

THE FIRST FORTY YEARS
A BRIEF HISTORY OF ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
NORMAN, OKLAHOMA

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1976

St. Michael's Episcopal Church began in late January of 1976, when a group of some 18 families left St. John's in Norman to undertake the establishment of a new church. For several weeks, these families met on Sunday mornings and drove to visit other Episcopal churches in the area, trying to decide what the future of the group should be. By February, the group included about 40 persons. Services were held first in the recreation center of Westwood Park Apartments, where Fr. Wallis Ohl came on the second Sunday that we met and made such an impression that we agreed that he was the man we wanted to lead us, if we could get him. As numbers grew to over 40 and the facility was no longer adequate, we moved to the United Campus Christian Fellowship building at the University of Oklahoma. By mid-March, attendance had grown to some 80 persons each Sunday, and these facilities were rapidly being outgrown.

Late in March, several members went together and bought a small church building at 1423 Twenty-Fourth Avenue SW (now a dance studio.) When we reported our purchase to Bishop Powell, he pointed out that this was not the way Episcopal churches were normally acquired. The new owners of the building then offered to maintain ownership and lease it to St. Michael's for \$1 per year, but the Bishop said that he would work it out so that everyone was repaid and the church would in fact belong to the diocese. The congregation held its first service there on Easter Sunday, only three months after we left St. John's. The name St. Michael's was chosen June 1.

2/22/76 First Church Bulletin saved—probably at the Westwood Apartments Club House. Fr. Wallis Ohl's first time as a supply priest. Elected Bob Bibens first Chairman of the Bishop's Committee and Bob Brandenburg (Finance, Priest Selection, and Church Organization Committees), Doug Busby (Vice-Chairman), Ed Clayton (Chairman of Christian Education), Perry Dean (Parish Activities and Priest Selection Committees), Bob Henderson (Real Estate Needs and Long Range Planning Committees), Bob Magarian (Worship and Music Chairman, Acolyte Leader), Elmer Million (Church Organization Committee), Charles Robinson (Clerk), and Dick Rodgers (Treasurer, Finance Committee Chairman, Church Organization Committee) as members of the first Steering Committee.

Volunteers for special duties include: Elsie Clayton, secretary; Barbara Busby, organist; Ray Nell Bard, Altar Guild directress; Robert Bibens, acolyte sponsor; Bill Wilson, acolyte trainer; Ed Clayton, chairman of layreaders, Louise Robinson, committee for visitation of the sick; Mary Trueheart, choir directress.

Bill Jameson, Bill Wilson, Bob Magarian, Charles Robinson, Robert Bibens, Barbara Busby, Sheila Dean, Edith Melton, Leaella Smith served as layreaders during the first year of operation, first as a House Church, then as a Mission as of the Diocesan Convention in 1976.

Acolytes included Eric Melton, Jim Hancock, Bobby Magarian, William Paden, Frances Morris, Heather Million, Sharon Busby, Rob Brandenburg, Melissa Tharp, Mike Tharp.

Bob and Doris Morris lent their piano for services, and Bob Morris designed and made the Processional Cross, used for the first time on Palm Sunday, April 11, 1976.

First service in the newly-acquired church building on 24th St. was on Easter Sunday, April 18, 1976, followed by an Easter Egg Hunt and pot-luck lunch at Louise and Charles Robinson's.

Celebrants in 1976 in addition to Fr. Ohl were Fr. William Komstedt, Fr. Walter Hoskin, Dr. Curtis Junker, Fr. James Bradley, Fr. Sidney Pratt, Bishop Powell, Fr. Charles Wood, Fr. Dick Virtue, Fr. Dale Rogers, Canon Grover Fulkerson.

Graduating seniors in May, 1976: Edi Melton, Leslie Robinson, and Todd Waldeck.

Lucille Hammons lent her organ to the church, and also served when needed as organist, as did Bob Bibens. In October, Alice Seifert began as our organist. Helen Ardrey had two trees planted in front of the church.

The Brandenburgs donated a flag set to St. Michael's on July 4, 1976. Bicentennial Celebration at Deacon Gary and Jaci Williams.

Organizational meeting for the women's organization scheduled for July 8. Nancy Hancock was elected president; Posey Warmker, vice-president; Gerry Mayes, secretary; and Carol Jameson, treasurer. The Women of St. Michael's held a garage sale at OEC on September 10 and 11, with Ray Nell Bard, Jaci Williams, and Posey Warmker as coordinators.

Delegates to the October convention in Tulsa were Bob Bibens, Jonell Luttrell, and Bob Magarian; alternates were Bob Busch, Carl Melton, Jim Warmker, and Dick Rodgers. At this time St. Michael's was admitted into the diocese as a mission, the fastest progression from House Church to Mission that anyone at the Conference could remember.

The Priest Search Committee announced in October that it was soliciting names of prospective priests. The committee included Pat Mayes, Chairman, and Ray Nell Bard, Bob Bibens, Bob Busch, Cleta Dillard, Lucille Hammons, Dick Hancock, and Jim Warmker. Fr. Wallis Ohl was selected as St. Michael's first Vicar.

At the December 5 Annual Meeting, all 8 serving vestry persons were reelected for staggered terms. In addition, Jaci Williams was elected for one year, Pat Mayes for three. Bob Bibens was reelected Sr. Warden for one year, Jim Warmker as Jr. Warden for two years.

Charter Members of St. Michael's: Many more joined during the course of the first year, but those that were present from the very beginning, in January and February of 1976, were:

Mary Jane Argentos*
Helen Ardrey

Bob and RayNell Bard, Sally
Bob and Chris* Busch, Cathy Busch Brown*
Bob and Evelyn Bibens, Robert and Missy
Bob and Heidi* Brandenburg, John
Doug & Barbara Busby, Sharon, Stephanie, and Suzanne
Francis and Mildred Cella
Francis Coleman Whitman (mother of Chris Busch)
Perry and Sheila Dean, Caroline, Melanie
Guy and Dorothy Dellinger
Neil and Virginia Dikeman
Cleta Dillard
Margaret Gibson
Irene Gorham
Lucille Hammons
Dick* and Nancy* Hancock, Jim, Susan, Jenny*
Leonard and Joan Harper, Karen
Bob and Bileta Henderson, Melanie
Helen Hill
Bill and Carol Jameson, Lisa
Jim and Muriel Johnson, Lisa
Ruby Little
Grant and Dorothy Lower, Ellen
Bob* and Charmain* Magarian, Leslie, Paula*, Cindy, Bob
Pat and Gerry Mayes, Suzanne, Cynthia
Carl and Joanne Melton, Edi, Eric, Matt
Elmer and Anne* Million, Heather, Stephen
Coral McCallister
Mary Nolan
Jan Olinghouse
Wyatt Paden, William
Francis and Shirley Pierce
Inez Price
Miriam Ray
Giles and Beryl Rhode
Charles and Louise Robinson, Ann, Harriet, Leslie, Marian
Dick and Linda Rodgers
Leaella Smith
Paul and Elaine Tharp, Melissa, Michael
Robert* and Octavia* Trueheart, Sarah
Earl and Betty Waldeck, Todd, Chris
Jim and Posey Warmker, Susan, Bill
Jaci*Williams

Of that number, 14 (marked with an asterisk) are still participating members of St. Michael's.

Statistics:

1 adult baptism: David LeRoy McGee
0 marriages.
1 funeral: Kathleen Norman.
0 confirmations.

1977

Fr. Ohl assumed his duties as Vicar of St. Michael's on January 16. On January 23, Bishop Powell confirmed the first Confirmation Class at St. Michael's, including Elmer Million, Mark Smith, Rob Brandenburg, Melanie Dean, Jenny Hancock, Melanie Henderson, David McGee, and Stephen Million. A reception was held afterwards at the home of Heidi and Bob Brandenburg.

In March, a 7:30 service was added to the Sunday schedule, along with adult study class at the Sunday School hour and an evening Lenten Study Program. Maundy Thursday was observed with a Jewish Passover Seder. A celebration including an egg hunt and picnic was held after the Easter service at Louise and Charles Robinson's.

Rummage sales were held by the Women of the Church in March and in October.

The first issue of MIKE'S MISSAL, "the Sometimes Newsletter of St. Michael's," went out on May 10, 1977, with Nancy Hancock as editor.

In late August the interior of the church building (and the top of Bob Bibens' head) received a new coat of paint at the hands of more than 30 volunteers.

St. Michael's began a fund drive in 1977 to buy property on which to build at some time in the future, but the very generous Price family Living Memorial to Inez Price made it urgent that we move ahead quickly. \$30,000 of the needed \$50,000 was subscribed within a few months. Bishop McAllister gave St. Michael's a gift of \$20,000 from the Diocese so that we could concentrate our efforts on the Building Fund. In mid-September, Bishop McAllister, the executive committee of the Diocesan Council, and representatives of the Standing Committee heard a presentation on the property acquisition by Pat Mayes, Bob Bibens, Jim Warmker, Bob Busch, Jack Luttrell, Bob Brandenburg, Dick Hancock, Earl Waldeck, Perry Dean, Gary Williams and Dick Rodgers. After visiting the proposed site, the Bishop entertained a motion from Malcolm Diesenroth to accept the property; the motion passed unanimously and the property was bought. Initial plans were drawn up for the new building. After considerable revision and restructuring of plans so that the work could proceed in stages, the design was accepted. Tentative plans were to begin construction in the fall of 1980.

Inez Price, Major Benefactor to St. Michael's

In 1976, the first year of our existence, first as a House Church and then as a Mission, Inez's three sons, Calvin, Bill and King, told her that they wanted to do something special for her 75th birthday, which was coming up soon, and asked if she would like a donation made to the OU football program, which was very dear

to her heart. She suggested instead that they give something to her little church, St. Michael's. The donation of \$350,000 by the Price family was what made it possible for us to move forward with our dreams and build the church we occupy now. Thanks to her family's generosity, ground was broken on the new church on July 2, 1980, and we moved in on July 1, 1981.

Inez was born in Pawnee, Indian Territory, on November 27, 1902. Her father took part in the Land Run in 1889. She lived in Stillwater and Fairview before moving to Norman to study at OU, when there were only 900 students on campus. There she met Kingsford Price, who was a star football player at OU while she was head "Yell Leader." They married and lived in Norman, building a southwestern-style home on Highway 77 south of Norman.

Her husband died suddenly at the age of 45, and Inez began her professional career. She was a social worker, working for Sunbeam Family Services in Oklahoma City for several years, then became District Supervisor with the Oklahoma Department of Child Welfare, operating out of Norman.

A Charter Member of St. Michael's, Inez participated in every part of our life together, from teaching Sunday School to cooking wonderful food, leading the Daughters of the King, supporting activities of the ECW, but always, at her request, as a worker and not a designated leader.

Inez loved St. Michael's and was very proud of what we did together. We are very fortunate to have been chosen by her as the recipient of her Living Memorial, and for her membership and life among us. The Price family is represented at St. Michael's now by her daughter-in-law Jean (Calvin's widow,) Jean's son King, and his wife Paula.

In late September, the Finance Committee, chaired by Miriam Ray, drew up a proposed budget of \$37,500. By October 9, the cut-off day of the Stewardship campaign, \$35,800 had been pledged by 62 pledging units, with several pledges still expected.

The first annual St. Michael's Day celebration was held on September 29th at Bob and Evelyn Bibens', with Holy Communion on the patio, followed by a covered dish supper and a kick-off of the Fall Stewardship Campaign.

Bishop Gerald McAllister made his first episcopal visitation to St. Michael's on November 2. Holy Baptism and Communion at 8:00 p.m. were followed by a reception at Lafayette's Restaurant.

The first Advent Event was held on November 27. On Dec. 4, St. Michael's Second Annual Parish Meeting was held. Charles Robinson was elected Sr. Warden, Richard Alexander, Cleta Dillard, and Jim Johnson, Jr. were elected to three-year terms on the Vestry, Elaine Tharp for one year. Delegates to convention were Charles Robinson, Jack Luttrell, and Bob Magarian. The Price family Living Memorial to Inez Price was announced, and the Property Fund Drive, with Nancy Hancock as chairman, was presented and special pledge cards distributed.

Noted watercolor artist Milford Zornes appeared on December 16 to give a painting demonstration and to autograph his new book "A Journey to Nicaragua," which was prepared by VOOM as a money-raiser for our companion diocese of Nicaragua.

The building committee for the new building was instituted by the Vestry in December, and included Bob Busch, Ray Nell Bard, Nelson Ray, Charles Robinson, and Jim Warmker.

New acolyte albs were worn for the first time at the Christmas Eve mass. Seamstresses included Dorothy Lower, Chairman of the Vestment Guild, plus Sheila Dean, Cleta Dillard, Muriel Johnson, JoNell Luttrell, Heather Million, Posey Warmker and Charmaine Magarian. 180 people attended the Christmas Eve Mass!!

As of December 31, 1977, membership was 207. Active communicants totaled some 175 of the total number.

Statistics:

4 baptisms: John Thomas Richeson, Khristin Elaine English, Elizabeth Ann Haile, Sara Catherine TeSelle.

4 marriages: Ray Franklin Goldsby and Mary Lou Stokes; Brian Douglas Croom and Cynthia Sue Harrington; John D. Simmons and Ellen Kay Lower; Carrol Whitman and Frances Coleman.

1 burial: Florence Billings Golden-Howes.

8 confirmations

1978

New Bible study groups, one on Tuesday morning, another on Monday evening, began in January, as did adult and youth confirmation classes.

Delegates to the February ECW Annual Conference were Muriel Johnson, Sheila Dean, and Gerry Mayes.

The Vestry spent a day in February in a planning session. Their priorities for 1978 included plans for new growth, outreach to inactive Episcopalians in Norman, communication within and outside the parish, setting a calendar of parish events, and community involvement, whether on a local, national, or international level.

New Altar Guild members as of March 2 were Heidi Brandenburg, Billie Brown, Muriel Johnson, Linda Johnson, Emily Terrell, and Emogene Huslig.

There were several graduates this year--from college, Robert Bibens, Nancy Norman, Ann Bevier, and Cherie Howell; from high school, Suzanne Mayes and Bill Warmker. Leslie Magarian and Jay Jameson's names were added, but without an indication of whether it was high school or college.

Nineteen people from St. Michael's attended the ECW Conference in Stillwater in May.

In June Inez Price was installed as President of the Daughters of the King, Margaret Gibson as Vice-President, Mary Ann Price as Secretary, and Muriel Johnson as Treasurer. Joan Spencer was initiated as a new member.

On July 9, the first Ice Cream Social was held on the site of the proposed church.

On July 12, architect Fred Shellabarger presented to the Vestry the initial plans for the new church building. On July 26 at a called meeting of the entire parish, the plan was presented to the membership along with a presentation of the approximate costs of the first phase.

Suzanne Moore became Sunday School Coordinator for the year beginning in September.

The first Party Pantry, with Gerry Mayes, Ray Nell Bard, Joanne Melton and Wyatt Paden in charge, was held on December 6. Profits were over \$2,000, and were to be used for various projects of the Women of the Church.

The proposed budget for 1979 was \$48,000.

During his late-October visitation, Bishop McAllister, with 210 people in attendance, confirmed Daniel Kelly, Nolan Kelly, Millie Kelly, Bryan Norman, Sabrina Roland, John Miles, Anna Gordon Miles, King Price, Terry Nuttall, Gary Neel, Mary Montgomery, Steven Gray, Lawrence Houglan, Sarah TeSelle, Eric Seifert, John Brandenburg, and Matt Melton.

At the Annual Parish Meeting on December 3, Clancy Huslig was elected Jr. Warden, and Bob Bibens, Dan Gibbens, Emily Terrell, Dick Hancock, and Gary Nishmuta were elected to the Vestry.

Statistics:

4 baptisms: Dale Norman, Clair Elizabeth Rollins, Brandy LaDale Henderson, Aaron Michael Cathey.

5 marriages: Robert Keith Austin and Amy Louise Keller; Robert Fielden Kelson and Deborah Kay Baker; Donald Eugene Koehler and Sharon Anne Slater; Gary Lynn Neel and Terry Lynn Nuttall; Steven Howard Gray and Nancy Leigh Norman.

2 burials: Nell Snead, Carolyn Sue Gray.

17 confirmations.

1979

The Building Fund Drive began in January with a meeting attended by Bishop McAllister. He announced that the Diocese had made a gift of \$20,000 to St. Michael's to pay off the land debt. This allowed all attention to be focused on the Building Fund rather than the Property Fund. Committee members were Jim Warmker, Chairman, with Jim Johnson, Jr., Joe Keller, Alan Oehlschlager, Bob Bibens, and Charles Robinson. The \$22,000 annual total was oversubscribed by more than \$7,000.

This year marked the beginning of Venture in Mission, a three-year program of evangelism and fund-raising.

The men of St. Michael's, under the leadership of Carl Melton, put on the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at Andrews Park. Supper was served to more than 100 people.

The banners designed by Coral McCallister were finished and hung in the nave by Easter Sunday. Mary Nolan enlarged the drawings of the seven sacraments of the church, chose the material, and enlisted the volunteers. The women who executed the banners are: **Healing**, Jackie Nishmuta and Louise Robinson; **Penance**, Virginia Dikeman; **Baptism**, Muriel Johnson; **Confirmation**, JoNell Luttrell; **Ordination**, Ann Million and Sheila Dean; **Marriage**, Evelyn Bibens and Sheila Dean; **Communion**, Karen Hulin.

St. Michael's was one of the host churches at the ECW in Stillwater, and 21 of our people attended and oversaw registration, financial arrangements, printing, and a lot more.

High school graduates included Jim Hancock, Heather Million, Coral McCallister, Missy Bibens, Robert Houglan, Sarah Trueheart, Marian Robinson, Caroline Dean, and Eric Melton. Ann Robinson graduated from William and Mary College.

Dirt work at the new church site began in July.

The Women of St. Michael's for the third year running took inventory at the Fashion Conspiracy on Campus Corner, earning more than \$100 for EYC.

In June, the Vestry voted to undertake the program of the Diocese and the national church concerned with the growth of parishes.

Sheila Dean became half-time secretary at St. Michael's in August.

In September, the Vestry endorsed the idea of trying to sponsor a refugee family from Vietnam, Cambodia, or Laos. Janet Catlin was developing the project, and reported that \$1,000 had been received and \$300 more pledged. The Trinh family, father, mother, and six children from Vietnam, arrived in late November. A house was found for them, and the father had a job as a baker by mid-December. Volunteer English teachers were trained by Nancy Hancock in the basic techniques of teaching English as a second language, and teaching schedules were set up.

The Women of the Church raised \$3,500 from the Party Pantry and the Peddler's Market netted \$410.

At the Annual Meeting in December, Bob Bibens was elected Sr. Warden for two years, Bob Magarian, Jim Warmker, and Dorothy Lower as three-year Vestrypersons, and John Miles for two years to complete Bob Bibens' term.

Statistics:

7 baptisms: Jennifer Leigh Stamper, William Lee Shatzer (adult), Jed Jones, Jeff Jones, Christopher Hamilton, Jonathan Hamilton, Oshkie Ure Natani.

6 marriages: Robin Bradley Sellers and Mary Trueheart; Robert Michael Clinton and Karen Gail Harper; Keith Lynn Wells and Karen Jill Collins; Roy D. Carmack and Kristin Waxlax; Dennis Burl Parker and Susan Warmker; Allen H. Oehlschlager and Judith Carol Oehlschlager.

5 burials: Gladys Marguerite Tout (mother of Nancy Hancock); William Vernon Hartman; John Hewett Culp, Jr.; Chester Edwin Waxlax; Catherine Collier.

8 confirmations.

1980

The construction of the new church was delayed when bids came in considerably above expectations. Parts of the church had to be re-designed to lower construction costs. A new design was presented to the parish in February and approved with enthusiasm. On July 2, 1980, ground was broken for the new church building.

At the end of January, the Presiding Bishop, Bishop of Oklahoma, and Diocesan Council came to St. Michael's for a celebration of the Eucharist, lunch, and to present Venture in Mission (VIM). Dick Hancock was named Parish Committee Chairman. St. Michael's quota over three years was set at \$32,476. During the first two weeks of the campaign, more than 80% of the quota was pledged, and within six weeks the drive was over-subscribed by more than \$5,000.

In June committees were established to consider furnishings. Chairmen named were: Heidi Brandenburg, Altar Furnishings; Allan Oehlschlager, Color Coordination; Pat Mayes, Furniture; Dorothy Dellinger, Kitchen Coordination; Alice Seifert, Organ; Clarence Huslig, Landscaping. Fred Shellabarger, Nelson Ray, Kathy Ray, and Katsi Araneta-Lapus were to serve as resource persons to the committees.

In July, Wyatt Paden began organizing a group to needlepoint kneelers for the altar area. A total of 41 needlepointers included several of Wyatt's family members, Mrs. Mau Trinh, and Betty Powell, Bishop Powell's wife.

On August 9, Guy and Dorothy Dellinger, Evelyn Bibens' parents, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary!

St. Michael's became a parish at the Diocesan Convention in Oklahoma City on November 6 at the opening session, only four years after they began as a House Church. Also, Fr. Ohl and

Evelyn Bibens were elected to the Standing Committee, Dick Hancock to the Diocesan Council, and Elmer Million to the Ecclesiastical Court.

The budget for 1981 was \$69,000, a 20% increase. The Every Member Canvass, jointly chaired by Pat Mayes and Evelyn Bibens, successfully achieved that figure in pledges.

In December Grant and Dorothy Lower offered the gift of a water well and sprinkler system for the new church.

Statistics:

3 baptisms: Robert Howard Beck, Anna Marie Mantooth, David Lynn Phelps.

7 marriages: Charles Russell Freude and Leslie Ann Magarian; Robert Roling Lindley and Janet Price; Harry Hayes Marrs and Janie Lee Barber Silvia; Stephen Barclay Friedman and Judith Ann Bever; Kenton Robert Schmidt and Lisa Margaret Johnson; David Walton Connelly and Inez Elizabeth Price; David James McCallister and Linda Jean Holloway.

4 burials: Eva Appleby (mother of Emogene Huslig), Harriet Lee Thompson, Francis Pierce, Ruby Little.

5 confirmations.

1981

Bob Bibens was Sr. Warden, Clancy Huslig, Jr. Warden, and Vestry included Bob Magarian, Jim Warmker, Emily Terrell, Dan Gibbens, Dorothy Lower, Cleta Dillard, Jan Seifert, Allan Oehlschlager, and John Miles.

Throughout the year, the kneelers for the altar area were blessed and dedicated as they were completed.

Cleta Dillard served as President of VOOM and Dick Hancock as Secretary in that year, when the relationship with Nicaragua was considered to have matured enough so that the Diocese of Oklahoma was ready to undertake a new companion relationship with West Ankole, Uganda.

On March 1, Fr. David Egbert was installed as Rector of St. Mary's, Edmond. As Regional Dean, Fr. Ohl officiated at the installation.

On July 1, St. Michael's Episcopal Church was dedicated and consecrated, with full fanfare and the Highlander Pipe Band to lead the procession around the grounds and pipe us into the building. Nancy Hancock served as Dedication Committee Chairman, with committee heads Pat Mayes, JoNell Luttrell, J.C. and Allan Oehlschlager, Alice and Jan Seifert, Linda Johnson, RayNell Bard, Evelyn Bibens, Louise Robinson, Miriam Ray, Janie Kirt, Mary Heckendorn, Mary Montgomery, Charmaine and Bob Magarian, Missy Bibens, Emogene Huslig, Posey Warmker, and Mary Anne Price. The Festival Week included a concert by the Cimarron Opera Company, an ice cream social, a Western dance in the parking lot, family bingo night, and an Open House on Sunday afternoon. Architect was Remy Shellabarger Associates, general contractor was Bob Busch's Constructors Company.

On July 5, the first regular service in the newly dedicated church building, a number of important gifts were recognized and blessed: The processional crosses, given by Heidi and Bob Brandenburg; the torches and sanctuary lamp furnished by the Memorial Committee; the aumbry given by RayNell and Bob Bard; the remainder of the kneelers and the organ.

The Budget Committee estimated a budget for 1982 of \$82,114. Gerald Ruffin agreed to serve as Every-Member Canvass Chairman.

In October the Women of the Church voted to spend \$4,600 of the proceeds from the Party Pantry for 200 place settings of dishes and silverware and fabric for table cloths for the church.

On December 6, Bishop William Cox, Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Oklahoma, confirmed eleven people from St. Michael's, plus eleven from St. Christopher's in Midwest City.

At the Annual Meeting, Nancy Hancock was elected Sr. Warden, Dorothy Lower, Les Spencer, and Jerry Ruffin as new Vestry persons, and Pat Mayes and Dan Gibbens as delegates to Convention.

The former church on 24th was sold for \$60,000, effective December 31. The "little church" was de-consecrated after the Annual Meeting with thanks to God for His life as it was manifested and sacramentalized in that place.

At the end of 1981, St. Michael's had a total communicant strength of 243 with an additional number of 84 baptized persons, either children or spouses or those who were members and not yet confirmed.

Statistics:

9 baptisms: Laura Beth Coleman, C. O. Jerrid Rex Stephen Andrew Daniel Parker, James Robert Henderson, Mickey Gene Robnett, Lyndsey Blake Browder, Russell Scott Hohenberger (adult), Fern Capella Lassiter-Cronk, Dustin Hadley Lassiter Cronk, Price William Connelly.

13 marriages: Timothy John Drexler and Terri Anne Williams; Frank Allen Eskridge and Emily Price; Donald F. Coulter and Margaret Ryan; Larry Michael Romine and Jaunita Spencer Wills; David St. John and Edith Melton; Clyde Irwin Foster and Andrea Lynn Dillard; Robert Howard Beck and Caroline Jane Dean; Robert Murphy Gibbens and Suzanne Denise Roland; King Ford Price and Paula Jean Maxwell; Paul Thomas Sickman and Angelique Marie Roland; James Michael McAuley and Catherine Suzanne Mayes; Tommy Charles Fountain and Linda Sue Lehning; Burtin T. Detamore and Caren Lynn Alexander.

4 burials: Charles Luther Jackson, Margaret Gibson, Gladys Ramey Shellabarger, Lois Bernardine Robnett.

11 confirmations.

1982

St. Michael's Wedding Guild held an organizational meeting in January at the home of Joanne Melton. Their stated purpose is to offer "beautiful receptions for weddings, anniversaries, or any other appropriate occasion."

On January 17, Joe Ted Miller was installed as Rector of St. John's; Fr. Ohl, as Dean of Region I, was the installing officiant.

In February, new vestments contributed by the Dikemans and a funeral pall and matching vestments given by the Mayes were blessed.

In the spring, many trees were planted on the new property, and plans for the original Gladys Shellabarger Memorial Garden outside the west window of the nave were undertaken. Also the First Annual Fish Fry, hosted by the Men's Group and choreographed by Pat Mayes, took place in April.

In April, St. Michael's was host to the Spring Youth Conference. Some 75 junior-high-aged EYC members from all parts of the state met at St. Michael's for two days, staying with members of the parish.

At Easter, for the first time, children were invited to bring a flower or greenery to "flower the Cross" built especially for this purpose. This was also the first time parishioners heard the new organ, which had just been installed.

The Fourth Annual Rogation Day picnic was held after church at Sheila and Perry Dean's farm in Lexington, with special prayers for crops and for farm animals.

On July 1, the plaque of St. Michael's sword with the balance scales on the hilt, executed by Leonard Logan, a member of St. John's parish, was blessed. To her complete surprise, the Inez Price Educational Wing was dedicated and Inez' portrait in bronze, also the work of Leonard Logan, was unveiled and blessed.

Carol Zerboni opened Southwind Montessori School in the West wing of the building in the fall.

St. James Mission in Purcell, jointly sponsored by St. Michael's and St. John's, began holding services in Purcell in August with Fr. Raymond Ellard as priest. Initially, services were held in the home of Sheila and Perry Dean.

The first joint picnic of St. John's and St. Michael's parishioners took place in the rain at the pavilion at Lake Thunderbird. More than 100 people attended; all of them had a good, wet time.

The first Education for Ministry (EFM) class was formed and began what would be a four-year study of scripture, history and worship.

St. Michael's ECW hosted the Region I ECW meeting, with some 165 women and clergy from throughout the Region. Our ECW served lunch and saw to it that everything ran smoothly.

The proposed budget for 1983, including building, salaries, and program, was \$126,860. Gerry Ruffin agreed to run the Every-Member Canvass again.

At the Annual Parish Meeting, Bill Gilstrap was elected Jr. Warden, Charles Robinson, Charles VanDeman and Neil Dikeman won three-year terms, and Dutch Hoover and Gerry Mayes were elected to one-year terms. Mary Anne Price and Evelyn Bibens were chosen as delegates to Convention. For the first time, the Vestry prepared a lunch of beer stew and cornbread, both much appreciated by parishioners.

Statistics:

14 baptisms: Myke Henry Gluck (adult), Charles Graham Whiteside, Melissa Jane Hodges, Megan Evonne Merrill, John Michael Austin, Andrew Byron Kyle, Leighton Strout, Amelia Coulter, Ryan Sharon Smith, Whitney Michelle Smith, Sara Margaret Schmidt, Diane Rose Schrempp, Donna Jean Smalling Kennedy (adult), Amy Lynn Kennedy.

10 marriages: Robert Reynard Long and Donna Kaye Austin; Mark Owen Wilson and Robin Leigh Blyth; Fred D. Shellabarger and Sue W. Little; Marvin Owen Browning, Jr. and Leslie Ferris Robinson; Mark Keuray Williams and Dianna Wren Durkee; Lowell Douglas Kiel and Hope Schumacher; M. L. Henry and Dawn Feronti; Terry Dale Robertson and Joyce Lynne Armstrong; Ronald Attaway Ratliff and Lucinda Ann Hoopes; John Lynn Stephens and Maureen Diluysia McGee Butler.

2 burials: Guy Dellinger, Richard Elmer Kirt.

0 confirmations.

1983

The Vestry undertook the development of a brochure to be given to visitors to church services and to new members of the congregation, intended to be a look at St. Michael's church, its history, beliefs, facilities and the people involved in its activities.

In February, the Vestry was introduced to the Care Ministry Training Project by Gerry Ruffin and Jan Mills of OU. The project was to include the minister and eight lay people from each of three Norman churches, who would go through a four-week training seminar (some eighteen hours), followed by monthly seminars of three to four hours. These teams would expand the ministry, allowing trained laymen to assume some of the care responsibilities within the parish. Support was enthusiastic.

St. Michael's companion relationship with Rweibare Parish in West Ankole, Uganda, began with an initial correspondence between Fr. Ohl and their rector, the Rev. Nehemiah Nyabwere, with the intent of establishing pen-pal relationships between parishioners in the two parishes.

The Vestry was instructed to send a letter of thanks to Nancy, Dick and Susan Hancock for the gift of their piano.

The creation of a Memorials Committee to function as a sub-committee of the Liturgics Committee was approved. Their responsibility would be to collect, maintain, and report on funds donated, recommend appropriate memorials, prioritize parish needs, publicize gifts received, and provide receipts to donors as appropriate.

Initial plans for the Gladys Shellabarger Memorial Garden were accepted, and the implementation of the A section, west of the nave, was undertaken. The Norman Assistance League donated \$400 to help with the plantings.

Ann Million volunteered to work on the project of starting a library, with books to be purchased with undesignated Memorial funds.

A Hymn Board, donated by Nancy and Mike Gluck, was installed in the nave.

Jon Roberts, a student at OCU, was selected to become our parish organist.

New permanent greenery was purchased for Christmas decoration of the nave, along with wrought-iron stands to use on the retable for a large array of poinsettias.

Bill Bippus, a candidate for the Curacy at St. Michael's, visited St. Michael's in late December to meet with parishioners on an informal basis.

Statistics:

6 baptisms: Paige Marie VanOsdol, Jason Ryan Van Deman, Nathan Charles Van Deman, Amanda Gordon Dunn, Patrick Ian Murrell, Amy Rochelle Tointigh.

6 marriages: Benjamin Brewster and Helen Finley; Myron Henry Gluck and Nancy C. Wellhoner; Mark Steven Broaddus and Carrie Kathleen Grandstaff; Jim Shadawen and Sue Lowery; Robert Leroy Burkett and Donna Jean Smalling Kennedy; Timothy Patrick Kelly and Lisa Joh Zenke.

1 burial: Rebecca Anne Edwards.

31 confirmations.

1984

The Daughters of the King took over the coordination of "Food for Friends," and the ECW volunteered to fund the program. St. Michael's would be asked to participate twice a year in providing a well-balanced lunch for between 40 and 50 people in need of food and fellowship.

After consultation with the Bishop, Bill Bippus was called as Curate of St. Michael's. He joined us at mid-year, after finishing his courses and graduating from Seabury Western. He was ordained on June 16th at St. Paul's Cathedral in OKC.

Martha Hodgden asked the Vestry for its recommendation and approval to proceed with her journey through the Deacon Formation Program. Her request met with unanimous approval and a letter was sent to Bishop McAllister.

Using Memorial funds donated in the name of Helen Hill as well as funds left to St. Michael's by Helen, detachable aisle posts, a lectern and pulpit for the nave, and supports for the torches and crosses were completed and installed. The Daughters of the King also contributed a number of books to the Library in memoriam for Helen Hill.

Statistics:

18 baptisms: Gavin Robert Beck, Paul Michael Hodgden, Brian Michael Holland, Lea Michaele Gibbens, Sheryl Kay Grimwood Gibbens, William Charles Hathaway, Ginger Lynn Welch, Laurel Lynn Welch, Conner Matthew Williams Drexler, Susan Allyn McBride, Edward Arthur St. John, Royce Lee Jennings III, Gayla Jo Ruth, Thomas Morgan Williams, Duncan Emerick Williams, Edward James Eskridge, Robert Roling Lindley II, Margaret Hogan Connelly.

10 marriages: William Alfred Thomson III and Vicki Lynn Pemberton; Richard Thomas Rishel and Stephanie Ann Melancon; William Warren Uraneck and Rebecca Lee Reynolds; James Marshall Kenderdine and Earlene Sartin; Kenneth Lynn Blood and Anne Marie Smith; Jeffrey Gray Parker and Cindy Lynn Magarian; Arnold Glenn Henderson and Anne Hoover Smith; James Allen Schones and Melissa Lynne Bibens; Christopher Lyle Graham Cowlbeck and Susan Allyn McBride; Laurence W. Green, Jr. and Nancy Kay Bennett.

4 burials: Willie Irene Gorham, Emma F. Siatta Rodriguez, Helen Draper Hill, Charles Berry.

19 confirmations.

1985

John Norvell appeared before the Vestry asking for permission to seek postulancy for Holy Orders. His request was unanimously approved and a letter and application signed by all members of the Vestry.

Fr. Bippus was ordained on March 30, and the ECW and the Reception Guild hosted a gala reception in his honor.

Mike and Martha Hodgden donated a color TV for the Christian Education program, and Rod and Karen Bailey donated a washing machine for the sexton's room for washing kitchen linens, vestments, etc.

In October, Fr. Forrest Mobley presented a Renewal Weekend entitled "Coming Alive in Christ." Nearly 70 people attended on Friday evening, 40 on Saturday morning, and 40 on Saturday evening.

Janie Kirt requested the support of the Vestry for her acceptance by the Bishop and Standing Committee as a Postulant for Holy Orders. The submission of a letter of recommendation was unanimously approved.

At the Annual Meeting, Charles VanDeman was elected Sr. Warden, James Adair, Jr., Jr. Warden for one year; Jack Dawson, Cleta Dillard, Emogene Huslig and Owen McGonnell for three-year terms on the Vestry; Jerry Ellington for two years; and Perry Dean and Will Hathaway for a one-year term. Janie Kirt, Evelyn Bibens and Owen McGonnell were elected delegates to Convention. Evelyn Orth won the drawing for a Christmas tree. The proposed budget for 1985 was \$172,000.

Statistics:

15 baptisms: Ryan Thomas Darks, Lauren Elizabeth Henry, Alexander Hoopes Ratliffe, Ashley Lyons Squires, John Spencer Carson III, Sally Margaret Grace Pickens (adult), Elizabeth

Francene Pickins, Julia Dawn Wells, Amber Dianne Helling, Nathan David Deal (name changed as an infant from Nathan Robert Hudson), Mark Thomas Schrempp, Joan Elconin, Blair Adrian Speer, Evan Phillip Charles Dawson, Jordan Christian Ellington.

10 marriages: David James McCallister and Valerie Anne Green; Paul Albert Jaqua and Lisa Jameson; Gary Lynn Bratcher and Christina L. Riecken; David Kerr Seals and Babette Suzan Southard; Joe Van Bullard and Christine Anne Miles; James Paul Wilson and Elizabeth Jeanne Zerboni; Carvin Jean Knowles and Thea Marie Goldsby; John Russell Stiehler and Jill Michelle Wall; Michael Bryan Whanen and Marian Lawson Robinson.

5 burials: James Forrest Dunn, Richard Tyrrell Wallis, E. Dwight Morgan, Roberta Edith Korb, Mary Wynne Nolan.

1986

Designated by St. Michael's parishioners as a year of celebration - our tenth birthday and the fifth anniversary of the move into our new church!

In January, Bishop Cox confirmed seven new Christians at St. Michael's.

A parish evaluation was undertaken, with an evaluation form sent to each parish family in an attempt to better understand where the parish stood and in what directions it wished to move.

In February, Bishop McAllister was present to participate in the birthday party. The pulpit and lectern, the pulpit Bible, the Gospel Book, the aisle posts, the hymnboard, the marble flooring under the font, and a new pall for the chalice were blessed. The Reception Guild and the WOC sponsored the reception after the service.

In April our curate, Fr. Bill Bippus, left St. Michael's to become Rector of St. Paul's in Marinette, Wisconsin, a parish of about 125 in a small town on Lake Michigan. He was sent off to his new life with a reception at Louise and Charles Robinson's.

Clancy Huslig designed, made, and installed the two water fonts at the back of the church. They were in place by the Maundy Thursday service in Holy Week.

St. Michael's hosted the Annual Convention, which was held at OCCE. Mary Helen Montgomery was local chairman, and Fr. Ohl host Rector. Committee chairmen were: Mary Anne Price, *Registration, Housing, Entertainment, Packets*; JoNell Luttrell, *Hospitality, Food*; Cleta Dillard, *Idea Fair, Exhibits*; Les Spencer, *Tellers, Ushers*; Dick Hancock, *Floor Manager*; Sheila Ohl, *Clergy Spouse Activities*; Emogene Huslig, *Altar Guild*; Karen Bailey, *Office Manager*.

Evelyn Bibens was selected to be one of the three regional lay representatives on the Bishop's Search Committee.

At the Parish Meeting in December, James Adair was elected Jr. Warden, three-year Vestry terms went to Lynn Christophersen, Evelyn Bibens, Tom Shingledecker and Ken Miner, Evelyn

Orth was chosen for a two-year term and Roland Brown for a one-year term. Janie Kirt, Owen McGonnell, and Paula Ellington will be delegates to the next Annual Convention.

Statistics:

6 baptisms: Victoria Michelle Williams, Jeffrey Joseph Lindley, William Allen Eskridge; Harriet Louise Browning; Emily Margaret Tinling, Larry Morton.

6 marriages: Howard Roberts and Linda Marie Hayes; Mark Dixon Baker and Judith Durham Alcott; Keven Eric McGehee and Michael Anne Nicholson; William Andrew Lutz, Jr. and Jeanne Sharon Tobin; Marcus Dwight McCloud and Cynthia Jo Miles Dunn; Steven Karl Gaut and Emily Hyde Hopkins.

4 burials: Robert M. Simmons, Arthur Richard Parduhn, Marjorie Thixton, Michael William Jones.

7 confirmations.

1987—A Year of Evangelism and the Jubilee Year for the Diocese of Oklahoma.

In February, all organized groups involved in ministries at St. Michael's had booths set up to share information about what they did and how others could get involved. Members of the parish were invited to ask questions about their areas of interest and join those groups that were a good fit.

For the first time, the ECW sold jumbo mixed-color caladium bulbs as a money-raising project. They cleared more than \$1,000.

On Servant Sunday in March, the Parish Activities Committee served beans and cornbread to all comers. Parishioners sat down and servants of St. Michael's brought them their lunch and waited on their every need.

In June, two St. Michael's members were ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons—Robert Bibens at All Souls in OKC, Martha Hodgden at St. Anne's in Enid.

At the request of the Parish Activities Committee, Will Hathaway made and installed a sign above the doorway as you exit the church into the world which says "Servant's Entrance."

Janie Kirt and her children moved to Austin in August so that she could attend the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest.

The Long-Range Planning Committee began discussions of the need for a new parish hall and Christian education building and after several meetings asked architect Bill Kaighn to come up with ideas for a 2,000-square-foot multi-purpose parish hall with kitchen and bathrooms. The initial plans were presented at the Annual Parish Meeting.

In September, St. John's and St. Michael's held a joint picnic at Andrews Park, with food, games, and a volleyball tournament. Also in September, everyone was urged to bring a friend to church for Visitors' Sunday and an instructed Eucharist to explain some of the whys and wherefors of our liturgical practice.

In October, Milford Zornes, one of the most famous watercolor artists in the country, showed his recently-finished portfolio of paintings of West Ankole, Uganda, location of our companion diocese. Several paintings were sold to benefit VOOM.

As part of our community outreach in the fall, St. Michael's participated in Bell-Ringing for the Salvation Army, gift-wrapping at the Sooner Fashion Mall to benefit the Cerebral Palsy Center, and the preparation of Thanksgiving food baskets for needy families. The Youth Group collected toys and clothes for Christmas for Kids, which were sent to the Women's Resource Center, Salvation Army and Juvenile Services, Inc. Also, 15 families received Christmas baskets or food baskets, 4 were helped with gas or electric bills, 18 patients at Morningside Nursing Home received Christmas gifts, and 12 families who did not qualify for the Christmas Store were given the opportunity to buy Christmas gifts for their families.

The Trinks, the Vietnamese family St. Michael's sponsored, moved to San Jose, CA, where Mr. Men was manager of a grocery store, with two of the children in college and all working after school. They added to their family another daughter in September.

Will Hathaway made three ushers' tables for the ingathering space.

At the Annual Parish Meeting in December, Roland Brown was elected Sr. Warden, Vestry members selected were Mike Canfield, Suzanne Moore, Gerald Hudson, and Marta Joseph, and delegates to the Convention included Roland Brown, Evelyn Bibens, Owen McGonnell, and Tom Shingledecker. The budget of \$175,000 was approved, although that entire amount had not yet been pledged. A Building Fund was initiated in anticipation of the possibility of adding more space to our church building, and preliminary drawings were presented to the meeting with the request that parish members contact the Long-Range Planning Committees with their reactions and recommendations.

St. Michael's First Annual Community Christmas Dinner took place at St. Michael's under the leadership of Bob Magarian. Despite bitter cold weather and ice, some 80 members of St. Michael's helped cook, decorate, serve, greet, drive, or clean up; 125 individuals were fed; and 26 Mobile Meals were sent.

Statistics:

10 baptisms: David James Thompson, Sarah Elise Thompson, Jami Rhiannon Harvey, Heather Renee Dallas, David Allen Schones, Tanya Lynn Nye (adult), Tyler Patrick Kelly, Stacy Ann Sharp, Tressa Anita Stiehler, Christopher Michael Daves.

5 marriages: David Aden Zimmer and Amy Elizabeth Upthegrove; Michael R. Kelly and Tera Diane Stough; Douglas Gene Adams and Felicia Rodriguez; Douglas Scott Nieb and Karen Marie Meiller; Johnny Lee Reece and Janet Ann Greiner.

4 burials: John Norman Miles, Doris Maureen Rowan, Aline Asher, James Johnson, Sr.

13 confirmations.

1988—A Year of Stewardship

The ECW again sold caladium bulbs, with all profits designated for the new Building Fund. Profits from the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper were also earmarked for the Building Fund.

On February 6, the Rev. Robert M. Moody was consecrated as Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Oklahoma at the Myriad in Oklahoma City. Many members of the parish assisted with the event, and many more were included in the various processions.

At the end of February the Long-Range Planning Committee presented the Vestry with a new and different design for the building addition, one that adds a proper choir room and two additional bathrooms. Costs were estimated at \$240,000, and plans were undertaken for ways to raise this amount of money without going into debt.

In June, John Norvell was ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons at St. Paul's Cathedral in OKC.

Inez Price, Bob and Charmaine Magarian, Keith Catto, Sheila Dean, Betty McCallister, Jim Smith, Posey Warmker, Southwind Montessori, Frances Whitman, Evelyn Bibens, and J.R. and Kellye Talley contributed roses for the rose garden, which Chuck Korb, the 'parish rosarian,' started in memory of his wife Roberta and has tended since the first roses were planted.

At a special September board meeting, the Women of St. Michael's decided to suspend activities for the time being. At whatever time the women wished to reconstitute the group, the work of the ECW would proceed.

Susan Walker was accepted as a Postulant to the priesthood and left for Austin to begin her studies at seminary.

Bob Bibens and Fr. Ohl were two of the eight delegates representing Oklahoma at the General Convention in Detroit. Evelyn Bibens was one of four representatives to the ECW Triennial.

The Outreach Committee collected box fans for distribution in the summer to those who did not have air conditioning in their homes.

In December, Bishop Moody made his first official visit to St. Michael's and confirmed eight adults.

At the Annual Parish Meeting, James Adair was re-elected as Jr. Warden, Bob Magarian, Warren Childs, Doug Stiehler and Susan Hancock were elected to the Vestry for three years, Paula Price for one year. Tom Shingledecker, Bob Bibens, and Mike Canfield were chosen as delegates to the diocesan convention. A budget of \$169,312 was approved, which at the time of the meeting showed a deficit of \$6,120.

Statistics:

7 baptisms: Brittanie Noel Dean, Kimberly Marie Stiehler, Suzanne Eckl Witzke (adult), Zachary James Schmidt, David James Henson, Juna Elsie Purcell, William Thomas Purcell.
6 marriages: Joel Hansen Young and Melissa Marie Tucker; Roy Anthony Mallory and Shawn Christine Childs Harvey; Timothy Jason Eggeman and Kathryn Elizabeth Terrell; Kerry Steven Emrick and Charlene Berry; Paul Carl-Gustav Nelson and Abigail Joan McKnight; Jimmy Lee Smith and Betty Sue Watkins McCallister.
5 burials: Margaret E. Wheeler, Marian Holmaas (Cathy Hopper's mother), Lucille Aurell Jameson, Jewel Stapp Ellsworth, Virginia Lee Claxton Farmer.
7 confirmations.

1989

Betty Eick printed and organized nametags for everyone in the parish and set up the rolling bulletin board so that we could put our nametags back after service and find them again easily the next time we looked.

The Rev. Deacon John Norvell was ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests in March at St. Paul's Cathedral in OKC.

Fr. Ohl took a sabbatical leave from May 15 until August 15.

In June, an air-conditioning system for the organ loft was installed, allowing an even temperature to be maintained without turning on the large air conditioners in the nave.

Sheila Dean gave a stone bench for the rose garden as a memorial gift in memory of her father, William Wileman.

In August, Lynn Christopherson was approved by the Vestry as a candidate for Holy Orders.

Bob Bibens was honored at the Diocesan Convention with the Bishop's Award for his work with NAIC, VOOM, St. Michael's and education. He was also elected to Diocesan Council, as a delegate to Provincial Synod in 1990, and as a deputy to General Convention in 1991. Fr. Ohl was also elected to serve as a deputy to General Convention.

At the Annual Parish Meeting, Bob Bibens was elected Sr. Warden; Warren Childs, Jr. Warden; Roland Brown, Charles Robinson, Dan Gibbens and Betsy Taggart for three-year Vestry terms, Pat Mayes and Dick Hancock for two-year terms, and Jim Smith for one year. Dan Gibbens, Pat Mayes, and Evelyn Bibens were selected as delegates to Convention. The budget for 1990 was accepted, even though the EMC was not yet completed, with the stipulation that the Vestry would adjust it as necessary if the projected income was not sufficient to fund it adequately.

The Third Annual Christmas Day Community Dinner served 440 people, severely taxing the facilities at St. Michael's.

Statistics:

16 baptisms: Anastasia Noel Calhoun, Anne Howell Jones, Jessica Angelique-Marie Sickman, Joseph John DuVall, Anne Murphy Askridge, Luke Craig Whiteside, Ronald Douglas Stiehler III, Travis Kenric Carrier, James Matthew Roffers, Anne Ballew Roffers, Candace Ann Roffers (adult), Sidney Ross Browning, Stewart Andrew Morton, Tiffani Paige Dean, Kevin Michael Brandon, Madelan Ruth McGehee.

4 marriages: Christopher Wade Hamilton and Lisa Ann Klaver; Jerome Orville Steffen and JoAnn Buchman; Gregory Martin Shaw and Mary Christine Ward; Kenneth Ray Andrews and Cristi Lynn Heggie Harris.

2 burials: Jowell Tull, Alvin Henry Wheeler.

3 confirmations.

1990—Beginning of the Decade of Evangelism

On January 6 and 7, St. Michael's lost two of its best-loved charter members, Inez Price and Bob Bibens. Inez succumbed to cancer and Bob suffered a massive heart attack.

Children's Choirs, divided by age into Angel and Cherub choirs, were well into their second year of study and performance, under the direction of Jennifer Canfield and Caroline Morton.

Dan Gibbens was selected by the Vestry to serve as Sr. Warden in place of Bob Bibens, at least until the next annual meeting's elections. John Hartley was selected to fill Dan's Vestry position for 1990.

In March a special parish meeting was called to find a solution to the financial crisis in which St. Michael's found itself, with two years of Diocesan assessment unpaid (\$10,000) and \$9,000 borrowed from designated funds. Sr. Warden Dan Gibbens, charter member Dick Hancock, and Treasurer Bill Deaton spoke about the problem, followed by Pat Mayes, who made an appeal for financial pledges to fund this special asking. Within two weeks, \$22,060 had been pledged or received outright. At this same meeting, the Vestry was charged with working to re-establish the sense of excitement and purpose that characterized St. Michael's in its early years.

A new ministry of Eucharistic Visitors began in March, whereby specially trained and licensed lay people would take Communion to those who could not come to church. Training for this ministry, designed to complement rather than replace the clergy's role, was undertaken by Jack Dawson and Trish Abolins.

The new facilities for Santa Maria Virgen, the Hispanic Mission in Oklahoma under the direction of Bishop Hugo Pina, former Bishop of Honduras, were dedicated in April. St. Michael's had supported the Hispanic Mission since it began, and members of its parish had been invited to services, participated with St. Michael's women in the Party Pantry, and occasionally sold tamales and other food after church for fundraisers. Bob and Evelyn Bibens and Dick and Nancy Hancock served on the first Hispanic Commission and remained active as it developed from a concept to a reality.

Geoffery Tumwine, coordinator and director of the programs begun by Bob Bibens for VOOM in Uganda, spent a week in Oklahoma and preached on VOOM Sunday at St. Michael's.

Janie Kirt was ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons at St. Paul's Cathedral in OKC.

The Senior High Sunday School Class took over all of the lay leader functions one Sunday in August, discharging the responsibilities of readers, chalice bearers, ushers, and preacher, with Fr. Ohl as celebrant.

At the Annual Meeting, Dan Gibbens was elected Sr. Warden; Bob Martin, Jr. Warden; Warren Childs, John Hartley, Clancy Huslig, Anne Doyle, and Moses Glidden, Vestry; and Bob Magarian, Sheila Ohl, and Evelyn Bibens, delegates to Convention. The \$172,655 budget for 1991 was an increase of \$14,600 over the 1990 budget.

The parish celebrated Dorothy Dellinger's 80th birthday with a surprise party and luncheon after the 10:30 service.

The Christmas Day Community Dinner was moved to the Norman High School Cafeteria, with increased worker participation from throughout Norman and increased numbers.

Statistics:

18 baptisms: Andrea Lee Wallace, Ricky Vaughn Brown, Jan Alain Simpson Taylor (adult), Shaa Marie Green, William Justin Watson, Jana Christine Smith, Sarah Whitney Young, Spencer Joseph Taylor, Addie Elizabeth Taylor, Sean Carter Steffen, Katrina Mae Croom, Mirabai Celeste Hull, Elijah Taylor Hull, Meredith Roy, Colby Roy, Amy Katherine Taylor, Benjamin David Gray, Sean Patrick Calhoun.

2 marriages: Edward Eugene Baker and Heather Lynn Hooper; Stuart W. Emmons and Shannon Kathleen Massey.

5 burials: Inez Elizabeth Bever Price, Robert F. Bibens, Elmer Mayse Million, Robert E. Bard, John M. Luttrell.

7 confirmations.

1991—The Decade of Evangelism

Janie Kirt was ordained to the priesthood in January at St. Michael's.

Fr. Bill Bippus, our former curate, came to visit in March and celebrated Holy Communion at St. Michael's, his first visit since he left for Wisconsin in 1986.

A new Committee on Evangelism formed in April to "present St. Michael's Parish as a vehicle to comply with the command of the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19 and Acts 1:8) to share our faith in Jesus Christ by word and deed. Our objective is to improve our outward manifestations of our life in Christ." Pat Mayes was chairman.

On April 17, the Vestry accepted our Rector's resignation effective June 30, with continuing appreciation of our long and rich relationship with him and his family. He accepted a call to serve St. Michael's Colorado Springs. Fr. Bill Collins of Edmond served us as interim priest until the Search Committee had finished its work.

The Children's Choir presented "Daniel" in April, and sang with Jennifer Canfield at her farewell concert, "A Little Night Music," in May.

The Parish Directory for 1991 contained a Yellow Pages section with a list of members possessing gifts and talents they would be willing to share with others.

Susan Walker was ordained as a transitional Deacon in June at St. Paul's Cathedral in OKC and the following week J.R. Talley and Lynn Christopherson were ordained permanent Deacons at St. Michael's.

The Search Committee for a new rector—Pat Mayes, Chairman, plus ten members including Evelyn Bibens, Cleta Dillard, Emily Eskridge, Shaa Green, John Hartley, Nancy Hancock, Bob Magarian, Howard Moore, Betsy Taggart, and David Zittel—began its work with a visit with Bishop Moody, followed by a parish survey and congregational meeting that led to the preparation of a Parish Profile, the evaluation of applications from all over the U.S., the indepth conference-call interviewing of some fourteen final candidates, visits to a number of outstanding candidates' home parishes, and the presentation of three recommended candidates for final selection by the Vestry after interviews with all three. The Vestry unanimously agreed on the choice of Fr. Rick Burris, who accepted our call.

On June 30, St. Michael's celebrated with the traditional fish fry its fifteenth birthday, the tenth anniversary of its 'new' building, and also bid farewell to the Ohls as they left for Colorado Springs.

Bishop Hugo Pina, after four years of dedicated service to Hispanic Mission work in Oklahoma, accepted a call to serve as rector of the Church of the Redeemer, Avon Park, in the diocese of Central Florida. Continuing health problems forced him to consider a less intense area of service.

The Rt. Rev. Charles S. Mallory confirmed six people and received one person from the Roman Catholic Church.

Sheila Dean, parish secretary for over 12 years, accepted another position in November. She made it clear that she was not leaving St. Michael's, just changing her place of work. She was replaced by Stephanie Lundy.

At the Annual Parish Meeting, Bob Martin was chosen Sr. Warden, Will Hathaway, Jr. Warden; Patronalia Hanley, Betsy McGonnell, Randy Simmons, and David Zittel for three-year Vestry positions; Evelyn Bibens for one year; and Dan Gibbens, Bob Magarian and Anna Walsh as delegates to Convention. A budget of \$168,216 was adopted despite a \$20,653 deficit, contingent on an additional canvass to be conducted early in 1992 after the new rector arrived, with an amendment directing the Vestry to take additional action as appropriate to produce a balanced budget by March 31, 1992.

The Christmas Day Community Dinner was a great success, with 414 meals served, a visit from Santa with gifts for all, Christmas carols, and the welcome presence of Mayor and Mrs. Reynolds and Fr. Dick Virtue.

Statistics:

14 baptisms: Ryan Alexander Morton; Erica Dawn Parker, Coreen Elizabeth Brians, Millay Christine Brians, David Joseph Smagorinsky, Rosemary Torres Villy Carlyle Cook, Emily Anne Jaqua, Sara McHale Alderton, Amy Michelle Schones, Madison Kate McGehee, Jared Andrew Childs, Jonathan Parker Boyle, Cody Lynn Hill, Jerid Wiley Rockhold.

5 marriages: James Matthew Nicholson and Jennifer Lynn Nolte; David Christopher Watkins and Sheri Jane Harrell; Michael Eugene Zamudio and Dena Faye Hale; Cody Lynn Hill and Maggie Frances Wilson; Brett Alan Byrd and Leian Irene Knight.

2 burials: Virginia Anne Dikeman, Marjorie de Carteret.

7 confirmations.

1992—The Decade of Evangelism

On January 3 the parish welcomed Fr. Burris and his family with a reception. They planned to arrive in Norman in late February and Fr. Burris would officially begin as Rector of St. Michael's on Sunday, March 1, 1992.

Susan Walker Colley was ordained to the Order of Priests in Christ's One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church in January at St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral.

A farewell reception for Fr. Bill and Frances Collins was held on February 23, his last day as Interim Priest at St. Michael's. Many expressed gratitude for his help and ministry during the time that St. Michael's was seeking a new spiritual leader.

The women's group started up again, with quarterly meetings for all members and interest groups including knitting, book discussion, aerobics and crafts.

Clancy Huslig again gave of his time and talent to create the holder for the guest book in the entryway.

On June 7, Bishop Moody installed Fr. Burris at St. Michael's with a Celebration of New Ministry, and also blessed two new portable communion sets given in memory of Robert Bard and Gladys Shellabarger. Two weeks later, Fr. Burris installed Lynn Christopherson as a deacon in service to St. Michael's.

In May, the Vestry decided to go forward with a budget deficit which has been decreased to \$8,500.

Fr. Rick, Carm, Luke, Anne and Nora invited the parish family to an open house at their home in December.

A generous bequest of \$30,000 to the Diocese of Oklahoma Foundation as a permanent endowment for St. Michael's was received from the estate of George W. Nolan in the name of Mary Wynne Nolan. Proceeds from the endowment were to be used to support the music program, limited to music, vestments, and soloists.

At the Annual Parish Meeting, Jim Adair was elected Jr. Warden; Evelyn Bibens, Neil Hunt, Howard Moore and Suzanne Moore for three-year Vestry terms; Barbara Higgins for two years; Betty Wycoff for one year; and Evelyn Bibens, Dan Gibbens, Charmaine Magarian, and Eann Robinson as delegates to Diocesan Convention. A budget of \$167,393 was adopted, which anticipated \$20,151 in additional pledges and a \$5,000 deficit.

The Sixth Annual Norman Christmas Day Community Dinner was a huge success, serving 480 meals. Santa distributed gifts to all, and poinsettias donated by Mr. Wright of Wright's IGA were also distributed by workers. Mayor Nations was the honorary chairman, and Representative Laura Boyd paid a visit. Although the dinner in 1992 cost \$3,500 to put on, all costs were met through contributions from St. Michael's and from throughout the community.

Statistics:

6 baptisms: Lance David Wright, Gabriel Pendleton Fisher, Benjamin William Webb Hathaway, Erica Straughn, Benjamin Zerboni Wilson, Christopher Michael Marrs.

3 marriages: Kirk Allen High and Michelle Ann Taggart; Charles Wallis Ohl III and Rebeca Jean Pope; John Robert Walter and Eva Marie (Alexander) Ketner.

3 burials: Mary Luella Humphreys, Carroll Dreyfus Whitman, Nellie Mae Underwood.

11 confirmations.

1993—The Decade of Evangelism Continues

The Pastoral Care Committee inaugurated the First Annual Parish Weekend, on Friday evening and Saturday through lunch just prior to Ash Wednesday and Lent, as a kick-off for the Lenten Study program. Canon Hal Greenwood led the weekend discussions.

Joh Roberts, organist and choir director at St. Michael's, completed St. Michael's Mass, a complete setting for Rite II service music. It was introduced during Lent and Easter. He also completed 10 years of service to St. Michael's.

St. Michael's began its Children's Chapel in late February for children between three and six years old. Parents would take turns leading worship, with Sheila Dean directing the chapel and assisting parents. Chapel began at 10:30 and ended at the Peace, when children were brought into the nave to join their parents for the Eucharist.

The Bishop's Conference on Renewal was held in Tulsa at Holland Hall in April; a number of St. Michael's parishioners attended.

Fr. Burriss was one of the speakers chosen for the Norman Ministerial Alliance Holy Week Program.

In May, Patronalia Hanley and Terry Neel were commissioned to be Lay Eucharistic Visitors, helping the clergy by assisting with the delivery of Communion to those not able to attend services.

In June, after consultation with smokers and non-smokers alike, the Vestry declared St. Michael's a smoke-free environment. Smoking is limited to areas outside the church building.

Also in June, Evelyn Bibens spent 19 days in West Ankole, Uganda, following in the footsteps of her late husband Bob, and speaking with leaders of the programs Bob set up during his service through VOOM.

In June, Louise and Charles Robinson gave a new funeral pall for urns in memory of their daughter Harriet Robinson Gillock.

Margaret Smith gave a Mexican tin sculpture of Michael the Archangel throwing Satan out of heaven (Revelation 12:7-9). It was placed by the entrance to the nave in the in-gathering space.

Michaelmas was celebrated in September with a barbecue feast and a Dixieland band.

At the request of the Vestry, the 1994 Diocesan Assessment was adjudicated \$3,350, subject to the approval of Diocesan Convention, resulting in a 1994 assessment of \$29,400, an increase of \$3,285 over the 1993 assessment.

A Parish Aspirancy Committee was formed, including Patronalia Hanley (Chair), Mike Galluzzo, Trish Abolins, Charles Robinson, Missy Schones, and Dale Wade, to advise the Vestry concerning the aspirancy of James Smith for the diaconate.

Bishop Moody made an official visitation to St. Michael's in November, when he confirmed nine, received two, and reaffirmed one parishioner.

St. Michael's First Annual Holiday Festival was held early in December. A large wooden soldier crafted by Clancy Huslig and an afghan created by Judy Mahan were raffled, and won by Betsy Taggart and Melia Kersey. Suzanne Witzke won the door prize. \$987.33 profit in all.

At the Annual Meeting, the parish amended the By-Laws by adopting proposals previously circulated, and elected Doug Stiehler Sr. Warden; Keith Catto, Tony Gonzalez, Eann Robinson and Allen Schones to three-year Vestry terms; Mike Galluzzo to one year; and Patronalia Hanley and Bob Magarian as delegates to Diocesan Convention. The parish also adopted a budget of \$176,393, which anticipates \$11,240 in additional pledges and a balanced budget.

The Seventh Annual Norman Christmas Day Community Dinner served 613 meals, Santa provided toys, candy, and articles of clothing for all, and poinsettias donated by Jaci Williams of Casa Blanca and ONG decorated the tables and were then distributed to visitors. Several banks made donations, as did OEC Foundation, and churches, Casa Blanca, and the Nigerian Women's Association donated food and toys.

On New Year's Eve, the Feast of the Holy Name, St. Michael's offered dinner, dancing, games, fellowship, activities for children and at 11:30 the first Eucharist of 1994.

Statistics:

9 baptisms: Toddye Elissa Ketner, Katie Louise Bradshaw (adult), Michael Lewis Schmitt (adult), Amber Marie Buchanan, Kristin Rene Buchanan, Evan Swain Miller, Faye Miller, Earl Edward Kimmel (adult), April Star Kimmel.

3 marriages: Victor Rood Blanchard and Coral Derise McCallister; David Shawn Freudiger and Mandy Alyssa Johnston; Gary Neal Hunt and Kristin Suzanne Taylor.

1 burial: Lyman Carr "Bud" Paden.

10 confirmations.

1994—The Decade of Evangelism Continues

Pat and Warren Childs made a generous donation to the acolyte program which allowed for the purchase of a full set of new server albs for senior acolytes, similar to those of the layreaders but with a hood attached.

The Second Annual Parish Weekend, on the subject of *prayer*, was led by Fr. Ross Jones, Rector of Trinity Tulsa, as a preparation for the Lenten Study program.

Evelyn Bibens, having completed a three-year term as President of the Episcopal Church Women of Province Seven, was appointed to a three-year term as Province Seven representative to the National Board of ECW. She was installed at the General Convention.

The Third Annual Feast of St. Michael's Barbecue, fellowship, and entertainment drew a large crowd at the end of September.

Missy Schones put together a number of 'busy bags,' small tote bags filled with quiet toys and activities to keep children entertained during service.

Bishop Cox baptized five, confirmed six, and reaffirmed three at St. Michael's in early November.

In early December, the following memorials were dedicated: an electronic keyboard as a memorial to Virginia Dikeman and an Earth Vial given by Louise Robinson in memory of her mother Ann Branch Reams Gilbreath.

Twenty-six Thanksgiving food baskets were distributed by the Holiday Outreach Committee of St. Michael's to needy families recommended by Action, Inc.

Mildred and Francis Cella celebrated the 50th anniversary of their wedding feast on December 11.

The Eighth Annual Norman Christmas Day Community Dinner served 624 meals with the help of many from St. Michael's and from the community. Santa distributed toys, articles of clothing

and candy to all. Support came from several banks and businesses, Jaci Williams of Casa Blanca provided poinsettias to decorate the table and give to guests, Target donated a large Christmas tree with lights and ornaments, and La Baguette donated two very large, beautifully decorated Christmas cakes. Mayor Nations was honorary Chairman again and the St. Michael's carolers entertained.

Statistics:

13 baptisms: Wiconi-Waste James, Winyan-Waste James, Nekanabaskaka Drake James, Nekanapeshe Peta James, Christopher Barkley Mereo, Kate Audrey Mohr, Molly Lorraine Mohr, Erin Kay McCallister, Joel Scott Formay (adult), Rebecca Anne Formby (adult), Cory James Truby, Michael Joseph Formby, Theresa Dawn Formby.

1 marriage: Ken Lee Lambert and Eva Jo Williams Watson.

4 burials: Carole Marie "A.B." Jamar, Dorothy Dellinger, Virginia Lee Stiehler, Sarah Swartz.

5 confirmations.

1995—Midpoint of the Decade of Evangelism

At the end of January, St. Michael's hosted two performances of St. Paul's Cathedral's production of "Godspell," a musical retelling of the gospel of St. Matthew. Both performances were sellouts.

The new votive stand, given in memory of Dr. John Miles and James Dunn, was dedicated in January.

The Annual Parish Meeting, usually held in December, was postponed until late January. Allen Schones was elected Jr. Warden; Betty Eick, Mike Galluzzo, Dwight Moore and Dale Wade were elected to three-year terms on the Vestry; James Smith was chosen for a two-year term to fill the position vacated by the election of Allen Schones as Jr. Warden; Evelyn Bibens and Patronalia Hanley were selected as delegates to Diocesan Convention. The membership accepted the Budget Report, despite a projected deficit of \$9,859.

In February, Fr. Burris presented an adult seminar on "Toward Understanding Islam." Four meetings with video and discussion attracted a number of parishioners.

Bishop Moody led the Parish Weekend on the subject of "Encountering Christ" as preparation for Lenten studies.

The Evangelism Committee began the implementation of a door-to-door campaign in the neighborhood with the purpose of inviting our neighbors without church ties to visit us.

St. Michael's parish was deeply saddened by the death of Betsy McGonnell in the Oklahoma City bombing April 19. A memorial service drew friends from all parts of the country back to Norman to honor her.

Vacation Bible School in early August included all ages for the first time. There were classes and activities for all, not to mention dinner every evening.

In September, Fr. Burris began a Kerygma class called “Discovering the Bible,” a basic introduction to the Bible as a whole. There were thirty classes one-and-a-half hours each, with homework, and classes lasted until May. More than a dozen completed the course and were awarded certificates and a pin in May.

In June an icon of the Blessed Mother and Child was dedicated for use and placed above the credence table. A gift from Evelyn Bibens in honor of Bob Bibens, the icon was obtained in Greece while she was there in 1994.

In August, St. Michael’s was visited by Mr. Theron Walker, a senior seminarian at Virginia Theological Seminary and a candidate for Holy Orders in Oklahoma. Interested in pursuing the possibility of sharing a curacy between St. Michael's and St. Anselm's, he preached at both services and was available afterwards to meet and speak with members of the parish. His half-time curacy was approved by the Vestry and funding was raised by a special request. His time with us would be from July 1996 through June 1998.

The youth group at St. Michael’s conducted a “Ministry/Talent Auction,” to raise money for the EYC scholarship fund, programs, and the transportation fund. They called everyone, asking them to commit a skill or talent to be auctioned off in a silent auction.

Sunday School classes started a penny project to raise money to provide schooling for Ugandan students.

This year, the Stewardship Committee decided to run an old-fashioned Every-Member Canvass in which members of the parish canvass team would call on every parishioner, asking for a pledge to support our ministries and visiting about your hopes and dreams for the future. From these conversations, the Vestry hoped to develop a better vision for our ministry and a budget which could make the best possible use of the resources pledged.

A new sound system was installed in the nave as a memorial to Bud Paden.

St. Michael’s received a large King James Bible, copyright 1660, that had been restored. This was a gift from Shaun Kelly. A suitable display case was ordered.

Fr. Burris was elected Dean of the Oklahoma City Region in October and was installed at the Convention Eucharist in Enid on November 3.

The Norman Community Choral Society presented its Winter Concert at St. Michael’s in December. Members included David Zittel, Steve Sharp and Genia McClellan, and Jon Roberts was guest organist.

The Memorial Garden was completely remodeled, with a wall added and the interior redesigned to make it into a ‘perpetual columbarium,’ a place where open cremains could be buried. The garden was originally built in memory of Gladys Shellabarger, with additions made in memory

of Roberta Korb. When Virginia Stiehler died in 1994, a memorial was given to allow for the remodeling.

The Annual St. Michael's Naming of Our Lord Celebration was held on New Year's Eve, with food, fellowship, music, games, movies for the kids, a domino tournament, and a good time for all, culminating in the first Eucharist of 1996!

Statistics:

4 baptisms: Zane Wallace Gray III (adult), Zane Joshua Gray, John Edward Dean, Jr., Chandler Million Garrard.

2 marriages: Dustin Wayne Jensen and Angela Kay Walkup; Jere Dale Claunch and Natalie Anne Dean.

7 burials: Dorothy Anne Lower, Betsy Janice McGonnell (died in the OKC bombing of the Murrah Building), Mary Galluzzo, Frances Coleman Whitman (mother of Chris Busch), Pauline Yvonne Hatch, Gene Bert Walker, Anne Bater Baldwin.

7 confirmations.

1996

New to the Vestry were David Zittel, Sr. Warden; Nancy Hancock, John Hartley, Cheryl Mohr, and Janet Schisser, Vestry members.

Our twentieth anniversary year welcomed Fr. Theron Walker and his wife Denice to Norman as he began a two-year curacy beginning in June, sharing his time between St. Michael's and St. Anselm's.

Deacon Lynn Christopherson was on sabbatical leave from August 1 until February 1 of 1997.

Statistics:

7 baptisms: Haley Christine Moore, Sara Nicole Marcella Sheely, Jacob Lloyd Jennings, Joshua Lee Marrs, Taira R. Scoggins, Tawnya R. Scoggins, Nathan Evan Childs.

5 marriages: Gregory Guy Wilber and Julie Ann Wagner Lovelace; Garrett Lee Miller and Barbara Lynn Higgins; Scott Michael Lyon and Tressa Anita Stiehler; James Nathan Jarrett and Marcy Lynn Denney Taylor; John Robert Dorr, Jr. and Nora Danielle Woods.

3 burials: Sylvia Jeannell Adair, Avon Ray Griggs, Laurence Howard Mayfield.

1997

The proposed budget for the year was \$214,920, an increase of slightly more than \$12,000 over 1996. Warren Child was elected Jr. Warden; Jay Childs, Neal Hunt, Lisa Schmidt and Peggy Sharp were elected to three-year terms on the Vestry, and Pam Walker to a one-year term; Patronalia Hanley, Howard Moore, Amy Gardner were elected as delegates to convention, and Dick Hancock and Evelyn Bibens were alternates.

After Jon Roberts' resignation to become organist at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Oklahoma City in January, Clyde Morris was invited to serve as interim organist/choir director. In March he was offered and accepted the position as permanent organist/choir director.

Sheila Dean, former secretary of St. Michael's passed away on January 19 and her ashes were spread in the Memorial Garden.

Information gathering for expanded Christian Education/Montessori facilities continued and specific needs and desires were solicited as building plans moved forward.

On February 1, Fr. Wallis Ohl was elected Bishop of Northwest Texas. Some 70 people traveled to Lubbock for his ordination in June.

Fr. Burris took a Sabbatical in June, July and August, during which time he did research at the University of the South at Sewanee, Tenn. and then spent the month of August at St. George's College in Jerusalem in the Holy Land.

Kyle John Dickinson, Sean Rex Dickinson, and Albert Camden Miller were baptized at the Great Vigil of Easter. Bishop Moody visited St. Michael's on April 6 and confirmed Marnie Childs, Paul Clifford, Martin Gardner, Claire Germond, Melanie Harding, and Bridgett Sharp.

As a memorial in memory of Robert Bibens, the folding doors at the back of the Nave were replaced with a permanent structure of cabinets and glass.

After several years' interruption, St. Michael's resumed participation in the Food for Friends program.

In November, a number of things happened: Fr. Burris led a group of 14 on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, most of them members of St. Michael's; a credenza for the entry way was built and installed; Howard and Associates was given the contract to design a master plan for the new education wing and columbarium; and the roof over the kitchen was repaired.

Statistics:

8 baptisms: Jere Andrew Claunch, Kyle John Dickinson, Sean Rex Dickinson, Albert Camden Miller, Dylan Hardy Dawson, Jeremiah Winston Smith, Jonatha Wallace Smith, Carrie Jung Ae Miner (adult).

2 marriages: Randy Allen Blood and Martina Joanne Miner; William Robert Appleby and Andrea Carole Hallum.

8 burials: Sheila Dean, Albert J. Harrington, Margaret Ann Buck, Robert Fairchild Brandenburg, Jr., Wesley Dunn Bates, Ana Pattee Allenberg, Daniel Isah Morton, Marvin Demasters Pemberton.

6 confirmations.

1998

Cleta Dillard was elected Sr. Warden; Judy Mahan, Julianne Parker, Charles Robinson, and Clark Morter to the Vestry; Patronalia Hanley and Howard Moore as delegates to Convention; and Bob Magarian, Dan Gibbens, and Dick Hancock as alternates.

On April 26, Bishop Ashby confirmed Judy Lewis, Laura Lewis, Roland Lohmann, and Christine Schisser.

Graduates honored include: Madeline Witzke from preschool; Jenni Lohmann from 5th grade; Sarah Briggs from Noble High; Laura Lewis and Martin Gardner from Norman High; Patrick Cody and Anne Burris from bachelor's programs at OU; Denise Walker from master's program at OU; and Carl Winton from Ph.D. program at OU.

After meetings with stewardship consultants from Resource Services, Inc., a capital funds campaign began in September to fund the Educational Wing. Dan Gibbens and Jaci Williams were Campaign Directors, and Bishop Wallis Ohl served as Honorary Chairman and Pat Mayes as Honorary Chairman of Outside Giving.

Fr. Theron Walker was appointed vicar of St. James' in Oklahoma City, effective May 17 when his curacy at St. Michael's ended.

Statistics:

8 baptisms: Judith S. Lewis (adult), Laura Tryphena Lewis (adult), Travis Ryan Scoggins, Jacob Austin Woods Dorr, Breanna Kathleen Gray, Jared Austin Jennings, Catherine Caroline Sanger, Marissa Ann March.

2 marriages: Luke Brooks Burris and Sarah Annette Meiners; Christopher Damon Werring and Ann Jeannette Hawley.

4 burials: Bertha Muriel Johnson, Margie Marie Morgan, Mary Wyatt Rushton Paden, Francis Raymond Cella.

4 confirmations.

1999

Greg Mohr was installed as Jr. Warden; Art Crucet, Roy Dickinson, Tim Kellogg, Frankie Martin and Missy Schones as Vestry members.

Baptized or received in January were Will Gardner, Andy Hartley, Rosemary Meacham-Zittel, Martine Smith, Mark Griffin, Marnie Childs, Anne Cloud, Patrick Cody, Rich Colvin, and Janet Liddell. Emily Rebekkah Gray and Sierra Nicole Gabrels were baptized at the Easter Vigil. Madeline and Margaret Witzke and Francesca Smith were baptized by immersion, a first at St. Michael's, on All Saints' Sunday. In May, Anne Cloud, Patrick Cody, Rich Colvin, Will Gardner, Krystyne Gohnert, Andy Hartley, Janet Liddell, and Rosemary Meacham-Zittel were confirmed by Bishop Moody.

Graduates honored were: Abraham Hartley, Bridgett Sharp, and Scott Robinson from Norman High; Brent McClain from Community Christian High; Catie Robinson with an Associate degree from St. Gregory's; Alexander Hartley from Cooper Union, NYC; Becci Dodson from OU;

Melanie Harding with a BS from Southern Nazarene; Patrick Cody with a MA from OU; Barbara Higgins Miller with an MD from OU.

Work began in earnest on the new Education Wing. Architectural drawings were completed in the spring and went out for bid in early summer. A ground breaking ceremony was held in September. When final bids came in \$160,000 over the original budget, a special parish meeting was called in November to discuss and approve a second capital campaign at the end of the current one with the goal of having the debt retired by the end of 2004.

August saw the resignation of Clela Dillard as Sr. Warden, as she and Walt moved to Nevada. Neal Hunt was selected by the Vestry to fill out her term.

Two members of St. Michael's, Andy Hartley on bass and Rosemary Meacham-Zittel on clarinet, toured the British Isles in July with the Oklahoma Youth Symphony.

Lynn Christopherson became a Deacon at St. Michael's in November.

Statistics:

5 baptisms: Sierra Nicole Gabriels, Emily Rebekkah Gray, Margaret Suzanne Witzke, Madeline Marie Witzke, Francesca Isabella Constance Smith.

1 marriage: John Lee Tointigh and Keli Lenae Parmeter.

0 burials.

8 confirmations.

2000

Neal Hunt was installed as Sr. Warden; Basha Hartley, Frankie Martin, David Zittel, and Rachael Delchamps were installed to the Vestry. Bob Magarian and Evelyn Bibens were chosen as delegates to the Diocesan Convention, and Janet Schisser, Howard Moore, and Julianne Parker as alternates.

The old mortgage was paid off, with a "mortgage burning" at the March 12 Good Sam Breakfast.

The ashes of Betsy McGonnell, who died in the Oklahoma City bombing of the Murrah Building, were inurned in the Memorial Garden.

St. Michael's parishioner EAnn Robinson was selected as Norman Volunteer of the Year.

Planning for the 2001 Diocesan Convention, which St. Michael's will host, began with Bob Magarian and Evelyn Bibens as chairmen. It will be the year of St. Michael's 25th anniversary. In May, Suzanne Moore stepped down as Sunday School Superintendent after more than 20 years in that position. Her years of service were recognized at a luncheon after the 10:30 service on the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels on October 1.

High school graduates this year include Christine Schisser, Jackie Terrell, Sarah Schmidt, and Rosemary Meacham-Zittel; University graduates include Jenny Hancock, Bradford Saums, and

Kate Essenberg; receiving graduate degrees were Leslie Browning, Deana Webb-Hathaway, Allen Schones, Jay Childs, and Tim Kellogg.

In December, five were received from other traditions: William Malone, Greg Stumpf, Keith and Gena Stejskal, and Dee Rao.

On December 24th, parishioners were invited to take a walk-through of the new Education wing, as plans got under way for finishing up the kitchen area by mid-January so the new kitchen equipment could be installed. The Montessori school and nursery was to have quarters in the new annex. The current nursery would be the vesting room; the current vesting room would be the bookstore; the current choir room would be the library; the choir would move to the vacated Montessori area and the blue room would be the chapel, with a new altar and columbarium.

Statistics:

7 baptisms: Sheila Abbigaile Claunch, Elizabeth Ann Blazek, Rachel Ann-Louise Gray, Ansel Solomon Paul Pendley-Griffin, Sarah Coulson Allen, David Leighton Malone, Sara Malone.

7 marriages: Bradford Lee Saums and Karen Myvonne Grooms; Frank Walter Hoke and Yamileth Retana Chacon; Nicholas Vincent Cuomo, Jr. and Linda Anne Frankenfield Cloud; Todd Randall Whatley and Tatiana Borisorna Apanasora; Jonathan Barton Kelly and Leslie Blythe Oliver; Samuel Charles Harris and Susan Nicole Prieto; Michael Sham Rao and Deresa Marie Scott.

7 burials: Willie J. Freudiger, Vera Roseinah Duke, Gwinn Pattee Fox Allenberg Norman, Neil Jude Dikeman, Esther Luella Sherman Mayfield, Perry Dean, James Richard Schisser.

1 confirmation.

2001

Pepper Haraway was elected Jr. Warden; Eric Blazek, Dan Gibbens, Sue Harrington and Judy Kellogg were elected to three-year terms on the Vestry, Tim Phillips to a one-year term. Delegates to Convention were Janet Schisser, Suzanne Witzke, and David Zittel; alternates were Susan Laird, Judy Lewis, and Dick Hancock.

On Sunday, February 18, we used the new Education wing for the first time, and the old education and Montessori area began the remodeling process.

Mildred Cella needlepointed a beautiful kneeler with our name on it for the cathedral as part of the restoration after the Murrah Building bombing. After being displayed here for two weeks, it was sent to the cathedral.

Sasha Willison, Will Gardner, and Darla Wade graduated from high school; Ana Calhoun from OU Magna Cum Laude; Michael Rao from OCU; Jim Smith with a MA from OU; and Julianne Parker from Spritual Direction formation.

In September, St Michael's celebrated our annual Feast of St. Michael's both as a day to dedicate our new and our remodeled buildings as well as to celebrate our twenty-fifth anniversary. A single afternoon worship service was held late in the day, followed by dinner.

After 25 years, the early service was moved in September from 7:30 to 8:00 in response to concerns from some regulars about driving to church in the dark during the winter.

In November, St. Michael's hosted the Diocesan Convention at the OCCE. A total of 106 members of St. Michael's served as convention workers!

Statistics:

6 baptisms: Kelsey Gabrielle Bennett, Kyla Danielle Bennett, Michael Sham Rao (adult), Parker Wileman Claunch, Alejandro Miguel Tomás Rao, Audrey Moselle Stumpf.

5 marriages: Dale Steven Siquah and Jennifer Leigh Attocknie; Gregg Lee Tune and Addie Elizabeth Taylor; John David Hilmes and Guinnevere Eden Geyer; Eric Lance Nydick and Amanda Nicole Mallory; Edwin Davis Woodward and Lynn (Wakeham) Christophersen.

3 burials: Jack Wesley Lynn, Donald Cheek Mason, Derik Lowell Scoggins.

6 confirmations.

2002

At the Annual Meeting, EAnn Robinson was elected Sr. Warden; Suzanne Moore, Judy Lewis, John Hartley, and Evelyn Bibens were elected to the Vestry for three-year terms and Patrick Calhoun to a 1-year term; Joy Pendley-Griffen, Greg Stumpf, and Katy Mohr were elected as delegates to Convention, with Dan Gibbens, Evelyn Bibens, Suzanne Attocknie, Julianne Parker and Jim Smith as alternates.

Graduates from primary school included Stuart Delchamps from kindergarten; Margaret Witzke from 6th grade; Katie Gardner, Laura Smith, Amy Schones, and Molly Mohr from 5th grade; Mike Kellogg and David Schones from middle school; Andy Hartley and Gavin Beck from high school; Catie Robinson from UCO; Laura Hunt (daughter of Judy Lewis) from Washington University; Cassie Malone from OU; and Anne Burris from OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine.

The columbarium was installed in the chapel in July and was blessed in November when Frances Cella, Fred Shellabarger, Marjorie de Carteret and Barbara Lamme were inurned.

Statistics:

7 baptisms: Zachary Allen Bennett, Samuel Jordan Gray, Gehrig Parker Tointigh, Cassadi Lynn Cox, Monica Oforiwah Ahedor, Lucas Graham Steele, Maximilian Gabriel Crowther-Heyck.

0 marriages.

3 burials: Fred David Shellabarger, Linda Gale Johnson, Melbourne Aleta O'Neal.

7 confirmations.

2003

Pepper Haraway was elected as Jr. Warden; Randy Witzke, Lezlie Christian, Patrick Calhoun and Suzanne Attocknie were elected to the Vestry. Delegates to Convention were Eric Blazek,

Joe Farber, and Gerald Hudson; alternates were Katie Mohr, Lezlie Christian, Keith Stejskal, Dan Gibbens.

A bequest from the estate of Charles D. Standley, Jr. of St. John's, in the amount of \$67,754 was received, and after considerable discussion was applied to building debt retirement.

A stained-glass window honoring Fred Shellabarger, founding member of St. Michael's and the architect of our building, was installed.

The August election at the General Convention of the Rev. Gene Robinson, a gay priest living openly in a relationship with another man, as Bishop of New Hampshire, caused considerable discussion, and the Vestry voted to have materials from both sides of this issue available in the library, labeled by position for easy access. A number of members were lost, and a special effort was made to pastorally care for persons of all opinions in this difficult time.

Graduates included Matthew Morter from elementary; Eli Hull, Doughie Stiehler, and Steele Willison from middle school; Dean Moore from home schooling; Katie Kellogg from high school; Leighton Strout, Jeremy Wance, and Jennifer Terrell from OU.

St. Michael's served as host for the Diocesan Junior High Youth Conference, housing and feeding some 80+ participants for the weekend.

Ryan Speers traveled to Uganda with the Diocesan Cultural Exchange group for a month, visiting our companion parish St. James Rwebaare.

In October, St. Michael's had its first St. Francis' Day Animal Blessing.

St. Michael's Fine Arts and Craftmen Fair was held on December 6, with some \$1500 profit, designated to buy seasonal colored cinctures for acolytes and new robes for the smaller acolytes.

Statistics:

2 baptisms: Evan Rue Baller (adult), Daniel Josiah Gray.

4 marriages: Michael Lee Andrews and Ruth Kirkbride Moore; Grant Christian Kaufmann and LeAnn Mayfield; Cedric James LeBlanc and Darla Joy Wade (blessing of a civil marriage); Matthew Edward Melton and Heidi Day Bruton.

4 burials: Shawn Kelly III, Mildred Adeline Zittel, Walter Robert Zittel (Columbarium committal only), Thomas Thurman Barnes.

3 confirmations.

2004

Judy Kellogg was elected St. Warden; Kathleen Crowther-Heyck, Joseph Farber, Kris Hund and Jeremy Wance were elected to the Vestry; Lezlie Christian, Joseph Farber and Judy Lewis were elected as delegates to Convention, with Suzanne Attocknie and Dan Gibbens as alternates.

Graduates this year included: Joanna Schonauer from kindergarden; Sara Oxenreider and Riley Kate Delchamps from elementary school; David Childs from middle school; John Cloud, Will Dickinson, Sara Allen, Ryan Steer, Mirabai Hull, and Blair Speer from high school; Scott Robinson, Rosemary Meacham-Zittel, and Becky Tilley from university bachelor's programs; Carrie Hendricks and Gordon Delchamps from master's programs; and Amy Gardner from EFM.

In May Fr. Rick Burris announced that he was resigning as rector of St. Michael's to become comptroller of the Diocese of Oklahoma. He continued here until the end of June. On June 27, St Michael's held a celebration of Fr. Burris's ministry and twelve years with us.

Fr. Roy Baker, originally from London, recently retired from St. Stephen's Church in Casper, WY, was invited to serve as interim priest as we began the search for a new rector, beginning his ministry in December.

Statistics:

2 baptisms: James Attocknie Siquah, Ella Grace Stejskal.

5 marriages: Grant Allen McKinney and Catherine Caroline Robinson; Adam Edward Cloud and Danielle Marie Barlow; Charles Morris Woltz and Kathryn Jan Harris; James Thomas Irwin III and Jacqueline Margaret Terrell; Joseph Wade Farber and Janice Fern Luber.

4 burials: Margaret Louise Long, Robert Stephen Sharp, Richard Weston Payne, Mary Ellershaw Heckendorn.

3 confirmations.

2005

Tom Selvedge was elected as Jr. Warden, but after his resignation in September was replaced by Steve Wright; Eric Blazek, King Price, Kathy Rodriguez and Keith Stejskal were elected to the Vestry; Eric Blazek and John Hartley were elected as delegates to the Diocesan Convention, with Lezlie Christian and Judy Lewis as alternates.

National Episcopal Cursillo Committee was hosted by St. Michael's in January, and a smaller South Central District meeting was held here in March.

Graduates included Katie Gardner from middle school; Will Gardner and Martin Gardner with bachelor's degrees; and Sandy Dengler with a Ph.D.

Fr. Roy Baker's last service was August 7, and his time with us was celebrated that same evening as well.

Fr. Jack Wilcox arrived in Norman from Greenville, Tenn. on August 1 and began work at St. Michael's on August 14. A reception on that date celebrated his arrival.

Statistics:

6 baptisms: Audra Marie Wood, Mason Ellis Dent, Alexandra Brooke Wright, Boston Cooper Tointigh, Tristin Russell McDaniel, Keegan Garrett Freese.

1 marriage: Corey Wayne Berlier and Sarah Jane Briggs.

0 burials.
3 confirmations.

2006

David Zittel was elected Sr. Warden; Brandt Cassidy, Nelson Dent, John Hartley, and Beth Sandoval were elected to the Vestry for three-year terms, Jeff Baldwin for a two-year term; Juan Sandoval and Peter Rodrigues were elected as delegates to Diocesan Convention, with Lezlie Christian and Gail Wilcox as alternates. After Steve Wright had to resign as Jr. Warden in September, Pepper Haraway agreed to serve in his place until the annual meeting.

Janet Schisser was ordained to the diaconate on June 24; a celebration was held in her honor at St. Michael's on June 25. She became our Deacon immediately after her ordination.

In August, the Food Pantry, which St. Michael's had maintained for many years, was moved to McFarlin Methodist Church to better coordinate the distribution of food.

St. Michael's celebrated its 30th anniversary.

Deacon Lynn Woodward was reassigned to St. James in Oklahoma City as of October 31. A reception was held in her honor on October 29.

Statistics:

0 baptisms.

2 marriages: Mark Allen Harris and Sara Melanie Hay; Kent Lee Sharp and Janet Marie Liddell.

3 burials: Patti Sentell Whistler, Veta E. Brown, Richard G. Rauch.

2 confirmations.

2007

Pepper Haraway was elected Jr. Warden; Laura Blazek, Dan Gibbens, Judy Kellogg and Anne Million were elected to the Vestry for three-year terms, Judy Lewis for a two-year term; Lezlie Christian and Howard Moore were elected delegates to Convention, and Anne Million and Gail Wilcox as alternates.

Graduates for this year were James Cassidy, Eva Wilcox, and Sarah Oxenreider from middle school, Dougie Stiehler and Eli Hull from high school; Tressa Lyon from junior college; Lezlie Christian from university; Laura Hunt from Medical School, David Garrett from Law School; and Adjoa Ahedor with a Ph.D.

Our new Bishop, the Rev. Dr. Edward J. Konieczny, was consecrated on September 15.

Bob Magarian had a book signing for his novel "The Watchman" and a talk on the writing process at Norman Public Library.

Faced by decreasing attendance and hoping to allow leaders to be available to become more involved with the L.I.F.E. teams, the Vestry decreased its size from 12 to 9 members.

The many contributions to the life of St. Michael's made by Keith Catto were commemorated by the awarding of a plaque saying "Courage, courage" and a courage angel figurine.

In December, Genia McClellan retired from St. Michael's as our secretary and general factotum for more than 11 years to move to Texas nearer her family. Her time with us was celebrated with a reception in January. She was replaced by Christinia Detamore.

Statistics:

1 baptism: Krista Michelle Ulrich.

1 wedding: David James Garrett and Kathryn Ann Kellogg.

0 burials.

1 confirmation.

2008

Nelson Dent was elected Sr. Warden; EAnn Robinson was elected to the three-year Vestry position, and Kathaleen Cassidy for a one-year term; Patrick Calhoun and Lezlie Christian were elected delegates to Convention, with Clark Morter and Gail Wilcox as alternates.

The Youth Group completed a makeover of its meeting space, with new paint, furniture, a door coated with chalkboard paint, hand-decorated ceiling tiles, etc. It was dedicated with prayers following the annual meeting.

The Sr. Warden resigned suddenly in March, and the Jr. Warden agreed to fill in as interim Sr. Warden until a new one can be appointed. Judy Lewis was chosen as Sr. Warden in April.

At a special Vestry meeting in March, a formal request was made and approved to ask the Bishop "to assist the Vestry and rector in resolving the conflict that imperils the pastoral relationship between the rector and congregation of St. Michael's Church." Fr. Wilcox met with the Bishop on March 31, and representatives of the Vestry met with the Bishop on that same day. Fr. Jack Wilcox terminated his relationship with St. Michael's as of May 11, 2008. He sent a letter to all members of the congregation explaining the reasons for his resignation and the amicable dissolution of the letter of agreement between himself and St. Michael's.

Kathy and Peter Rodrigues agreed to serve as Rector Search Committee Co-chairs, with the understanding that the two of them would have one vote on committee decisions. Brandt Cassidy, Judy Kellogg, Howard Moore, Laura Smith, Suzanne Witzke, and Susan Wood agreed to serve on that committee.

On June 4, the Rev. Canon David Egbert, well-known to many of the early members of St. Michael's, began his one-year service as our full-time interim rector, with the possibility of extending that time as needed. On July 6, Fr. David led us in worship from the Book of Common

Prayer of 1662, dressed in the priestly raiment suitable in 1776. Parishioners were encouraged to come in costumes appropriate to that time.

Graduates this year were: Krista Ulrich and Joey Wharton from elementary school; Madeline Witzke from junior high school; Kimberly Ulrich, Margaret Witzke, and Meghan Cassidy from high school; and Gail Wilcox from EFM.

Changes to the Memorial Garden included the replacement of railroad ties with a brick wall and a wheelchair ramp for easier access. Doris and Tom Shingledecker were responsible for the renovations.

Genia McClellan donated a railing for the choir room entrance door.

Statistics:

0 baptisms.

0 marriages.

3 burials: James Richard Schisser, Jr., Carl Warren Stokes, Jr., Rosalie Loraine Franklin.

0 confirmations.

2009

Judy Lewis was elected for a one-year term as Sr. Warden; Jeff Baldwin as Jr. Warden; Sue Harrington, Amy Gardner, Rosemary Ford and Kathaleen Cassidy were elected to three-year terms on the Vestry, and Clark Morter to a one-year term; Dan Gibbens and John Hartley were elected as delegates to Convention, with Patrick Calhoun and Lezlie Christian as alternates.

By-Laws of St. Michael's Episcopal Church were revised in 2009 under the auspices of Dan Gibbens and approved at the Annual Meeting.

Deacon Janet Schisser left St. Michael's and Norman after 14 years to move to Columbia, MO, to be nearer her children and their families. The parish celebrated her time with us with a going-away party. Deacon Nancy Wakely joined us in February, at first on a part-time basis sharing with St. John's, then on a regular basis.

St. Michael's hosted clergy and laity of the Oklahoma City Region to hear of the medical mission work being conducted in West Ankole, Uganda, Sister Ephrance, a long-time friend of many of us at St. Michael's, shared her insights on the present situation in Uganda.

St. Michael's united with other Norman churches for the Apostle's Build Habitat for Humanity house, providing funds and work to build a house. It was dedicated on April 11th and the Baker family moved in on April 12th.

In August, Fr. Egbert spent his last Sunday with us and a celebration of his ministry was held on August 29. Interim priests were scheduled to serve until the arrival of our new priest.

In November, Fr. Alan Sutherland accepted St. Michael's call to be our new rector, to begin his service on January 3, 2010, Epiphany Sunday.

In November, St. Michael's accepted and blessed "Bubblegum," a beautiful wooden rocking horse lovingly hand-made by Clarence Huslig for the nursery. The children named the rocking horse and decided that it was a girl. This wonderful creation added to the list of wooden items Clancy crafted for the church, including the candle lighter stands in the nave, the guest book stand, the tract rack, the holy water fonts, the missal stand in the nave, the doves above the columbarium in the chapel and the service bulletin holder that hangs on the door there. He fashioned the cross in the adult Sunday school classroom as well.

Betty Wycoff, long-time member of St. Michael's, died on December 3. At the age of 98, she was our oldest member. She designed and wove the St. Michael's original banner.

Statistics:

5 baptisms: Avari Rosemarie Gray, Cody Michael Lyon, Andrew Evan Stiehler, Jasmine Sofia Hart, Braxton Marshall Clarke.

0 marriages.

2 burials: William Eick, Betty Wycoff.

6 confirmations.

2010

Fr. Alan Sutherland, the unanimous first choice of both the search committee and Vestry, became the fourth priest to have served St. Michael's, beginning his ministry with us on January 3.

Kathy Rodrigues was elected Sr. Warden; Tara Calhoun, Dean Oliver, and Suzanne Witzke were elected to three-year terms on the Vestry, and Clark Morter to an unexpired two-year term; delegates to Convention were Judy Kellogg and Judy Lewis, with Patrick Calhoun and John Hartley as alternates.

On January 23, Joseph Farber was ordained to the transitional diaconate for a six-month term before being ordained to the clergy. He will actually complete his last semester at Sewanee during this term, and will after ordination go to the church where he will serve.

As a consequence of the actions of General Convention in 2003, Oklahoma had no choice but to terminate our companion relationship with West Ankole, Uganda, although Bishop Ed urged us all to continue our unofficial work with Ugandans as much as possible through alternative outlets such as BARHD. A discussion was opened with Uruguay, exploring the possibilities of developing a companion relationship there. Bishop Ed and Canon José visited Uruguay late in the year at the invitation of their Bishop.

In June, four members of our Youth Group—James Cassidy, Sarah Oxenreider, Patrick Calhoun and Laura Blazek—joined with 200 other youths and adults on a mission trip to Lead, SD, to

help repair homes of those who lost their jobs in mine lay-off several years ago. This was coordinated by the Group Workcamps Foundation.

A new St. Michael's banner, to be dedicated to the memory of Betty Wycoff, who wove the very fragile first banner, resulted from the commissioning of a new banner to be made by an Anglican woman from the UK whose work is displayed all over the world, including Salisbury Cathedral, where Fr. Alan studied.

In July we celebrated the Institution and Induction by Bishop Edward Konieczny of the Reverend Alan Sutherland as Rector of St. Michael's Episcopal Church.

In September, Sunday School began with a barn raisin', putting together a playhouse in which the floor was PRAYER, decorated with prayers for the coming year; the walls COMMUNITY and STUDY, with names, handprints, and pictures or words that represent things we use to learn about God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit; and the roof which helps hold everything together was GOD/JESUS/HOLY SPIRIT.

The commissioning of 40 new choir albs and scapulars was undertaken, and completed before the end of the year.

The first Michaelmas Country Fair was held in September with fun for all, including a chance to dunk Fr. Alan or Kathy Rodrigues in the dunk tank. The day was a great success, filled with fun, and we cleared \$1,300.

Vines and saplings were removed from the chainlink fence along Highway 9, making the church more visible.

Venetian blinds for the nave were installed.

As his Eagle Scout project, Josh Gray undertook to build three picnic tables and a bridge across the drainage ditch near the Education wing on our property.

A Lay Eucharistic Visitor program started in September to carry weekly communion to shut-ins and those not well enough to come to church.

At the end of Fr. Alan's first year with us, pledges for next year increased by \$62,000.

Statistics:

5 baptisms: Maris Williams Tointigh, Nathan James Gray, Alison Georgeanne Williams, Joshua Allen Williams, Mark Christopher Garrison.

3 marriages: Patrick Neff LaGrange Patten and Jennifer Marie Retter; David Alfonso Yopez Gomez and Sara Anne Carter; Kenneth Randall Kordis and Georgianne Landy.

5 burials: Cece Kelly, Jonell Luttrell, Jean Baker, Suzanne Attocknie, Miriam Ray.

0 confirmations.

2011

Jeff Baldwin was elected Jr. Warden; LaVeta Dent, Tom Chambers, and Steve Wright were elected to three-year terms on the Vestry and Tom Pearson to a two-year term. Peter Rodrigues, Jeremy Wance and Basha Hartley were elected delegates to Convention, with Lezlie Christian and Dan Gibbens as alternates.

Madeline Witzke, Sara Oxenreider, Katy Baker, Kayli Ulrich, James Cassidy, Jennifer Chambers, Elise Miller, and Becky Hodge graduated from high school.

Fr. Alan began as an on-call hospital chaplain at Norman Regional two nights per week.

In June, we held a parish picnic at Lake Thunderbird for swimming, building sand castles, walking the shoreline, picking up trash, chatting with old and new friends, and relaxing by the lake. We brought side dishes and the men cooked hamburgers.

The Long-Range Planning committee made recommendations that we: go to three services per week to alleviate crowding at services and parking problems; add 25 additional parking spaces and resurface the existing parking lot; paint the church inside and out and repair the roof. If a deal could be made, we would also purchase, remove and store a pipe organ on which we were currently bidding.

The Kirkin' of the Tartans was celebrated for the first time in November.

In December, Fr. Alan instituted a candlelight 'Blue' Christmas service, an opportunity to be in God's presence for those of us who mourned, or who simply felt a need to await the coming of the Christ Child in contemplation and solemnity.

Statistics:

5 baptisms: Ariel Sphinx McCullough, Aliyah Sunshine Kelley, Chloe Annalise Gammon, Blake Matthew Gammon, Talia Nicole Gray.

2 marriages: Lindsay Gordon Robertson and Andrea Lynn Taylor; Charles Thomas Chambers III and Tonnie Jean Tucker.

6 burials: Nelson Ray, Dan Gibbens, Kathaleen Cassidy, Joel Whittaker, Mary Ruth Bussey, Richard Wahkinney.

0 confirmations.

2012

Amy Gardner was elected Sr. Warden; Brandt Cassidy John Hartley and Debi Smith were elected to the Vestry; Brandt Cassidy, Lezlie Christian, and LaVetta Dent were elected delegates to Convention, with Tim Phillips, James Smith, Jeremy Wance and David Zittel as alternates.

Clyde Morris undertook the formation of a music guild, St. Cecilia's Guild, to organize fundraising for the choir. Initial members David Zittel, Lawrence Larsen, and Amy Gardner recruited other members, and over \$3,000 was raised, to be used for paid singers and to purchase a set of hand bells. Additional funds were solicited and raised.

Sylvia Cruet was elected President of the Daughters of the King for the Diocese of Oklahoma.

A St. Michael's chapter of the ECW (Episcopal Church Women) formed in the spring after an absence of a number of years.

A two-day leadership conference was held at St. Michael's in September under the leadership of Fr. Kevin E. Martin on "Living the Mission: Moving from Maintaining a Congregation to Growing God's Kingdom."

A black granite monument was installed in the Memorial Garden to hold the plaques naming those whose ashes were buried in the Garden.

During the time the nave was being repainted and the flooring replaced with tile and new carpet, St. Michael's met at the Brookhaven Funeral Home.

Statistics:

9 baptisms: Clint Michael Porter, Grant Wade Porter, Christopher Joaquin "Jack" Rozzell, Isabella Sophie York, Harper Gabrielle York, Greeley William York, Tyler James Aul (adult), Sydney Grace Pober, Ally Jean Beard.

0 marriages.

7 burials: B. G. Schumacher, Art Cruet, Margaret Smith, Joanne Melton, Clarence "Clancy" Huslig, Jeanne Zerboni, Stephen "Meatball" Benso.

36 confirmations.

2013

Jeff Baldwin was elected Jr. Warden; J. R. Day, Shannon Gammon, and Thomas Pearson were elected to the Vestry; Amy Gardner, LaVetta Dent, Nelson Dent, and Peter Rodrigues were elected as delegates to Convention; Lindsey Robertson, John Hartley, David Zittel, Thomas Pearson, and Lezlie Christian as alternates.

Suzanne Moore was hired as St. Michael's financial secretary in May on a part-time basis.

Donna Young joined the staff as church secretary in July.

St. Michael's was saddened at the death of long-time organist and choir director Clyde Morris after an illness of several months.

After the tornados hit in May, St. Michael's chose two families from the Little Axe area to help support with financial aid. On the first Sunday of each month, non-designated monies from the collection plate were divided between these two families.

Graduates from high school were Kendra Stanton, Eliza Robertson; from university, Carrie Min, Christi Madden, Margaret Witzke.

Brandt Cassidy was selected as our first youth representative to the Vestry, without vote, to report on and represent the youth of St. Michael's and to take information back to them.

St. Michael's bought Clyde Morris's Steinway baby grand piano as a memorial to Clyde and as an investment for St. Michael's. St. Cecilia's Guild was responsible for raising the funds necessary.

Jon Roberts accepted the position of choir director/organist.

Statistics:

5 baptisms: Colt Joseph Coffin, Blakeley Ann Stephens, Wrenna Marion Porter, Luke Paul Sprouse, Samuel Andrew Sprouse.

3 marriages: Jonathan Peter Marr and Miranda Nicole Hornsby; Aaron Wayne Hudgins and Jenna Melissa Steuhr; Walter Keith Oehlschlager and Janis Clary McGee.

10 burials: Carl Melton, Aidan Joe LeDoux, Phillip Lewis Linneman, Dan Scott, Robert Martin, Mary Kay Vasseur, Irene Jernigan, Erma Luise Yarney, Joan Kaplan, Dolores Dickinson.

0 confirmations listed

2014

Rick Young was elected Sr. Warden; Christi Madden, Jocelyn Pedersen and Andrew Sprouse were elected to three-year terms on the Vestry; Judi Sutherland, Tom Wakely and Donna Young were elected as delegates to Convention, with Tom Pearson as alternate.

Wonderful Wednesdays were begun in 2014, and very well received. A variety of classes were offered for adults and children.

The Youth Group sponsored a Spring Break ski trip to Colorado.

Michaela Fann became our second youth representative to the Vestry.

St. Michael's was deeply saddened at the death of Fr. Alan and Judi's son James in February, and by Fr. Alan's subsequent retirement in October to return to Kentucky.

A memorial concert to celebrate Clyde Morris's ministry to St. Michael's was held in November. Choir members from around the country came to participate.

Fr. Tom King and his wife Judy joined us in November. Fr. Tom agreed to serve us as interim priest until such time as the Search Committee finds us a new priest.

Braxton Clark attended an Episcopal Youth Leadership event in Philadelphia.

Sylvia Cruet was chosen as Diocesan Chair for Daughters of the King.

We received word of the death of Bill Dengler, long-time St. Michael's member along with his wife Sandy, and originator of the Wild Men's Night Out.

Statistics:

7 baptisms: Benjamin Michael Rozzell, Anastasia Rose Aguilar, Ian Thomas Calhoun, Aaron Wayne Hudgins (adult), Dylan Cody Hudgins, Zackery Neil Cornelius, Courtney Michelle Hopkins.

4 marriages: Cass William Walters IV and Katherine Rebecca Argentos; John Ross Day and Mallory Beth Scott; Michael Andrew Risley and Erin Elizabeth Baird; Jonathan Parker Bogle and Heather Jo de la Cruz.

2 burials: Robert Eugene Busch, Ruth Pearson.

0 confirmations listed.

2015

Rick Young was elected Sr. Warden; Carolyn Demps, Robert Rickner and Debi Smith were elected to the Vestry; and Tom Pearson and Donna Young were elected as delegates to the Convention.

The Search Committee was selected, with Keith Giles as chairman, Amy Gardner, Bobby Rozzell, Debi Smith, Jocelyn Pedersen as vestry liaison, Melissa Gray, Lori Bannister, Ken Miner, and Jeanne Giles as clerk.

A labyrinth was completed at St. Michael's in the spring and blessed in December by Bishop Ed.

In February, the service scheduled was changed to two services on Sunday, one at 8:30, the second at 11:00, with Christian formation beginning at 9:30.

In April, Deana Ford resigned as part-time Christian Formation director, to continue as a volunteer as time permitted. The Vestry decided not to fill that position, but rather to rely on volunteers to take a more active role in helping with the Christian Formation ministry for the near future, leaving staffing decisions up to the new rector.

Laura Blazek completed three years of study with her class of deacon candidates. A celebration of the completion of her formal studies was held in June. Her ordination was in Broken Arrow in August, and she was scheduled by the Bishop to serve at St. Michael's.

Twenty students graduated from Southwind Montessori, the 32nd graduating class.

Graduates this year were: Ryan Andrew Punto, Winston Smith, Jonathan Smith and John Robertson from high school; Adam Streets, Elise Anne Miller, James Martin Cassidy, and Chloé Flanagan from university.

Chloe Flanagan was inducted into NYU's chapter of the Alpha Sigma Lambda Society.

Repairs to the organ were completed in June, and repairs on the piano were to follow.

Because no one was available to take on the leadership role, the Michaelmas Fair was not held. Instead there was a Bizarre Bazaar and Flea Market in August.

St Michael's was pleased to welcome James Tyree, an active member of St. John's and a postulant for the vocational diaconate, as he began a six-month field education appointment. Because his entire Episcopal life had been at St. John's, he was assigned here to experience and observe a different environment from his home parish.

Statistics:

3 baptisms: Lily June Berger, Alyssa Marie Bertucci, Jonas Cruz Bogle.

1 marriage: Perry James Settle and Katie Lynn Wright.

0 burials listed

15 confirmations