

Memories of SABC by Russell Storozow

Over the last year, I have enjoyed reading some of the "Tales of 200 Years". It has made me reflect back 51 years when I was nine. The current church building was near completion. I remember some of the church work days on Saturday. The men were laying brick and I can remember raking the mortar out of the joints (all day long). Shortly after the completion, my Dad took over the custodian job from Glenn Barnhart. Quite often we would clean on Friday nights and finish up on Saturday.



Church services of course were on Sunday, Brigades on Monday night, choir practice on Wednesday nights. Five days a week, something was going on or needed to be done at the church. June of 1968 I was saved on a Thursday night during a week-long evangelistic meeting at our church. Glenn Barnhart met with me after the service, a night I will never forget. Brigades brings back a lot of memories. We would meet at the new church and march over to the old church converted into a gymnasium and indoor rifle range. The summer outings (fishing in Canada - Long Lake camping) winter outings, basketball tournaments, indoor rifle training, Bible studies at the end of each Monday night meeting and the emphasis on memorizing scripture were stressed every week.

I realized in my late teens they were training us for the road ahead. I realized this was important but not nearly as much as I have come to appreciate, later in life. What I didn't realize at the time was the sacrifice individuals were making to try and mold us into the likeness of Christ.

When you begin to mention names, you often worry about leaving someone out. However I will mention a few: Bill Hall, Orin Lillie, Grover Stone, Stan Roberts, Mel Race, Doug Strobe, Harrison Forde, and Lev Harper. These men were there, week after week for many years and took a vested interest in us. It is very clear that they were devoted and loved us in the Lord. I feel lucky and very fortunate for those years from 1965 to 1974.

I would like to thank Pastor Walter and his leadership during those years. I'll never forget his emphasis on studying the word and memorizing scripture.