought revival with Pastor Jim Baker.

July 20, 2000, Pastor McCabe and Richard White installed air-conditioner in the kitchen.

October 8, 2000, the parking lot was graveled. The van received a new sticker and starter, and new flappers were placed in the commodes.

November, 2001, a new garbage bin was built and placed over the concrete area at the end of the parking lot by Sam Melvin.

An awning was installed in the parking lot to park the van under.

Glen and Lise Marcum paid to have the van repaired, painted and lettered with the church name and logo. Colin Wills actually did the lettering and painted the church logo on the van.

2002 brought a new roof over the Sunday School wing.

During Pastor McCabe's tenure as Central's Pastor the last twenty years, Central has also seen the following: (Some of these may have been previously mentioned).

1. Church Indebtedness in 1983 was \$14,635.00. The fellowship hall was built which increased the indebtedness to approximately \$100,000.00. Down through the years with the people's generosity in tithes, offerings, and giving, (not to mention inheritances), Central is today debt free.

2. A church van was purchased, used for years, then traded in for the one we currently use. This is the van mentioned above that Glen and Lise Marcum so generously took care of for us.

3. A cover was built over the back entrance door to the parking area.

4. The sanctuary was carpeted, and new hymnals were purchased.

5. New astroturf carpet was installed on the front porch.

6. Pastor McCabe constructed the new Pastor's Office in the front foyer.

7. Pastor McCabe built and installed, with help from Richard White, Bob Thomas, and Tom Christian, the three crosses hanging in the back of the church.

8. Tinting was placed over the windows in the sanctuary.

9. The greenery in the sanctuary was replaced with silk.

10. The fellowship hall was constructed and completed, with Pastor McCabe installing cabinets in the kitchen area. An apartment was also constructed above Haven's Hall which is ready for use.

11. Sam Melvin welded and installed a new steel cross holding the sign in the front yard in May, 2003, with the help of Richard White, Bob Thomas and Tom Christian.