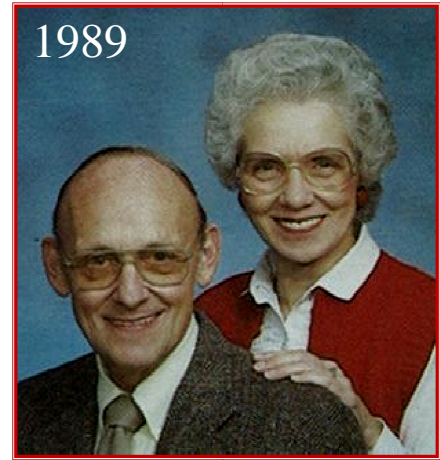


Memories by Glen and Helen Barnhart

We came to SABC in 1959. We were so welcomed by Mr. Gomer Davis who made a point to introduce us to someone new every week. Pastor Hay was the pastor at that time. Our girls were in the nursery with many of those who still attend SABC today.

In 1962 we were asked to be youth leaders. At that time Pastor Gordon Houser was the pastor. Pastor Hay had been called to Central Baptist in Binghamton. It was a privilege to serve at South Apalachin for 30 years - during that time the new church was built and the old one torn down. A new parsonage was built after Pastor Walter came and the old one torn down. A new gym was built.



More important than buildings built or torn down - people were reconciled to the Lord and lives were built. I am still reminded of something Pastor Walter used to say when young people's (or older ones) motives or actions were questioned. He would say "We don't know where they were and how far they have come". We are thankful to have experienced such close friendship and years of growing in Christ.

May God continue to use this place in spite of or because of hardship and grow a people worthy to be called His. We will always be grateful to the Lord for the faithful support of our children [Bruce and Karen Barnhart] when they served as missionaries in Kazakhstan and for continued support for Joy [Barnhart] and Mark Sims as they serve as missionaries in France.

Thank you,
The Barnharts

PS - We still consider SABC to be our home church - it is where we as a family experienced our first church family.