

WILLIAM BELL ISBELL

William Bell "Bee" Isbell was born in Philadelphia, Tennessee, on January 1, 1871. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodric Isbell. Mary "Molly" Elizabeth Bequette was born in Missouri on December 20, 1873. She was the daughter of Joseph and Levina Thompson Bequette. Bee Isbell married Molly Bequette on October 26, 1894. To this union seven children were born: Allie, Hester, Howard, Pearl, Esther, Theodric and Woodrow. Bee and Molly joined Copper Mines Free Will Baptist Church sometime between 1906 and 1912. Their daughters, Hester and Pearl, also joined the church. Molly died as a member on February 27, 1917 and is buried in the Mine La Motte Cemetery, Madison County Missouri.

After Molly died, Bee Isbell married again to Mrs. Elva Welsh Thomas on November 10, 1918. Mrs. Thomas had six children, Doris, Claude, Lester (Granny), Gifford (Gibb), Katie and Woodrow (Cy) by a previous marriage to Albert Thomas. Bee and Elva also had two sons, William Bell (Pat) and an infant who died at birth. They lived in the Copper Mines Community, about a mile from the church near the Little St. Francis River. Elva died on July 23, 1928, and is buried in the Christian Cemetery in Fredericktown, Missouri.

Bee Isbell was married for the third time to Emily Roxanne Bess. It is unknown where they lived, but did not live at Copper Mines. Bee Isbell died September 23, 1951 in St. Louis, Missouri. He was buried in the Mine La Motte Cemetery. His obituary indicates that he joined Copper Mines Church in 1917 and was a member until his death.

Written by: Lon Rehkop and Thelma Sikes

LEAMON AND MILDRED (HOVIS) KILLION



Mildred (Hovis) Killion was the daughter of Harrison and Annie Hovis.

She married Leamon Killian in Fredericktown. They lived in Copper Mines after Leamon returned from WWII and attended Copper Mines Church.

Mildred was the piano player for several years. Leamon was elected church clerk in 1942, and Mildred assumed his duties while he was in the service. Leamon was ordained as a deacon in 1963. He served as a deacon from January 20, 1963 to July 4, 1965. Bro. Leamon took numerous pictures of our different church activities and church families and contributed them to the church. They are still being enjoyed today. In July 1965 they moved to the St. Louis area. Their home was blessed in 1956 when they adopted a son, Bobby, and he has continued to

be a blessing. Leamon passed away in 2002 and is buried at Marcus Memorial Park in Fredericktown, Madison County, Missouri.

Written by: Thelma Sikes

KATHRYN JEAN (FERGUSON) LUNSFORD



Kathy was born November 13, 1963, in Fredericktown, Madison County, Missouri. She is the daughter of Eugene William (Bill) Ferguson and Esther Ora (Parson) Francis Ferguson. Her brothers and sisters are Charles Francis, David Francis, Jr., Nancy (Francis) Matthews, Nelda (Ferguson) Holliday, Nancy (Ferguson) Pirtle, Sharon (Ferguson) Pogue, and Eileen (Ferguson) Provow.

Kathy graduated from Farmington High School, Farmington, Missouri, in May 1982 and is now employed at Southeast Missouri Mental Health Center in the Nursing Administration Department. On August 14, 1982, she married Ricky Wayne Phillips of Fredericktown, Missouri, and moved to many different locations in Texas over the next five years. In August of 1993 they were divorced.

No children were born of this marriage. On December 18, 1993, Kathy married Rodney Gene Lunsford of Fredericktown, Missouri. They lived in Fredericktown. Two children were born of this marriage. Kara Beth Lunsford was born November 13, 1994 (on Mom's 31st birthday) at Parkland Health Center, Farmington, St. Francois County, Missouri, and William Ross Lunsford was born December 11, 1997 (on Dad's birthday), at Missouri Baptist Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri. This marriage was dissolved in November 2004.

When Kathy was born, she and her family attended Crossroads First Church of God until November 1968. Then they moved to Copper Mines Free Will Baptist Church. In June 1972 at a Sunday Night service she accepted Jesus Christ as her Savior and was baptized at Twelve Mile Creek on August 19, 1972. She became a member of Copper Mines Church on August 10, 1972. Although gone for several years, she came back and rededicated her life, thinking back about her Christian home as a child, and wanting to show and teach her kids that kind of love. With God's help and the help of her family and church family, all things are possible.

Kara and Ross are both saved, baptized, and members of Copper Mines Church.

Kathy is a Sunday School teacher for the Junior Class, has been a teacher for the Nursery and Primary classes, and a counselor and teacher at our pre-teen church camp at Camp Canaan in Marquand, Missouri, for several years. She also is a Vacation Bible School teacher.

Written by: Kathy (Ferguson) Lunsford and Lon Edward Rehkop

KARA BETH LUNSFORD



Kara was born on November 13, 1994, at Parkland Health Center, Farmington, St. Francois County, Missouri. She is the daughter of Kathryn Jean (Ferguson) Lunsford and Rodney Gene Lunsford.

Kara is a student at the Fredericktown School District. Kara is a good student, on the honor roll, and in the library club and Girl Scouts. She loves to play basketball and softball.

Kara was saved at a Sunday night service at Copper Mines. Bro. Ronnie Payne was preaching that night, and he had an altar prayer. On the way home she told her mom that she had accepted Christ as her Savior that night, which made a wonderful trip going home. She was baptized

September 8, 2002 at Castor Baptizing Hole. On March 2, 2003, she became a member of Copper Mines Free Will Baptist Church.

Kara loves going to church and church activities at Copper Mines. Most of her best friends are also members of our church.

Written by: Kathy (Ferguson) Lunsford and Lon Edward Rehkop

WILLIAM ROSS LUNSFORD

Ross was born December 11, 1997, at Missouri Baptist Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri. He is the son of Kathryn Jean (Ferguson) Lunsford and Rodney Gene Lunsford.

He is a student at the Fredericktown School District. Ross is a good student and is a member of the writing club and the math club. He loves playing football and baseball. He has said when he grows up he wants to play for the NFL.

Ross was saved at Preteen Church Camp at Camp Canaan in 2004. Kathy had the privilege of being at the altar with him on that very special night. He was baptized September 5, 2004, at Castor Baptizing Hole and became a member of Copper Mines Free Will Baptist Church on October 16, 2005.

Ross loves going to church and church activities at Copper Mines. Most of his best friends also go there.

Written by: Kathy (Ferguson) Lunsford and Lon Edward Rehkop



STEVE AND JUDY (HOVIS) LYTLE
COPPER MINES FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH MISSIONARIES



My first memories of Copper Mines FWB Church are those of Bible and Sunday Schools. We ate our Ritz Crackers with peanut butter and drank our Kool-Aid under the trees along the road. We studied about Jesus, the good shepherd, and glued cotton to pictures of sheep. I remember learning about the woman at the well from Mrs. Darnell. We even made wells out of popsicle sticks and coffee cans! It was great!

I also remember revival meetings and one very special to me. When I was nine years old, Bro. Barker was the evangelist, and one night when he gave the invitation, I went forward and gave my heart to Christ. I was baptized in the spring of the next year.

My parents, Lindell and Lillian Hovis, were always active in all the church activities so we never missed a service, and I would go with mom to the auxiliary meetings. There I listened in to the programs and learned about missions and missionaries. My mom helped organize the GTA (Go Tell Auxiliary). This was a mission group for the girls. I loved it. When I was about 11 years old, I was assigned to write a report on Ivory Coast and Free Will Baptist Missions there. I read and researched everything I could find and wrote what I remember to be a fairly long report on the subject. I even had to present it at a quarterly meeting in front of the grown ups. I remember how scared I was, but I also remember the burning in my heart when I thought that someday I might even be a missionary.

We moved to St. Louis when I was 14 and soon became active in Fourth FWB Church. We returned to Fredericktown on weekends whenever possible, and I enjoyed being in my home church.

After high school graduation, I worked for three years for a dentist in St. Louis. I then felt the Lord calling me to enroll in Free Will Baptist Bible College. I didn't know why or what I was going to do, but I had an assurance and peace about the decision. In January 1969 I started my first semester and loved it. There I met Steve Lytle and, after our graduation in May of 1972, we were married on August 5. We were preparing to serve with Free Will Baptist International Missions, and one of the requirements was to have two years ministry experience, which was completed at the Swannanoa FWB Church in North Carolina.

We were appointed as career missionaries to Panama in April 1975 and departed for language school in August 1976. We arrived in Panama in 1977 to begin an almost 23

year ministry as church planters and teachers. Steve led the Betania FWB Church to organization in 1985 and also worked as director and teacher in Panama FWB Bible Institute until July 1999.



The Lord blessed our home with three sons, Michael, Phillip, and David. They are all married now and along with their wives are serving the Lord in their local churches in the Nashville area.

Steve now serves with Free Will Baptist International Missions as Director of Field Operations. In this position he works directly with all our Free Will Baptist fields and with the missionaries.

I minister in the Mobilization Department as a candidate coordinator and student ministries supervisor. God has led us to many places around the world, and we have been indeed privileged to become acquainted with the larger family of God both inside and outside the borders of the United States. Language and cultures may be barriers but the common spirit the Lord has given us as believers joins us together in love and fellowship. Copper Mines Free Will Baptist Church may be a world away from Panama City, Panama, but the lessons I learned as a child in a church in rural Missouri have been my foundation and preparation for my ministry as an adult. Also, the prayer support from the congregation has enabled the Kingdom of God to be extended to many different locations.

Written by: Judy Lytle

HERUSEL AND JOYCE MOYERS



Herusel (Curly) and Joyce moved to Fredericktown from Arnold, Missouri. Curly was employed by Laclede Gas, and Joyce was employed at Commerce Bank. We were members of Grace Free Will Baptist Church.

We tried a few different churches in Fredericktown and finally settled down and joined Copper Mines Free Will Baptist Church. We keep foster children, and we took them all to church with us. We were all accepted with open arms and hearts.

At one time or another most of our children and grandchildren visited there with us. We still have two granddaughters who attend there now: Kelsey Edwards age seven, and Lauryn Edwards age six. Now as far as these two girls are concerned, that is their church, and there is no other church.

While we attended Copper Mines Free Will Baptist Church there were two pastors, Bro. Herb McMillian and Bro. Mark Turrell.

It was so nice there watching all those little kids grow up. We both have felt a special connection with the kids like we were their grandparents. I have felt for a long time God has something special in store for Bethany Hovis.

We made wonderful friends there whom we love dearly. I used to love to make clothes for the Buxton and Hovis girls and little Dottie Provow. They all accepted them gracefully. Not one time did they point out my mistakes, and I had plenty.

We are now living in Cape Girardeau, Missouri and attend Cape Girardeau Free Will Baptist Church but remain members of Copper Mines.

During our stay at Copper Mines under Bro. Mark Turrell's ministry, Curly received a real healing experience. He was suffering depression, and Bro. Mark anointed him with oil and the church prayed for him and he really felt the Power of God.

Some of my best friends are at Copper Mines. We love them all and will never forget them.

Written by: Joyce Moyers

RUSSELL, LEASA, AND JOSHUA PARKER



age of 17 at Village Creek Pentecostal Church of God in Fredericktown.

Russell and Leasa Parker started attending Copper Mines Free Will Baptist Church in December of 1995 and became members on September 25, 1996.

Russell was born to Emmett and Lillie Parker in Boss, Missouri, on October 2, 1954. He attended Happy Home United Baptist church just down the road from his home. He was saved at the age of 14.

Leasa was born to Gene and Annabelle Smith in Farmington, Missouri on March 15, 1959. Leasa was saved at the

Russell and Leasa were married in Farmington in September of 1980. They have four children: Tabitha, who married Dennis Stanley; Jennifer, who married Matt Akers; Emily, who married Chris Kernan; and Joshua. They also have three grandchildren.

They both rededicated their lives to the Lord in 1984 and started attending church in Farmington, Missouri, where they resided at the time.

They moved to the Copper Mines community from Farmington on April 1, 1989. They purchased the old Harrison Hovis farm on 67 highway. Their first connection with Copper Mines church happened that summer when the pastor at the time, Herb McMillan, came by for a visit and invited them to church. They were still attending church in Farmington, and it would be several years before they finally did visit. They decided to make Copper Mines their home church. Bro. Mark Turrell was the new pastor. Emily and Joshua were baptized on September 29, 1996, by Bro. Mark.

While attending Copper Mines Free Will Baptist Church, Russell has served as Sunday School teacher, and trustee and both Leasa and Russell and their children have helped in Vacation Bible School and various other committees. Emily and Joshua were chosen to represent Copper Mines as delegates to the Truth and Peace Leadership Conference for three years and two years, respectively, both serving at the annual Free Will Baptist Convention.

THE PIRTLE FAMILY



Lela Maybeth (Chapman) Pirtle was born January 23, 1924, at Saco, Missouri. She was the first-born child of Lewis "Buck" Chapman and Pearl (Solace) Chapman.

Floyd Ray Pirtle was born September 16, 1926, in Fredericktown, Missouri. He was the son of Augustus T. Pirtle and Emma J. (Head) Pirtle.

They were married on September 19, 1953. Their marriage was the first service conducted in the new Mill Creek Free Will Baptist Church. They were both saved at a young age.

Floyd and Lela were the parents of seven children who were involved in Copper Mines Church for many years. Although Floyd and Lela never joined Copper Mines Church, most of their children were members.

For several years the Pirtle family lived in Mill Creek and attended services at Mill Creek Free Will Baptist Church. During December of 1969, the family moved to Mine La Motte and began attending Copper Mines Free Will Baptist Church in January 1970. Lela's sister, Stella, and her husband, O.D. Matthews, were pastoring at Copper Mines at that time.

The Pirtle family includes seven children, eleven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. The Pirtle children are listed below along with their spouses and children:

Steven Ray, was born June 25, 1954. Steve married Charlotte Wells. They live in Fredericktown and continue to attend Copper Mines Church. They have two sons, Jeremy and Justin.

Sue Ellyn was born October 29, 1955. Sue Ellyn married Keith Harter, and their marriage was dissolved. They had two children, Kevin and Valerie. Sue is now married to Gary Miller, and they live in Jackson, Missouri, and attend First Baptist Church.

Stanley Neal was born December 31, 1956. Stanley married Nancy Elaine Ferguson. They live in Fredericktown and attend Mill Creek Church. They have two children, Mike and Missy, and three grandchildren, Madison, Makayla, and Isaac.

Shelby Lee was born June 2, 1960. Shelby married Kimberly Doine. They live in Fredericktown and attend Meadow Heights Baptist Church. They have one son, Eric.

Stuart Gale (Butch) was born November 5, 1961. Butch is not married. He lives in Fredericktown and attends Copper Mines Church. He serves as a deacon.

Sally Jean was born November 12, 1962. Sally married David Hovis. They live in Fredericktown and attend Copper Mines Church. David serves as a deacon. They have three children, Jennifer, Bethany, and David Lee.

Sherri Diane was born December 31, 1964. Sherri married Joseph Reed. They live in Fredericktown and attend Mill Creek Church. They have one son, Travis.

After their mother, Lela, had suffered disabling effects of arthritis and strokes, and Floyd was diagnosed with terminal lung cancer, they became residents of ClaRu DeVille Nursing Home in March 1998. They shared a room together until Floyd passed away on April 12, 1998. Lela continues to live at ClaRu DeVille Nursing Home and enjoys visits from friends and family members. Lela especially looks forward to family gatherings for her birthdays and holidays.

Lela is proud that all of her children are saved and actively involved in various churches. Spiritual roots were established while the Pirtle family attended Copper Mines Church. Those roots enable them to instill strong Christian values in the lives of their own families today.

Written by: Steve Pirtle and Sally (Pirtle) Hovis

STEVEN AND CHARLOTTE (WELLS) PIRTLE



Steve was born on June 25, 1954, in Farmington, Missouri. He is the eldest child of Floyd R. and Lela M. (Chapman) Pirtle. Steve has three brothers and three sisters who are Sue, Stanley, Shelby, Stuart (Butch), Sally, and Sherri respectively.

Steve's early childhood was spent attending the Mill Creek Free Will Baptist Church where he was saved, baptized and became a church member along with his sister Sue, brother Stanley, and a host of others.

In the winter of 1969 the entire family moved to Mine La Motte, and he began attending Copper Mines Free Will Baptist Church and became a member later on with his wife and children. Copper Mines was at this time being pastored by Rev. O.D. Matthews, Steve's uncle.

During this time Steve graduated from Fredericktown High School, attended Mineral Area College for two years and one year at SEMO. In January of 1975 he met and began dating Charlotte Wells. In the summer of 1976 Steve became employed by Town & Country Supermarket and quickly rose to the position of store manager. On May 6, 1977, Steve and Charlotte were married at Copper Mines Free Will Baptist Church by Rev. O.D. Matthews. On August 13, 1978, Steve and Charlotte were blessed with the arrival of their first-born son, Jeremy Scott, and on June 6, 1980, were blessed once again with the arrival of their second son, Justin Ray. In July of 1987 Steve accepted a position as a Correction Officer I with the Farmington Correctional Center and is still employed there at this time.

Charlotte was born on October 12, 1957, in St. Louis, Missouri. She was the youngest of ten children born to Richard and Lovey (Lewis) Wells. She had five sisters and four brothers who are Jess, Hilda, Doris, William, Evelyn, Barbara, Donna, Dale, and Larry respectively. Charlotte's early childhood was spent attending Mountain View Mission Church and Cobalt Village General Baptist Church. In January of 1975 she met and started dating Steve and started attending Copper Mines Free Will Baptist Church with him. Charlotte graduated from Fredericktown High School in 1976 and has had various jobs. She mostly stayed at home raising their two sons until they were in high school. She worked for Stevens Tax Service for about nine years and Madison Medical Center Home Health for six and one half years.

In September of 1986 Charlotte and Jeremy were baptized by Rev. Raymond Michael, and Justin was baptized in September of 1987 by Rev. Chuck Lotz.

Steve and Charlotte have been involved in many church activities including trustee, Sunday School teachers, church camp and Vacation Bible School.

On April 17, 2004, Jeremy married Sarah Dalton at Copper Mines Free Will Baptist Church. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Faron Thebeau. They currently reside in Park Hills, Missouri, and attend Twin Oaks Free Will Baptist Church. Justin works in Park Hills, Missouri, and currently resides in Fredericktown, Missouri.

Written by: Steve and Charlotte Pirtle

STUART GALE PIRTLE

Stuart (Butch) Gale Pirtle, the fifth child of Floyd Ray and Lela Maybeth (Chapman) Pirtle was born on Sunday, November 5, 1961, in Fredericktown, Missouri. His older brothers and sister are Steven, Sue, Stanley, and Shelby. His younger sisters are Sally and Sherri. Stuart is better known, actually almost exclusively known as Butch, a nickname bestowed upon him by his Aunt Cathy at a very early age. Butch began attending Copper Mines Free Will Baptist Church in January of 1970 after the family moved from Mill Creek to Mine La Motte.



Following the tradition of his older brothers, Butch began working at Town & Country Supermarket in Fredericktown during the summer of 1979. His first duties consisted of stocking shelves, unloading trucks, and carrying out groceries. Through his years at the store his duties changed, as did the store when it moved in 1981 to a new location on Lincoln Drive from the downtown area of Fredericktown. Following his graduation from Fredericktown High School in May of 1980, he worked at the store for ten years completing his full-time employment there as the assistant produce manager. After he had the opportunity to begin working at the Farmington Correctional Center (FCC) in 1990, he continued to work part-time at the Country Mart in Farmington. His first position at FCC was as a corrections officer with Monday and Tuesdays off. He transferred from the corrections position to a store keeper position in 1999 which changed his schedule to being off Saturdays, Sundays, and most holidays. He continues to work at FCC and will be eligible to retire in 2016.

The main reason Butch changed positions at FCC was to insure that he was able to attend church at Copper Mines on Sundays. Butch accepted the Lord as his Savior in May of 1977 and was baptized the following summer. He and his sister, Sally, became members of the church at the same time in 1979. He fondly remembers the many Sunday school picnics, hayrides, Vacation Bible Schools, softball games, and trips to Six Flags and Cardinal ballgames hosted by the church. Through the years Butch has served in many capacities at the church including Sunday school teacher, Bible School and church camp worker, usher, trustee, and children's church worker. He answered the call to become a deacon and was ordained in February of 2006 at the church in the presence of many friends, church members, and all of his brothers and sisters.

Written by: Butch and Shelby Pirtle

LES, TERESA, STEPHANIE, AND LINDSAY POGUE



Les Pogue was born on October 21, 1969. He started attending Copper Mines Church at the age of 17. Teresa Pogue was born on July 30, 1971. She was a member of the Meadow Heights Baptist Church most of her life. The two met while still in high school and started dating. Teresa came to visit Copper Mines with Les and felt at home in the church. It was not long until she started attending Copper Mines full time with Les.

The couple dated for almost two years and married on October 28, 1989. Although they were attending Copper Mines, the couple was married at the First Free Will Baptist Church where Les's parents attended. Les's brother, Joe Pogue, united them in marriage. Les worked as a manager for Town & Country while Teresa studied to become a teacher and worked at Kid's Corner.

On May 20, 1991, Stephanie Kay Pogue was born to the couple. Teresa put college on hold to stay with Stephanie. Three years later, the couple was blessed with another beautiful daughter. Lindsay Lee Pogue was born on April 11, 1994.

In August 1996, Teresa got a job as a teacher's aide and returned to college at night. She received her teaching degree in July 1998 and started teaching kindergarten that same year. She later returned to school and received her Master's degree in 2003. She is the Nursery teacher, teacher for Vacation Bible School and has been a camp counselor at Camp Canaan.

Les left the Town & Country Chain and went to work for Pepsi. He worked there for one year and then started working for Prairie Farms as a route driver, where he still works today. Les is a fill-in teacher for Sunday school, teaches Children's Church with Teresa, a teacher for Vacation Bible School, and is a church trustee.

Stephanie found salvation at Camp Canaan when she was twelve years old. She enjoys reading, crocheting, and writing short stories. She plays clarinet in band, is a member of the Beta Club, and is on the Academic team. Stephanie would like to become a writer when she grows up and is very excited to have been chosen to write for her school newspaper.

Lindsay also found salvation at Camp Canaan. Her Uncle Joe led her to salvation when she was seven years old. Lindsay enjoys reading, raising animals, being outdoors,

computers, and writing. Lindsay also plays the clarinet in band and is a member of the Junior Beta Club. She hopes to become a vet when she grows ups.

Written by: Les and Teresa Pogue

ALICE AND SHERMAN POTTS



Alice Downs was born July 3, 1871. Sherman Potts was born February 28, 1865, in Shannon County, Missouri. He was the son of Isaac and Martha Thompson Potts. Alice Downs married Sherman Potts. They had at least five children: Ossa Broadfoot, James, Ralph, Mae Casteel, and Martha Lunsford. Alice and Sherman Potts joined Copper Mines Church between 1906 and 1912. They both remained members until their deaths. Sherman Potts died on December 23, 1938, and was buried in Mine La Motte Cemetery, Madison County, Missouri. Alice Potts remained a member of Copper Mines Church after Sherman died. She lived on a farm located on the current Missouri Highway H. She frequently walked to church, a distance of approximately two miles. Alice died on July 14, 1957. At the time of her death, she was the oldest member of the church. She was buried beside her husband in Mine La Motte Cemetery.

Written by: Lon Edward Rehkop.

**PAUL, EILEEN (FERGUSON), JOSHUA, JASON, AND DOTTIE
PROVOW**



Paul Leslie (Les) Provow was born November 16, 1960, in Mt. View, Missouri, Howell County. He is the son of Paul Livingston Provow and Ruthie Fay (Brake) Provow. His sisters are Julie (Provow) Schmale of Houston, Texas and Becky (Provow) Young of Austin, Texas.

Eileen Ruth (Ferguson) was born on December 16, 1961, in Fredericktown, Missouri, Madison County, to Eugene

William (Bill) Ferguson and Lola Chestine (Hill) Ferguson. Her sisters are Nelda (Ferguson) Holliday, Nancy (Ferguson) Pirtle, Sharon (Ferguson) Pogue and Kathryn (Ferguson) Lunsford, all of Fredericktown, Missouri.

Les and Eileen were married on November 5, 1983, at the Copper Mines FWB Church. There were two children born of this marriage, Joshua Mark born August 1, 1987, and Jason Ryan born October 1, 1990. They were blessed with the addition of Dorothy Ann (Dottie), born January 13, 1996, whom they adopted on October 28, 2002.

Les had previously attended the United Methodist Church and Nazarene Church before attending Copper Mines with Eileen shortly before their marriage. He joined the church in 1985. Eileen joined the church on August 19, 1972. All three of their children were saved at services held at Camp Canaan in Marquand, Missouri. Joshua joined the church on October 8, 1995, Jason joined on September 14, 1997, and Dottie joined on October 16, 2005.

Les has been employed with the Missouri Department of Corrections for 19 years. He is currently the Business Manager. Eileen has been working in the Madison County Courthouse for 25 years. She is presently Circuit Clerk.

Joshua answered the call to the mission field when he was 11 years old. He has participated in E-TEAM, which is the FWB International Missions Project for teens. In 2004 he was on E-TEAM Panama and in 2005, E-TEAM Russia. He has been accepted to E-TEAM Hokkaido, Japan and will travel there in June 2006. Joshua is currently a Senior in High School and active in FFA, Academic Team, Math Club, Beta Club, and Science Club. He plans to attend the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee in the fall of 2006.

Jason has a passion for animals. He plans to attend college and obtain a degree in zoology or a related field. His dream is to be a zoo director. He is currently a Freshman in high school and enjoys playing football. Jason is also active in FFA, Beta Club, and

band. Joshua and Jason are both very active in “The Willing” Bible Study group which is several teens who meet weekly for Bible study and devotional time.

Dottie is currently in the fourth grade at Fredericktown Intermediate School. She enjoys the social life at school. She also enjoys watching movies and helping her dad feed the wild animals (He lets her drive the golf cart to the food plot!).

The Provows enjoy camping and hanging out with their friends and family, especially at the Slime Pond. Les is an avid hunter and is passing his love for the sport on to his sons.

CECIL REHKOP



Cecil Rehkop was born November 5, 1910, in Esther, St. Francois County, Missouri. He was the son of Thomas Powderly and Ida Mae (Crook) Henson Rehkop. Cecil's brothers and sisters were Normal and Virgil Henson, and Walter, Truman, Medford, Fay, George, Thomas, Velma, and Juanita Rehkop.

In the early years of his life, Cecil lived in St. Francois and Madison Counties. In 1924, the Thomas Rehkop family moved to St. Louis, Missouri. At the age of 16, Cecil went to work for Woodward and Tiernan Printing Company in St. Louis. He worked for Woodward and Tiernan until

World War II broke out. Cecil was inducted into the U. S. Army on April 3, 1942. He took basic training at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. From there, he went to Warrensburg, Missouri, where he was promoted to the rank of staff sergeant. He then served in North Africa (African Theater); Venice, Florida; India (China-Burma-India); and Santa Anna, California. He was honorably discharged at Scott Field, Illinois, on November 21, 1945.

After the war, Cecil returned to work for Woodward and Tiernan. Cecil never married, but was very devoted to his family. He helped care for his parents during their waning years, and this devotion was well known. He continued to work for Woodward and Tiernan until his retirement at age 62.

Shortly after retiring, Cecil moved to a house on Missouri State Highway H in Madison County. He lived there with his half brother, Virgil Henson, who also had never married. Virgil was a WWII Veteran with declining health. Cecil helped care for Virgil until he passed away in 1973. Cecil was Master Mason of Marcus Lodge #110, A.F. & A.M. Cecil had an interest in Rehkop family history and always made it a habit to bring together other family members with this common interest.

During the years from 1972 to 1975, Cecil routinely visited the Elza Rehkop family. Cecil and Elza were first cousins, as well as neighbors. Cecil would often have supper with them.

In the mid-70's, Cecil was stricken with cancer. He fought the disease for several years. During this period Cecil was saved, and joined Copper Mines Free Will Baptist Church on October 30, 1977. Cecil continued to attend Copper Mines until his health would no longer permit. Cecil died in St. Louis, Missouri, on May 25, 1978. He was buried in Marcus Memorial Park, Madison County, Missouri, near his parents.

Written by: Lon Edward Rehkop

ELZA AND CLARICE (BREWINGTON) REHKOP



Clarice Marie Brewington was born May 4, 1929, in Fredericktown, Missouri. She was the daughter of Theodore Thomas Brewington and Flora Belle (Stacy) Brewington. Her older sisters and brother were Beatrice Buella, Alberta June, and William Percy. At her birth, the Theodore Brewington family lived in Fredericktown, but later moved to the Twelve Mile Community. One of Clarice's very first memories was the day her mother died in September 1933. Clarice was only four years old. This created a real hardship on the family, especially the sisters who had the responsibility of running the household at a young age.

Theodore Thomas Brewington was a schoolteacher. He taught at the Twelve Mile District No. 46 at the time of Flora Belle's passing. There was no one left at home to take care of young Clarice, so she started school at age four under the tutelage of her father. She does not remember her first day in school.

Theodore was not a professing Christian at the time but always took the children to church. The churches they attended were the Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist and the Zion (now Twelve Mile) Missionary Baptist, both pastored by the Rev. Leonard Davis. They attended wherever the pastor was on that particular Sunday. Bea and June became members of the Mt. Pisgah Church.

In March 1937, Theodore married Anna Ethel Clauser, who became stepmother to the children. Ethel was a member of the Cedar Bottom General Baptist Church. They attended Cedar Bottom, and sometimes the Little Vine United Baptist Church. In the meantime, the New Harmony General Baptist Church (now defunct) was organized in their community, and it became their church home. Theodore had been saved at a brush arbor meeting during this time.

In 1918, Theodore was a WWI Veteran stationed at Camp Funston, Kansas. While there, he contracted tuberculosis. He was treated for the disease for many years. Tragedy struck the Brewington home again in May 1941 when Theodore passed away after a long illness with tuberculosis and the flu. Clarice was twelve at this time. Soon thereafter, Clarice followed her brother Percy to the altar and was saved. She did not follow through with baptism. The Brewington family was left with Ethel, Percy, and Clarice. Beatrice and June had moved away in 1938.

Due to starting school early, at age twelve Clarice began attending Mine La Motte High School as a freshman in 1941. Her brother Percy was a senior at the time. They rode a school bus all the way from Twelve Mile to Mine La Motte.

In Percy's class was a young man named Elza Moloye Rehkop. Elza was the son of Henry and Nancy LuEtta (Underwood) Rehkop. He was born on January 30, 1923, in Flat River, St. Francois County, Missouri. His brothers and sisters were John Henry, Clifford Sylvester, Leon Denver, Elma Eileen, Norma Ruth, Leonard Elden, Glenn Allen, Euvana Marie, Gale Leeman (Bud), and Dale Ray (Jack). The Henry Rehkop family had lived in Flat River where Henry was employed by St. Joseph Lead Company. Eventually they moved back to Mine La Motte where Elza attended school. Elza graduated from Mine La Motte High School in 1942. He began working for St Joseph Lead Company in Mine La Motte after graduation.

Elza's early church life began at the Mine La Motte Free Will Baptist Church where he began with his family. His memories of the early years are very vague. Sister Nettie Rogers was his teacher in the Card class. The pastors during this time were the Reverends John Long, Dammon Dodd, S.A. Hand, and Bill Reeves. He remembers a young Reverend, Mark Lewis, age 17 or 18, running a revival with over one hundred people saved.

A group of young people from the church formed quartets and were on demand from several churches, those being Old Bethel, Union Light, Aulsbury Chapel, and even the Methodist Church in Fredericktown. Some of the group were Truman and Homer Huffman, Ruth and Elza Rehkop, Ray Limbaugh, Ruby Reeves, Blanch and O.D. Matthews, and Butch Mooney.

Elza was baptized by Reverend Bill Reeves on April 7, 1940, and joined Mine La Motte Church on the same day. After his family moved to Copper Mines, he walked back to the Mine La Motte Church for many services. He especially remembers two old preachers at Mine La Motte named Isadore Lindsay and Herbert Ellis, who were so feeble that they had to be helped up to the pulpit in order to preach.

World War II started in 1941 and ended when Clarice was a senior in 1945. Many of the usual school activities were suspended because of conservation. Shoes, sugar and gasoline, along with many other items, were on the ration list. Clarice still has her ration book. Church attendance was the thing to do during this difficult time and was never neglected. Percy was drafted into the U. S. Army after high school graduation, and Elza Rehkop was too. They were inducted on January 20, 1943, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. They were sent to Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Little Rock, Arkansas, for their basic training, but were later separated for the remainder of the war. After Percy was drafted, Clarice and Ethel were the only ones left to tend the farm at Twelve Mile. Her high school friends thought it a little strange that she had to feed the livestock after school and do outside chores, but there was no one else left at home to do it.

In 1945, Clarice and Ethel moved to 114 South Maple Street in Fredericktown. After graduation from high school in 1945, Clarice worked a short time at the Brown Shoe Factory. Later on, she was employed as a secretary to the County Superintendent of Schools in Madison County, Clarence G. Moore.

During the war, Elza served as a private in the European Theatre. He spent some time in England before landing in Omaha Beach, France, D-Day 5. He was assigned to Company B of the 20th Combat Engineer Battalion, attached to the 16th Infantry of the First Division. The mission of the Combat Engineers was to build bridges, clear mine fields, and maintain roads. Elza criss-crossed France during the invasion, and was with the armed forces that liberated Paris. On September 9, 1944, while building a bridge near Sudan, France, Elza's left leg was seriously injured during a construction accident. This accident effectively ended his active participation in the war. Elza was hospitalized for a while in England. Later, he was transported back to the United States via a hospital ship, landing in Staten Island, New York, on December 23, 1944. From there, he was transferred to a hospital in El Paso, Texas, to recover from his injury. He spent 18 months in military hospitals. He was honorably discharged from service on February 22, 1946, in Fort Carson, Colorado.

Clarice and Elza began dating on May 3, 1946. They were married on December 24, 1947, in Fredericktown, Missouri. Elza began working for St. Joseph Lead Company in Flat River, Missouri. At night, he continued his education by attending machinist training at the Flat River Junior College. Clarice worked in the office at the shoe factory for a little while, before going back to secretarial work for Roscoe Stephens, County Superintendent of Schools. She held that position until the birth of their first son, Lon Edward Rehkop on October 31, 1955. Two more children were soon to follow: Marty Dean Rehkop on April 30, 1957, and Joyce Viane Rehkop on September 30, 1959. Clarice became a full-time mom and never returned to the employment world.

In 1959, the Rehkop family moved to St. Charles, Missouri, where Elza took employment as a machinist in the aerospace program. Elza worked for Universal Match (Unidynamics), Matco, Alliance Tool, and Kimco while in the St. Louis area. In 1962, they moved again to Fenton, Missouri. All three children began their schooling during these years, which continued until November 1967.

While living away, Elza and Clarice began constructing a home in Copper Mines. Elza and his brother, Clifford, had also acquired the old Copper Mines Schoolhouse. During their house construction, the Elza Rehkop family spent weekends at the schoolhouse. The first Sunday in July 1961 was the time that Clarice and the children began attending Sunday school at Copper Mines Church. The family had attended church there on special occasions when the Rev. Glenn Rehkop was pastor.



In the early 1960's, Glenn was pastoring in the Kansas City area, and he came to Arnold in April of 1967 to run a revival. The Elza Rehkop family was living in Fenton at this

time and attended the revival, where Elza and Clarice rededicated their lives and subsequently became regular attendees at Copper Mines. They joined the church on September 21, 1967. Elza was received by letter from Mine La Motte Free Will Baptist Church, and Clarice by baptism on July 22, 1967, by the Rev. O.D. Matthews.

In November 1967, the family moved from Fenton to Copper Mines. Elza was employed at Unidynamics in Bonne Terre, Missouri, for a few years. In November 1970, he went to work for the AMAX Lead Company of Missouri, Buick Mine, in Bixby, Missouri. He worked in the underground machine shop until his retirement in 1985.

After moving back to Copper Mines, Elza and Clarice were connected with many phases of the church work. Clarice served as Junior Class teacher for eight years, and Young Teen Class teacher for three years. She also worked in Vacation Bible School, Christmas programs, and served on various committees. Elza served as Sunday School superintendent for twelve years, Young Married Class teacher, Men's Adult Class teacher, Sunday School Convention President for three years, worked on many projects, and was ordained a deacon on November 30, 1968. One of his favorite callings has been to provide candy for the kids after Sunday services.



On April 24, 1971, Lon, Marty, and Joyce were converted during a revival. Rev. O.D. Matthews baptized the children on May 30, 1971. Lon joined the church on July 30, 1972, and Marty and Joyce on January 28, 1973. Marty and Joyce are presently on the inactive church membership list.

It has been a privilege and a great honor for the Elza Rehkop family to belong to the Copper Mines Free Will Baptist Church.

The membership has been with them for all these years to share in both joys and sorrows. They always treasure the fellowship they have enjoyed with one another, and are looking beyond this life to that great hope of the eternity with Jesus Christ, the Lord. They are proud to be members of this church during its centennial anniversary celebration.

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