

Calvary Gospel Church

30th Anniversary Celebration

1961 - 1991

This was originally printed as a booklet for our 30th Anniversary Celebration held September 21 & 22, 1991. It will inform you of some of the highlights of our church's beginnings up to the present year. Our information was gleaned from church records and personal interviews of people in former leadership and those presently serving with Calvary Gospel Church. A similar booklet published on our twenty-first anniversary booklet has been revised and updated into this present form.

We hope you will enjoy reading this booklet and will keep it as a remembrance of this very special occasion for Calvary Gospel Church.

Sincerely in Christ,
Pastor Bernard J Evans
Elder Alfred E Hamm, Sr.
Elder George T Dodd

EARLY BEGINNINGS - 1960's

How did the vision for the Utica church happen? Pastor Saied Adour recalls these events...

"I was pastoring in Meshoppen, PA, just a small town. The Lord gave me a burden for a city - Pittston, PA, and in my mind I began to consider starting a church in that city. In the process, I was asked to come and preach at a Thanksgiving service in the Utica area and as I came to Utica, I found the Lord shifted the burden in my heart from Pittston to Utica, NY. That was in November 1960.

We moved to Clark Mills, NY, my hometown, but we didn't do anything in starting a church until August 1961 when we secured the use of the church at 1505 Seymour Ave. in Utica. That church was originally an Alliance church, then owned by the Holy Cross Ukrainian Orthodox Church. We rented with the option to buy at \$60 a month for two and a half years; and then all that rent money went toward the down payment to buy the building which helped out alot and we bought the property in 1964.

In August 1961 the church started with a Vacation Bible School program and we held our first public church service on Labor Day weekend! Bro. Ed Corley was our first speaker.

Working with us as assistant was Jerry Scott and his wife, Gloria. Jerry graduated with me from Elim Bible Institute. He did some preaching, song leading and Gloria worked with Esther

in Sunday School. Esther was in charge of Sunday School which was started right away. The Scotts left in 1962. Besides us, we had about six people attending church.

The first adults to join with us were Trena Vanderlan and Sarah Hopkins. Our first family to join was Alfred and Myrtle Hamm and their children, Alfred and Linda.

A youth group was started right away with the Hamms and a few others. In 1963, John and Nancy Entzminger started coming to Sunday night services and brought the Burg children with them, which added to the youth group - Christian Youth Aflame; Linda, Lucille, Janet, Ann & Bryon Burg.

Our first water baptism service was held in West Canada Creek, then other baptismal services were held in Bro. Carucci's church in Utica.

In June 1964 the Entzmingers joined the church as members. Also, in 1964 we started a Missions budget and from that point on the church began to grow because before that time the church was struggling.

In 1964 the branch church in Rome, NY, was started and our assistant pastor, Peter Belec, was preaching there every Sunday. Peter was here for one and a half years, he met his wife Carol here in Utica; then they moved on to a church work in Canada."

By 1964, the Adour family had increased with Tim, Joel and Philip. Pastor Adour held a job at J.B. Wells store, plus pastoring, and at a later time a job at the Boston Store. In September 1965, the church was able to support Pastor Adour and family at \$50 a month! Our Missions budget at that time for 1965 was \$227.

In these early years many speakers came by. Here is an account recalled by H. David Edwards, President of Elim Bible Institute in Lima, NY, in his letter to our church dated September 15, 1982...

"I have a very clear memory of my first visit to your congregation almost 18 years ago when you were meeting in another location, and the weather was typical of a New York winter. I was not aware at that time that you were a comparatively new congregation, but have pleasant and blessed memories of our relationship in the Gospel since that time. It would not be inappropriate for me to take the words of the Apostle Paul and say, 'I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now; being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.' (Philippians 1.3-6)."

We rejoiced in September 1965 when Alfred Hamm, Jr. was the first to go to Bible school from our church. Off he went to Elim! December 1965 was the church's first Watchnight service on New Year's Eve.

In 1966 we took our first big step of faith - spurred on by an elderly brother, John Neff. He believed God for one thousand dollars to buy a desperately needed new church furnace for Seymour Ave. The church had grown to 24 members by October 1966. We remember Bro. Neff's favorite hymn - "O Sweet Wonder"!

Our first Missionary Convention was held in 1967 with speakers - Costa Deir,**(PP-#1) Ralph Mahoney, Carlton Spencer (then President of Elim Bible Institute), and Brian Bailey. Faith promise offerings came to \$1,000!! At this same convention, three elders were ordained, Bro. Alfred Hamm, Sr. (PP-#2), Bro. John Entzminger and Bro. Edward (Bill) Malone. November 20, 1967 Calvary Gospel became officially incorporated.

During 1967 Kenneth and Elizabeth VanDruff were with the church, Ken as assistant Pastor; then the left to pioneer the church in Oswego, New York. Women's Outreach Fellowship came into being during 1967 with Sis. Esther Adour and Sis. Nancy Entzminger's vision for a ladies group.

By 1968 the church had grown enough that the people in the little white church n Seymour Ave., were feeling hemmed in with no room for expansion and began to look for other property to buy. Also growing, was the Adour family, with the new family member - yes, a baby girl, Beth Ann!

In January 1969, Pastor decided to start a mid-week family night program to add to the usual mid-week prayer meeting to combine children's church, Christian Youth Aflame and adult Bible study. CYA quiz team members were - Debbie Vivyan, Bryon Burg and Dennis Petrie. Sunday School was growing in attendance with weekly attendance around 75.

In March, Pastor Adour ventured forth with outreach to people in Utica with the WBVM radio program, "Living Word Broadcast" (PP-#3). May 1969, Pastor started street meetings on South Street, Utica, with music, preaching, and testimonies! Our missions goals for 1969 had grown to \$1,500, which included support for the radio program, the Coopers, the Ken Bennetts, Spanish radio with Sixto Lopez, the Forrest Dodges, the Rome churchwork, the Dennis Hunts, Syracuse Evangelical Family Service, Utica Rescue Mission, the Oswego work, Eva Butler, the Art Dodzweits, and the Peter Sedas.

Joe Nettleton and his wife Donna came in August 1969 with Joe becoming assistant pastor. Sis. Donna worked on church bulletins along with Sis. Entzminger.

CALVARY GOSPEL GETS A NEW HOME

Another big step for the church was the purchase of a parsonage for the pastor - the house at 114 Whitesboro Street in Yorkville for \$16,000. The Adours moved in after July 15, 1970.

Pastor Adour recalls how we came to rent our current church facilities from Walcott Memorial Presbyterian church at 300 Main Street in New York Mills:

“We grew and needed more space and knew we wouldn’t grow as a church until we moved and expanded into a larger facility. We looked into the Olivet Presbyterian Church building, but that didn’t work out. Then one day I drove to New York Mills and saw the church on Main Street. I contacted their pastor, John Currie, who I already knew, and I went to see him at his church in Oriskany. We talked and he was very open to the idea of our renting the New York Mills church. He met with their session, and once approval was given, we moved into the church building for services in June 1970.”

WALCOTT MEMORIAL: THE HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

With its new home in New York Mills, Calvary Gospel Church would find itself in the mainstream of a rich Christian tradition which has existed in the village from its earliest days. Let us pause now from our reflection over these past thirty years to take an interesting and inspiring look at what has gone on before.

Back in 1808, a businessman from Rhode Island named Seth Capron visited this area to determine whether a cotton mill could be built along the Sauquoit Creek. Feeling that this was possible, Mr Capron secured the services of Mr. Benjamin Walcott Sr., to oversee the construction of the mill. Walcott’s son, Benjamin Walcott Jr., assisted his father in the enterprise, and , within three years, the mill was in operation. The mill flourished under the Walcotts and two other mills were soon built in the village which had been appropriately named “New York Mills.”

The religious heritage of New York Mills can be traced back to 1818, when a Sunday School program was initiated under the leadership of Ezra Wood. The classes were originally held in an area of the original mill that was not being used for manufacture. A Methodist church was established in 1826 as the first church in the village.* In 1830, the Presbyterian Church at New York Mills (later to be known as Walcott Memorial Presbyterian Church) was organized. The sermon text from the first formal church service, which was preached by the Rev. Lansing, was from 1 Corinthians 15:58: “Therefore, my brethren, be ye steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord for as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.” Benjamin Walcott Sr. was among the original elders of the church, and mill employees who were not in church on Sunday would be called in promptly on Monday morning to explain their absence on the Sabbath! Such was the godly influence of Mr. Walcott.

Perhaps many of us now reading these details in 1991 are familiar with that great evangelist and revivalist of the 1800s. Charles G. Finney (PP-#4). Interestingly, Finney had some of his roots in Oneida County, which was little more than a wilderness when he lived here as a child from 1794 to about 1807. It so happened that Finney’s brother-in-law was a superintendent at the cotton mill in New York Mills and that the preacher was a personal friend of Benjamin Walcott Sr.

Finney later returned to Utica and was instrumental in promoting a revival here in the mid-1820s. At that time, he came out to New York Mills and was given a tour of the cotton mill by his

brother-in-law. As Finney was walking through the workplace, a conviction of sin soon became so prevalent there that a young woman weaver burst out sobbing. Soon, nearly all in the room were in tears. Mr. Walcott, who was present, then said to the superintendent, "Stop the mill, and let the people attend to religion; for it is more important that our souls should be saved than that this factory run."* The mill was promptly shut down, and the employees assembled in the mule room (!) for a meeting which Finney states was one of the most powerful he could ever recall. Within several days, nearly all the workers were converted. Such is the spiritual legacy we have inherited here at Calvary Gospel.

As a result of this and subsequent Finney revivals, the Walcott Memorial Presbyterian Church was strong. It stood firm against slavery and fifteen of its members laid down their lives in the Civil War. The church also stood for temperance - the prohibition of alcohol - and New York Mills remained a "dry" town for many decades. When a saloon was opened in the 1870s, the wife of William Dexter Walcott (Walcott Sr.'s grandson), determined in her heart to rid the community of this evil, she purchased at once the entire stock of liquor and poured it into the gutter!

In 1881 (which is 110 years ago this year), our current church facility was constructed in memory of Benjamin Walcott Sr. (PP-#5). Walcott Jr. had left \$10,000 in his will for such a project, and his son William contributed another \$16,000 toward the work. In those days the church was packed full, and new families would often have to wait up to a year to have a pew assigned to them.

About the turn of the century, however, New York Mills started to undergo some demographic changes. The community became home to thousands of European immigrants, who were primarily from Poland. Also, the profitability of the cotton textile mills was diminishing, so the attendance at the Presbyterian church subsequently began to wane.

In 1930, Walcott Memorial celebrated its 100th anniversary and the minister, Rev. E.J. Kallina, preached from 1 Corinthians 3.11 on "Building for Eternity." In that sermon, Pastor Kallina commented that he believed the work of the church go onwards, despite the fact that in New York Mills there remained only relatively "few who spoke the English language and were of the Protestant faith."* Rev. Kallina would have been hard pressed to believe that his very own church building would one day be filled with another wave of Eastern European immigrants - this time our beloved brethren from the Soviet Union. Such are the twists and turns and masterful mysteries wrought by our Creative Father.

The Walcott Memorial Presbyterian Church would continue on its ministry up until the point at which we left off the story of Calvary Gospel Church in 1970. We hope this background information will be an inspiration for us, as we have so great a "cloud of witnesses" who have gone on before to attain the eternal prize - Jesus Christ!

CHURCH GROWTH AND EXPANSION - THE 1970s

Christian Youth Aflame youth group was going well with new youth coming in and joining us for monthly rallies from Oneida, Canastota, Utica, Rome and Herkimer. In September 1970 we began a branch work of Sunday School at the old Seymour Ave. church building with Joe Nettleton, Rhena O'Brien and an Elim student, Ann Ackman leading that. Also at that time the daily radio program, "Living Word Broadcast" was discontinued and we started with a free half hour Sunday morning program with station WOUR, which was a Christian station at that time.

In our new facilities on Main Street, we had many Sunday night services outdoors on the front lawn during the summer.

In February 1971 home meetings were started at Ron and Toni Witbeck's home in Oneida with many coming from Canastota and Oneida.

June 18, 1971, the "Inner Calm Coffeehouse" began because the youth in the church wanted to get one started (PP-#6). The '70s of course ushered in the big "Jesus Movement" and we were a part of what God was doing at that time. Here's an account from the church weekly bulletin...

"Our Friday and Saturday night coffeehouse ministry, the Inner Calm, under the direction of Joe Nettleton with help from Ron Smallman, Dan Chick and Ron Whitbeck, is already a success. A success that in many people have already come to Christ through it and at least one has received the fulness of the Spirit. Please continue to pray for this vital ministry. Others of our folks are involved in this effort and it is really a team effort. May our entire congregation begin to get involved through the ministry of prayer."

By August 28th, a second coffeehouse was started, the "One Way House" held at the old Seymour Ave. building on Saturday nights. We continued to hold the Inner Calm on Friday nights. Some of the people involved in coffeehouse were - Leo & Loretta Hickox, Sherry Cointot, Lori Hann, Greg Blesch, Nicki Mas, June Mas, Ruth Falvo, Sandy Huckabone, John Bartlow, Dee Brown, Mike Cavanaugh, Alan Roby, Cindy Atkinson, Debbie Rowland, Laurie Rowland, Gordon Kinne, Ed Zigrino and many, many others. From the Rome area Sis. Marilyn Wright and her singing group came from Delta Methodist Church in Rome. The Rome youth started a coffeehouse, the "Mustard Seed"; with Maria Beshgetoor, the Ashley boys, the Hatch boys, Rusty and Mick Ray and others.

A change of pastors came on September 5, 1971, when Pastor Adour took the Home Secretary's office at Elim Missionary Assemblies (now Elim Fellowship) after serving as pastor of Calvary Gospel for ten years.

Rev. Bernard J. Evans came as Pastor and the installation service was on Labor Day, September 5th! (PP-#7)

Coffeehouses was really 'waxing' now with the 150-2-- youth coming out each week - many came into coffeehouse because of the coffeehouse kids holding street meetings - witnessing, praying - reaching out to their friends and other needy youth. A big event was having the singer, Danny Taylor, in coffeehouse with church bulletin reports of 150 youth in attendance.

Bro. Joe Nettleton recalls that the radio program on WOUR the summer of '71 made a significant impact and was responsible for doubling church attendance. Growth came because of the daily broadcasts that Pastor Adour had, then continued with the Saturday morning, 6 am to noon "Solid Rock" program with disc jockey, Joe Nettleton! Bro. Joe recalls that Cointots came as a result of the radio ministry, as well as Howard Hoffman and the Chicks.

At the opening of the "One Way House" on Seymour Ave. we had a "Super Saturday" where we passed out 7,500 tracts and blanketed the Cornhill section of Utica with literature.

In other areas of church ministry, Sis. Rhena O'Brien was Sunday School Superintendent with 50-75 in attendance. In September we had special healing services with Bro. Ted Whitesell with 200-300 in attendance. On October 1971 we helped with the "Operation Andrew" outreach promotion of the Billy Graham Assoc. Film, "Two A Penny". Church people got involved with this as counselors in explaining the plan of salvation to those who went forward after the film showing and with follow up on people interested in attending a local church.

Our 5th annual Missionary Convention was held in November with speakers Paul Johanson from Kenya, Arthur Dodzweit from Uganda and Congo, and Kenya National leader, Samuel Mwatha.

We finished up 1971 with the lively singing group The Cameron's, from Scotland. Attendance was very high at this New Year's Eve Watchnight Service. We rejoiced, sang and danced in the New Year!

1972 started out with a week of special services with Bro. Ted Whitesell, who had quite an impact on the local people, especially by praying for the sick over the radio station WIBX.

Bro. Ron Smallman and Gene Dillard were keeping busy with the "Jesus Way" Coffeehouse in Oneida. In February Bro. Joe Nettleton started jail services at 3 pm on Sundays at the Oneida County Jail.

Sis. Sue Chick gives this account of an award her husband Dan received...

"March 1972 Dan received the General Electric Co. National Philippi Award and G.E. gave a big company banquet recognizing Dan and a few others for their outstanding service to the community - Dan's for the inner-city work with youth; and the church received a cash reward of \$1,000. G.E. helped us out a lot with donations of chairs, tables and other items for coffeehouse use. The local G.E. manager gave a luncheon and invited Pastor Evans, Sharon and some of the people from coffeehouse, in Dan's honor of this award."

In April, Bro. Tim McCown, an Elim student, came for practical ministry week and later came to work with the church after his graduation and his marriage.

In June of 1972, Alfred and Karren Hamm came to work in the church - Al as Church Coordinator and Karren as Sunday School Superintendent. We truly appreciated all the years of service that Sis. O'Brien had given to Sunday School work.

During the year, the Home Bible study meetings continued in Oneida and new ones started at the Smallman's, Taylor's and Rushing's homes. Summer months were busy with Joe and Donna Nettleton leaving as Assistant Pastor and moving on to Three Mile Bay, NY and later to Depauville, NY as their pastor in August 1972. We praised the Lord for all that the Nettletons ministered in while they were with us!

Dan Chick, director of coffeehouse and Inner-Action program had summer street meetings and a children's program in the inner-city with 25 children attending. The youth attended the Nicky Cruz Crusade in Syracuse. We had a big thrust in the Cornhill area of Utica with a Vacation Bible School and a big parade. Bro. Ron Smallman was leading that parade in his Scottish kilts and playing the bagpipes - while lots of city kids flocked along! Bro. Chick turned his car into a parade float proclaiming this verse: "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it" (PP-#8). VBS was held at the Seymour Ave. church building with Nancy Entzminger, director and Sis. Bither from Waterloo, NY coming to help with that.

Pastor Evans began Leadership Council meeting that summer to involve the church further. Leaders were Joe Nettleton, Asst. Pastor and Coffeehouse, Dan Chick, Inner-Action team; June Sherman, Women's Outreach Fellowship; Sharon Evans, Christian Youth Aflame; Karren Hamm, Sunday School Superintendent; Myrtle Hamm, Tuesday Children's work; Tim and Sue McCown (PP-#9), Oneida meetings director; John Bartlow, coffeehouse leader; Elizabeth Mereau, library; Ron Smallman (PP-#10), choir; Roger Cointot, ushers leader. Everyone got involved in a team effort that summer with Dan's Inner-Action program.

In September the Oneida home meetings took a further step - the birth of a new church! Tim McCown was director. Here's a bulletin account of what was happening...

"September 26, 1972: The Lord is moving in Oneida. While anticipating the official opening of the Oneida church in about two weeks, other activities have begun already. Children's meetings are under way at the Fromey home and the Jennings home on Thursday at 7 pm and Monday at 10 am respectively. Sue McCown and Dee Jennings are teaching pre-school and kindergarten. Tim and Sue are teaching a variety of ages at the Fromeys, meeting at 7:30 pm and also a women's prayer meeting Wednesday at 10 am at the Calvary Gospel Church of Oneida, 112 Madison Street, Oneida, NY. Sunday services will begin on October 8, 1972.

Dedication of this new church that Sunday had 75 in attendance. By December, Charles and Nellie Mason started helping with music at the Oneida church.

February 1973 brought special services with Rev. Claire Hutchins, then Rev. Malcolm Smith. The church purchased the Hammond organ and Leslie speaker for \$3,000. In March, Bro. Charles Mason was appointed Minister of Visitation and Sis. Nellie as Minister of Music.

Also, in March Rev. Alfred Hamm, Jr. was installed as Pastor of the Oneida church on Sunday, March 4th. Our church outreach was extended to the mentally ill with Roger and Sherry Cointot having Bible classes at Marcy State Hospital. On Easter Sunday the Camerons from Scotland were back again!

On August 25, 1973, we had the official dedication of the Oneida church building in Durhamville, NY and Pastor Hamm announced that the church's new name was Calvary Temple. What was first birthed at Calvary Gospel was now growing and walking on her own - hallelujah!!

Many of our people obeyed the call of God on their life and went off to Bible School, many attended Elim Bible Institute in Lima, NY.: Bro. Leo Hickox (Leo and Loretta had joined the church March 1972), John Bartlow, Mike Cavanaugh, ron Smallman, Celia Kapcio and others.

With Al Hamm, Jr. in Oneida, Sis. Miriam Kivisalu (PP-#11) became our Sunday School Superintendent replacing Karren Hamm. Again the church got involved with the outreach program for the Graham film, "Time To Run" in October. In November we waved goodbye to Tim and Sue McCown, who left for Pennsylvania to work in his father's church.

A review of the Missions budget shows that \$10,836 came in for Missions in 1973! The Lord giveth the increase! With the coffeehouse still moving on, Bro. Dan acquired some new men for coffeehouse leadership: tonoose Dimeo, Mark Campese, Bob Hovey and alan roby (PP0#12).

As a new thrust to train our local church people who could not attend Bible school, we started in January 1974 the Elim Bible Institute Extension course and by the end of the year 8 graduated with many others taking classes for audit.

The church acquired a gift of ten acres of farmland in Clinton from one of our church members. At the January business meeting Bro. chick was appointed Youth Minister and continued in that capacity until 1978.

April 1974, Bro. Ed Maurer arrived and became the Director of Utica Challenge Rallies - an added church outreach for youth and adults. Monthly rallies were held, many times with packed crowds of 400 with Bro. Ed preaching the Word of God fervently, giving the salvation call and many young people receiving Christ as Savior. Rally film - "The Rapture", "Road to Armageddon" (400 attended that one), "The Enemy"; some Rally speakers were Victor Torres, Danny Taylor concert, and Paul Johansson.

October 1974, the church hired Linda Bernard (now Zielinski) as full-time office secretary; with much appreciation and thanks for the many years of volunteer office work by Nancy Entzminger and Donna Nettleton.

During the summer, Dan Chick had a new vision for further inner-city outreach and to train church people in leadership and to purchase a house in Utica as a training center. Thus, 208-210 Rutger Street property was purchased for \$30,000 with the Chicks helping the church with the down payment. The Chicks moved in as houseparents in November that year. Over the years, the Chicks had many church people move in and out as residents of the Rutger Street "Inner-Action" House. They started out with Charlene Gonyea, Ann Burg and Dawn Dodge.

Also that summer many people went to the Basic Youth Conflicts Seminars in Pennsylvania and encouraged many others to attend this intensive teaching by Bill Gothard.

Church membership had grown to 63 active members, another 16 members had moved and 8 transferred their membership to the Oneida Church.

January 1973, E.B.I. Extension program still was progressing with good attendance. Pastor Evans changed Leadership meetings to Department Heads meetings - keeping leaders involved and working together as a team. In April, Pastor was on the CBN-FM radio station with Wednesday morning 5-minute sermons in April and May. Also, we had some of our Sunday night services broadcast live over CBN that summer, and many other services were held on the front lawn of the church. Our outreach went to the local community and many neighbors commented on how they enjoyed the music and singing.

Utica Challenge Rallies continued with great enthusiasm each month with films like: "Eighteen", "Satan On The Loose", "The Power of His Resurrection", "The Deceiver" and with two great concerts - Andrae Crouch and Dino. There was much widespread outreach during these events to the whole Mohawk Valley region. We also had a booth at the Utica Home Show - giving out Christian literature and spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We also had outreach with the film "The Cross and the Switchblade" during the Summer Inner-Action Program and sold over 1,000 tickets with packed crowds. The film was also shown outdoors on the Rutger Street lawn to inner city youth with a large crowd gathered. The Jim Hales were a part of this activity also.

Sister Nellie Mason had started the church choir and it became known as the Jubilee Singers and grew to a group of 30 people, plus Ed Maurer on promotions, Chuck Mason, Neil Palmer, Chet Gwara, Gordon Kinne on sound equipment. Jubilee Singers reached people through concerts at: Terrace Park, Riverside Mall (PP-#13), Utica Parkway, Stanley Theater, Sunday night outdoor services, block concert in Spanish section of Utica, combined concert with St. Paul's Baptist Church in Black section of Utica and later in 1976 joined with the group singing "If My People" in Syracuse.

This was the proclamation for Mayor Ed Hanna...

"Jubilee Singers Day, the city of Utica Proclamation, whereas, the Jubilee Singers have and are providing free entertainment to the residents of the City of Utica, and whereas, the Mayor of the City of Utica and Councilman Howard C Welch recognize the value of the Jubilee Singers to

the Utica area nw, therefore, I, Edward A Hanna, Mayer of the City of Utica, NY, proclaim July 3, 1975 as JUBILEE SINGERS DAY, and bestow upon them the key to the City of Utica and call upon the people of the City of Utica to express their appreciation to the Jubilee Singers.”

Signed: Edward A Hanna

The church sold the 1505 Seymour Ave. property that year for \$7,000 to the Christ Temple Church.

Our big summer event was the Inner-Action Summer Program with Bob Hovey as director, Mike Cavanaugh as assistant and Dan Chick as Advisor. Here’s a summary of Bob’s challenge and report to the church body...

“An evangelical outreach program directed toward the city of Utica and the surrounding area and will continue hopefully far beyond the summer months. The summer is the time to begin this program because many of the youth leaders and others have more time to concentrate on God’s work. As a congregation, we at Calvary Gospel Church, have been commissioned and challenged by the Lord to initiate the spreading of the gospel in our area and hopefully others will join us. This is a chance for both adults and youth to come together to make Jesus known in our city. I hope that each member will seek God to find what contribution He would have him/her make.”

Over 50 church people responded to this challenge and the summer program was on its way in July and August. Approximately \$1,700 was spent for literature and supplies for outreach. They had seven teams: Bar Team, Neil Palmer; Street Team, Mick Ray; Park Team, Becky Chance; Beach Team, Debbie Rogers; Literature Team, Lora Rushing; Nursing Home Team, Roger Cointot; and Intercessory Team - the Holy Spirit! Here’s Dan Chick’s report...

“The headquarters for the program was 210 Rutger Street. The bar team worked in primarily one bar, but visited several others. Their ministry was of telling God’s love to hungry hearts. In the natural, it sounds foolish, but God’s blessing went with them. They labored much in prayer. The Street team handed out over 10,000 pieces of literature in carnivals, art exhibits, downtown Utica, Cornhill area, and Oneida Square. Hundreds of conversations with people on the streets occurred. The Park team worked in 4 parks sharing the Gospel with kids by coloring books, comics, puppets and over 30 children were saved. The beach team visited two beaches. Their ministry was to pray and find the ones that God wanted them to talk to and share the gospel. It was exciting to see how God led them to hungry hearts. The Literature team placed literature in hospitals, doctor offices, laundromats, etc. They visited over 150 places and left 2,000 pieces of Christian reading materials. It was surprising to note that they were rarely turned down for they undergirded this ministry with prayer. The Nursing Home team worked in 2 homes and shared with patients and had services. The services were liked so much that when they stopped coming, they phoned the church and asked if we could continue. Roger and Shirley Pfeiffer and June Sherman continued to work there; the intercessory team were the church warriors. These people standing in the gap were our salvation.”

In September 1975 we again helped in outreach promotion of the Billy Graham film, "The Hiding Place". Our Family Night revived the vision to reach the children and youth and Sis. Nancy Entzminger became superintendent of Children's Tuesday Clubs.

That year our Missionary Convention speaker was Bro. Herbert Sweat, with a burden for the people of Haiti. Pastor Evans held his last service as Pastor of Calvary Gospel on December 21st, having served the church for 4 years, 4 months. Rev. Paul A Heidt was voted in as our new pastor, coming to us from Oswego, NY.

Sunday, January 18, 1976 was the installation service for Rev. Paul A Heidt (PP-#14). In that same meeting, with the Elim Fellowship brethren here, Bro. Archie Rushing was ordained as an Elder to Calvary Gospel Church.

E.B.I. Extension classes continued again this year, with 3 classes being taught in the Spring.

W.O.F. kept busy with an April seminar with Pat Brooks. The music ministry, Jubilee Singers, continued. Because 1976 marked the nation's Bicentennial Celebration, we joined with the community in special church services and a concert at the Parkway with First Assembly of God Church. Jubilee also sang at Terrace Park that year.

August brought Leo Hickox back to our church and he became our Associate Pastor. He and Loretta had left in 1973 for Bible school.

In October Pastor Heidt began the "Search The Bible Series" on foundational teachings. Everyone was involved, even a simplified version for the Family Night Children's clubs was taught; also in October Sis. Nellie Mason terminated the Jubilee Singers group.

Our November 1976 Missionary Convention speaker was Rev. Wilfred Lawrenson, and we finished up that year of Missions giving with \$18,180.61!

January 1977 started with special meetings with Mickey Mingo; April was busy with the 3-day Ministers Convention with Dr. Winston Nunes. Also in April the coffeehouse team scheduled the Tom & Candy Green Concert. Women's Outreach Fellowship president Loretta Rushing, kept the ladies involved with a June seminar with Sylvia Evans. The Jerusalem Players, from the Jews for Jesus organization put on a humorous and effective drama presentation in our Family Night service in August. October Missionary Convention speaker was Rev. Milford Kirkpatrick from Dallas, Tx. How he could play the violin!

Membership for 1977 was 64 active members and 9 no-residents. Sunday School was averaging 125-150 each week in attendance. Coffeehouse director was Tonoose Dimeo under Dan Chick's supervision, and the harvest of souls from the Jesus Movement was being accomplished by the Holy Spirit's work in their lives.

January 1978 with the annual business meeting was good with fellowship around the supper table first. For our Family Night special, Bro. Rushing taught on the Spirit-controlled temperaments in March. In April the Chick's moved out of Rutger Street house back to Ravine Drive to free themselves for further ministry. The Hickox family moved into Rutger Street house as houseparents and things kept running smoothly.

That summer Pastor Heidt announced that he would be leaving our church, having served here over two years, and he would return to the Sarnia, Canada church. We had a lovely farewell party for them on August 27th on the church lawn under a large tent.

Coffeehouse closed that year and the youth group activities continued on via the Tuesday Clubs supervision. Bro. Leo and Elders filled the gap during the 4 months without a senior pastor. He and his family moved from South Carolina into the parsonage on the 30th of the month.

January 14, 1979, was Pastor Schlaegel's installation service (PP-#15), and in January we said goodbye to one of our elders, Bro. Archie Rushing as his job took him and his family to Illinois.

In March we rejoiced in one of our church family's ordination, Bro. Michael Cavanaugh, working with Pastor Ron Smallman in Oswego Church (PP-#16). On March 27th we gave the Chick's a farewell party and they moved to Troy, NY to work in a church there.

Sis. Mason, president of W.O.F., kept the ladies fellowship active with an April seminar with Florence Bulle, and in May with a Mother-Daughter Banquet and a "fashion show" skit with 65 in attendance.

In May we had special meeting with Dr. Nunes. Our December Missionary Convention theme was "More Than Overcomers" with guest speakers from Elim Fellowship and our missionaries.

MOVING ON IN GOD - 1980's

In January 1980 was the film series, "Focus On The Family" by Dr. James Dobson during our Family Night services. Pastor invited Kelly Varner for meetings in May; Paul Tofoya meeting in June; H. David Edwards and the Marriage Seminar in July.

In June 1980 we sold Rutger Street property for \$45,000 and it was moving day for the Hickox family to a cozy apartment in Utica. August brought a special service with Dr. Morris Smith from Elim; September we viewed the film services, "Whatever Happened to the Human Race?", by Francis Schaeffer, Jr.

The youth kept busy with a great retreat at Wildwood Camp in September under the direction of our new youth leader, Br. Brent Culver.

The Sunday School had a month's celebration for the National Sunday School 200th Birthday Celebration - a special event each Sunday morning in October. November's Missionary Convention Speaker was G.C. McCurry, and special meetings were also held that month with Br. A.C. Wilson.

"Change The World School of Prayer" seminar was held in the area in March 1981 and many from our church participated in that. Pastor Schlaegel started the First Principles Course on Bible doctrines with 36 completing Part 1, 24 completing Part 2 and 13 people completing all 3 parts - each class had a banquet and received certificates of completion.

May held special meetings with Jack Whitesell, teaching on church growth ministry. May 31st was a very special occasion for our landlord church, Walcott Memorial Presbyterian. We celebrated with them on the 100th anniversary of the church building!

A concert with Ken Gaub provided a lively service in July, and in August we had Fount Schultz for special meetings. W.O.F. hosted the Area Luncheon in September with speaker, Irma Sorge; and a W.O.F. October Harvest Festival. Also in October we had Dr. Morris Smith again for a service; November we enjoyed Dr. Winston Nunes for our Missionary convention, which had as its theme, "Rescue the Perishing." We rejoiced that year in being able to support 27 families through our missions program. From the inception of Calvary Gospel Church to that date, 274 people had been baptized in water.

January 1982 brought a vacancy for senior pastor and with much prayer and seeking the Lord, Bro. Saied Adour returned as Interim Pastor for three months. Then, on May 5th, the members unanimously voted in Bernard J Evans as Pastor. With great joy the church was able to purchase a larger parsonage on Snowden Hill Road, New Hartford, for the low price of \$55,000! The Parsonage Committee was made up of: John Entzminger, Ed Corrigan, Jr., George Dodd, Claude Deuel, and Dick Wisnoski. Rev. Evans and family moved in on October 21st to begin second stint of pastoring the flock at Calvary Gospel.

Here's a portion of the September 10, letter to the church from the former President of Elim Bible Institute, Rev. Carlton Spencer...

"It will be impossible for me to be with you as much as I would love to be there for the celebration, the renewed installation and your 21st anniversary. Please extend my greetings and congratulations, and on behalf of Elim Fellowship as well, for the year's of God's blessing and grace to Calvary Gospel Church since its founding. And please tell the congregation that although we will greatly miss the Evan's here, we rejoice with Calvary Gospel Church that the Evan's have returned home."

On November 8, 1982, the church suffered a great setback as Associate Pastor Leo Hickox died at St. Luke's Hospital after suffering from cancer, which had been discovered in June. The funeral was held three days later and the congregation was very sad. Many people left the church as a result of the shock and grief of losing Bro. Leo, who had served as Associate Pastor since August 1976.

The Lord soon brought fresh hope and purpose, however. When Judson Cornwall was here for an evening service in January 1983, the church was full. The following month the church participated in a week-long college outreach, called a "B.A.S.I.C. Thrust". B.A.S.I.C. - Brothers and Sisters in Christ - is a ministry founded by Mike Cavanaugh with encourages and equips local churches to reach out to college students at nearby campuses. In May, Elim students, with Dan Chick in their accompaniment, presented the gospel dramatization, "Toymaker and Son", in Hanna Park in Utica.

1983 also brought two memorable farewells. First, John and Nancy Entzminger moved out of the area in June (PP-#17). The Entzminger's had been with the church since its earliest days, and John had served as an elder for 16 years. Second, Loretta Hickox, our full-time bookkeeper and the wife of Leo, went to work for Elim Fellowship, where she continues to serve faithfully as the Secretary to the General Overseer (PP-#18).

The church took to the offensive again in 1984 as a regular visitation program began and the Evangelism Explosion was launched to bring the good news of Jesus Christ to more and more perishing souls.

Calvary Gospel was the site of Brent Culver's ordination on May 13. Brent's zeal and contagious spirit of faith and praise have to this day made a lasting impression on our youth. Brent was also the driving force behind "The Gate" coffeehouse, which was a great means of gospel witness for the next several years.

Thanksgiving Day 1984 marked the departure of Pastor Evans to Africa for seven weeks of ministry. He traveled there with Rev. Carlton Spencer and returned back safely in January 1985.

September 1985 brought a memorable visit from Brother Alexander, the African Overseer from Zaire. He came to Calvary with long-time missionary Ben Dodzweit, who is the brother of Sharon Evans. In the October Missionary Convention, guest speakers were Paul Anderson, Harry Vellekoop, and Forrest Dodge.

November of that year marked a farewell to Dan and Sue Chick, who had returned to live in Utica while they were itinerating before their departure to Africa as missionaries.

On January 19, 1986, an unforgettably heart-wrenching day - Chris Mondragon went to be with the Lord after successfully delivering baby Tabitha. Chris was a former New Hartford resident who went to Mexico as a missionary and later married Chuy Mondragon, a Mexican Pastor. Chuy and their 5 children remained here until June 8, and Chuy was active in Outreach to the Spanish community in Utica. On February 23, the church presented Chuy with a diploma on behalf of the Bible School he attended in Mexico.

April marked the farewell blessings upon Sid and Sharon Saul, who had come to be a help in the church for a time. In February of that year, Ray Bloomfield was here for special meetings.

Oneida Square in downtown Utica was the site of a musical outreach on July 12 as Gary and Linda Sclafani from Binghamton ministered.

Alan and Sue Roby were welcomed back to Utica after finishing school. Alan would soon be going to pastor the church in Bernhard's Bay on the north shore of Oneida Lake. Dan Chick was back for a visit as well in January 1987 and he brought Tom Okello, the Ugandan Overseer, with him.

Sunday evening services that spring were devoted to the Larry Lea video series on prayer. The series unlocked the powerful pattern in the Lord's Prayer which can be used for daily devotion and intercession. On Sunday evenings in October, another video series was seen at the church, "Signs and Wonders and Church Growth" by John Wimber.

John and Libby Bartlow departed for Lima on August 6th to assist Costa Deir in the International Leadership Seminar office (PP-#19). John would later go on to pastor the church in Burns, NY, from which Rev. Daniel Evans (Bernard's father) was retiring as pastor.

On August 11th, Bro. Claude Deuel, Deacon and Church Custodian died of a heart attack suffered while working at the church four days earlier. The funeral for Bro. Deuel was held at Calvary Gospel on August 14th (PP-#20).

On November 22, 1987, a combined service was held among all the churches in New York Mills. The church was tilled and there was a pleasant spirit for the time of refreshments and fellowship. The churches represented were: St. Mary's Roman Catholic, Sacred Heart of Jesus Polish National Church, Calvary Gospel, and Walcott Memorial, which served as host.

December 13 marked an emotional farewell to Brent and Georgia Culver who, together with their two sons Joshua and Caleb, were going to Zaire as missionaries (PP-#21). Brent first came to Calvary Gospel in 1980 after graduating from Elim Bible Institute. He came on first as Youth Pastor and then as Associate Pastor when all the Elim-related missionaries were forced to leave Zaire in April 1989, Brent and Georgia returned to the states and Brent has since been pastoring in Bernhard's Bay.

1988 was the year of the "Celebration of Life", in which everyone's birthday in the church was celebrated with thanksgiving for God bringing them into the world. The ladies made wooden hearts with names handpainted on each for every lady and girl, while the men had a special meeting to celebrate their birthdays. The church sent a card to every person on his or her birthday.

Ron and Sherri Smallman moved to Utica in August to resume working with the church, with Ron coming on board as Assistant Pastor. He was also involved in traveling ministry for the next year and a half, including a trip to Mexico. In January 1990, he would undertake a new work with his father, Rev. Robert Smallman, to start a church in Rome. Together they would firmly establish a new church - Redeeming Love Fellowship.

1988 also saw more special meetings with Ray Bloomfield, as well as the beginning of the process to purchase the church building from Walcott Memorial.

SLAVA BOGU! INTO THE 1990's

On January 15, 1989, the providence of God and His plan for Calvary Gospel Church took another leap forward. On that day, four young Russian Christian men, who had recently arrived in Utica from the Soviet Union, visited the church. By God's design, who should be there to greet them but George Gotman! (George was of Ukrainian ethnic background and spoke the language well, which is a sister language to Russian.) George thus described the first encounter:

"I can remember that Sunday back in January 1989 when four young men first came into a service. Pastor Evans asked George Dodd, one of the church elders, to see who they were. He was waylaid elsewhere, and I was asked to investigate. I recall approaching, greeting, and welcoming them to Calvary Gospel Church, and they replied in Russian. This was very surprising, and I was taken aback - flabbergasted! After some conversation I realized there could be a possibility for them to attend on a regular basis. I had sensed promptings from the Holy Spirit for about a month prior to this, and I had often spoke with Pastor Evans that there was a sense that God was going to do something great."

Two days later, at the Tuesday Night Service, the message was translated for the Russians by George Gotman for the first time. Bro. Adam Verenich came and gave greeting, and there were about 37 "new Americans" in attendance that night!

In May George Gotman joined the church staff full-time - actually double-time - as Assistant to the Pastor. His main responsibilities were translation and assisting with the many varied needs of the Russians, who were arriving in greater and greater numbers all the time.

The August 27 baptismal service was the first baptism of both Russian and American believers (PP-#22). In April the Russians had gone to the Billy Graham Crusade in Syracuse, with George Gotman interpreting for them. Also, the Saturday evening all-Russian language service was initiated in September, the same month that Rev. Pavel Ionko, of Russian Radio Bible Institute, came to preach for the first time.

1989 was characterized by many memorable trips to the airport to welcome each of the new families (PP-#23). Also, in the spring of that year, another church bus was purchased (PP-#24).

In November 1989 Abraham Samuel from Vijayawada, India came to speak at the church. "From Calvary to the Nations!" was fast becoming "From the nations to Calvary"! The Russian and American youth teamed up that Fall for an outreach trip to Elmira.

In March of 1990, the church hosted a Singles Day for the Mobilized to Serve Ministry. Rev. Stacy Cline from Elim was the special speaker.

The first of many Russian weddings at the church took place on May 26 - and this one was a double header! Ivan Shilo married Lyudmilla Verenich, and Lyudmilla's brother, Stephen married Ivan's sister Natasha (PP-#25).

Russian-English language exchange meetings took place after the Tuesday Night Bible Classes. Ron Smallman led this exchange while Sherry Cointot coordinated further English classes for the Russian children.

Eventually, a segment of the Russian community - there were upwards of 400 in the church - felt they would be more comfortable worshipping in an all-Russian congregation and on August 19th a farewell service was held for those who would be leaving to start the Russian Pentecostal Church.

There were also a significant number of guest speakers who graced the pulpit at Calvary in 1990. Among them was Earl Poysti, of Russian Christian Radio, who preached to an overflowing church, with many coming forward to receive Christ. Many more were saved when Rev. George Dawidiuk and his trio came to sing. Also coming to minister were: Brother Ionko, Chester Gretz and the president of the Bible School in Poland, and Peter Pretorius, who was the keynote speaker at the Annual Missions Conference in November.

The Russian Choir got its start and inspired many with its beautiful hymns. The first time the Choir sang out was December 1989 at Riverside Mall. They would sing there again the next Christmas as well as at Sangertown Mall. In August 1991 the Choir sang at the New York Mills Community Center. All this was in addition to numerous weddings and church services. Elena Kozel serves as the director/conductor. Several more engagements, including a state prison and the Martin Luther Nursing Home, are on the calendar at the time of this writing.

In 1991, Calvary's 30th year, a Theological Education by Extension (TEE) Bible program was started on Monday nights at the church under the direction of George Gotman and Nelson Lamb, Asst. Pastor at Herkimer Assembly of God.

Rev. Paul Johansson of the New York School of Urban Ministry (NYSUM) was on hand in April for a very valuable seminar on Cross-Cultural Ministry. The next month we welcomed home Roger and Sherry Cointot, who had been doing missionary work in Scotland for the four previous months. They, together with their son John, were assisting Rev. Dominic and Rita Sciallo in the ministry in Scotland (PP-#26).

On May 16, 1991, at about 3:00 pm, the final papers were signed between Calvary Gospel Church and the Presbytery of Utica, thus transferring ownership of the church building, which was originally known as the Walcott Memorial Presbyterian church (PP-#27). The final price was \$53,000. The Walcott congregation had chosen previously to sell all the pews and furnishings in the building to Calvary Gospel for \$1.00. Their desire would be that the building would continue to be used for the glory of God in the future as it had in the past. Praise God!

Bro. Fred Farrokh joined the church staff in June 1991 as an Assistant to the Pastor. Fred, with his wife Annette (a Utica native) had just returned from Cyprus where they had been serving with Youth With a Mission. Fred began assisting with the youth group, outreach, visitation, and publishing the Calvary News Weekly.

The Tuesday Night Bible Study in 1991 was Galatians, with Pastor Evans concluding the series in late summer. Also, Pastor covered the entire Epistle to the Hebrews on Sunday mornings.

In July the youth participated in the summer park evangelism outreach in Oneida with Calvary Temple. In August, a special youth visit to Eden Park Nursing Home was held.

On August 24th, there was a Russian Youth Service at Calvary with youth groups represented from as far away as Cleveland, Philadelphia, Massachusetts, and Richmond, VA. The service lasted over six and a half hours and there were some 700 in attendance. All the seats, aisles, balcony, foyer, basement, and front stairs were filled to overflowing!

Looking back over the thirty year history of Calvary Gospel Church, the commitment to missions has remained as a constant. From the small beginnings of the \$227 budget in 1965, actual missions disbursements in 1990 totaled \$27,660. And in 1991, John and Gail Wessels and Tom and Janet Hankinson were added to the support list. Incidentally, Janet Hankinson, maiden name Burge, was part of the first Calvary Gospel youth group back in 1963! Her husband Tom had also been a part of Calvary Gospel Church.

The church has also broadened in its areas of ministry and responsibility. In addition to the full-time staff of Pastor Evans, George Gotman, Fred Farrokh, Florence Walter (Bookkeeper/Secretary) and Pam Maihafer (part-time Secretary), there has been a great deal of service in other areas. The elders are George Dodd and Alfred Hamm, Sr., who remains as an original elder from 24 years ago.

Others in positions of responsibility are:

Secretary of Board - John Hertline

Treasurer - Richard Graziano

Missions Secretary - Ed Corrigan

Russian Services, oversight - Vladimir Verenich

Christian Education: Miriam Kivisalu, coordinator; Jim Dever, assistant; Ivan Shilo,
Russian children's Sunday School

Communion set-up - Barbara Dodd, Doris Washburn, Sharon Evans

Women's activities - Judy Hertline, coordinator and Dawn Corrigan, Flos Walter
committee

Men's activities - Roger Cointot

Doorkeeper's coordinator - John Hertline

Transportation - Ed Corrigan, coordinator; Carm & Barb Pugliese, Nikolai Korolchuk,
dispatch

P.A. System - Craig Turner

Overhead - Church & Nellie Mason

Youth ministry - Fred & Annette Farrokh, American youth; David Evans, assistant; Piotr Zhushma, Russian youth; Alex Zhushma, assistant

Library - Flos Walter

Nursery - Debbie & Rich Graziano

LOOKING FORWARD - LIFE AFTER 30

Rev. Carlton Spencer, writing to the church on September 10, 1991, made these touching remarks:

"Greetings to you all on your thirtieth anniversary!!"

"Can it be that long ago that the church had its beginnings? We found occasion quite often to attend since our son-in-law was the founding pastor...Calvary Gospel Church is well known and loved in many places in Latin America, Africa, Europe and Asia, as well as in many parts of our own country. Your loving witness and outreach is known literally around the globe."

"God knew whom to send some needy and seeking immigrants from Eastern Europe. God has prepared you for this ministry, and has given you capable leadership. You all have evidenced hearts big enough to receive more than your own number. What a testimony to the love expressed at Calvary. GOD BLESS YOU ALL!"

Rev. Saied Adour, who pioneered Calvary Gospel Church 30 years ago was unable to be with us for the anniversary celebration, but he had these fitting thoughts which he communicated in a letter to the church on September 5, 1991:

"As you complete the 30th year of your existence, may your hearts strive for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. So very often my thoughts are turned to the fact that very near to the place where the building now sits, there was an outstanding outpouring of the Spirit in the days of Charles Finney. It is a tremendous blessing, also, to know that Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He who moved in such a dynamic way in the mid-19th century is the same one who is moving today as we approach the end of the 20th century. My prayer for Calvary Gospel Church, as well as for the church of the Lord Jesus Christ in every place, is that God would again pour out His Spirit in such a dimension that multitudes would be swept into the kingdom of God as they were in the Finney revival."

"May your vision not be backward but may it be forward. May you see the days ahead as full of opportunity for the honor and glory of Jesus Christ. And my prayer for you is that the "glory of the latter house will be greater than the glory of the former." None of us know if we have 30 more years before the coming of the Lord. However, no matter how long we have may they be full of blessing, revival and visitation of God's Holy Spirit upon His people and upon the lost, bringing them to a saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."

For the past thirty years, for the present hour, and for the future ahead, we can all truly give thanks and say, "To God be the glory, great things He has done!"

THE MINISTERS OF CALVARY GOSPEL CHURCH:

Rev. Saied Adour	1961	to	9/5/71
Rev. Bernard J. Evans	9/5/71	to	12/21/75
Rev. Paul A. Heidt	1/16/76	to	8/27/78
Rev. David Schlaegel	11/78	to	2/82
Rev. Bernard J. Evans	9/19/82	to	present (1993)

**Note: See Picture Pages - #1, (PP-#1), at end of book; and so noted throughout text.

*This Methodist Church has now disbanded, and its former church building at 386 Main Street is now used as the New York Mills Community Center.

*Memoirs of Charles G. Finney, p. 184, Fleming H Revell, Old Tappan, New Jersey.

*Walcott Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1830 - 1930, 100th Anniversary booklet, pp. 14-15.

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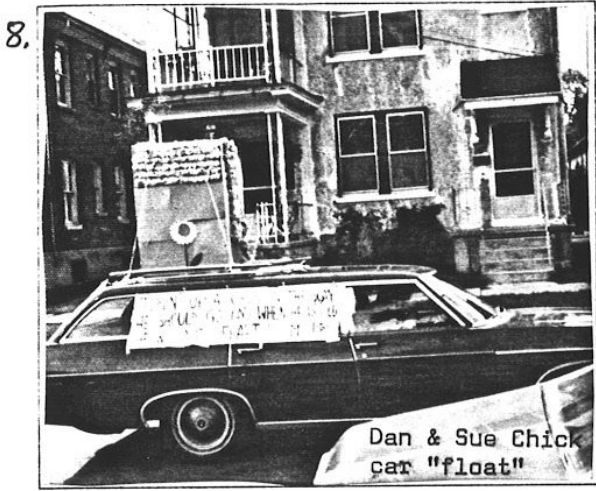


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Pictures: 1. Costa Deir, 1st CGC Missionary Convention. 2. Alfred Hamm, Sr. 3. Pastor Saied Adour 4. Charles G. Finney 5. Walcott Memorial Presbyterian Church, built in 1881. 6. "Inner Calm" Coffeehouse, Dan Chick on right. 7. Rev. Bernard Evans and family.



Pictures: 8. Vacation Bible School car float, 1972. 9. Tim McGown. 10. Ronald Smallman 11. Miriam Kivisalu. 12. Alan Roby. 13. Jubilee Singers. 14. Pastor Paul Heidt, on left.

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Pictures: 15. Pastor David Schlaegel, at Del Rios' farewell. 16. Mike and Terry Cavanaugh 17. John, Becky, and Nancy Entzminger. 18. Loretta Hickox. 19. John Bartlow. 20. Claude Deuel, with Pastor Evans, 1976. 21. Brent and Georgia Culver--on to Zaire!

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Pictures: 22. Russian-American baptismal service. 23. Singing at the airport. 24. The "Slava Bogu" bus. 25. Verenich-Shilo double wedding, 5/26/91. 26. Roger and Sherry Cointot. 27. The church purchase is complete--5/26/91.