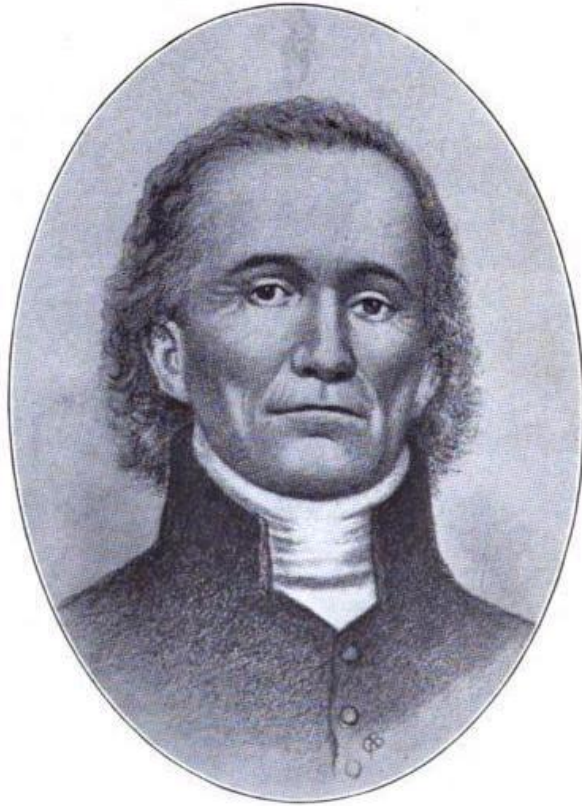


# Whitefield Community Baptist Church

Bicentennial  
1816-2016



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



*Benj<sup>n</sup> 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)
- Consisted 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)

The Baptists and Methodists shared the union church as a place of worship. It was completed and dedicated in 1850



- The union church became Whitefield Town Hall
- On Sept. 18, 2013 (at 164 years old) the building was torn 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



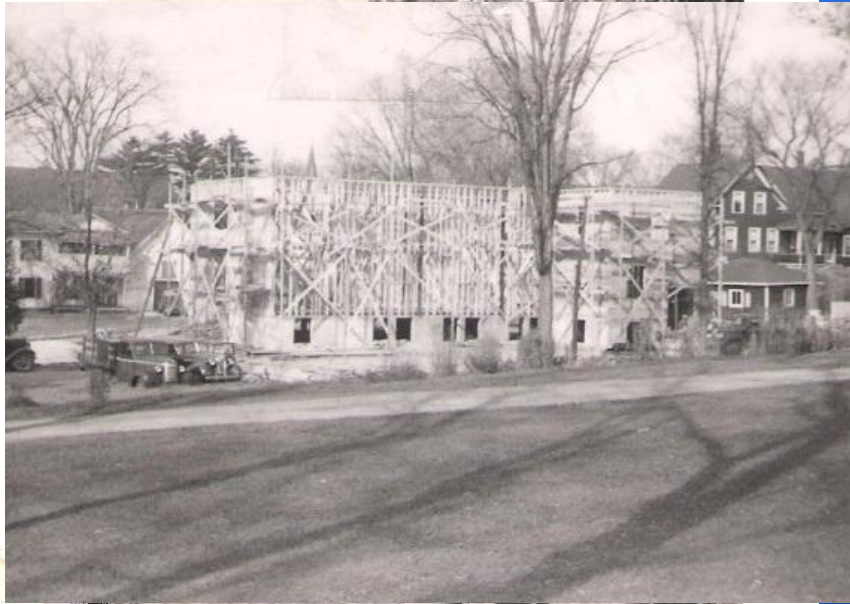
The original interior



1947 – January 19th

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





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 began
- 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 its 175<sup>th</sup> year



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



Tom Ladd

Interim Pastor

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



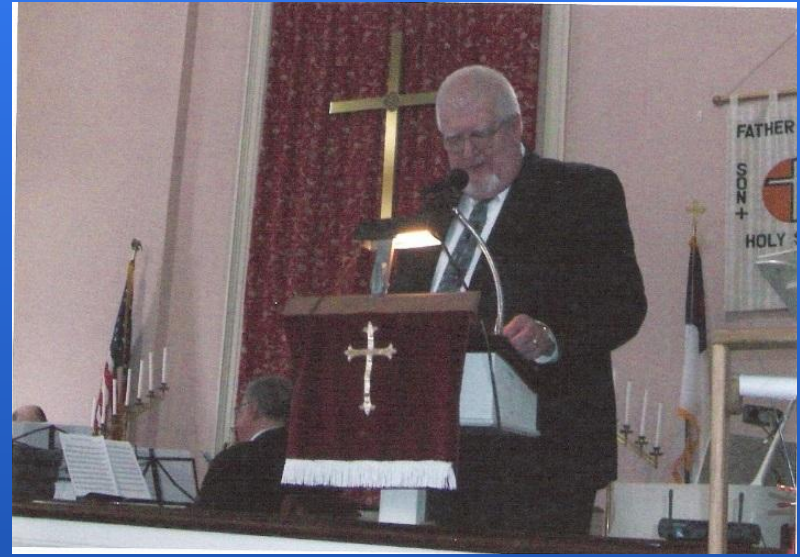
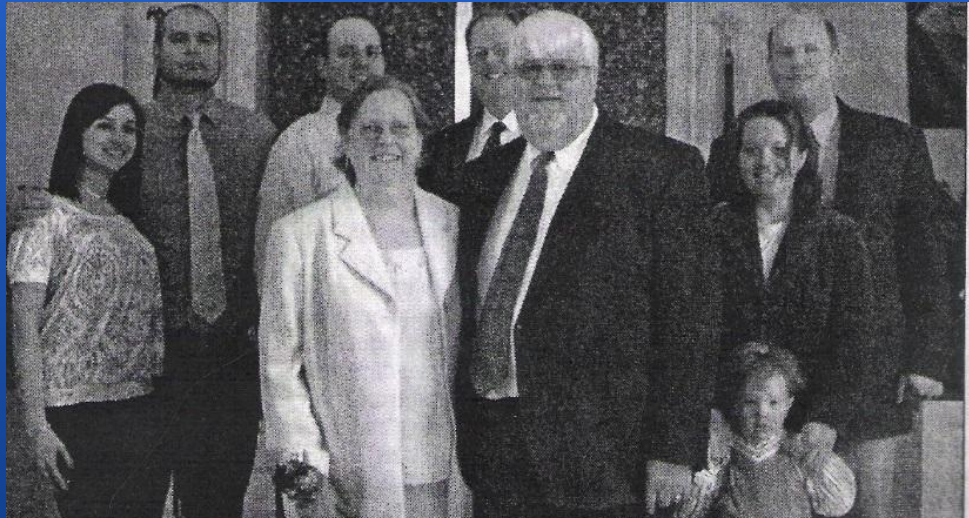
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Joe Jackson  
operates  
the sound  
system

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



Pastor Cliff, Lois,  
and Family



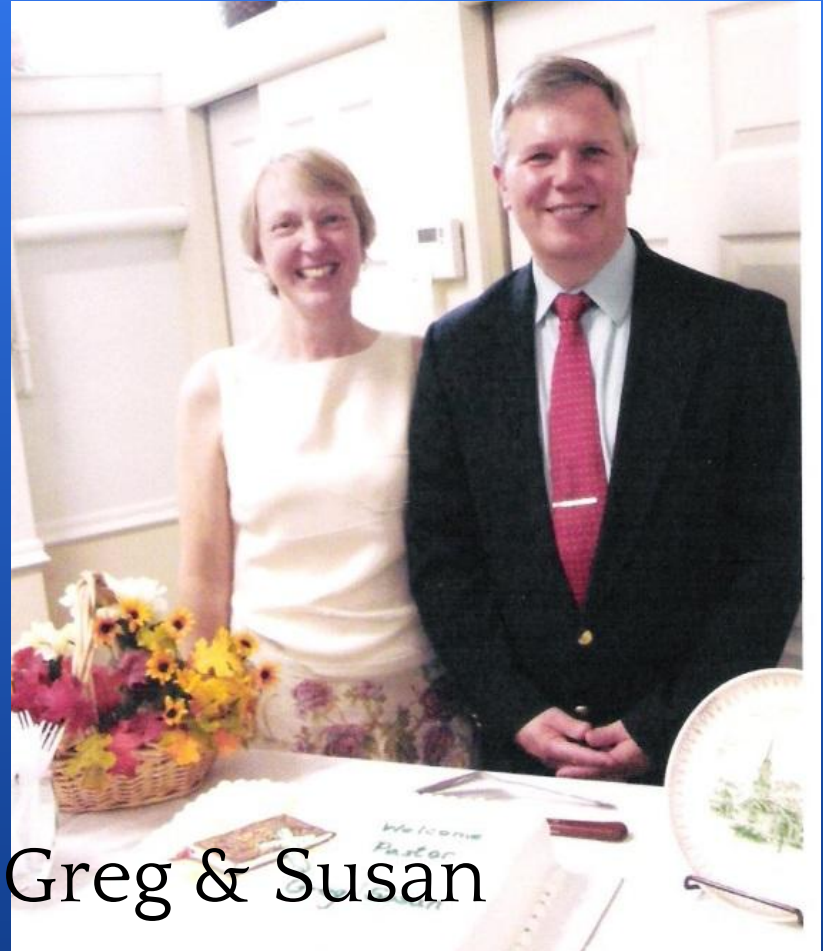
- Rev. Greg Vigne became pastor in 2014



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## Welcoming Rev. Vigne

Rev. Greg Vigne was installed at the new pastor of the Whitefield Community Baptist Church on Sunday. From the left are Rev. Vigne, Rev. Lou Going, of the Whitefield Advent Christian Church, Ron Laffam, North Country Sen. Jeff Woodburn and Rev. John Taylor.



Pastor Greg & Susan

# Former Pastors



Rev. John Mantor

# Baptisms

Have taken place

- Johns River
- Forest Lake
- Mirror Lake
- Berlin Baptist



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- VBS – spreading the word of Jesus to the community





VBS – 2015 Camp Courageous



# Harvest Supper

Give Thanks to the Lord  
for his bounty!

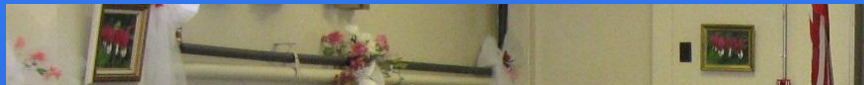




# Silver Tea - Past







& 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



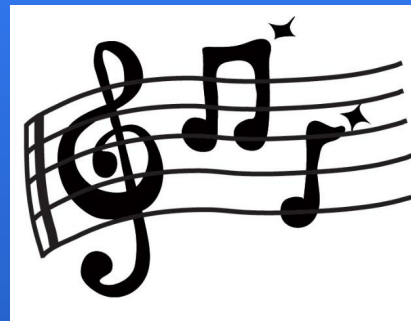


# Thrift Shop ...



# ...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?