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Bryant Kicks Off Crusade

By ETHEL SECHLER
Independent Church Editor

Anita Bryant — singer, world traveler, and author of nine books — will come here tonight to help kick off the Centerview Baptist Church Kannapolis Crusade for Christ. The crusade will continue nightly through Sunday.

At the 7:30 p.m. service in Kannapolis Memorial Stadium, Miss Bryant will sing and give her Christian testimony.

She has traveled throughout the world giving concerts and her testimony. Highlights of her career include the eight consecutive Christmas shows with Bob Hope entertaining troops overseas and the many appearances she has made at the White House.

The Rev. Clyde R. Hawkins, who has served as pastor of the Centerview Church for seven years will bring the messages. The Rev. Mr. Hawkins and the congregation of the church expect 8,000 to 10,000 people to attend the nightly services.

Rev. Hawkins

Bobby Richardson, former second baseman for the World Champion New York Yankees baseball team, and holder of numerous World Series records, will give his Christian testimony at the concluding service Sunday night. He is presently associated with Ben Lippen School at Asheville.

Singing at the Sunday night service will be the Harvesters Quartet, which was organized in 1949 and at one time was one of the top gospel music groups in the nation.

There will be no admission charge to the services. The congregation of the Centerview Church is paying all expenses of the crusade, but an offering will be taken to help with the expenses.

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REVIVAL SET — The Rev. Clyde Hawkins, pastor of Centerview Baptist Church will be the speaker at revival services which will begin Sunday night at Parkwood Baptist Church, Central Dr., Concord. The services will be held at 7:30 p.m. daily through April 8. Music will be under the direction of Charles James with special music by the New Souls Quartet of the Centerview Church. The Rev. Darrell Coble is pastor of the church.
At Centerview
Lay-Led Revival Planned

Men of Centerview Baptist Church will be in charge of a weekend lay-led revival which begins today at the church.

The men of the church will be giving personal testimonies, providing music for the services and delivering the messages at 7:30 p.m. today and Saturday and 11 a.m. Sunday.

The service today will include a testimony by Harry Glenn and the Message by Sonny Yow. Saturday night Dan Cihak will give his testimony and J. R. "Pete" Helms will deliver the message.

At the 11 a.m. service Sunday Gary Stegall will give his testimony and Marshall "Dock" Brooks will deliver the message. The Rev. Clyde Hawkins is pastor of the church.
GUEST SPEAKER — Ralph Robinette, a former member of Centerview Baptist Church, will be the guest speaker at the 11 a.m. service at the church Sunday in observance of Baptist Men’s Day. He is an active member of Landis Baptist Church and serves as a deacon and Sunday School teacher. For the past eight years he has had an active ministry at the Rowan Prison Unit in Salisbury and has spoken in over 30 local churches. He and Mrs. Robinette, the former, Miss Shirley Kimball, reside on Kimball Road, China Grove, and are the parents of four children. He is employed as a salesman at K-Town Furniture Company. The Men’s Chorus of the church will provide music for the service.
Speaker Is Announced For Revival Services

Rev. Clyde Robert Hawkins, pastor of Centerview Baptist Church in Kannapolis, will be guest speaker during revival services at W. Yadkin Baptist Church beginning Monday at 7:30 p.m.

A Surry County native, Mr. Hawkins is a former minister of Hebron Baptist Church. He also served a pastorate at W. Elkin Baptist Church in Elkin.

Hawkins, who received a diploma in theology from Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute in 1967, is a member of denominational associations in Cabarrus County, the South Yadkin area and Elkin.

Special music will be presented during the nightly services that run through Friday, Oct. 15.

Rev. Kenny Goodin is pastor of the church located at Brooks Crossroads, 12 miles north of Harmony on US 21.
Golden Jubilee At Centerview

In celebration of the 50th anniversary of Centerview Baptist Church, located on Walter Street, a Golden Jubilee Revival Crusade For Christ, will begin at the church Sunday and continue through Sept. 14.

The Rev. Clyde Hawkins, pastor of the church, and two former pastors of the church, the Rev. J. S. Tyson and the Rev. Ralph Cannon will speak at the special homecoming service Sunday at 11 a.m. A picnic lunch will follow the service.

The well known Speer Family will sing at the 7 p.m. service Sunday.

The Rev. John Rymer, of Hendersonville, will be guest evangelist for the revival services, which will begin at 7:17 p.m. Monday. Other guests will take part in the services nightly.

Church History

The Centerview Baptist Church, like many other area churches has had a remarkable growth in membership and in its physical plant during the past 50 years.

The church was organized Sept. 7, 1930 with twenty-two charter members. The Rev. C. J. Jenkins, who was called to serve as the first pastor of the church, helped lay the groundwork upon which the church has grown and prospered during the years.

On Nov. 13, 1930, the church trustees with the assistance of the pastor, purchased a lot with a five-room house for the sum of $1,500. A one-room frame building called the Tabernacle was built on the site at a cost of $500 and had a seating capacity of approximately 300.

In less than two years the congregation had grown to such an extent that plans for a new building were beginning to take shape. In July 1932 a State Board Architect of the N. C. Baptist State Convention presented to the church, blueprints for a new building and the congregation voted to erect the building.

The Sunday School departments were built first and after the indebtedness had been paid an eight-room brick veneer parsonage was built. The church voted to build the auditorium in 1937.

In 1947 a frame house was purchased under the sanctuary contains assembly rooms and Sunday School classes.

Soon after the construction a portion of Walter Street was changed by the State Highway Department and the fellowship hall of the church was torn down to make additional parking spaces. A house which was moved off the portion of the street and a lot donated to the church was torn down and a ramp for the handicapped was installed in memory of the late Joy Louise Hawkins, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Hawkins.

RAMP FOR HANDICAPPED — A ramp Clyde Hawkins. Members of the church will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Centerview Baptist Church during the recent remodeling program. The ramp was installed in memory of the late Joy Louise Hawkins, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Hawkins.

Most of the 22 charter members of the church are deceased. The charter members included, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Brinkley, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Humphrey, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Jenkins, J. R. Howard, Mrs. Nella Hinson, Mrs. Laura Smith, Eugene Smith, Mrs. Helen S. Sechler, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Chambers, J. B. Corn, R. S. Carpenter, Mrs. William Good...
There have been several momentous occasions for members of Centerview Baptist Church during the past 50 years and the week of Sept. 7-14 will go down in the history of the church as another special event.

That week the church will celebrate its 50th anniversary with a Golden Jubilee Revival Crusade for Christ. Last year the church sponsored the Centerview Baptist Church Kannapolis Crusade for Christ, which featured Christian testimonies by Anita Bryant and baseball great Bobby Richardson. Several well-known singing groups appeared at the crusade.

The Golden Jubilee Revival Crusade for Christ will begin on Sept. 7 with a special homecoming service at the 11 a.m. service. The Rev. Clyde R. Hawkins, who has served as pastor of the church since 1974, will be the speaker. A picnic lunch will be served and former members are invited to attend.

At 7 p.m. on Sept. 7, the Singing Speer Family from Nashville, Tenn., known as gospel music’s “First Family,” will present a program of gospel music at the church. Last year the family sang for President Jimmy Carter and his family at the White House along with 15 other gospel groups hand-picked by the President and Mrs. Carter.

Revival services will begin at 7:17 p.m. Sept. 8. Guest evangelist will be the Rev. John Rymer of Hendersonville. A graduate of Bob Jones University, he attended Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and serves as pastor of Elowah Baptist Church of the Old Testament at Fruitland Bible Institute.

The Rev. Mr. Rymer has served as moderator of the Carolina Baptist Association, president of the N.C. Pastor’s Conference and in various other places of service in his denomination.

Dr. David Collins Jr., of Concord, a surgeon, will give his Christian testimony at the Sept. 8 service. He is a member and deacon of the First Baptist Church, Concord.

On Sept. 12, Lowell Leistner, of Orlando, Fla., will present a short program of magic. He works full time as music director and crusade coordinator with the Bill Penley Team.

On Sept. 13, Sidney McGee, a magician, will present a program of magic. He is a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians.

Dr. Cecil Ray, general secretary and treasurer of the N.C. State Baptist Convention, will speak at the 11 a.m. service on Sept. 14 and Herb Meadows, a singing evangelist from Greensboro, will sing at the service.

Special music will be presented at each service by the New Souls and the revival choir.
Pastor resigns

Rev. Clyde R. Hawkins who has served as pastor of Centerview Baptist Church since June, 1974 has resigned, effective Sept. 27. He has accepted a call to become pastor of Sandy Ridge Baptist Church, Monroe.

During the years Rev. Hawkins has served at the Centerview Church 400 new members have been added to the roll and a full time staff member added. Budget receipts have more than doubled and the educational facilities were remodeled in 1979. Last year a new fellowship hall was completed. In 1979 he planned and preached the Kannapolis Crusade for Christ which had an attendance of over 10,000 persons. He was also chosen The Daily Independent Citizen of the Year in 1979.

Active in the Cabarrus Baptist Association, Rev. Hawkins has served as chairman of the Ordination Advisory Council, as Baptist Hospital representative, on the Missions Committee, chairman of the Executive Committee and has coordinated three Sunday School revivals for area churches. In 1985 he served with the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board’s Partnership in Evangelism Crusade in Bermuda.

Prior to coming here Rev. Hawkins served as pastor of Hebron Baptist Church from 1971-1974 where a full program of Sunday evening and Wednesday services were begun and under his leadership a new educational building and other remodeling at a cost of $207,000 was completed.

A native of Surry County, he is a graduate of Elkin City Schools and Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute. He is married to the former, Belvin Adams, and they are the parents of one son, Neil.
The congregation of Centerview Baptist Church will meet Sunday night in the parking lot of Kmart for a "worship service under the stars."

The Rev. Clyde Hawkins, pastor of the church has invited the public to attend the service at 7 p.m. He said those attending are invited to sit in their cars or bring lawn chairs.

Special music for the service will be provided by the Children's Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Rosa Ray. Miss Terri Kratz will play the guitar and Gary Beaver will play the trumpet.
Guest speaker

Joyce Kluttz, secretary of the Cabarrus County Baptist Association, who went on a trip to Brazil, will be the speaker at 7 p.m. Sunday at Centerview Baptist Church and will be speaking about the country.
The Moody Adams series entitled, "How to Understand What’s Happening in Iraq," will be shown at Centerview Baptist Church at 7 p.m. Sunday and each Sunday night through Feb. 10.

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Stewart guest speaker

Robert C. Stewart, director of the Sunday School Department of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention will be the speaker at the 11 a.m. service Sunday at Centerview Baptist Church.

Stewart is a graduate of Furman University, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and the School of Pastoral Care, Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem. He has served as minister of music, minister of education and administrator in churches in South Carolina, North Carolina and Oklahoma. He has served as director of the Sunday School Department, Baptist State Convention since 1978.

Stewart has led conferences at Caswell, Caraway, Ridgecrest and other Southern Baptist conference centers. He is married to the former Jo Ellen Bradley, and they are the parents of two children.
Former Missionaries To Speak At Centerview

The Rev. and Mrs. John McGee, who served 33 years as Southern Baptist Missionaries to Nigeria, will speak at special mission emphases services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday at Centerview Baptist Church.

The Rev. Mr. McGee and Mrs. McGee retired from the foreign mission field in 1978 and are making their home in Hendersonville. Both are on the staff at Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute.

The Rev. Mr. McGee will speak at the 11 a.m. service. Both the Rev. and Mrs. McGee attended Mars Hill College and graduated from Baylor University and Southern Seminary.

Mrs. McGee will show slides at the 7 p.m. service and will tell of their work in Nigeria.
The Centerview Baptist Church, 415 Walter St., will begin a Revival Crusade for Christ on Sunday morning, Sept. 11, at 11 a.m. and continue nightly thereafter at 7:30 p.m. through Friday, Sept. 16.

The Rev. Frank Floyd of Knoxville, Tenn., will be the visiting evangelist. Rev. Mr. Floyd is a native of Hawkins County in East Tennessee. He attended Carson Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Rev. Mr. Floyd served as a pastor for 18 years before becoming a full-time evangelist. He has had much experience in evangelistic work, having conducted over 200 revivals in local churches. He was the evangelist for an area-wide crusade in East Tennessee in which Lt. Clebe McClary, Bobby Richardson and other well known people participated. He has conducted crusades in Kenya, East Africa.

Rev. Mr. Floyd is in great demand for revival crusades and other evangelistic meetings throughout the South.

Special music including a revival choir and congregational singing of the old hymns are planned for each service.

On Sunday evening, Sept. 11, a special pre-service gospel concert will be presented at 7 p.m. by "The New Souls" quartet. This quartet is composed of Byron O'Daniel, Reidette O'Daniel, Annice O'Daniel and Charles James. They have been singing together for five years and are known throughout this area.

The pastor, Rev. Clyde Hawkins, and the congregation extend an invitation to the public to attend these services.
Centerview Baptist Church Kannapolis Crusade for Christ will begin Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the A.L. Brown Memorial Stadium.

The crusade will continue through Sunday evening.

Appearances of Anita Bryant and Bobby Richardson will highlight the event. Also slated to appear are The Speer Family, The Harvesters, and The New Souls.

Special music will be provided by the Centerview Baptist Church Revival Choir. The Rev. Clyde Hawkins will bring the messages, and Jennifer Smith will serve as interpreter for the deaf.
Centerview Offering
To Honor Mrs. Greene

The offerings taken Sunday at Centerview Baptist Church for the North Carolina Baptist Homes for the Aging will be given in honor of Mrs. H. A. "Glennie" Greene, a patient at the Hayes Home in Winston-Salem.

For a number of years Mrs. Greene was active in all phases of activities at the church. She served as president of the Women's Missionary Society for 13 years, and for a number of years as a Sunday School teacher.

The offerings will be taken at the Sunday School and worship hours.

Speaker for the 11 a.m. service will be the Rev. Ralph L. Cannon, director of development and public relations representative of the N. C. Baptist Homes for the Aging Inc., since 1975, and a former pastor of the Centerview Church. He served the church from 1949-53.

The Rev. Mr. Cannon is a native of Gaston County. He attended Mars Hill Academy, Mars Hill College and received the Bachelor of Arts degree from Wake Forest University and the Bachelor of Divinity degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He received certificates from Harvard University Chaplains School and Baptist Hospital Pastoral Care. During World War II he served as an Army chaplain in Europe.

Other churches the Rev. Mr. Cannon has served as pastor have been in Kinston, Winston-Salem and Hillsborough.

Active in the Baptist State Convention, the Rev. Mr. Cannon has served on the General Board, chairman of the Evangelism Committee, member of the executive committee, chairman of the missions committee, chairman of the N. C. Christian Action League, president of the N. C. Baptist Hospital Pastoral Care Alumni Association, secretary of the pastors state convention and vice president of N. C. Baptist Pastors Conference.

In community affairs he has been active in school programs, having served as P.T.A. president and is a member of the Lions and Sun-Waugh Civic Club.

Married to the former Miss Martha Yarborough, they are the parents of two sons and one daughter. Mrs. Cannon's mother, Mrs. Tirza Yarborough, resides here on Hillside St.

At 7 p.m. Sunday there will be a talent program with several members of the church participating.
Churches will participate in annual Cross-Over Kannapolis

Bridging the racial gap

By SERENA HANELINE
Staff Writer

What do you call it when five churches cross racial and denominational lines to praise the Lord together?

Some might say they’re pushing traditional boundaries, but the pastors of two neighboring churches in Kannapolis say they’re bridging the gap.

The Rev. Wallie Rash of Centerview Baptist in Kannapolis decided to take the plunge one day three years ago and called the pastor of Marable Memorial AME Zion Church. The Rev. Grant Harrison pastors the church located a few blocks from Centerview.

“It’s easy to stay in your comfort zone,” Rash said. “But sometimes you have to risk it to build relationships.”

The two began to talk and Rash shared his vision of beginning an annual service in which churches from various denominations and races would come together to worship. Thus began the annual Cross-Over Kannapolis event.

The event is held on a Sunday evening every February at Centerview Baptist. This year it will be on Feb. 27 at 6 p.m. The churches involved in this year’s Cross-Over include Centerview, Marable, First Wesleyan, First Evangelical Methodist and Mt. Calvary Lutheran.

The day will begin with Rash and Harrison trading pulpits for the morning service. They will preach in the other’s church the way they normally preach in their own.

The evening service will include music from each church’s own choir, which will sing two selections each. In between the selections, either the pastor will read a scripture or the other pastor will give their personal testimony. At the end, the choirs will join together into a mass choir and sing the final song.

“It’s the time to be yourself,” said Harrison. “When I’m here, I’m from each other. Some people hesitate to come because they’re concerned with their particular tradition or style of worship. This is not a threat to that. It’s an opportunity to learn and share.”

Rash also believes that the musical program is less threatening than a preaching service.

“In a musical service, you’re all lifting up the Lord,” he said. Because of this event, Rash and Harrison have gone on to do other events and services together, including picnics and revival services. They also distributed copies of the Jesus film around the Centerview community.

“We gave each other maps, so we wouldn’t overlap,” said Rash.

The pastors agree that Cross-Over has created the opportunity to bridge the gap between different races in their community. It has helped them have regular contact between the predominantly black churches and the predominantly white churches.

Rash said his church has done door-to-door ministries, as well as having a community meal on Wednesday nights. “The more we reach, the better, he said.

To Harrison, it’s all about building relationships and sharing your faith with those around you.

“We share a common bond in Jesus Christ, and if you say you have this bond, yet you can’t worship together, then something’s wrong,” Grant Harrison Pastor of Marable Memorial AME Zion Church

“People should feel at home at any church in our community,” he said. “Members (of my church) said after the first Cross-Over that they had walked by (Centerview Baptists), even walked through the parking lot and worked with members of the church, but had never stepped foot inside the building until that night.”

Harrison and Rash would also like to see the churches that have been involved in Cross-Over go out and do their own cross-overs in their own communities.

Their suggestions for getting started is simple, at least in theory.

The pastor of the church who wants to start a cross-over event should contact another pastor and share their ideas.

Harrison also suggests they meet together and begin to build a relationship with one another. “The pastor will need to build a relationship with the pastor before sharing the idea with the church body,” Harrison said. “You can build upon the strength you have. It may even have to involve a small group going to an evening service.”

Harrison said they can also talk to one of them or someone from the other churches who have been involved in the Cross-Over before.

“(Cross-Over Kannapolis is about) coming out of your culture and learning to share,” said Harrison. “The end result should be that no church feels it can’t fellowship with its neighbors.

Community is more than your skin color. We share a common bond in Jesus Christ, and if you say you have this common bond, yet you can’t worship together, then something’s wrong.”
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Evangelist Clyde Chiles of the Turning Point Evangelistic Association, St. Louis, Mo., will lead revival services Sunday through Wednesday at Centerview Baptist Church. The services will be held at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday and at 7 p.m. daily Monday through Wednesday.

Evangelist Chiles is a graduate of Southwestern Theological Seminary. While in college he was named to Who's Who in American College and Universities. In 1980-81 he was elected president of the Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists. He has over a quarter of a century in full-time evangelism work and had his own television program for three years. He has appeared on many talks shows across America. He has spoken in hundreds of churches across the United States, at many civic clubs and in three foreign countries.

A men's fellowship breakfast will be held at 8 a.m. Sunday. Evangelist Chiles will be the speaker.

Sunday has been designated as Friends Sunday and each member of the congregation is invited to take a friend to the service. A churchwide fellowship will be held at 7 p.m. in the church fellowship hall.

At 6 p.m. Tuesday there will be a children's pizza party in the church fellowship hall with "Uncle Clyde" meeting with the children.

At noon Wednesday there will be a ladies luncheon in the church fellowship hall with Evangelist Chiles as the speaker. Wednesday night will be Gospel Music Night.
61st anniversary

The 61st anniversary of Centerview Baptist Church will be celebrated with homecoming services Sunday.

Jerry Collins, pastor, will deliver the 11 a.m. message. Following the service there will be a covered dish lunch and musical program.

There will be no 7 p.m. service.
“No Greater Love,” a musical/drama by John W. Peterson, will be presented at 7 p.m. Sunday at Centerview Baptist Church, under the direction of Blenda Snodderly.

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Vacation Bible School will begin Monday at Centerview Baptist Church. Classes for ages two years through sixth grade will be held from 6:30 until 8 p.m. daily through July 26.

A prize will be given Monday to each one person who brings the colored handout. Each day anyone who brings a friend will get to draw a prize from the Treasure Chest. Pizza will be served and balloons will be given out on July 26.
DEDICATION AND HOMECOMING SERVICES

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CENTERVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH
Jacksonville, North Carolina

August 4, 1974

Revelation 3:8a. . . . . Behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it.
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Special Music

Adult Choir

Young Adult Choir

Solo: Mrs. Alice Rubio

Message: Dr. W. Perry Crouch

General Secretary and Treasurer, State Baptist Convention

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Dedication Prayer

Benediction

Postlude
PASTOR’S DEDICATION

What can be said about this day, many things in respect to this special occasion we are observing at this hour, in fact there are so many wonderful things we could say. This page allowed for these few remarks could not contain each of them.

For this is a day when we have seen another dream come true, a reality come to pass, another milestone reached, another great miracle of God being wrought through the opportunity of meeting for the first service in this newly built sanctuary provided us by God.

For six years ago today, this was a dream within my heart as it was within the heart of a few others who are yet a part of this Body of Gods People. It was a hope you and I began to pray for and to look in anticipation and longing for, and now after six short years, years that have been filled with many prayers, much labor, sacrificing, many tears, much unity and with an abundance of joy by the Marvelous Grace of God, we today come to dedicate this House of Worship unto the one to whom it belongs and to whom is represents, our loving Heavenly Father and His precious Son and our Saviour Jesus Christ who has made this dream and reality possible.

Yet with this reality, we have still greater challenges and responsibilities before us so let us not become satisfied and at ease in our Zion but let us each dedicate this house of Worship to God today also dedicate ourselves, our energies and services to God also, let we as the Church continue to work and pray as a unified body of believers in Jesus Christ for the advancement of the cause of Christ and the spreading of the wonderful Gospel of Christ within this local area and throughout the world until that great day of the Coming Again of our Lord and Saviour.

I would like to take this opportunity as your Pastor to express my deepest appreciation and gratitude to each of you whom I have had the opportunity to serve through these years and to thank you for your loyalty, support, patience, understanding and prayers and to say these few years will always be treasured by my family and I as years that has brought much joy and happiness to our hearts.

May God continue to richly bless each of you and your labors as we continue to labor for Christ through this church.
WE REMEMBER AND THANK THEE

We thank Thee O God for this special day
And what it means to us.
There are many things in our hearts and minds
To remember and Thank Thee.

The day the trailer was brought in Lord,
Only a few families with anxious hearts
Filled with faith and a prayer on their lips.
We remember and Thank Thee.

The day we started in our building
With its shining floor and fresh new paint—
Oh, how proud we were to sit in our pews
With our open Bibles. We remember and Thank Thee.

As the congregation grew with few adults
But children who were anxious to hear
About Jesus and His love for them.
We remember and Thank Thee.

When extra Sunday School rooms were added,
And You provided us with sweet, faithful
Teachers—some who are still here today,
To also remember and Thank Thee.

As the years have gone by there have been
Times of sorrow and pain that have been lifted
By the prayers of many friends who love and comfort
One another. We remember and Thank Thee.

The stirring sermons Lord, that moved the lost,
The straying church members, and the faithful
Into the aisles. Oh, what joy we have shared!
We remember and Thank Thee.

In our new building today as we look around us and—
Reminisce of years gone by—Please
Help us in the years to come (if you should tarry)
To always remember and Thank Thee.

Bless each member and family here that they may always
Be able to walk in this church and feel the warm
Blanket of friendliness fall around them, and upon
Leaving be filled with the Holy Spirit and
Remember to Thank Thee.
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