

## **DO YOU REMEMBER .....**

*The church first had a circular chancel rail and later it was changed to a square chancel rail...*

*The funeral for Mr. James T. Busby was held in the yard because the church could not hold the people. He died on 23 May, 1915; Miss Cynthia died 1 September, 1913...*

*Mrs. Ina (Harbin) Campbell and her sister Eunice (Harbin) Morgan remember the beautiful large Christmas trees that were up each year (1914-1921), when they were small girls. Each child received a gift...*

*1923--Ida McGee Smith remembers joining the church when she was 10 years old. Others who joined at this time were: Ida and Willie Carson, Sara Bolt, Ruth Bolt, Bessie Gray, Tom Norris and Lillian Broadwell...*

*Tobacco boxes and apple or orange crates from Mr. Lewis Martin and a Mr. Smith's stores were made into seats for the young children. The ladies of the church made seat pads and skirts around the boxes...*

*Sitting on those seats in the beginners class...*

*Do you know that the step in front of the water fountain in the church is one of the boxes today (2009)...*

*Mrs. Norris gathering all the little kids and setting them on the front pew to sing "Bring Them In" and "Bringing In The Sheaves"...*

*People with chickens sold eggs that were laid on Sunday to help buy Sunday school materials. If needed however, the money was used to buy medicine for members who were ill (1<sup>st</sup> discretionary Fund?)...*

*Mrs. Smith and her daughter Christine, cleaned the church on Saturday; Mr. Smith made the fire in the pot-bellied stove early on a Sunday morning...*

*Jimmy Sonefelt, (Mrs. Smith's nephew), a gifted artist, drew pictures on the blackboard on Saturday, to illustrate the lesson being taught on Sunday...*

*Mrs. Viola Norris directed the young people in home talent plays for an admission price of 0.10 or 0.25 cents...*

*Old and young alike helped clean the church and yards for special gatherings (1931-1943)...*

*When "Under God" was added to the Pledge of Allegiance (1950)...*

*The church being filled with smoke because the stove pipe fell and a "drive-in" church service was held, as people sat in their cars with the windows rolled down...*

*Crate Murphy in his "green shirt and overalls" teaching a combined Sunday school from the church porch due to the smoke...*

*Meeting in the old Mc Lee's club house until the repairs were finished in the church...*

*Mrs. Bertha Murphy starting a young couples class (1952)...*

*The Coker brothers, singing behind the piano, and if they made a mistake, they would duck down behind the piano...*

*Singing around the piano on a Sunday night, led by Sam Coker and Crate Murphy....*

*The church having an outhouse and no air conditioning and the graveyard right outside the back door...*

*Having the windows and front door opened during services, and the neighborhood cats and dogs would come in to investigate...*

*The church mouse--the cutest guest--that would dart out and run from one side of the church to the other, right behind the pastor...*

*It being an honor to be chosen to carry the Bible or the flags at the opening of VBS; how many of you can still sing the "B-I-B-L-E"?...*

*When pins were given for perfect attendance in Sunday school...*

*When services were interrupted due to a military tank coming up the road, making so much noise, that people could not hear (during the Cuban Missile crisis)...*

*The "clouds" being used to make pledges for the building fund drive...*

*The "Womanless Wedding" fundraiser for the new sanctuary... There were some really pretty "girlie-men"!...*

*How many attempts were made to put the bell tower in place...*

*After the church was moved back, and being used as a fellowship hall, the floor buckled during a dinner...*

*When Preston Hawkins and Paul Burden had a "dog duel" (hot dogs?)...*

*Stephen and Judy Ross wearing a bell around their necks to encourage donations to buy the hand bells...*

*The "Wonderful Wednesday Soup Supper" with mid-week fellowship...*

*The exercise class combined with a Bible study, "sweating with the oldies -- oops, the Old and New Testament" (1986)...*

*Bringing a love offering to the altar at communion. The funds were used by the pastor as an emergency discretionary fund (1993)...*

*When the Sunshine Club performed at the annual Christmas party... "Bawl Bearers"--we will bawl as long as you can bear it!...*

*Chase Bannister representing the youth at their annual conference, and traveling to Salt Lake City, Utah for Youth '95...*

*Who was in the Praise Band...*

*Pastor Phill Stout doing an Elvis impersonation at the "American Idol--The New Hope Way" show...*

*The drama, "The Other 12 Disciples" performed by the women of the church and the "Living Last Supper", performed by the men (2007)...*

*Having your footprints made for the Bible school banner, to carry the good news of our Savior to all we meet (2009)...*

*The greatest memory of New Hope and a recurring theme today is love-- that we are a loving church, one that loves God and each other. Love grows when it is freely given; reach out and make a memory today.*

### *Memories to Share from Members:*

#### *Love made a memory and shared by phone for:*

*Marie Kaiser (Herb)--is now in New York state; attended New Hope for about 13 years (late 70-80's and recalls the friendliness of the people and that she "loved the church". Both she and her husband, Herb, were very active in church affairs.*

*Jack and Margie Williams -- now living in Aberdeen, NC. Health issues kept them from the anniversary celebration, but they continue to "miss and love" the people of New Hope.*

*Dr. Harold E. Albert -- was an interim pastor at New Hope during the late 70's. Dr. Albert recalls New Hope as "one of the most wonderful congregations I ever served. It was love at first sight!--- a time of gentleness, compassion and healing". He recalls the "fabulous job" that Debbie Bannister and Lin Cox did with music. His favorite hymn, "I'll Fly Away" was sang in his honor during the church service.*