



# *Remembering*

*more than one hundred years*

*Seventh-day Adventist Church  
Fort Collins, Colorado*

**1887-1990**

"Remember how it was with  
you in the past... You knew  
that you still possessed some-  
thing much better, which  
would last forever. Do not  
lose your courage, then,  
because it brings with it a  
great reward."

Hebrews 10:32,34,35  
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*Sabbath, November 10th, 1990*

John R. Martin, Pastor





## A HISTORY OF THE FORT COLLINS ADVENTIST CHURCH

November 10, 1990

The Seventh-day Adventists church in Fort Collins was founded by an evangelist, Elder J.D. Pegg, who held a tent effort during the summer of 1886. He wrote to the conference that he had baptized ten persons and that a Sabbath School of thirty had been organized. He sold \$65.00 worth of books and the evening collections had also amounted to \$65.00 and in all Adventist homes he had taken a subscription for the denominational paper, The Review and Herald.

The next spring on February 5, 1887 twelve charter members signed the following covenant: "We the undersigned hereby associate ourselves together as a church, taking the name Seventh-day Adventists and covenanting to keep the commandments of God and the Faith of Jesus".<sup>2</sup>

We have the name of only one charter member, Mary D. Cook, whose name remained on the books for forty years, transferring out February 14, 1927. Some of the other very early names are:

Mrs. M.S. Allen	Feb. 12, 1887	by vote
W.H. Workman	Feb. 12, 1887	by vote
Charles Clemens	July 16, 1892	by letter
Mr. & Mrs. W.H. Campbell	July 16, 1892	by baptism
Della Clemens	June 4, 1893	by vote
Gertie Moon Bilyean	June 4, 1893	by vote
Phoebe Moon	June 4, 1894	by letter
Fannie Lambrecht	June 4, 1894	by baptism <sup>3</sup>

The newly organized church had no meeting place so Mr. W.H. Workman opened his home at 317 E. Mulberry Street for church services, and Mrs. Minda Sickman Keck, her home at 605 S. College Avenue where Dr. Beebe's office now stands, for Sabbath School classes.

In the early days money was scarce, but after several months a small church was erected on the corner of Olive and Whedbee streets. From the architecture of the buildings we believe that the small frame house on the N.E. corner was the original building.

The congregation very soon outgrew its modest little church home and looked for more spacious quarters. Fortunately just at that time, the Methodists were needing a larger building, so they sold their church located on east Mountain Avenue to the Adventists. Later on the first building was purchased by Mr. Robert Leonard who remodeled it into a dwelling which is still standing.

Seventh-day Adventists, from the early days of their organization have sacrificed in order to give their children a christian education. The Fort Collins church in this respect was no exception. Since the church on east Mountain was spacious, and there were about fifteen children of school age, a church school was started with Charles Clemens as teacher. Lila Campbell Armitage remembers attending this school with four of the Clemens children, Edward Hurzler, Ida Erickbaum and Lillian Dawkins.

Fathers and mothers soon reached the conclusion that the city was a most undesirable place for a school and plans were promptly on foot for a change of location. Lots at the S.E. corner of Whedbee and Magnolia were purchased and a new church building started and completed sometime within a few years after the turn of the century. Elder Watson Ziegler was the first pastor.<sup>2</sup>

This church on the S.E. corner of Whedbee and Magnolia, now owned by the Mennonite congregation, was home for the Seventh-day Adventist people for more than 50 years from 1901 to 1955.



The church clerk records which the church holds today go back only to 1906. History cannot be constructed from the bits and pieces recorded during board and business meetings, yet there is much of interest and the paragraphs drawn here, unless otherwise noted, are taken from these records.

The church at Fort Collins, with a membership of 60 in 1906, was one of several churches in a district which had only one pastor for a wide area. The church seems to have been very much a layman's organization--pastors not seen for several weeks, or months. Even as late as 1938, the church board was chaired by an elder and the pastor was seldom present. The sabbath services were conducted by laymen and visiting speakers. Church board minutes during the 1920's and 30's regularly list the persons who would be responsible for a given sabbath service, and the prayer meetings. One sabbath a month was designated "Home Missionary" day, always 13th sabbath was a children's program during the church service, sometimes "Campion" or "Greeley" were listed, and of course many lay leaders' names. In 1936 Elder Grant was in charge of the quarterly meeting on January 4, then no pastor is scheduled until July 25, where it was later noted: "Elder Andress (could not be present)" and August 29 "Elder Andress (not present)," the parentheses presumably added after the date.

Then as today, one of the major concerns of the board meetings was the upkeep of the church.

July 8, 1906 - concern about painting the church.

May 13, 1907 - there was need for new hitching posts. It was thought that 18 posts would be needed, that they should buy good pitch posts and make sure they were properly set. There was also a need for an ash pit and some brick had already been donated. The need for a walk was discussed, also papering the rooms of the church.

A few months later (Oct. 13, 1907) there was a notice from the City Treasurer that the tax for connecting with the sewer would be about \$100.00. To pay for this it was decided to tax each member of the church \$1.00, to be paid by November 1, "although none will be compelled to pay this amount." August 12, 1908 - the sidewalk had not been built yet and the discussion of the business meeting concerned itself with what would be the best and cheapest material. It was "suggested that a concrete walk could be laid with least expense and brethren could do the work." At the same meeting "Brother Copeland was asked to ascertain the cost of electric lights for the building."

To pay for the new projects for the church building it was voted May 1, 1909, to sell 90-100 feet of the east end of the lot "for not less than \$400.00." At that meeting they were also discussing a lighting system. "The merits of gas, gasoline and electricity were discussed." Brother Golliday was to ascertain the cost of installing and maintaining the different systems and report at the next meeting. The meeting also considered setting out trees on the lot and a committee of three sisters were to arrange painting and cleaning the walls of the church.

At the July business meeting Brother Golliday "reported that he had not been able to get any offer for the part of the church lot offered for sale that was satisfactory so no funds for improvements could be obtained from that source."

The report at the end of 1909 indicated that \$1,190.00 was paid into the church during that year. For 1912 \$602.01 in tithe and missions was sent to the conference--there is no figure for local expenditures.

It is not possible to tell from the minutes how many of the projects voted were actually carried out. Many were voted to be done "as money is available," so when the need comes up two or three years later, does that mean nothing had been done yet, was it just unfinished, or did things need to be painted again? February 11, 1910 - "It was voted to calcimin the small rooms of the church." May 15, 1910 - it was ascertained that the price for the cement walk would be 10¢ per sq foot, the total probably \$125.00. They also expected to put a curb across the front and half of the



side of the lot which would cost \$43.00. February 29, 1912 - there was need of a toilet inside the building. March 1914 - still concerned about an indoor toilet, and hoping once again to pay for projects by selling half of the lot. November 5, 1916 - need to fix front steps. July 21, 1917 - "It was voted that the church be painted white." Apparently the painting was accomplished for an October 7, 1917 entry indicated the expense for the painting that summer was \$100.65.

Some revenues came into the church by renting it on Sunday. In 1906 the Presbyterians were renting the church. December 30, 1916 - "The matter of church rent was considered and decided to let each party have the church for \$6.00 a month and each furnish their own coal." In October 1917 it was voted to give notice that the LDS church could not use the church after October 26.

On more than one occasion it was thought to assess the members directly for church expense. One such record is March 31, 1918: "Sister Hay accepted the task of collecting from each church member \$.35 a month, ten cents for sabbath school and twenty-five cents for church expenses."

The January 5, 1919 annual business meeting took pledges toward church repair. There were ten pledges recorded by the clerk, ranging from \$1, \$2, \$2.50 and one persons a high of \$5.00.

The church expense budget for 1926 with a membership of 24 was \$74.69, compared to a total of tithes, sabbath school offerings, ingathering, etc. of \$1,112.94 for that year. The following year a major remodeling took place. They were to buy shingles, sell the stove and get a furnace, they also bought pews. It was also in 1927 that tithe envelopes from the General Conference were introduced. 3

Ermel Meyer, who with her husband Ed, were leaders in the church from 1920 onward, recalled in 1956 the many improvements made to the church building under the leadership of Elder C.E. Grant, pastor during the Twenties. She said that the members rallied to the task before them of painting and redecorating the building, wiring for electric lights, installing a furnace and buying a piano; financing the project mostly with food sales. Elder Grant worked tirelessly for days excavating part of the church basement making a large room where school could be held.

By 1950 the Lord's house that had served the Adventist church in Fort Collins for so many years had its day. The auditorium was overcrowded and extensive remodeling would be necessary to make the basement adequate for the children's sabbath school. As far back as 1945 a few members had began laying aside annually, funds for a new church building. An ideal lot was purchased on the N.E. corner of Pitkin and Whedbee in a beautiful section of the city.

The lot was held by the Beebe's until sufficient funds could be raised to go forward with the project on July 8, 1944. A building committee of seven was appointed. This group was to encourage a long range fund raising program. Ten months later the building committee reported \$6,500.00 in the Colorado Conference.

In September 1953 the building committee presented a church design and definite plans were laid for a new structure. Money raising began in earnest, the blessings of God were added and much was accomplished. Full support was given by the members in work, money and donated labor. Food sales played no small part in augmenting the building fund. More than \$2,000.00 was raised by faithful women who every month baked and carried rolls, cakes, pies and bread to the Safeway store on College Avenue where buyers were often already waiting. Gifts and many discounts from people not of our faith were received with thankful hearts. 2

Construction of the new church started with ground breaking ceremonies on October 31, 1954. Excavations of a basement and building and foundation walls soon followed, supervised by George Spaulding, long a faithful deacon in the church. Men and women working faithfully throughout the summer of 1955 and construction was completed in September. The last Adventist sermon was preached in the old church at 400 N. Whedbee on September 24, 1955, and the following sabbath the church family



met in their new church home. One year later, on December 1, 1956, the church was dedicated to the Lord, debt free. The edifice and its contents were insured at \$60,000.00.

Members in 1954 when the building program began and who are still members in 1990 include: Fern Chinburg, Lee & Angelyn Brenton, Gene Buck, Suphronia Gabriel, Barbara Goff, Clarence & LaVonne Hilliard, Eunice Knotwell, Marg Kiefer, Mayme Metcalf, Bob & Cathy Smith, Willene Spaulding, Marjorie Taylor and Katherine Wagner.

Coming in 1956 and 1957 were the Eldon Jensens, John Grosses, Lou and Wanda Kempkes, and in 1959, Vernon Wahlen and his family.

Simultaneous with building the church was the need for the school; the same increase in numbers which required a new church affected school enrollment. Elder Ray Wing led in a strong program encouraging the growing congregation of 150 members to build.

The church and school on 400 Whedbee were sold in June 1954. In August, two acres of land, part of a small cherry orchard, were purchased on West Lake Street from John Schunter. Immediately a we-can-do-it spirit set to work and a one room cement block building was begun. School opened in a building at Glen Spaulding's north of town, but Mrs. Matthews and the students were able to move into the new building later in the fall.

In the fall of 1957 they were pouring cement for additional school rooms, and continuing with their plans to build a gymnasium which would serve as a fellowship hall. Church members, Lee Whitcomb and Ralph Anderson were the builders; Don Goff, who had designed the church, also drew the school plans, and many members pitched in with tools at hand to do the work.

Gladys Morey taught about 30 students in one room that year, but by September 1958, a second classroom was ready and two teachers were on board. More land was purchased from the Schunters. Building continued in 1961 and 1962 with all the costs entailed; in fact the church was also carrying a heavy financial load to assist Campion Academy in their expansion program. In 1963 there were three teachers in the Fort Collins S.D.A. school. During 1968-69 and 1969-70, a 9th grade was also taught. Numbers declined again in 1971 and the school has remained a two teacher school until a pre-school and kindergarten were added in 1989.

In January 1964 the church voted to purchase the property at 501 Edwards to use as a Dorcus center. That cost was \$7,250.00. The building was rented as a dwelling until 1972 when it was renovated. At the present time it is our Community Service Center.

The east entrance of the church was added in 1981 using funds left to the church by Ed and Ermel Meyers estate. A major renovation of the sanctuary took place in 1987. The balcony and mothers room were added.

There was serious consideration given in 1989 to sell the school at 821 W. Lake and the church at 502 E. Pitkin and constructing a new church/school complex at the corner of Harmony and Regency. This discussion occupied the major portion of the board and business meetings for nearly a year. Finally a decision was made to remodel the school on Lake street and up grade the church basement classrooms. Under the leadership of Dr. Steve Pauly and the young adults, \$20,000.00 was raised for the school project, with the same dedication the young adults fourty years earlier refurbished the school. At the same time \$5,000.00 was raised to remodel the church basement. Under the leadership of Larry Rosenberg, who had only recently become a member, and other church members worked to make the childrens classroom more fitting to the work of teaching the truth about God.



## HISTORICAL NOTES OF INTEREST

### AREA CHURCHES

Through the years groups of Adventists met in various nearby communities on Sabbath. Two of the earliest Adventist groups, organized before Fort Collins, were at Hygiene (yes, the name is significant), and Johnstown, whose building was eventually moved to the present sight of the Loveland church in 1904. Records are not complete but in 1928 there was a church at Carr; in 1933, at Briggsdale. Several Adventists families including the Cozads lived near Buckingham and worshipped together.

Possibly the Bellvue church was organized in 1914. Fort Collins' records show the transfer of 13 members. This small church building, now used as a home, was an active church for more than 20 years. The Spaulding brothers, who were in the lumber business, drove down the canyon sabbath, to worship at Bellvue. The Schofields was another large family there. Finally roads and vehicles improved enough that it seemed better to merge with the Fort Collins church and the Cyril and Guy Spaulding families transferred to Fort Collins in December 26, 1936 indicating that this may have been when the Bellvue church closed.

For many years there was a German church in Fort Collins. Mention is made of it in the Clerk's records in December 1915 and again in 1919. On March 30, 1929, it was voted that a german class be started in the Fort Collins church, but later, December 26, 1931, the board voted to "donate use of church to the german brethren for a month's effort," so their own church continued.

In 1961 an action was taken to transfer the 11 members of the Walden Company from the Fort Collins church to the Colorado Conference. It was about this time that a very active group in Fort Collins traveled to Walden each week to assist in their sabbath school. One of the Fort Collins members had a private plane and often the trip was made over the mountains on sabbath afternoon, rather than through Laramie, or the more tortuous gravel road over Cameron Pass.

In 1963 a Pastor Vixie was trying to organize a spanish company, but records do not indicate success. There was another spanish school briefly in 1988. In 1985 a korean group, working at Eden Valley began an outreach to students at C.S.U. and we are blessed with their presence in our church today where they hold their own sabbath school class, and preach in the Korean language.

### CHURCH OWNERSHIP/GOVERNMENT

In 1906 the church had three trustees: W.H. Campbell, President; H.A. Ziegler, Secretary; and Emil Hurzler, Treasurer. These trustees were elected for three years, serving rotating terms. In 1909 Hurzler was re-elected, but since he was moving, Peter Mathiesen was elected to his place. The other trustees that year were N.S. West and C.L. Golliday.

It was also at this January 10, 1909 meeting that "Elder Lair gave a talk on the subject of deeding the property to the Conference." After some discussion "Elder Ziegler (layman) made a motion that we instruct the trustees to deed the church property to the Colorado Conference Carried."

### MEMBERSHIP REVIEW

One of the regular duties of the church board, or the church in business session, was to review the spiritual health of the membership, and this fills many pages of the minutes. There was a great concern that those who professed to be Seventh-day



Adventists be a credit to the church. The standards were high, and a major expectation was regular attendance. This review seems to have been done on a quarterly basis in the early twenties, otherwise it was an annual procedure and included, it appears, the reading of every member's name. Church leaders were designated to go visit those who had been absent or who were erring. Names were frequently dropped from membership; others were not recommended for transfer--often the suggestion was made that they be accepted on profession of faith if the new church where they had moved found them in good and regular standing. May 20, 1906 - "It was suggested that Alta Brooks and Mary Ziegler look carefully over the records and transfer only such names as we know to be members in good standing--the others to be put in a retired list with the understanding that they should again be accounted members should we hear favorable reports of them." April 23, 1911 - "A short time was spent in looking over the church record which shows a membership of 100, and the clerk was authorized to drop such names as were known to have given up the truth, and to transfer other non-resident members to a retired list and to write to such as addresses could be obtained, recommending them to change their membership when such would be convenient. Later having done the same we drop 16 names, and transfer 26 names as non-resident members leaving a present membership of 58. Of this number about 14 are non-resident members who do not reside near an organization." It might be noted that this piece of housekeeping was done when Elder H.M.J. Richards was the district pastor.

Again the names were reviewed on January 13, 1916, and 9 names were removed from church membership for "sabbath breaking" and another for "general conduct."

#### INSURANCE AND THE DEPRESSION YEARS

During the depression the insurance of the church building was a major problem. An entry near the beginning of the church records, May 20, 1906, indicated that the insurance had expired and it was decided to drop it. Although it may well have been picked up again without any mention in these records, it is also possible that many felt buying insurance showed lack of faith in God's care for all things and was not needed. It does come back into question on October 26, 1929. "The insurance of the church property had not been settled to the deacons were asked to bring definite data to the November meeting." December 1, 1929 - "The unsettled insurance question was once more brought up. A valuation of \$5,000.00 was placed on the church property and Dr. Beebe (was) asked to write the conference for quotations on insurance." A few weeks later, February 23, 1930, it was decided to insure the church and its furnishings for \$3,000.00 at a cost of \$70.50 for three years, "but will wait until there is money in the treasury." On August 31, 1930 the Dorcus society would pay \$31.00 toward this insurance.

It was a bigger problem in 1933 when the bill came due again. August 27, 1933 - "Dr. Beebe offered to give as many dollars as the harvest ingathering brought in by church members to be used as insurance payment" (clarified--he would give no more than the insurance bill). "A rising vote of thanks was given."

There is no doubt that things were much harder during the depression years for this church of fifty members. Bake sales, long an important fall back, were urged and the ladies seemed willing. In July 30, 1932 - "It seems to be a great problem how to get funds to pay a teacher. It was suggested that the teacher take part in products."

The crisis worsened in January 1933. The Fort Collins bank where the church held its accounts went under. An entry for February 4, 1933: "Sr. Beebe brought the good news that the church had 20 dollars which she thought had been taken to the bank by brother Meyer before it closed its doors."



### SOME THINGS NEVER CHANGE

While many of the items in the record books are in contrast to today's church interests, some things remain the same. Some interesting comments could have been made in 1990. January 6, 1929 - "These closing suggestions were made by the chairman; 1. That the church board be especially kind to strangers, 2. That the deacons attend more strictly to the ushering." July 7, 1929 - "A motion was made and carried that the church service close sharply at 12:00." October 5, 1929 - "Elder Lickey admonished the church to be more friendly and call on members in a friendly way." December 26, 1931 - "We ought to have better order in the church as children are running to and fro during services for drinks of water, etc."

### THE BEEBE CLINIC

Nathan L. Beebe, who graduated from the College of Medical Evangelists in 1921, moved from Boulder to Fort Collins in 1928 to practice medicine. It was then a city of 11,000, a college town and an important county seat, and Dr. Beebe became the leading surgeon. In 1937 he built the clinic and as years went by included other doctors in his practice, primarily Dr. Clarence Hilliard, who came in 1951, and Dr. Harold Dupper in 1963.

During the early years the clinic was staffed almost entirely with Adventist nurses and other personnel. Many recall the unusual kindness of Iris Lawrence, and Hazel Friend, and others who worked there. In the 1970's and 1980's several of the non-Adventist staff were touched by the example of their colleagues and accepted the message. Joe Souders was a near lifetime employee of the Beebe Clinic, and it was one of the great joys of Dr. Beebe's last years when Souders returned to the church.

Both Dr. and Mrs. Beebe, from the time they came to Fort Collins in 1928, were strong workers in the church, and their generosity and strong example remained to the end of their lives. The Beebes' were especially interested in christian education and during his career he served on the board of Campion Academy, of Emmanuel Missionary College, and Union College, as well as the Colorado Conference Committee.

Dr. Beebe passed away in 1982; the clinic closed in 1987.

### THE CHURCH ORGAN

When Peter Schlitt passed away in the late forties, he left money from his estate for the church building fund and for a new organ. Schlitt was a german immigrant from Russia who came to Fort Collins at the turn of the century, and two of his daughters, Christine Amen and Lydia Weber accepted the Adventist message. Pastor Kepkey, and Glenn Wellman, who became the church organist, assisted in the selection of the Hammond organ which has served our congregation since that time.

A note in the records also indicate the grand piano we now use was purchased in 1953 for \$450.00. Both instruments were purchased during the years of planning for the new church.

### EVANGELISM

Many members mark their acceptance of the Three Angels Message from evangelistic meetings held in our community. The church was originally organized after a tent series in 1886 with Elder J.D. Pegg. Church records often refer to a possible series of meetings but do not record the evangelist or the response.

Elder C.F. Lickey during the summer of 1928 held a Bible Health Tabernacle series in a tent on Laporte Avenue. Mr. & Mrs. Millard Cozad, with their daughters,



drove 29 miles every night in an open Model T Ford to assist with the music. Twenty six persons were baptized.

Many recall a 1949 tent series with Clyde Kerby and Earl Patton. Part of the music was three small boys who sang together, one of them, Jerry Patton, went on to sing with the Kings Heralds.

As soon as the new church was completed, a series of meetings began on January 15, 1956. Then when Elder Melvin Johnson came (1958-1964) there was an evangelistic series about every year. The Halls, Nautas, Lou Kempkes and Beryl Hess were all baptized during these years, as well as many of the young people.

Ben Hassenpflug, with Ben Glanzer as his singing evangelist, held a series in the Beebe school in January-February, 1972. Several meetings were held during Lloyd Austin's ministry-- John Fowler led a series at the Leshner Junior High School with good attendance; and the Loveland-Campion-Fort Collins churches cooperated with a large series conducted by Dale Brusett in the city auditorium in Loveland. Between 15-20 persons were baptized into the Fort Collins church, as well as those added at Loveland.

Dale Brusett returned to give two more series of meetings under Pastor John Martin, holding both of them at the Lincoln Center. In 1986, 43 were baptized, and others were added in the Harmon Brownlow meetings in 1987 and another Brusett series in 1988.

From our own congregation two young men have gone out in recent years to preach the gospel: Elder Duane Brown in the Wisconsin Conference, and Elder Jerry Nowack in the Kansas-Nebraska Conference.

#### LAYMEN

To sketch the history of the church without the names of people who were its leaders for a lifetime of service would be incomplete. Yet it is impossible to list many of them, or to outline their work and sacrifice. Perhaps our readers can give us a sketch about one or more of these layleaders who now rest in the Lord. The names of others not listed will also be appreciated. Dates shown are approximate years of service.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Clemons, 1892-1929

H.A. and Ella Ziegler, 1897-1920

Adolph and Mary Anderson, 1910-1940

Mr. and Mrs. G.C. Mathiesen, 1910-1944

E.E. and Lydia Byerly, 1910-1939

Mr. and Mrs. A.T. Pinkerton, 1923-1933

Ed and Ermel Myer, baptized 1928 and 1921

Dr. N.L. and Agnes Beebe, moving from Boulder in 1928

Alta Brooks, baptized 1929

Lloyd and Eva Eckert, transferring by letter in 1934

The Spaulding family which came in 1910, were the core of the Bellvue church, and came to Fort Collins with the third generation children after 1936.

Guy and Eva Spaulding, Cyril and Mayme Spaulding, Stella Schunter, Hester Mosier, Clarence and Lillian Spaulding, George and Alma, and Glen and Willene Spaulding

Ruth Beebe Matthews, moving from Wisconsin in 1938 with her husband and large family, and her father, Charles Beebe, who lived until 1952.

Fred and Thelma Jones, leaders from 1937 onward.



Kenneth and Lillian Barger, 1938-1949

Elder George and Sarah Vore who retired to Fort Collins in 1940 and remained for 20 years.

Christine and John Amen, baptized 1942 and 1953

Lydia Weber, sister of Christine, retired to Fort Collins 1966

Hazel Friend, coming to the clinic in 1950-1967

Marguerite White, 1951-1990

Preston and Georgia Jeffery from Michigan, with their married children, in 1952

Don and Edith Beans, now living in Alabama, in Fort Collins 1960-1987

*Mary Lou Peckham*

#### REFERENCES

1

Drawing of the Methodist church and the paragraphs describing it are from Evadene Swanson, Fort Collins Yesterdays (1975), p. 127. Page 55 of this book shows a picture of Lydia Weber and Christine Amen when young.

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Paragraphs have been taken from the "History of the Fort Collins Adventist Church" written by Agnes Beebe for the dedication in 1956.

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The balance of this history through 1970 has been taken from the minutes of church board and business meetings.

## TOUR OF HISTORICAL SITES

N.L. Beebe School  
605 South College

Current school.

Site of first sabbath school held in the home of Mrs. Minda Sickman Keck.

317 E. Mulberry  
Corner Olive & Whedbee

Site of first worship services in the home of W.A. Workman. We believe the small white house on N.E. corner was first S.D.A. church erected in Fort Collins about 1888.

252 E. Mountain

The coop market now stands on site of a Methodist church S.D.A. purchased about 1898.

400 N. Whedbee

Second building S.D.A. built in Fort Collins. School was held in a building just east of the church.

Bellvue S.D.A. Church

The Presbyterians built this church in 1904. By 1914 S.D.A.'s were using it.

310 Spaulding Lane  
502 E. Pitkin

Site of temporary school about 1954.

Third adventist building in Fort Collins and current church.

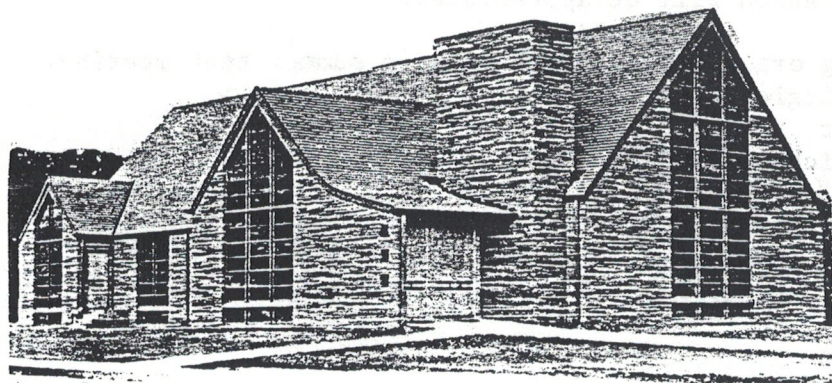


Traveling Methodist ministers visited Fort Collins in the 1860's and held services in Old Grout, in the Buss or Riverside school house west of Timnath, and in the Pleasant Valley school house. Joseph Mason and Alfred Howes selected the first site for a church building in 1873 on the southwest corner of Laporte and Mason facing Mason. A frame building, 30 x 40 feet, built by Henry Clay Peterson, was dedicated in 1876. When the Colorado and Southern tracks came through in 1877 on Mason, A.L. Emigh gave the church two lots at 252-254 East Mountain and the building was moved there where it served the congregation's needs till 1898.

The windows were painted in 1881 to imitate stained glass. James Milne painted the interior. There was a stencilwork border around the walls above the wainscotting. In 1934 it was in use as a garage. <sup>1</sup>



## DEDICATION OF CHURCH AT 502 E PITKIN



The Members  
of the  
Fort Collins Seventh Day Adventist Church  
request the honor of your presence at the  
Dedication Service  
of their New Church Building  
on Sabbath, the first of December  
nineteen hundred and fifty-six  
at three o'clock in the afternoon  
Pitkin at Whedbee Street

INVITATION

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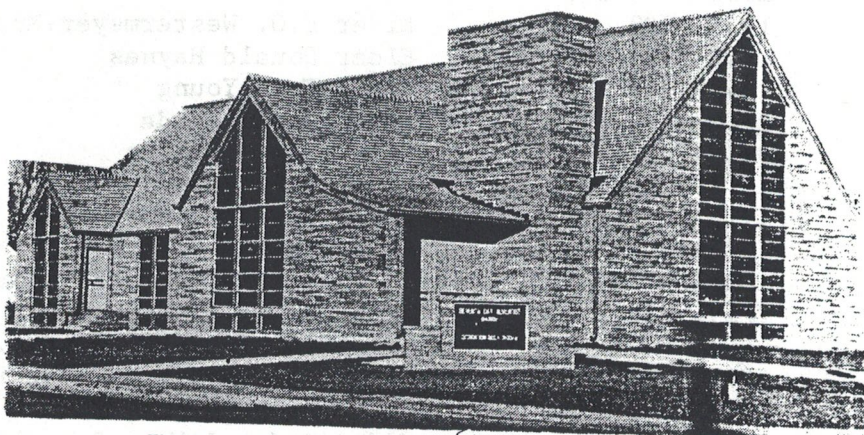
DEDICATION SERVICE

### Fort Collins Church Dedication

Sabbath, December 1, proved to be a high day as the members of the Fort Collins church formally dedicated their new church building. The building is constructed of beautiful Colorado stone and is approximately 36' x 90'.

A consecration service was held Friday evening with Elder O. F. Locke as guest speaker. Elder R. S. Joyce spoke at the eleven o'clock service Sabbath morning. One of the high lights of this service was the baptism of five candidates by the pastor.

The dedication service at 3:00 p.m. was attended by over 400 people. Members of surrounding churches were present as well as many of the townspeople. At least four non-Seventh-day Adventist ministers were present. Elder Jere Smith, Central Union Conference president, gave the dedicatory sermon. The Campion Academy choir under the direction of Professor Schumann and the Fort Collins



The Fort Collins, Colorado, church, dedicated, December 1, 1956.

church choir under the direction of Dr. Glenn Wellman added much to the services. Mrs. N. L. Beebe gave an interesting history of the Fort Collins church, touching briefly the early history of Adventism in Colorado. The church building was started in the autumn of 1954 and the first Sabbath service in the new church was held October 1, 1955. During the same period the first unit of a new church school plant was constructed at 821 West Lake Street. The sacrifices and donated labor of the members of the Fort Collins church has made possible greatly improved facilities for training and holding our youth. The Sabbath School divisions downstairs are already quite well filled.

It is with renewed courage that the members set themselves to the task of filling the auditorium upstairs by winning their friends and neighbors.

R. B. WING, Pastor

REPORT OF DEDICATION  
IN CENTRAL UNION  
"REAPER"



# PASTORS

## FORT COLLINS S.D.A. CHURCH

Until at least 1960, the pastor of the Adventist church would have been serving more than one congregation. Often their membership was not in Fort Collins; often the church board was led by laymen. For these reasons names and dates before 1949 are sketchy. (Additional information will be appreciated.)

1886	Elder J.D. Pegg organized a church after a summer tent meeting.
1903-1909, 1913	Elder Watson Ziegler
1909	Elder Aufderhar
1910	Elder H.M.J. Richards
1911	Elder Robinson*
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1912	Elder C.R. Kite
1914	Elder Robinson*
1915	Elder Alway
1917-1922	Elder C.R. Kite
1924-1926	Elder G.W. Berry
1928	Elder Claude Lickey
1932-1937	Elder C.E. Grant, District Superintendent #
1934	Prof. E.H. Heim, District Superintendent
1937	Elder Carter
1938-July-Dec	Elder Ziprick
1938-1939	Elder E.O. Westermeyer (Mrs. W. taught church school)
1940-1943 ?	Elder Donald Haynes
1943-1946	Elder Fred Young
1946	Elder Caris Lauda
3/1947-1949	Elder Clyde Kerbey
11/1949-8/1953	Elder R.E. Kepkey
1/1953-9/1958	Elder Ray B. & Ruby Wing
10/1958-12/1964	Elder Melvin G. & Mrs. Virginia Johnson
1/1965-7/1969	Elder J.D. & Betty Bolejack
7/1969-fall 1970 ?	Elder & Mrs. Ray Davidson (left after heart attack) no pastor for 6-10 months.
1971-1973	Elder Nelson & Mrs. Ruth Rima
1973-1977	Elder Lloyd & Mrs. Marion Austin
1977-1985	Elder Arden & Mrs. Dorothy Mote
1985	Elder John & Mrs. Billie Martin

On April 30, 1960, Elder & Mrs. Johnson, already pastoring here, transferred their membership to Fort Collins from Loveland. Was the "district" changed at that time?

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Probably Elder Asa T. Robinson who was President of the Colorado Conference about this time. Church notes indicate he came for the annual business meeting, with election of officers.

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Elder Grant was also here in the 1920's.



## TEACHERS

## FORT COLLINS S.D.A. CHURCH SCHOOL

1927-28	Annie Updyke	1969-70	LeRoy Wyatt
1928-29	Pearl Dawkins		Rosa Lee Becker
1929-31	(no school)		Barbara Smith
1931-32	Gladys Martin		Stanely Plumb
1932-37	Juanita Paxton	1970-71	LeRoy Wyatt
1937-38	LaVona Rogue		Rosa Lee Becker
1938-39	Mrs. E.O. Westermeyer		Barbara Smith-Greer
1939-40	Dorothy Thrall	1971-72	LeRoy Wyatt
1940-41	Edna Hanson		Rosa Lee Becker
1941-42	Dorothy Thrall	1972-73	LeRoy Wyatt
1942-43	M.W. Perkins		Rosa Lee Becker
1943-46	(no school)		Elna Jensen
1946-47	Betty Flaiz	1973-74	LeRoy Wyatt
1947-48	Gertie Jones		Rosa Lee Becker
1948-55	Ruth Beebe Matthews	1974-75	LeRoy Wyatt
1955-57	Marguerite White		Rosa Lee Becker
1957-58	Gladys Morey	1975-76	Alek Marinos
1958-59	Wesley D. Peterson		Rosa Lee Becker
	Gladys Morey	1976-77	Alek Marinos
	Ruth Beebe Matthews		<del>Virginia (Giny) McConathy</del> Rosa Lee Becker
1959-60	Wesley D. Peterson	1977-78	Alek Marinos
	Gladys Morey		Virginia McConathy
1960-61	Wesley D. Peterson	1978-79	Alek Marinos
	Marguerite White		Virginia McConathy
1961-62	Wesley D. Peterson	1979-80	Dan Hoskinson
	Marguerite White		Virginia McConathy
1962-63	Wesley D. Peterson	1980-81	Dan Hoskinson
	Marguerite White		Hedwig Wharton
1963-64	Wesley D. Peterson	1981-82	Dan Hoskinson
	Marguerite White		Hedwig Wharton
	Alberta Oliver	1982-83	Dan Hoskinson
1964-65	Wesley D. Peterson		Hedwig Wharton
	Marguerite White	1983-84	Dan Hoskinson
	Verena Showman		Hedwig Wharton
1965-66	Merlyn Mead	1984-85	Dan Hoskinson
	Marguerite White		Hedwig Wharton
	Opal Joseph (part of year)	1985-86	Dan Hoskinson
	Dennis Lowrimore (part of year)		Ciri Achord
1966-67	Merlyn Mead	1987-88	Dan Hoskinson
	Darrell Leach		Ciri Achord
	Ciri Achord	1988-90	Dan Hoskinson
1967-68	Darrell Leach		Becky Hargrove
	Ciri Achord		Melissa Mekelberg
	Rosa Lee Becker		
1968-69	Darrell Leach (part of year)		
	Larry Vandeman (part of year)		
	Rosa Lee Becker		
	Barbara Smith		
	Stanley Plumb (9th grade)		



## MISSIONARIES

Persons who have gone from Fort Collins, or who have  
returned from the mission field to serve in our church.'

<u>Names</u>	<u>Field</u>	<u>Years</u>
Robert Cook & family	Burma	1920's ?
L. Grant & Mary Beans	Bolivia	1917-1925
Julius & Evelyn Beebe Korgan & family	Rhodesia Jamaica Nigeria	1949-1956 1960-1962 1976-1980
Harold & Velma Dupper & family	Burma	1956-1961
Versa Reed Kramer	Interamerica	1960's
Virgil and Rose Spaulding Beuler	Fiji	
Mary Stewart	Rhodesia	1969-?
Clayton & Annette Cornforth Stanwick	Ethiopia	1970's
Wes & Lois Peterson & family	Kenya Lebanon/Cyprus Kenya	1972-1974 1974-1976 1987-1989
Earl & Marti Spaulding	Zambia, Maui Am. Indians, Ariz.	1970's 1980's
Ray & Mary Lou Davidson	Zambia Am. Indians, Ariz. " "	1980-1983 1975-1977 1988-1989
Arden & Dorothy Mote	Bermuda	1975-1979
Jim & Nancy Peterson Fly & family	Ivory Coast	1980's
Hugh & Polly Kim & family	Guam China	1987-89 1990-

### Volunteer Service

George & Alma Spaulding	Am. Indians, Ariz.	1970's
Mayme Spaulding Metcalf	Am. Indians, Ariz.	1970's-1980's
Jerry & Joanne Nowack	Am. Indians, Ariz	1970's
Jim & Virginia Bright	Rwanda	1985-1986
Don & Hedwig Wharton	Okinawa Taiwan	1987-1988 1989-1990

### Student Missionaries

Michael Mihm	Indonesia	1977-1978
Lynetta Dupper	Kerala, India	1978, 1981
Terri Davidson	Seoul, Korea	1978-1979
Clark & Cathy Beans McCrain	Kobe, Japan	1981-1982
Troy Beans	Virgin Islands	1984-1985
Jodi Beans	Taiwan	1987-1988
Janna Lee Gueck	Japan	1987-1988
Arlen Mekelburg	Upper Volta	1978
Steve & Rose Pauly	Guam	1979
Chris Hansen	Iceland Bolivia	1985-1986 1989



# EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATES

## FROM THE FORT COLLINS S.D.A. CHURCH SCHOOL

1938

Kenneth Eager  
Verna Eager  
Jim Hopkins  
Raymond Hopkins  
Eugene Swarts

1959

Alberta Miller  
William Morey  
Fay Ross  
Carl Spaulding

1966

Norman Bolejack  
Larry Burns Davidson  
JoAnn Espinoza  
Jeff Goff  
John Kiefer  
Jim Whitcomb

1971

Vaundeen Bohlender  
Harold Dupper  
Debbie Ehrlich  
Cyndy Hadley  
Mike Harras  
Patricia Hill  
Brenda Hockett  
Jean Kiefer  
Tina Lymer  
Regina Nowack  
Rick Smith  
Sandi White  
(Rhett Buckely-8th grade  
at Cache la Poudre)

1939

Ralph Anderson  
Evelyn Beebe  
Vance Robbins

1960

Paul Chluburg  
Diane Herman  
Renée Smith

1967

Greg Cromer  
Connie Ehrlich  
Cindy Jerabek  
Gerald Kiefer  
Raymond Lymer  
Alden Miller  
Carleen Rittenbach  
Randy Salzman  
Duane Shull

1942

Charles Beebe  
Herbert Dunlap  
Olive Matthews  
Richard Randolph

1961

Gary Dunn  
Clifford Nickerson Jr  
Sandra Shlupa

1972

Connie Beans  
Terrie Davidson  
Christine Fuerst  
James Hill

1948

Iris Matthews  
Cordell Reiner  
Sylvia Spaulding

1962

Fred Anderson  
Betty Cory  
Duane Hilliard  
Lynette Johnson  
Ardith Miller

1973

Dianna Buck  
Robert Dupper  
Herbert Fuerst  
Cynthia Hockett  
Carolyn Jerabek  
Helen Kieffer  
Daryl Mathews  
Sue Peterson  
Jerry Sellers

1949

(no record)

1963

Mavis Knotwell  
Annette Miller  
Willa Mae Spaulding

1950

Rosalie Friend  
Eva Rose Gabriel  
Marilyn Matthews  
Donna Reiner  
Jean Spaulding

1964

Michael Allen  
Steven Anderson  
Don Chance  
Dennis Hilliard  
Dona Knotwell  
Merle Rittenbach

1974

Cathy Beans  
Van Hockett  
Steve Seek  
Carlene Wyatt

1954

Nancy Bell  
Robert Gabriel  
Donald Ljunblad  
Leroy Thill

1965

Connie Brown  
Marlin Brown  
Sherilyn Ehrlich  
Viola Jensen  
Dean Jerabek  
Susan Kiefer  
Carla Long  
Pamela Lymer

1975

Richard Austin  
Ronald Dupper  
Jeffery Harras  
Craig Wyatt

1955

Myra Fisher  
Ronnie Fisher  
Everett Gabriel  
Gwen twell

1970

Vicki Buck  
Kevin Buckley  
Richard Becker  
Vera Knotwell  
Celeste Wyatt

(Lonnie Long-  
moved away during year)



# 8th GRADE GRADUATES (con't)

1976

Barry Baker  
Ronald Hill  
Willis Hill Jr  
Kenneth Hockett  
Kenneth Jerabek Jr  
Marcia Lymer  
Lorrie Nowack  
Todd Seek

1982

Gary Bohlender  
Michael Dart (Loveland)  
Joel Gueck  
Michael Rose  
Robert Rose Jr  
Michelle Velazquez (Loveland)  
Ritchard Watson

1989

Cappl South

1990

Sunny Bunzel  
Jared Hoskinson  
Katie Martin

1977

Kevin Beans  
Lori Ann Randolph  
Mitch Seek  
Shiela South  
David Wolfe (Loveland)  
Ginger Young

1983

Shawn Flowers  
Steven Hannah  
Larry Maycroft  
Lance Turner (Loveland)  
Shay Wilson

1984

Darin Alexander  
Christina Maycroft  
Layne Peterson (Loveland)  
Fred Rowe  
Denver Shrock

1978

Blair Baker  
Troy Beans  
Jeffrey Gerst  
David Hill  
Mike Nowack  
Lisa Randolph  
Marianne Wahlén

1985

Evelyn Brown (Loveland)  
Korlanna Gerst  
Julian Kemp  
Scot Mote  
Cheryle Peterson (Loveland)

1979

Duane Gueck  
Connie Hill  
Ted Mihm

1986

Robin Mihm  
Natalie Sparks (Loveland)  
Lori Turner  
Heather Ziegler

1980

Susan Bailey  
Jodi Beans  
Janalee Gueck  
Amber Randolph

1987

Valerie Albrecht  
Willow Jones  
Stan Martin  
Linda Peterson  
Scott Ziegler (Loveland)

1981

Lisa Genore  
John David Hannah  
Teresa Hilliard  
Bradley Hoskinson  
Tony Howard

1988

Larry Brandt Jr  
Richard Bollinger  
Lisa Fine  
Eric Hoskinson  
(Troy Achord-trans. to  
Oregon in March)