

The following is an attempt to recognize the stewardship of our members over the years. Information was obtained from memories and limited records. If you know of an omission please let us know so that they can be added.

Church Committee Chairs and Moderators :

1959-1968 Leonard McKeand

1969-1978 Leonard McKeand, Lynch Bennett, Albert Rose, Lee Davis, Duncan Yokely, Nick Tune, Gwen Davis, Alan Carl, Tandy Wilson

1979-1988 Alan Carl, Leonard McKeand, C D Rippy, Walter Johnson, Vic Cooley, Gwen Davis

1989-1998 Bill and Marty McKeand, Juliet Stockstill, Eunetta Kready, Dave Barton, Ronald S. Ligon, Joe Tipton, Mark and Damon Rogers

1999-2008 Mike and Denise Havaserat, Mike Calvert, David Buntin, Robert Williams, Marty Ligon

2009- Marty P. Ligon

Special Music, Organist, Gospel Sing, Special Projects, Cross, Fund Raising:

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| ◆ Dave Barton | ◆ Gwen Davis |
| ◆ Owen and Kathryn Bradley | ◆ Jere and Linda Ervin |
| ◆ Jerry and Connie Bradley | ◆ Doug and Sherry Gentry |
| ◆ John and Deborah Baugh | ◆ Marjorie Hardcastle |
| ◆ Yvonne Caldwell | ◆ Charlie Holder |
| ◆ David Caldwell | ◆ Ronald S. Ligon |
| ◆ David Carver | ◆ Leonard Ritter |
| ◆ Lora Coleman | ◆ Albert Rose |
| ◆ David Coleman | ◆ Juliet Stockstill |
| ◆ Catherine Comer | ◆ Corrine Woolard |

Estate bequest to Trust—Vic and Lanelle Cooley

Cedar Creek Church By the Lake



*Golden Anniversary Celebration
1959—2009*

Commemorative Church History

Cedar Creek Church by the Lake History

Cedar Creek Church by the lake actually started "on" the lake. In 1958 Leonard and Susie McKeand, feeling guilty about missing church every Sunday during the summer, started holding services on their homemade houseboat with their four children and the friends they each invited out on the weekends.

As can be expected with that many young adults and teenagers, holding their interest with so many distractions was futile. Therefore Leonard, seeking to find a more suitable location and broader participation in worship, began inquiring as to the possibility of holding services on the Club grounds. He found support among several of the women's Bridge players and began organizing the first worship service that was held 50 years ago in 1959. Leonard served as Church Chairman leading the church for the first 10 years and stayed involved with the Church committee until 1980.

The original location was on the bank by the sand beach approximately in front of what are now cottage lots 9 and 10. Seating was bringing your own lawn chair. The public address system and organ music came from a member's houseboat nosed into the shore; and as many people came by boat as walked over from the docks. One regular even came by sea plane that he beached in the sand. Speakers came from Vanderbilt Divinity School and one of the first, O.T. Hargrave, became our regular speaker until he graduated. His last Sunday he gave the Church the purple collection bags with the wooden handles that we used for years until they were lost. He had seen them used in Australia where the collection also blew out of the baskets.

The Church's first upgrade was to a small chancel platform, lectern, and green club-made benches that tilted down the hill so much that everyone slid out. The first order of worship each week was to find rocks to prop up the bench fronts. Next came a donated organ and the Club's bingo public address system. These had to be loaded and hauled to and from the club house each week by "volunteered" labor (the McKeand teenagers and

friends) since we did not have a "James and Crew" back then. A lectern and organ cover was later added to eliminate the haul. Until the pavilion was built, rainy day services were held in the anchor room.

In 1968 the Church moved to what is now the RV area for a year while the Lake Side Drive cottage lots were being developed and then moved to our present location in 1969. The present location started out as a gravel area with a chancel platform and the old downward sloping benches. The Cross, made out of a cedar tree cut from the hill, was added next along with professionally built benches, some of which are still used around the Club grounds. Later upgrades included rebuilding the chancel platform with slabs added for the benches, electronic piano, public address system, and then our composite benches.

Today as we celebrate our 50th anniversary we are worshiping in our beautiful completely renovated Cedar Creek Church by the lake.

Churches are people that share their belief in God, and these facilities are where we gather to worship. Cedar Creek Church by the Lake was formed and survives through the love and efforts of our members. Without our congregation, we would not have the memories of worshipers arriving by boat and plane; wind blowing away the offering; singing dogs; children playing cars in the gravel during the sermon; wasps and spiders being thumped off the person in front of you; and "honey boats" (straight exhaust jet boats with a honey in front) blasting by when our heads were supposed to be bowed. Most importantly however, we would have missed the opportunity to worship through the wonderful music and messages given in this peaceful setting.