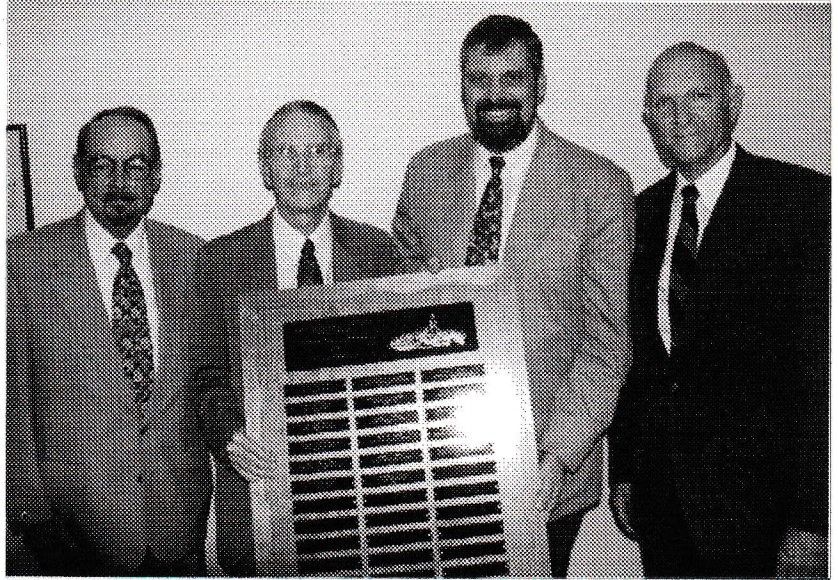


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DEDICATION AND CELEBRATION: Sunday, September 13th was a marvelous day for our church and for the community as we celebrated the completion of the project and shared our blessings with our friends and neighbors in Bergen. The special service on Sunday morning was a time for thanking and praising the Lord, and for seeing many old faces. (Rather, young faces from the past.) We were particularly blessed by the presence and participation of two of our former pastors - Dave Broad and Vic Dawe. The morning service also gave us the opportunity to express the church's appreciation to Harris Wilcox for his many years of service and support. A new communion table is being designed and crafted in his honor.

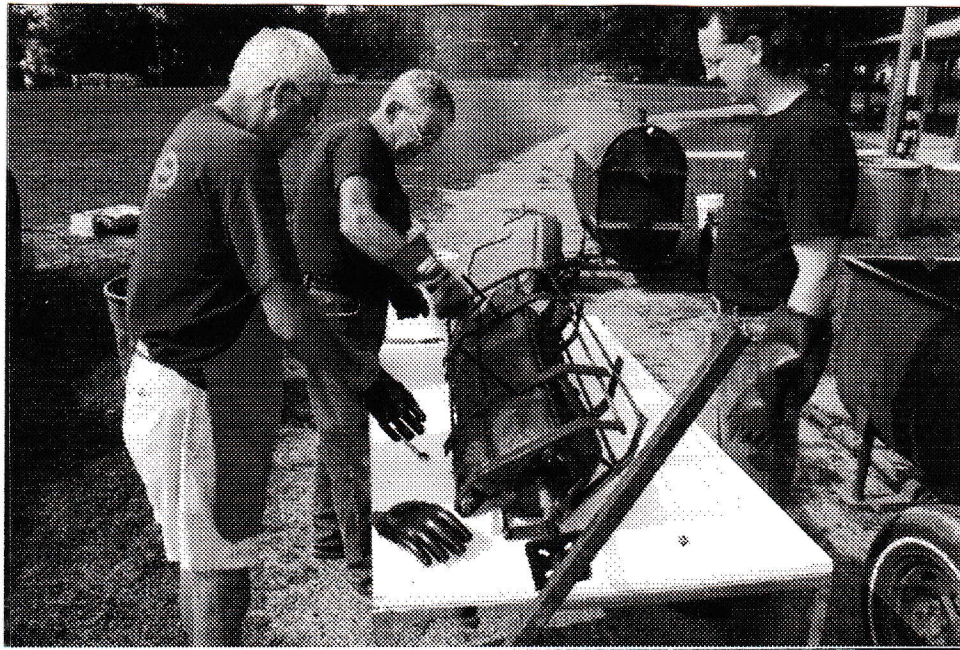


Harris Wilcox, Vic Dawe, Pastor Dave and David Broad



The Kitchen - The Day Before

The good times continued into the afternoon and evening with the pig roast in the church parking lot. We had planned for 200-300 people for this time of good food and fellowship; however, we had over 600! Many if not most of the attendees were Bergen village folks who walked to the church. The Lord provided, for we had enough food, including the two roasted pigs, to feed the entire multitude. And, if we weren't already blessed enough, the weather was absolutely perfect from dawn till dusk. It was a joy to behold the crowds in the



Pig Roasters

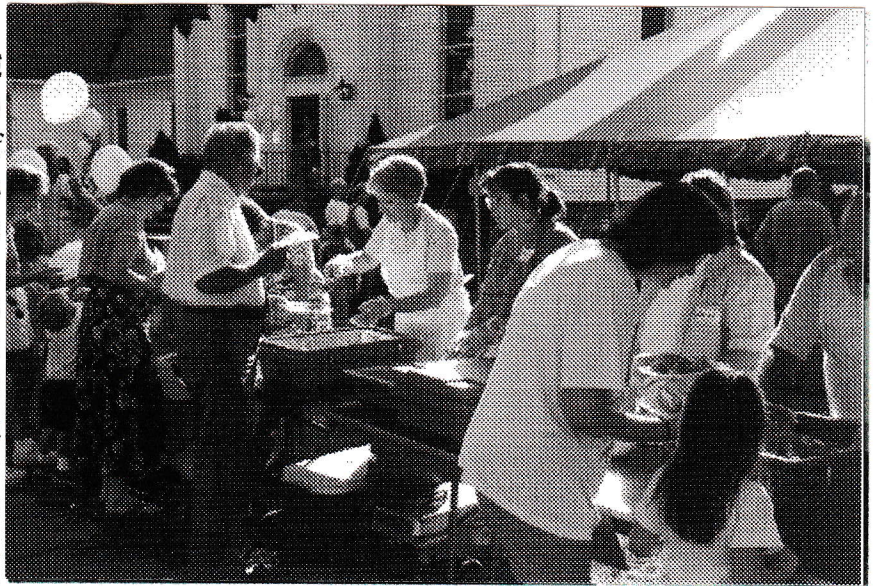
Garry Hutchurson, Bob Ridley & Joel Chastek

church, the parking lot, on front lawn and in the church sharing in the celebration. Many people had the opportunity to tour our new facility, and, with the balloons handed out by the Scouts, the face-painting by Kid's Connection and music under the tent, the whole church was a particularly festive and fun place to be that day.

Thanks have to go out to the many who spent a lot of time and effort to make the day a resounding

success, especially Cindy Anderson for coordinating preparations for the entire day, and to our Bergen neighbor, Bob Ridley, for donating the pigs, the roasters, and a full day of work to the event. Many thanks!!

COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT: The days leading up to September 13 were full of activity with the rush to get as much done as possible and the church ready for the event. Saturday, the day before, was particularly full with several people devoting the full day and evening. The library (Virginia Rogers Memorial Library) received most of its book shelves and a nice reading chair and lamp, and the very attractive chandelier in the center



Food Line at the Pig Roast

entranceway was hung. The basement and first floor restrooms received wallpaper trim and wall decorations. There was also considerable work accomplished in the kitchen with completion of installation of the gas stove, the sink, all the stainless steel countertops, and the fireproof serving window. (At several times during the day before the big event, the kitchen looked as though a bomb had gone off in it; however, many hours of work long into the night of September 12th were able to complete the job and leave the kitchen spotless.)



Some of the Crowd of 600

About all that remains of the renovation project is the installation of the hood for the kitchen stove and the folding wall in the large basement classroom. These items didn't arrive until early October, but both should be in by November 1st.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY: With nearly all of the bills in, we can state that the final cost will be about \$465,000. (To the total shown in the table below must be added the \$3500 for the stove hood, and \$6000 for the folding wall, and a few other items.)

Basement Contractor	34,408.00	General Lumber	12,294.13
Basement Materials	29,684.54	General Materials	13,477.81
Doran-Yarrington Architects	34,539.73	Handicapped Lift	11,235.00
Preliminary Arch. & Eng. Studies	7,840.00	Heating System	59,803.14
Electrical Work	48,866.53	Kitchen Equipment	16,555.89
Fellowship Hall Labor	2,771.50	Loan Interest	33,610.73
Fellowship Hall Materials	21,547.62	Management	27,492.00
Finishing Labor	11,178.40	Miscellaneous	5,188.06
Finishing Materials	33,977.71	Plumbing	12,922.82
Front Entry Extension	19,943.92	Rear Entryway	3,448.00
Furnishings	12,768.72	Dedication & Celebration	1,954.97
		Total	\$455,509.22

The sources of the funds to carry out the project are shown below. Another \$40,000-50,000 of Fund Drive income has already been received and will be used to pay off a large part of the loan from the Bank of Castile. We hope to pay off most if not all of the loan by the end of this year with the sale of some of the assets in the Richards Endowment Fund.

Bank of Castile Loan	140,000.00
Richards Fund Withdrawals	192,523.79
Fund Drive Income	113,854.83
Total	\$446,378.62

Even though not strictly a part of the financial report we must take notice of the enormous contribution made by the over hundred volunteers who have worked on the

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renovation since its beginning in May, 1996. A rough estimate indicates that 8,000-10,000 hours in volunteer work has been devoted on the project, probably saving the church about \$1,000,000. Without the certainty that our church's people could and would respond to the call for significant volunteer input, we would never have even begun such a large and potentially costly task. Thanks to all.

A SPECIAL THANKS: to Dan Sheldon, for being the Boss, for managing and coordinating the entire project, for applying his personal considerable and broad skills to many of the critical tasks, for keeping us focused on how great the work was going and how much was being accomplished, for keeping all of our spirits high for

thirty long months, and for enabling us all to be joyful in the work of the Lord.

This is the twenty-second and final issue of The Renovation News. It has been a privilege for me to participate in the project, and, particularly, to record and share with all of our church family and its friends our progress over the past two and one-half years. All things are possible in the Name of the Lord!

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