

EMILY DIANNE HAMBLIN



Emily was born on September 5, 1991, at Southeast Missouri Hospital in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. She is the daughter of Nelda Lee Ferguson Holliday and Melvin Kenneth Hamblin.

Emily is a student at Fredericktown School District. She is a member of Jr. Beta Club and is on the Yearbook Staff and in the Media Club. For fun she loves to play basketball, volleyball, softball and tennis.

Emily was saved at Camp Canaan on August 8, 1998. Her Aunt Sharon Pogue had the privilege of being with her at the altar that night. She was baptized on September 5, 2004, at the Castor Baptizing Hole. She became a member of Copper Mines Free Will Baptist Church on October 16, 2005.

Written by: Emily Dianne Hamblin

ELMA K. (SOUDEN) HENSON



Elma was born on July 9, 1903, at Mine La Motte, Missouri. She was commonly known by her nickname “Dutch”. Her parents were William and Bertha Souden. She lived most of her young adult life in the Lead Belt area. She married Normal C. “Short” Henson on October 16, 1921, at Flat River, Missouri.

They were the parents of seven children: Virginia Pauline, Erma Dean, Normal C., Jr., Edwin Dennis, Betty Jean, Darrell James, and Donnie O’dell.

Virginia Pauline died in infancy, and Erma Dean passed away at the age of eight.

Normal C. ,Jr., married Alma Bollinger, and they live in Hallsville, Missouri. Two sons were born to them, Michael of Hallsville, and Larry, who passed away at the age of 47.

Edwin Dennis, who passed away in 2005, lived most of his adult life in Rockford, Illinois. Bud and his wife Carol were the parents of three daughters, Kathie and Kris of Rockford, and Karen. They also have two grandchildren.

Betty Jean married Walter C. Hovis, and they live in Florissant, Missouri. They have four children, Perry, Tim, Dan, and Lisa Beth. They all live in the Florissant area. Perry has two children, Angela and Nick, and two grandchildren.

Darrell James married Mary L. Graham, and they live in Fredericktown. They have three children. Amy R. Bell lives in DeSoto, Missouri. She has two children, Ryan and Kristin. Eric James lives in Fredericktown and has two daughters, Erica and Abilgail. Darren Ray also lives in Fredericktown and has two sons, Taylor and Ethan.

Donnie O’dell married Elinor Rehkop, and they live in Fredericktown. They have five children. Kraig lives in St. Louis; Kristopher lives in Perryville; and Kimberly, Shannon, and Megan live in Fredericktown. Shannon has two children, Danielle and Tristan.

Elma joined Copper Mines Church on September 18, 1938. Her sons Edwin and Charlie joined on September 11, 1938. Betty joined on April 18, 1948, and Jim and wife, Mary, both joined on June 17, 1951. Charlie moved his membership on March 5, 1967, and Jim and Mary moved theirs in 1993.

Elma was a faithful member and seldom missed services as long as she was able to attend. She passed away on November 25, 2001, at the age of 98 years.

AUGUST AND BLANCHE (HOWELL) HOVIS

August Hovis was born August 1, 1887, son of George Washington and Mary Catherine (Wheeler) Hovis. August and Blanche Howell were married in 1909. They were early members of Copper Mines and raised their family here. The children were Carl, Earl, Della, Pauline, and Ivan (who died young).

Carl married Mildred Agnew, and they raised their family in the church. Earl retired from the Army. He was a Major during WWII. Della Buxton and Pauline Ramsey lived out of the area.

The family lived on a farm, and Blanche was noted for her cooking skills, as she had worked on a riverboat.

August passed away September 3, 1975, and Blanche passed away October 13, 1977. They are both buried in Marcus Memorial Park, Fredericktown, Madison County, Missouri.

BENJAMIN HARRISON AND ANNIE LOUISE (TESREAU) HOVIS



Benjamin Harrison Hovis was born November 7, 1888. Harrison was a twin brother to Grover Cleveland, who lived in St. Francois County and worked in the mines. Benjamin married Annie Tesreau, who was born in 1888. They were married January 1, 1914. They had five children: Willard, George Henry, Allene Carringer, Mildred Killian, and Howard Cleo.

They lived in the Copper Mines community, and the family attended the school as well as the church. They united with the Copper Mines Church in 1908. Harrison was Sunday School superintendent for many years. He was ordained as deacon in 1937 and served until 1970.

The family was saddened when their son, Willard, was killed while serving in Germany during WWII. Benjamin Harrison passed away on January 14, 1970, and Annie passed away on December 26, 1961. They are buried at Marcus Memorial Park in Fredericktown along with their son, Willard.

CARL AND MILDRED (AGNEW) HOVIS



Carl and Mildred Hovis were long time members of the Copper Mines Free Will Baptist Church. Carl Alvin was born on February 7, 1913, the son of August and Blanche (Howell) Hovis. His sisters were Pauline (Hovis) Ramage and Della (Hovis) Buxton, and brother Earl Hovis.

Carl married Mildred Berniece Agnew on July 6, 1932. She was born on October 7, 1912, the daughter of Emmett and Maude Agnew. Her sister was Isla (Agnew) Stally.

They joined Copper Mines Church on February 25, 1951. They were a sight to see walking through the church doors with their 12 children. Their children were Carl, Jr. (Buddy), Dale, Larry, Robert, John, Bernice, Carol, Glenda, Lois, Mary, Martha, and Gail. They were accompanied by Carl's father, August, who was also a member of Copper Mines Church.

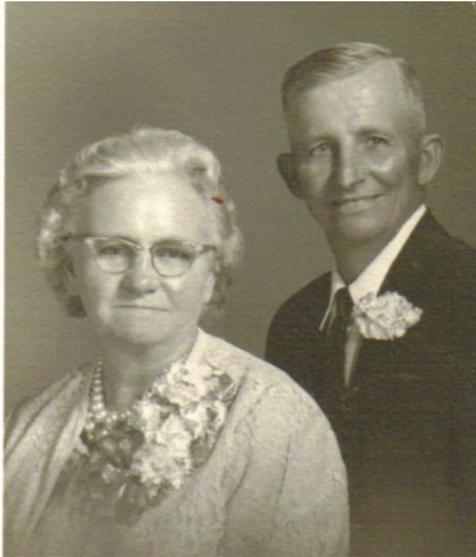
Carl was very instrumental in the church services. He served as Sunday School superintendent, Sunday School teacher, and church trustee. He was also present for many church work projects. Mildred served as nursery class teacher for many years, and children all loved her and her. Her class was also filled with her own children before they went on to the next Sunday School Class. Mildred could always be counted on for bringing a great big pan of good chicken and dumplings to many of the church dinners.

Carl and Mildred attended many of the Free Will Baptist Quarterly meetings and Missouri State Free Will Baptist Association meetings after his retirement.

Mildred passed away on March 8, 1985, and Carl very soon followed her on April 13, 1985. They were buried at Marcus Memorial Park, Madison County, Missouri. The Copper Mines Church was richly blessed by this faithful caring couple.

Written by: Clarice Marie Rehkop

CLARENCE ALBERT AND ESTHER (GRAHAM) HOVIS



Clarence Albert was born in 1892. He was the son of George Washington and Mary Catherine (Wheeler) Hovis. He married Esther Graham in 1913. They lived in St. Francois County where Al worked in the mines. They moved back to Madison County, and the family lived on farms and continued in mining.

They had five children: Marie, Lindell, Kathaleen, Dorothy, and Harry. The five children were all members of Copper Mines at the same time. Esther and Al originally joined the church around 1908. Al remained a member until his death. During the time they lived away from Fredericktown, Esther was not listed as a member of Copper Mines. She rejoined the church

September 26, 1937. Esther served as church clerk from May 1918 to May 1920. She taught several different Sunday School classes.

Their daughter, Marie, married Earl Graham. They were the parents of four children: Thelma, Lindell “Sonny”, Mary, and Robert Earl, Jr. Marie and Earl both served faithfully at Copper Mines Church.

Lindell married a Copper Mines girl, Lillian Underwood, after serving in WWII. His overseas time was spent in Italy. They were the parents of four children: Judy Lytle, Brenda Blankenship, Kenneth, and Roger.

Kathaleen married Glendall “Cookie” La Brot when he returned from WWII. They made their home in Flat River, Missouri. They were the parents of two children, Terry and Robin. Terry lives in California with his wife, Rosemary. Robin and her husband, Robbie Schrage live in Festus, Missouri. Their children are Dena, Eric and Heather. Kathaleen and Cookie moved to Arnold and attended the Grace Free Will Baptist Church.

Dorothy was her mother’s faithful caregiver, in addition to working at the shoe factory for 40 years. She remains a member of Copper Mines Free Will Baptist Church.

Harry served in the U.S. Army from December 1952 to December 1954. He has worked for the U.S. Postal Service in Fredericktown since 1959. Harry has been the church treasurer for 50 years.

Al and Esther were faithful to attend church services at Copper Mines. Al passed away on November 18, 1973, and Esther passed away on October 22, 1982.

Written by: Thelma Sikes

**DAVID, SALLY (PIRTLE), JENNIFER, BETHANY AND DAVID III
HOVIS**



David Lee Hovis, Jr., the first child of David Lee Hovis, Sr., and Roberta Carol (Leonard) Hovis, was born December 23, 1959, at Ironton, Missouri. His sister and brothers are Tamelia Hovis, Michael Hovis, and Neal Hovis. David's family lived in Fredericktown when he was born, but they moved to Fort Myers, Florida, when he was four years old. David was raised in Florida, but during summer months he often visited his grandparents, Harmon and Norma Hovis, at the Hovis Farm in Fredericktown. During his visits, he went with them to Copper Mines Church.

Sally Jean (Pirtle) Hovis, the sixth child of Floyd Ray and Lela Maybeth (Chapman) Pirtle, was born November 12, 1962, at Fredericktown, Missouri. Her brothers and sisters are Steve, Sue, Stan, Shelby, Stuart (Butch) and Sherri. The Pirtle family lived in Mill Creek when she was born. During that time they attended Mill Creek Free Will Baptist Church. When she was seven years old, they moved to Mine La Motte and began attending church at Copper Mines, where her Uncle O.D. and Aunt Stella Matthews were pastoring.

After graduation from high school in 1978, David worked for a John Deere dealership, Sandland Equipment Company. He moved to Missouri in 1980 because he had always wanted to move back. In July 1980, David began working for Glatt Equipment Company in Farmington, Missouri, until they went out of business in 1983. He then worked at Winning Equipment Company in Herculaneum for six years. David began working for the Department of Corrections at the Potosi Correctional Center in August of 1989. David continues to work at Potosi Correctional Center as a Transportation Officer.

Sally graduated from high school in 1981 and worked at the Schnapp, Graham and Reid Law Firm for five years. In 1986, Sally began employment at the Farmington Correctional Center as a secretary in the Investigator's Office. While she worked at Farmington Correctional Center for the next eight years, Sally felt that the Lord was calling her to become a public school teacher, so she took college classes at night. After graduating with a teaching degree in 1994, the Lord blessed her with a teaching job right away at Farmington School District. She taught first grade there for the next eight years. In 2001, she graduated from college with a Master's Degree in Education. Sally chose to leave Farmington to teach in her hometown of Fredericktown in 2002. At Fredericktown School District, she taught first grade for two years and then switched to second grade. She has been teaching second grade for two years. Sally also enjoys teaching part-time at the local campus of Mineral Area College.

David was saved when he was 11 years old. While he was growing up in Florida he attended church with his mother and sometimes with his grandparents, Charles and Kathryn Leonard. David became a member of Copper Mines Church in 1985. He has served the church in several capacities including, Sunday School teacher, trustee, children's church worker, Bible School worker, usher, and song leader. David was ordained as a deacon at Copper Mines on November 14, 1998.

Sally has many fond memories of growing up in Copper Mines Church. She was saved at the age of 15 years old at a church revival. She became a member of Copper Mines on October 21, 1979. Through the years, Sally has served in several capacities at the church including children's church worker, children's choir leader, Bible School teacher, Sunday School teacher, and youth camp counselor.

When David moved to Missouri permanently in 1980, matchmaking family and friends got busy. David and Sally began dating on Valentine's Day in 1981. They were married on July 23, 1982, at Copper Mines Church by Bro. Raymond Michael. David and Sally are blessed to be the parents of three children, Jennifer, Bethany and David Lee.

Jennifer Marie Hovis was born October 15, 1986. She is a student at Mineral Area College and employed part-time as a cashier at Country Mart Supermarket in Fredericktown. In the future, Jenny plans to continue taking college classes to become a landscaper, but more than anything she wants to be a wife and mother. Jenny was saved at Camp Canaan when she was eight years old. She was baptized and joined Copper Mines Church on October 8, 1995. Jenny has served in several capacities at the church, including Bible School worker, church camp junior counselor, nursery worker, and church janitor. She feels the Lord has called her to short-term missions. During the summer of 2003, she participated in a church mission trip to the Indian Bible College in Flagstaff, Arizona. During the summer of 2005, Jenny was part of a Free Will Baptist E-Team group that went to the country of Cuba. Most recently, during the summer of 2006, Jenny was privileged to be part of a College Missions Team that went to the country of Kazakhstan.

Bethany Mae Hovis was born August 5, 1991. She is a student at Fredericktown High School. She enjoys participating in the school choir and band, performing in school plays and musicals, and she is a member of the Academic Team, Student Council and Beta Club. Bethany was saved at Camp Canaan when she was 5 years old before she was even old enough to be a camper. She was baptized and joined Copper Mines Church on September 14, 1997. Bethany has served the church in several capacities including Bible School worker, nursery worker, and helping with praise and worship. On her thirteenth birthday, Bethany answered the call to become a full-time missionary. She feels that she has been called to the foreign missions field. In the future, Bethany plans to major in missions and music education with a minor in performing arts. She has dedicated herself to follow wherever the Lord's will is for her to serve as a missionary.

David Lee Hovis, III, was born April 25, 1995. He is a student at Fredericktown Middle School. David Lee enjoys playing baseball and football on the town leagues, and he likes

to play basketball with his friends. In the future, David Lee hopes to play in the NFL for the Rams football team or become a Fredericktown Black Cats football coach. He was saved at Camp Canaan when he was seven years old. David Lee was baptized and joined Copper Mines Church on March 2, 2003. He enjoys going to church at Copper Mines and taking part in all the youth activities. David Lee continues to grow as a Christian and learn about God through Sunday School, Bible School and church camp.

Through the years, David and Sally have accumulated many fond memories of good services and fellowship with the congregation of Copper Mines Church. Copper Mines has provided their family with a firm spiritual foundation, which will last long into the future. They look forward to many more years of spiritual growth and service at Copper Mines Church.

Written by: Sally (Pirtle) Hovis

DOROTHY MAE HOVIS



Dorothy was the fourth child of Clarence Albert and Esther Hovis. Dorothy lived with her family on the farm in the German community. She graduated from Mine La Motte High School. She went to work at the shoe factory, where she was the “back shoe girl” for many years. She retired after 40 years of service in the shoe industry.

Dorothy’s parents were farmers. The farm was sold when they could no longer maintain it, and the family moved to Fredericktown.

Dorothy was her mother’s faithful care-giver. After Esther broke her hip and had surgery, she was unable to return home. Dorothy was by her mother’s side even when she was in Stockhoff Memorial Nursing Home.

Dorothy joined Copper Mines Church on September 1, 1940. Of the current members, Dorothy is the person who has been a member for the longest period of time. She taught Sunday School classes, sang in the choir, and played the piano. Copper Mines Church has been blessed by her many years of faithful service.

Written by: Thelma Sikes

GEORGE HENRY AND OPHELIA (BROWN) HOVIS



George Henry Hovis, son of Harrison and Annie (Tessreau) Hovis, was born February 1, 1919, in Madison County. He attended school at Copper Mines, and worked at National Lead Mines and Brown Shoe Company. Ophelia Marie Brown was the daughter of Ferd and Clara (Pogue) Brown. They were married on June 30, 1945, in Fredericktown, Missouri.

George and Ophelia were the parents of five children: Leemon Henry, born January 3, 1947; Clifford Eugene, born March 16, 1950; Arthur Ray, born July 5, 1951; Anna Mae, born February 4, 1949; and Charles Lee, born

July 28, 1958. Leemon has one son, Jason. Clifford has three sons, Chris, Sam and Alex, and one daughter, Lisa. Arthur has two sons, Zent and Kalan. George and Ophelia's children all attended the German Grade School and Fredericktown High School.

The family lived in the Copper Mines community and attended Copper Mines Church. George united with Copper Mines Church on September 5, 1937. Ophelia joined the church in July 1945. Clifford, Arthur, Anna Mae, and Charles were all members of Copper Mines Church at one point in their lives. On November 14, 1970, George was ordained as a deacon, a position he held until his sudden death on January 30, 1999. He was buried at Marcus Memorial Park. Ophelia and all of the children still live in the Fredericktown area.

Written by: Thelma Sikes

GEORGE W. AND MARY CATHERINE (WHEELER) HOVIS

George Washington Hovis was born February 28, 1854. Mary Wheeler was born September 14, 1859. They were married between 1882 and 1886. This couple lived in the Copper Mines area. George and Mary united with the church in 1908. George was a farmer and Mary a housewife. Sometime during their years they also lived in Iron Mountain, Missouri.

They were the parents of eight sons and one daughter. August was the eldest, next were twin sons, Grover Cleveland and Benjamin Harrison, then John Henry Clay, James Chesley, Clarence Albert, Tina Ethel, Alexandra Graham Bell, and Harmon David. George and Mary were buried in the Mine La Motte Cemetery at Mine La Motte, Missouri.

Written by: Thelma Sikes

HARMON DAVID AND NORMA (GREEN) HOVIS



Harmon Hovis, the eighth son of George Washington and Mary Catherine (Wheeler) Hovis, was born February 25, 1903, at White Oak Community, Madison County, Missouri. His brothers were August, Grover Cleveland, Benjamin Harrison, John Henry Clay, James Chesley, Clarence Albert, and Alexander Graham Bell; and his sister was Tina Ethel.

Norma Green, the second daughter of Rufus and Virginia (Heath) Green, was born February 7, 1910, at Hiram, Wayne County, Missouri. Her brother was James Carroll; and her sisters were Opal Ernestine Hovis, Thelma Monita Mills, and Alice Pauline McGee.

On September 3, 1928, Harmon Hovis married Norma Green in Fredericktown, Missouri. They were married by Rev. Benjamin Barber. Their marriage was a big surprise to their families. The newlyweds quickly left for Michigan, where Harmon had employment in the Barnum Brothers Fiber Company. Norma obtained employment with the F.W. Woolworth Company.

After 14 years with Barnum Brothers Fiber Company, the family moved to Hillsdale County, Michigan, to a dairy farm. During the years at the dairy farm, the family was active at Locust Corners Baptist Church. Norma worked with the Juniors. While they were in Michigan, Harmon and Norma became the parents of four children: Barbara Ann, born December 30, 1933, in Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan; David Lee, Sr., born January 1, 1938, in Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan; Dennis Ray "Pete", born December 25, 1942, in Hudson, Lenawee County, Michigan; and Virginia Kay, born August 18, 1946, in Hudson, Lenawee County, Michigan.

In March 1950, the family moved to Arcadia, Florida, where Harmon worked for Soil Conservation, and Norma worked at DeSoto Tanning Company. While there, the family attended the North Hillsborough Baptist Church. In 1951, they moved back to Missouri, where Harmon raised registered Hampshire hogs. Norma maintained a flock of egg-laying chickens and sold the eggs to the Bob Green Hatchery. She also briefly worked at Trimfoot Shoe Company in Farmington. Later, Norma was employed at Blair's Department Store in Fredericktown, serving 18 years as store manager.

Harmon and Norma united with the Copper Mines Free Will Baptist Church, on July 22, 1951. Norma taught the High Teens Class for many years. Harmon always sang in the church choir, and one of his favorite songs was "Living by Faith." For many years, Harmon and Norma hosted the Copper Mines Church Sunday School Picnic at their farm.

The children of Harmon and Norma are listed below, along with their spouses and their descendants.

Barbara Ann married Charles Sikes, son of Jesse and Virgie Sikes. Barbara and Charles live in Fredericktown. They have one son, Kenneth Dale. Dale married Sherri Brake, and they have one son, Andrew. Before retirement, Charles was a self-employed mechanic, and Barbara was a registered nurse at Farmington Community Hospital in Farmington, Missouri.

David Lee, Sr., married Roberta Carol Leonard, daughter of Charles and Kathryn Leonard. David, Sr., and Carol live in North Fort Myers, Florida. They have four children, David, Jr., Tammy, Michael, and Neal. David, Jr., married, Sally Pirtle, and they have three children, Jennifer, Bethany, and David, III. Tammy is not married. Michael married Sandy Shreffler, and they have one daughter, Ashley. Neal married Susan Hall, and they have two daughters, Katie and Abby. David, Sr., retired from John Deere, and Carol worked at a Nursing Home.

Dennis Ray "Pete" married Patricia Ann Williams, daughter of Herbert and Edith Williams. Pete and Pat live in Fredericktown. They have two sons, James Kevin and Ronald Carey. Kevin married Michelle McClellan, and they have two daughters, Morgan and Macey. Carey is not married. Pete retired from Boeing Aircraft, and Pat retired from New Era Bank.

Virginia Kay married Clifford Leon "Dag" Rehkop, son of Clifford and Glenda "Tootie" Rehkop. Kay and Dag live in the Oak Grove Community. They have one daughter, Amanda. Amanda married Greg Stumbaugh. Kay is the County Treasurer of Madison County, and Dag retired from Morgan Wrightman.

Norma died on June 25, 1981, at Farmington Community Hospital, Farmington, Missouri. Harmon was a resident of Ozark Nursing Home prior to his death on January 27, 1988, in Fredericktown, Missouri. They are buried beside each other at Marcus Memorial Park, Fredericktown, Madison County, Missouri.

Written by: Thelma Sikes and Sally Pirtle Hovis

HARRY EDGAR HOVIS



Harry was the youngest son of Clarence Albert and Esther Hovis. He served in the U.S. Army from December 1952 to December 1954. During the Korean War he was stationed in France. He had local employments with Brown Shoe Company and the Democrat News before going to work for the U.S. Postal Service in 1959. He works at the customer service window every morning.

Harry liked to play baseball and go to the Cardinal games. When Fredericktown had a traveling team, he was there. When Copper Mines Church had a men's softball team, he enjoyed playing with them. He also liked to bowl. He routinely walks or jogs for daily exercise on U.S. Highway 67 and Missouri Highway 72.

Harry joined the church in 1946, and he has missed very few services since, except for the two years he was in the Army. Harry was elected Sunday School secretary and church treasurer in 1956. Copper Mines Church honored him in 2006 for serving in that position for 50 years.

Written by: Thelma Sikes

HOWARD AND ADELIA (THOMAS) HOVIS



Howard Cleo Hovis, youngest son of Harrison and Annie (Tessreau) Hovis, and Adelia Lee Thomas, daughter of Ray and Mattie (Killian) Thomas, were married in December 1952 in Arkansas. Their children are Lawanna, who lives in Marquand, Missouri, and Wally and his wife, Gail, who live in Virginia. They made their home in Madison County for several years. Later they moved to Virginia Beach, Virginia, where



they lived for many years. They then moved back to Fredericktown and Copper Mines Church. They spent several months driving an eighteen-wheeler over the entire United States. When they retired from that, Dee went to work for the State Department while they lived in Farmington.

Dee united with Copper Mines Church on April 18, 1948, and Howard became a member on August 11, 1946. Dee was noted for how she used her wonderful musical voice to sing in church. As her health failed, she spent her last months at Stockhoff Memorial Nursing Home and passed away May 14, 2006.

JAMES CHESLEY AND MADGE ANNIE (TAWFALL) HOVIS



James Chesley Hovis was born January 16, 1894 in Butler County, Missouri. He was the son of George and Mary Wheeler Hovis. His brothers and sisters were August, Harrison, Grover Cleveland, Albert, John, Alexander, Harmon, and Tina. He also had a step-brother Ferdinand Hovis, and a step-sister Minnie Hovis Link. He was one of the early members of Copper Mines Free Will Baptist Church, joining in 1908. He served in the U. S. Army in World War I, in Company M, of the 350th Infantry, 88 Division. He served overseas from August 16, 1918, to May 30, 1919. James was honorably discharged on June 7, 1919. He was greeted by family and friends when he got off the train at Mine La Motte

Station upon his return home. After returning from service, James married Madge Annie Tawfall on July 15, 1920. Madge, the daughter of John and Mary (Plummer) Tawfall, was born September 7, 1900 in Madison County, Missouri. Her brothers and sister were Ivan, Charles, Earl, and Goldie.



During the earlier years of marriage, James and Madge lived in Farmington, St. Francois County, Missouri. They had five children: Lloyd, Milton, Evelyn, James Ivan, and Walter. Around 1931, the family moved to a farm in the Copper Mines Community where James engaged in farming. They lived in a home on the Copper Mines Road that is now owned by Vernon and Thelma Sikes. Madge joined Copper Mines Church in 1937.

Eventually, all the children became members of the church. At that time, church service was held in the Copper Mines School. The James Hovis family became active in many church functions. Madge taught Sunday School, played the piano, and sang special songs. During the 1940's, the project was conceived to build a new church building. Donations were made for years. James was a signatory on the banknote required to build the new building.

The family and church was struck with tragedy, when the youngest son James Ivan died suddenly on October 1, 1948, at the young age of 17. James Ivan was born at Farmington, Missouri, on February 27, 1931. He was a senior at Mine La Motte High School at the time of his death. He was buried in Marcus Memorial Park, Madison County, Missouri. The other children of James and Madge eventually married, left the area, or moved to other churches. Lloyd married Naomi Tinsley and lives in Fredericktown. Milton married Phyllis Bollinger and lives in Fredericktown. Walter married Betty Henson and lives in Florissant, Missouri. Evelyn married Glenn Rehkop and lives in Arnold, Missouri.

James was a member of Copper Mines until his death on March 24, 1961. He was buried in Marcus Memorial Park. Madge continued as a faithful member after James died. She eventually left the farm and moved to a house in Fredericktown. Madge frequently sang special songs during worship service, with "In Times Like These" being one of her favorite songs. Madge died March 8, 1973. She was also buried in Marcus Memorial Park near her husband and son.

Written By: Lon Edward Rehkop

LINDELL AND LILLIAN (UNDERWOOD) HOVIS



Lindell Hovis, son of Albert and Esther Hovis, was born on August 20, 1920, and Lillian Underwood Hovis, daughter of Vester and Edith Underwood, was born on February 15, 1925. Both Lindell and Lillian became a part of Copper Mines Free Will Baptist Church by following the example set by his parents and her mother. Lillian joined the church on September 11, 1938, at the age of 13. Lindell was 20 when he joined the church. Soon after becoming a member of the church, he left to serve in the Army during World War II. After returning from the war they began a courtship. This love continued throughout their marriage of some 46 years ending with Lillian's death on June 23, 1993.

When they decided to marry, it just seemed logical to ask the pastor of Copper Mines, Woodrow Matthews, to marry them. On April 5, 1947, Lindell and Lillian, along with two witnesses, Dorothy Hovis (groom's sister) and Leo Souden (bride's uncle), met at the home of Woodrow and Blanche and became man and wife.

Lindell worked for the National Lead Company, and Lillian worked for Brown's Shoe Company until she became a full-time wife and mother.

Children were added to their union. Judy (Hovis) Lytle was born on February 21, 1948, followed by Brenda (Hovis) Blankenship on November 7, 1949. Two sons, Kenneth and Roger, completed the family on June 5, 1952, and February 28, 1961.

Lindell was active in the church and was ordained as a deacon on August 29, 1955. He took this responsibility very seriously. Lillian was always looking for ways to serve in the local church and was counted as a teacher for Sunday School and Vacation Bible School.

Lindell and Lillian were godly parents and saw their children come to Christ at young ages. Over the years all four children have served the Lord as international missionaries, pastor's wife, teachers, choir members, and faithful church members.

When the lead mines in Southeast Missouri closed down, Lindell Hovis, along with many others, was left looking for work. After a year of doing odd jobs, Lindell acquired a good job at Mississippi Valley Structural Steel Company. The problem was the job was in St. Louis. Lindell would drive up to St. Louis early Monday morning and stay the entire week returning on Friday evening. This arrangement got old very quickly. On Labor

Day in 1962, Lindell moved his entire family up to Maplewood, Missouri, so they could once again be together as a family.

The move went well and the kids quickly adjusted to living in a big city, but almost every weekend they would drive back to Fredericktown to see family and most of all to attend church. As time went on it became more and more difficult to make the two hour trip so frequently. Also, it was impossible to become active in a local church in the St. Louis area. On August 18, 1963, Lindell, Lillian and family moved their church membership from Copper Mines FWB Church to Fourth FWB Church in St. Louis.

Even though their membership was in a different church, their love and appreciation for Copper Mines never changed. It was a place dear to the hearts of Lindell and Lillian until their deaths. Thank God for a place where truth is preached and friends and family can worship. Thank the Lord for Copper Mines Free Will Baptist Church and the influence it has had on so many over the years.

Written by: Judy Lytle

WILLARD E. HOVIS



Willard E. Hovis, son of Harrison B. and Annie Elizabeth (Tessreau) Hovis, was born January 24, 1921. He was born in Madison County and spent most of his youth in and around Fredericktown. He had two brothers, George Henry and Howard. His sisters are Allene Carringer and Mildred Killian. Willard attended the Copper Mines School.

After finishing school he engaged in various occupations including farming and carpentry. At the time he was inducted into the service, he was employed at the Fredericktown Lead Company.

He entered the service of his country on July 10, 1942. He received his basic training at Camp Carson, Colorado. He spent almost three years in various camps in the states. During that time he received many medals for his service, including the Good Conduct Medal, the Sharp Shooter Medal for Rifle, and Expert Medal for Machine Gun, Carbine and Mortar.

Willard left for overseas in January 1945, with the 89th Infantry Division. He was part of General Patton's Army where he served two months before his death. He departed this life March 26, 1945, at St. Goar, Germany, at the age of twenty-four years, two months and two days. He was awarded the Purple Heart posthumously.

Willard professed faith in Christ at the age of 16 and united with the Copper Mines Free Will Baptist Church. He was a devoted member and took an active part in all church affairs until his death. Willard was a friend to all, and friends and family felt their loss was heaven's gain.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, August 1, at the Free Will Baptist Church with Rev. Woodrow Matthews in charge. Interment was in Marcus Memorial Cemetery. His parents are buried nearby. The American Legion Post #248 and VFW Post #4320 had a graveside service with military honors.

CLARA JUNE (REHKOP) HOWELL



Clara June “Midge” Rehkop was born September 28, 1940 at Copper Mines, Missouri. She was the daughter of Clifford Sylvester and Glenda Marie “Tootie” Wengler Rehkop. Her brothers and sisters were Carolyn Ann, Clifford Leon “Dag”, John Dale “Storm”, Janet Marie, Linda Kay “Katy”, Leonard Henry “Penn”, Carl Lee “Will”, Nancy Elaine “Nan”, Charlene “Shorty”, Ricky “Dick”, and Terry.

Midge went to grade school at Copper Mines School. One of her favorite teachers was Mrs. Brown. She went to high school at Mine La Motte and graduated in 1957. The Clifford

Rehkop family lived in a house by the Copper Mines Road, about three-fourths of a mile east of Copper Mines Free Will Baptist Church. Tootie and the children attended the church regularly. Midge joined the church on June 17, 1951.

On February 2, 1958, Midge married Carl Howell at Copper Mines Church. Carl, the son of Melvin and Jane Howell, also attended Copper Mines Church. After marriage, Midge and Carl moved to Arnold, Missouri, where they raised a family. Their children are Kevin, Carla, Duaine “Tub”, and Paul.

Fishing and hunting were a tradition for the Howell family. They had a camper and made numerous fishing trips to lakes all over the United States. At times, they were accompanied by Melvin and Jane Howell or Tootie Rehkop.

In addition to raising kids, Midge worked for McDonnell-Douglas in St. Louis for almost thirty years. A few years before retirement, Midge became ill and had to quit working. Even with her illness, she took as many fishing trips as possible. Midge died on January 6, 1995, in Chesterfield, Missouri. She was buried in Marcus Memorial Park, Madison County, Missouri. At the time of her death, she had been a member of Copper Mines Church for almost 44 years.

Written by: Lon Edward Rehkop.

MELVIN H. AND JANE (HUGHES) HOWELL



Melvin H. Howell was born in Fredericktown, Missouri, on October 13, 1911. His parents were Phillip A. Howell and Maude (Pogue) Howell. They lived in Madison County for awhile, then moved to St. Louis for a few years in order to find a job. They moved back to Fredericktown during the depression years.

Melvin was unable to find work. His cousin offered him a job, so he went down to Eminence, Missouri to work. There he met Jane Hughes. She was the daughter of Stephen

Hughes and Adaline (Ward) Hughes. Later they were married. Jane was born July 23, 1917, at Eminence, Missouri.

On February 20, 1937 their first son, John Melvin was born. A little girl soon followed. Marjory Jane was born January 30, 1938. The next year on February 6th another son was born. He was named Carl Howard. A few years later on August 18, 1948, another girl was added to the family. She was named Billie Delana.

In the forties they began attending Copper Mines Church. They did not attend regularly until Melvin accepted the Lord. Jane had been converted and baptized when she was 15 years old. Jane was baptized again when Melvin was. They became members of the Copper Mines Church on October 29, 1950.

Melvin was called to preach June 26, 1955. He was licensed to preach October 8, 1955, and ordained October 26, 1957. He pastored several churches until his health was so bad that he had to retire. He passed away May 9, 1991. He remained faithful to his Lord even though he was unable to attend his church.

John went into service, and he met and married Wendy Titterington from England on March 30, 1957. They were blessed with five sons, Melvin, LeeRoy, Garry, Adam, and Phillip. LeeRoy passed away May 1, 1980.

Marjory was married to Lindell Graham on June 18, 1956. They had four children also, Mark, Kelly, Allan and Todd. Marjory was converted and baptized in 1951.

Carl married June Rehkop February 1, 1958. They also had four children, Kevin, Karla, Duain and Paul. June passed away January 6, 1995.

Billie was married to Terry Snow of Palmyra, Missouri, on April 16, 1965. Three children were born to the couple. They were Terry, Stephen and Christina. Stephen passed away December 20, 1988. Billie passed away in a car wreck on July 23, 2001. Billie was converted and baptized, May 5, 1956.

Written by: Jane Howell

JERALD THOMAS HUFFMAN



Jerald Thomas Huffman was born on November 11, 1937. He was the son of Nettie (Adams) Huffman and Clarence Huffman. He married the former Shirley Underwood on October 14, 1955. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Glenn Rehkop at his home in Fredericktown. They were the parents of two sons, Steve and Robert and two daughters, Peggy and Barbara. Jerry was saved at Copper Mines Free Will Baptist Church on October 9, 1957, and baptized at the Slime Pond at Mine La Motte by Glenn Rehkop. He united with the church on October 28, 1957.

Jerry served in many different capacities as a church member. He was an usher, song leader, Sunday school teacher, and was ordained as a deacon on January 28, 1961. The Huffman Family was known locally as a featured singing group. They could be counted on for special singing at many church services.

Jerry passed away on July 27, 1981. Jerry was a great asset to the Copper Mines Free Will Baptist Church. He was sadly missed by his many friends and relatives. The church was truly fortunate to have him as a member. His witty sense of humor and Christian influence was a great inspiration during his few short years.

Written by: Clarice Marie Rehkop