



ROCKVALE CHURCH MEMBERS gather for the groundbreaking on August 31, 2001.

The first Lord's day worship of the Rockvale church of Christ was held on September 26, 1943, in the home of our late Sister Pearl Williams, whom we affectionately called 'Mother Pearl'. Services were held there until a building could be constructed. On December 10, 1944, the first service was held in the new one-room building located on Rockvale Road. Brother Charles Locke preached and James Porter McKnight, at the age of 16, led the first public prayer in the church. They were the only men in attendance. The property on which it was constructed was given to the church by the late Brother and Sister Ed Worley. It is believed that Mrs. Bertha McKnight donated the first communion table, which is still in use

and will be used in some capacity in our new building.

In 1954, three classrooms were added to the building. Since that time, we have seen other additions including more classrooms, a nursery, a library and a large outdoor pavilion for fellowship. Even with these additions, we continued to outgrow our facilities, and in 1996 a wing was added to the building to enlarge the auditorium. This also added three more classrooms.

Our first permanent minister was Charles S. Locke. Since that time several men have served the congregation in this capacity on a part-time basis, one being, Robert Vick, who labored with us for more than twenty years. Bobby Richardson, our first full-time minister came to us in September, 1992. Elders and Deacons were appointed on October 29, 1995. Today we have four elders, Pettus Read, Willard Romans, Roy Robinson and Bill Swindell. The Deacons are: Tom Brannon, James Donald Clark, Mark Dodd, Phil Dodd, Greg Doss, Jeff Doss, Ben Elrod, Keith Elrod, David Ezzell, Melvin Hatcher, Don



VBS 1964 - Teachers: Sis McKnight and Mary Brown

McCord, Clay Minatra and Lane Minatra.

Jay Priestley joined our church family in September, 2001 as our first Youth Minister. Jay is a graduate of David Lipscomb College and has been a great asset for our young people. He arranges for their Summer Bible Camp and other activities that is a great influence on young boys and girls. This summer, he and the group worked doing odd jobs for the sick and elderly in our community and Murfreesboro. The young men lead singing, prayer and conduct Sunday evening services the fifth Sunday of the month.

Now, in 2003, we find we must relocate to accommodate our growing number. Codes do not allow us anymore expansions. Sunday, August 31, we had our 'groundbreaking' for the new building which will be located at the corner of Rockvale Road and Highway 99. The plan for completion is summer of 2004.

Rockvale church of Christ is actively involved with missionary work in various countries around the world and evangelism right here in our own community. We hold successful gospel meetings and exciting vacation Bible schools on an annual basis.

Our congregation is known for the friendliness and close fellowship that we have with one another. Visitors always find open arms and loving hearts at Rockvale. We strive to grow in grace and in knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Sad to report, our minister, Bobby Richardson, passed away in May 2003 of a heart attack. He was excited about our new building



L-R: Elder Willard Romans, Deacon Don McCord, Elder Roy Robinson, Elder Pettus Read, Deacon Tom Brannon and Elder Bill Swindell.

and was looking forward to a bigger challenge. He will be missed tremendously by Rockvale and neighboring congregations.

Our elders are in the process of selecting a new minister to carry on the good work for which this congregation is known.

Time of Services

Sunday Worship	10 am
Sunday Classes	9 am
Sunday Evening	6 pm
Wed. Evening Classes	7 pm



Vacation Bible School 1964 - Mariam Woodson