

Whitefield
Community
Baptist
Church

Bicentennial
1816-2016



“200 years
proclaiming
Jesus and
and caring
for our
community”



Benjⁿ Randall

Early 1800's

- Elder Benjamin Randall, an early Free Baptist missionary
- Traveled all over New England founding new churches.

1816

- Whitefield Baptist Church held its first meeting
- Organized by Elder Joshua Quimby (a follower of Benjamin Randall)
- Consisting of 12 founding members.
- First church society in Whitefield
- First baptisms were performed in the John's River

1819

- Rev. Nicholas Bray, was one of the first pastors to serve the church
- He walked five miles from Bray Hill to the church to preach
- His yearly salary consisted of a pair of stockings.

(along with food & lodging)



1848

* The Baptists &
Methodists

built & shared
the union church
as a place to
worship

* it was

completed
and dedicated in 1850



The building later
became the
Whitefield
town hall.

Sept. 18, 2013
(at 164 yrs. old)

it was
taken down



1870

- Due to the increase in church membership
- The building of their own church began
- Completed & dedicated in September of 1874
- Pastor - Rev. Pinkham
- Cost - \$14,000.00



- 1920's – 30's
- Special events held,
Evangelistic meetings
Musicals, etc.
- Free Baptist church
was now known as
the Community Baptist
Church



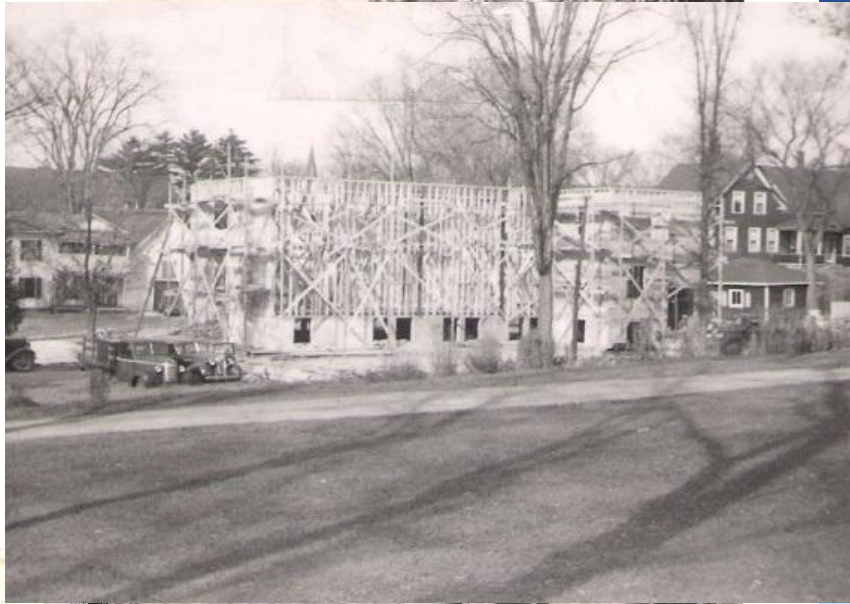
Renovations

Church - original interior



1947 – January 19th

- Outside temp. – 20° F
- Church building burned to the ground
- As the building still burned the members (the true church) voted to



- Summer of 1947
- The building of the new church began on the same site.
 - Congregation met in the town theater until its completion in 1948



1952

- The steeple was added
- Under Rev. Burnett & Rev. Cummings the mortgage (\$129,000) was paid

1988



- Land was cleared for new parsonage
- Construction begun
- Many hands and equipment pitched in to complete a task that had been considered financially impossible.



The Parsonage
was completed
in 1989

and
dedicated on
July 16, 1989

1991 – the Community Baptist Church celebrated it's 175th year



Dorothea Willey and
Billie Rayno sing
“Hark, Hark, My Soul”



Tom Ladd

Interim Pastor

Rev. David Howe & wife,
Helen Smith & Millie Morse

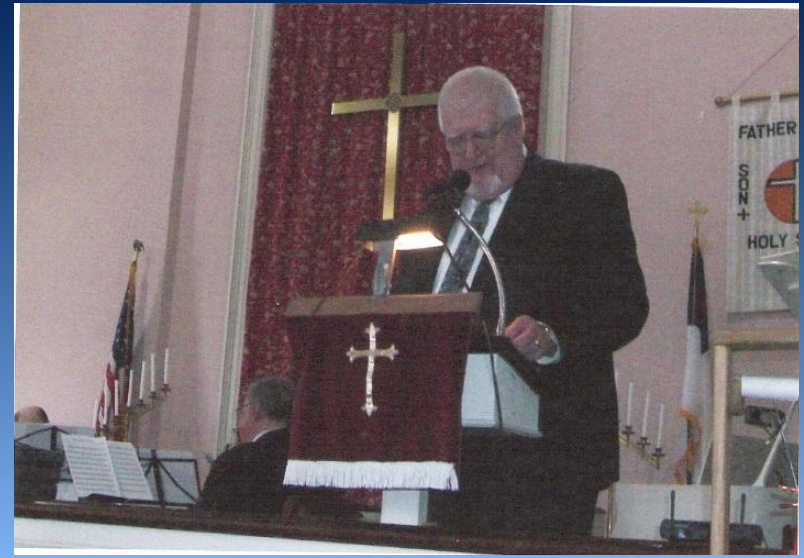


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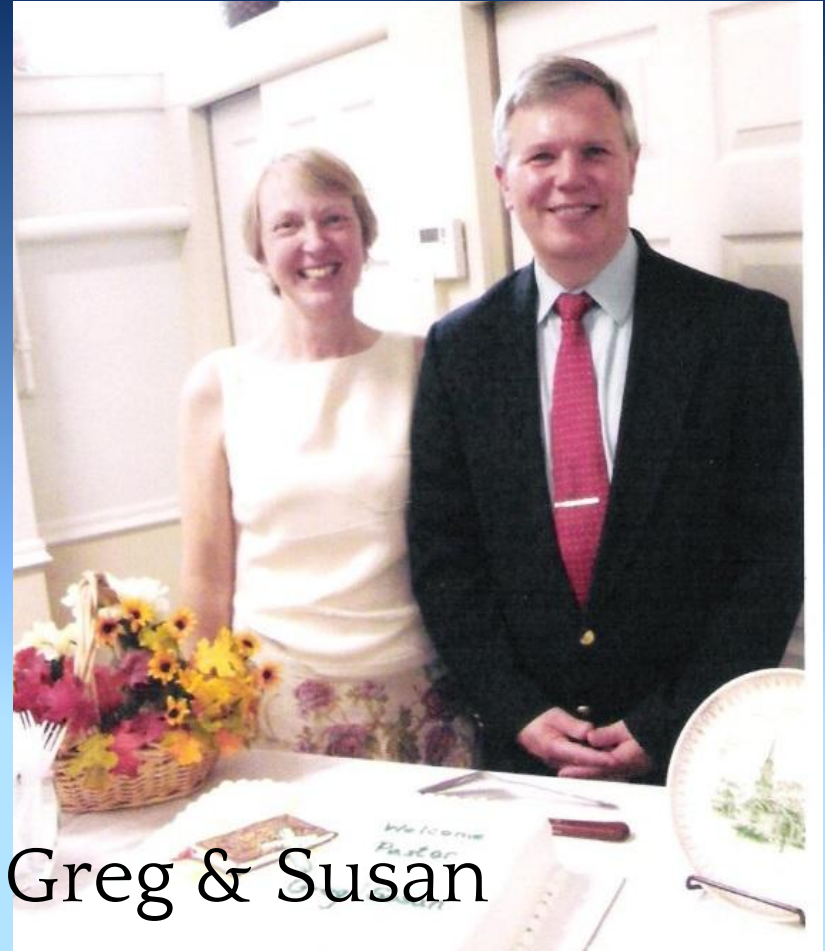
Joe Jackson
operates
the sound
system

- Rev. Clifford Vendt served as pastor from 2000 – 2013

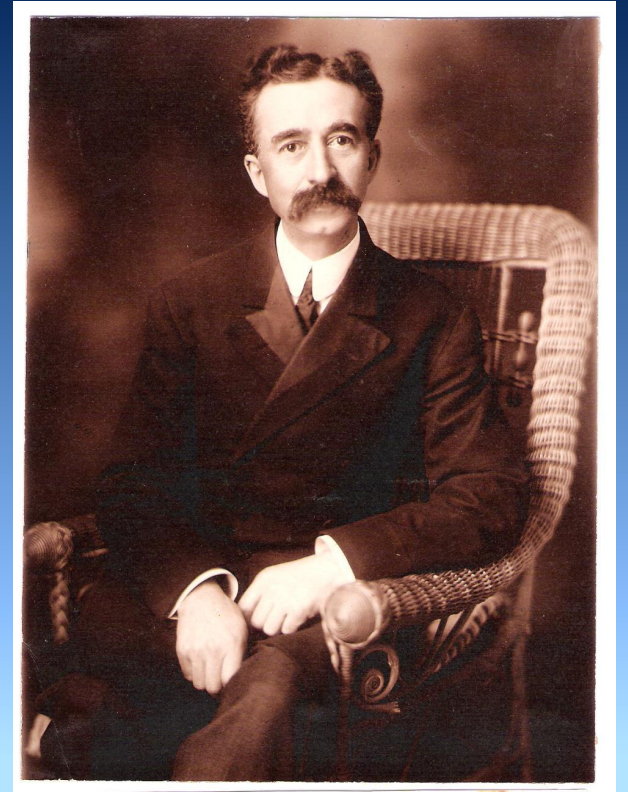


Pastor Cliff, Lois,
and Family

- Rev. Greg Vigne became pastor in 2014



Former Pastors



Rev. John Mantor



- # Baptisms
- Have taken place
- Johns River
 - Forest Lake
 - Mirror Lake
 - Berlin Baptist





- VBS – spreading the word of Jesus to the community



VBS – 2015 Camp Courageous



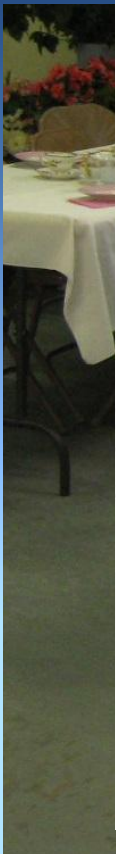
Harvest Supper

Give Thanks to the Lord
for his bounty!



Silver Tea - Past





& Present



Merry Christmas from – Bob, Joe, Roger, & Roger



Children's
Christmas
Party
Dec. 15, 2007

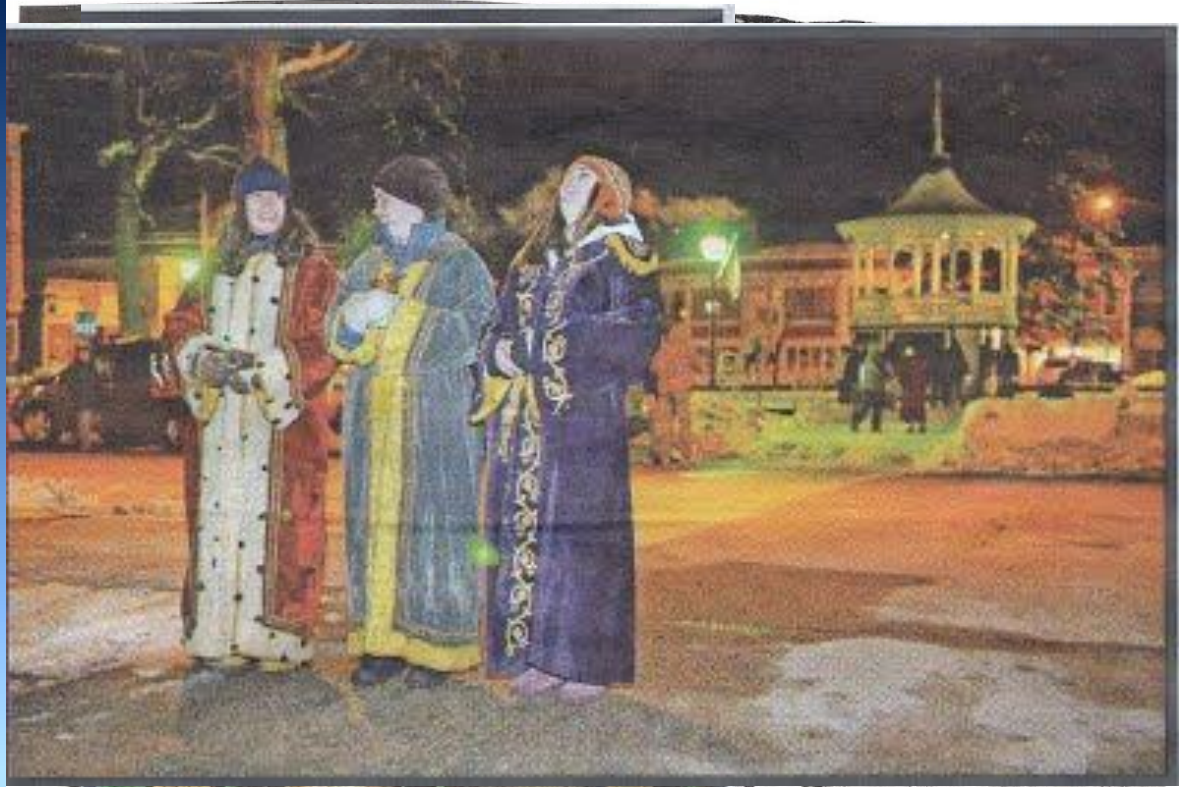
Christmas Dinner





Candy Cane Bazaar





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by Jill Brooks

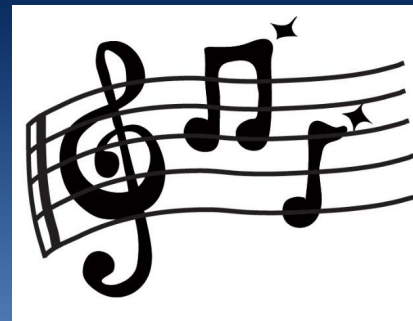
December 12, 2014
ity - Dec. 24, 1983

Thrift Shop ...



...and Food
pantry

Gospel Music Festival



Make a Joyful noise unto the Lord!



A bit of entertainment
from the ladies retirement committee



Some
of our
church
family





Roy Fraser, Stanley Glines, Edwin Ashby (guest),
Cliff Vendt, Seth Presby (guest), Jim Hepworth, and
Dave Cooley

What will the next
200 years
look like?