

The History Of The Cherry Grove Baptist Church And Parsonage Presented by Harold Sales

Mr. Dow received a grant of \$400.00 from the Baptist Union to build a church in Cherry Grove. Mr. Dow was a devout Baptist.

Mr. Dow, Bruce Sales and people of Cherry Grove built the church in 1933. Mr. Underwood, secretary of the Baptist Union, with Herb Easter, as the first student minister, preached at the opening of the new church. He stayed for a year and half and walking every where he went.

When Mr. Dow left the district he donated his home to the Baptist Union to be used as a parsonage. It was moved beside the church. Many of the student pastors and ordained ministers lived in the parsonage.

Mr. Hind, the second student to come had only one arm. He rode his bicycle and batched, hauling his wood and water quite efficiently. The young people of the district liked him so he had good attendance at the week-day activities.

Mr. Campbell was a retired ordained minister who stayed for a few years. The parsonage was rented and he boarded with the Sales family.

A young married couple came to live in the parsonage and served the church for a year or so.

Another young student was Mr. Funk. He was an enthusiastic young man, always willing to lend a hand. He went to the lake with Mr. Craige to help him pull fishing nets one time, but his help wasn't appreciated when Mr. Craige noticed he was snipping the net with his nail clippers to get the fish out.

The same day he shot what he thought was a duck to replenish his table. He brought the duck to Craiges, but when Jim Loose, who was staying there, tried to pluck it, he couldn't pull even one feather out. He couldn't even get through the skin with a sharp knife. Mr. Funk had shot a loon instead of a duck.

The Anglins lived in the parsonage for a year while he taught at the Woodbine School. Mr. and Mrs. Flor had a small family and she taught at Cherry Grove.

The Hatch family children lived there when their parents were working in the sawmill.

In the late fifties or early sixties the Baptist union sold the parsonage to Walter and Doris Dilcox and the church to Dick and Marie Ayers. They renovated it into a home. Both buildings have since burned down. On the site where the church and parsonage stood, Jurick's store and gas pumps are situated.